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- Depending on the production plan, the size of the box can change
- Instead we work with what is called a production possibilities frontier

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- Imagine the problem of Robinson Crusoe, living alone in an island. He is the only producer and the only consumer

Suppose that the consumer (Robinson) has a utility function:
$u(L, x)$,
where $x$ are coconuts. There is one firm (Robinson) that can convert labor to coconuts:
$f\left(L_{x}\right)$
The endowment is $(0, L)$

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Or equivalently
$\max u(L, f(\bar{L}-L))$


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\begin{aligned}
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- If Robinson gives up 1 unit of consumption in $L, f^{\prime}(\bar{L}-L)$ describes how much
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- This is what is called a Marginal Rate of Transformation of good $L$ to $x$


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f^{\prime}(L-L)=\frac{\frac{\partial u}{T M}(L . f(\bar{L}-L))}{\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(L, f(\bar{L}-L))}=M R S_{L, x}
$$ $M R T_{L, x}=M R S_{L, x}$

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This is called the production possibilities set (PPS)
The boundary of the PPS is theproduction possibilities frontier (PPF)
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The maximization problem for finding Pareto efficient allocations simply amounts to
maximizing the utility of Robinson subject to being inside this constraint set.
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- Recall that at a Pareto optimum, we found that we must have $M R T_{L, x}=M R S_{L, x}$

Suppose one is at an allocation where $M R T_{L, x}=2>M R S_{L, x}=1$

- Such an allocation cannot be a Pareto efficient allocation. Why?
- Recall that at a Pareto optimum, we found that we must have $M R T_{L, x}=M R S_{L, x}$
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- One could potentially reorganize production to get an even better outcome for the consumer

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- The consumer has a utility function $u(x, y)$
- The consumer is endowed with 0 units of both $x$ and $y$ but $x$ and $y$ can be produced from labor and capital
- She is endowed with $K$ units of capital and $L$ units of labor
- There are two firms each of which produces a commodity $x$ and $y$.
- Firm $x$ produces $x$ according to a production function $f_{x}$ and firm $y$ produces $y$ according to a production function $f_{y}$ :

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f_{x}\left(\ell_{x}, k_{x}\right), f_{y}\left(\ell_{y}, k_{y}\right) .
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\begin{aligned}
& y=f_{y}\left(l_{y}, k_{y}\right)+\lambda\left(t_{x}\left(t-l_{y}, k-k_{z}\right)-\bar{x}\right) \\
& \frac{\partial y}{\partial y}=\frac{\partial f_{z}}{\partial l y}+\lambda \frac{\partial f_{x}}{L x}(-1)=0 \Rightarrow 1 \\
& \frac{\partial y}{\partial v_{y} y}=\frac{\partial y_{y}}{\partial k_{y}}+\lambda \frac{L_{x}}{\partial x x_{x}}(-1)=0 \quad \Rightarrow \\
& \text { Setting up the Lagrangian we get: } \\
& \left.\max _{1, L_{y}} f_{y}\left(\ell_{y}, k_{y}\right)+\lambda\left(f_{x}\left(L-\ell_{y}, K-k_{y}\right)-x\right)\right) \\
& \frac{\frac{\partial k_{y}}{\partial L_{y}}}{\frac{\partial f_{y}}{\partial k_{y}}}=\frac{\frac{\partial d_{x}}{\partial L_{x}}}{\frac{\partial d_{x}}{\partial k_{x}}} \Rightarrow \frac{\text { UmiDADEsK}}{\text { uniDABes } L} \\
& \text { TeST } x_{x}=\operatorname{THST} T_{y} \\
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We solve directly the original maximization problem.

\[\)| $\max u(x, y) \text { such that } x \leq f_{x}\left(\ell_{x}, k_{x}\right), y \leq f_{y}\left(\ell_{y}, k_{y}\right),$ |
| :--- |
| $L \geq \ell_{x}+\ell_{y}, K \geq k_{x}+k_{y} .$ |

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| We can simplify the problem: |
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| $\max _{L_{x}, u} u\left(f_{x}\left(\ell_{x}, k_{x}\right), f_{y}\left(L-\ell_{x}, K-k_{x}\right)\right)$ |

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We obtain:

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M R S_{x, y} & =M R T_{x, y,}
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Suppose that the utility function are given by:

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v(x, y)=\sqrt{x y}
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and suppose that the production functions are given by:

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f_{x}\left(\ell_{x}, k_{x}\right)=\sqrt{\ell_{x} k_{x}}, f_{y}\left(\ell_{y}, k_{y}\right)=\sqrt{\ell_{y} k_{y}}
$$

Then Pareto efficiency involves solving the following maximization-moblem:

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\max \sqrt{x y} \text { such that }\left|\begin{array}{r}
x=f_{x}\left(f_{x}, k_{x}\right), y=f_{y}=f_{y}\left(\ell_{y}, k_{y}\right) \\
l_{y}+L_{y}=\bar{L} \\
k_{x}+k_{y}=\bar{K}
\end{array}\right| \text { FACT } B(
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Approach 1: First lets characterize the PPF.
$\operatorname{PPF}(x)=m$ max $f_{y}\left(L-\ell_{x}, K-k_{x}\right)$ such that $f_{x}\left(\ell_{x,}, k_{x}\right)=x$.
$=M_{\text {My }}(L-L x)^{\text {m/ }}\left(k-k_{x}\right)^{1 / 2} \leq a L_{x} k_{x}=x$;

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\begin{aligned}
& r_{4 x}\left(L-L_{x}\right)^{1 / 2}\left(k-k_{2}\right)^{1 / 2}<a L_{2}^{*} k_{x}=x \\
& \frac{\partial y}{\partial L_{x}}=\frac{1}{2}\left(L-L_{x}\right)^{-1 / 2}(-1)\left(k-k_{x}\right)^{1 / 2}-\lambda\left(\frac{1}{2} L_{x}^{-14} k_{2}^{1 / k}\right)=0
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& \frac{\partial y}{\partial k_{x}}=\frac{1}{2}\left(L-L_{x}\right)^{1 / 2}\left(k-k_{x}\right)^{-1 / 2}(-1)-\lambda\left(\frac{1}{2} L_{x}^{\left.1 / k_{k}-k_{x}\right)}=0\right.
\end{aligned} \right\rvert\, \begin{aligned}
& \frac{\left(k-k_{x}\right)}{L-L_{x}}=\frac{k_{x}}{L_{x}} \\
& k L_{x}-k_{x} L_{x}=k_{x} L-k_{x} L_{x} \\
& L L_{x}=k_{x} \frac{L}{1}
\end{aligned}
$$

By the first order condition, we need:

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\frac{k_{x}^{*}}{e_{x}^{*}}=\frac{\frac{\partial f_{x}}{\frac{\partial}{x}}\left(\ell_{x}^{*}, k_{x}^{*}\right)}{\frac{\partial \sigma_{k}}{\partial k}\left(\ell_{x}^{*}, k_{x}^{*}\right)}=\frac{\frac{\partial K_{1}}{\partial}\left(L-\ell_{x}, K-k_{x}^{*}\right)}{\frac{\partial f_{x}}{\partial k}\left(L-\ell_{x}, K-k_{x}^{*}\right)}=\frac{K-k_{x}^{*}}{L-\ell_{x}^{*}} \Rightarrow K_{x}^{*}=\frac{K}{L} C_{x}^{c} .
$$

Plug this back into the constraint:

$$
f_{x}\left(l_{x}, k_{x}^{*}\right)=x \Longrightarrow \sqrt{\ell_{x} k_{x}}=x \Longrightarrow \varepsilon_{x}^{*}=\sqrt{\frac{L}{K}} x
$$

Therefore

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\begin{array}{r}
f_{y}\left(L-\ell_{x}, K-k_{x}\right) \\
\sqrt{\left(L-\sqrt{\frac{L}{K}} x\right)\left(K-\sqrt{\frac{K}{L}} x\right)}=y \\
P P F(x)=(\sqrt{K L}-x)
\end{array}
$$

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\max _{\substack{\max \sqrt{x y} \text { such that } y=\sqrt{K L}-x \\ x,}}^{\text {FP P }}
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$$
\begin{aligned}
& y=\sqrt{x y}+\lambda(y-\sqrt{k L}+x) \\
& \frac{\partial y}{\partial x}=\frac{1}{2} x^{-1 / 2} y^{1 / 2}+\lambda=0 \Rightarrow \frac{y}{x}=t
\end{aligned}
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\frac{\partial y}{\partial y}=\frac{1}{2} x^{1 / 2} y^{-1 / 2}+\lambda=0 \quad, \quad y=x
$$

The Pareto efficient allocation is given by:

$$
\left(x^{\prime}=y^{\prime}=\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{K L}, e_{x}=C_{y}=\frac{1}{2} L, k_{x}^{\prime}=k_{j}^{\prime}=\frac{1}{2} k\right) .
$$

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\begin{aligned}
& y=\sqrt{k L}-x \\
& \frac{2 x=\sqrt{k L}}{x=\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{k L}}
\end{aligned}
$$

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The set of Pareto efficient allocations will be characterized by the following
maximization problem:

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\begin{aligned}
& \left.u_{1}\left(x_{1}^{\prime} \ldots \ldots x_{1}^{\prime}\right) \geq u_{1}-u\left(x_{1}^{\prime} \ldots \ldots \alpha_{1}^{\prime}\right)\right\} \begin{array}{l}
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