

# Lecture 3: General Equilibrium

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## Hidden assumptions

- ▶ There is a market for each good
- ▶ Every agent can access the market without any cost
- ▶ There is a unique price for each good and all consumers know this price
- ▶ Each consumer can sell her initial endowment in the market and use the income to buy goods and services
- ▶ Consumers seek to maximize their utility given their budget restriction, independently of what everyone else is doing.
  - ▶ There is no centralized mechanism
  - ▶ People may not know others preferences or endowments
- ▶ There is perfect competition (i.e., everyone is a price taker)
- ▶ The only source of information agents are prices

## Competitive equilibrium - Definition

### Definition

A pair of an allocation and a price vector,  $(x^*, p = (p_1, \dots, p_L))$  is called a competitive equilibrium if the following conditions hold:

1. For all consumers  $i = 1, 2, \dots, I$ ,  $x^{i*} = (x_1^{i*}, \dots, x_L^{i*})$  solves the following maximization problem:

$$\max_{x^i} u_i(x^i)$$

$$\text{such that } p \cdot x^i \leq p \cdot \omega^i = \sum_{\ell=1}^L p_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}^i.$$

2. Markets clear: For each commodity  $\ell = 1, 2, \dots, L$ , the following equation holds:

$$\sum_{i=1}^I x_{\ell}^{i*} = \sum_{i=1}^I \omega_{\ell}^i.$$

## Competitive equilibrium - Properties

### Remark

*Suppose that at least one consumer has **strictly** monotone preferences. Then if  $(x^*, p)$  is a competitive equilibrium,  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_L > 0$ .*

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*Suppose that at least one consumer has **weakly** monotone preferences. Then if  $(x^*, p)$  is a competitive equilibrium, there for at least one  $\ell$ ,  $p_\ell > 0$ .*

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*If  $(x^*, p)$  is a competitive equilibrium, then  $(x^*, cp)$  for  $c \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$  is also a competitive equilibrium.*

## Competitive equilibrium - Walras' Law

### Theorem (Walras' Law)

Suppose that consumer  $i$  has weakly monotone preferences and that  $\hat{x}^i \in x^{i*}(p)$ . Then

$$p \cdot \hat{x}^i = \sum_{\ell=1}^L p_{\ell} \hat{x}_{\ell}^i = \sum_{\ell=1}^L p_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}^i = p \cdot \omega^i.$$

### Theorem (Walras' Law - II)

Suppose that utility functions are **weakly monotonic**. Suppose that  $p = (p_1, \dots, p_L)$  is such that  $p_L > 0$ . Take any  $(x^*, p)$  in which Condition 1 holds for each consumer  $i = 1, 2, \dots, I$  and markets clear for all commodities  $\ell = 1, 2, \dots, L - 1$ . Then the market clearing condition will hold for commodity  $L$  as well.

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## Cobb-Douglas

$$u_A(x, y) = x^\alpha y^{1-\alpha}$$

$$u_B(x, y) = x^\beta y^{1-\beta}$$

Suppose

$$\alpha = 0.5$$

$$\beta = 0.5$$

$$\omega^A = (1.5, 0.5)$$

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## Cobb-Douglas

Each individual solves

$$\max_{x_i, y_i} \sqrt{x^i y^i}$$

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The FOC are:

$$\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{y^i}{x^i}} = \lambda p_x$$

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$$x^A + x^B = 2$$

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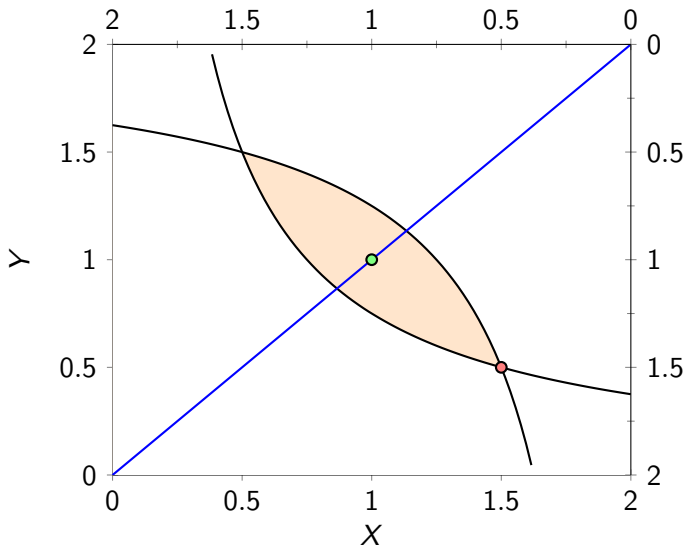
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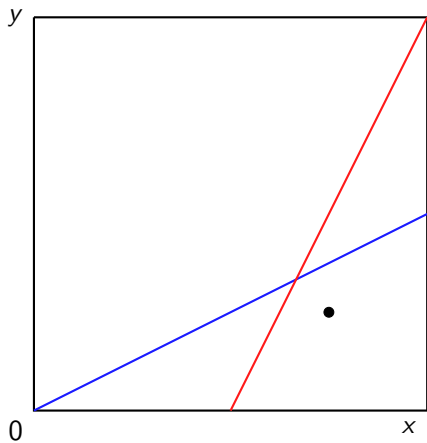
Suppose that

$$u_A(x^A, y^A) = \min(x^A, 2y^A)$$

$$u_B(x^B, y^B) = \min(2x^B, y^B)$$

$$\omega^A = (3, 1)$$

$$\omega^B = (1, 3)$$





## Perfect complements

At a given price vector, consumer  $A$  can buy any combination  $(x^A, y^A)$  such that:

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How does this look in the Edgeworth box?

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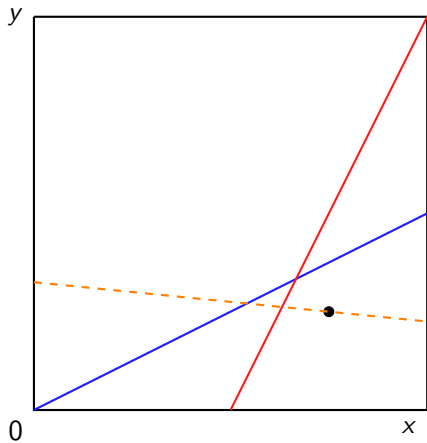
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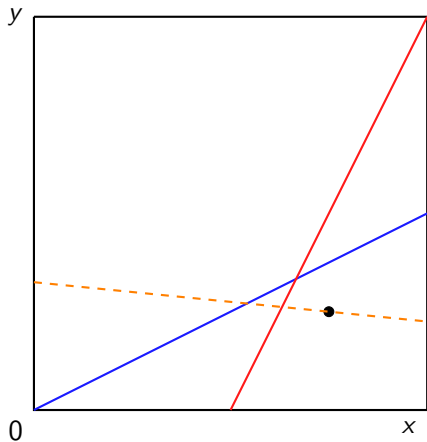
Note that, for the case  $\frac{p_x}{p_y} = 1$ , we have the following restriction:

$$y^A \leq 4 - x^A$$

$$\frac{p_x}{p_y} < 1$$



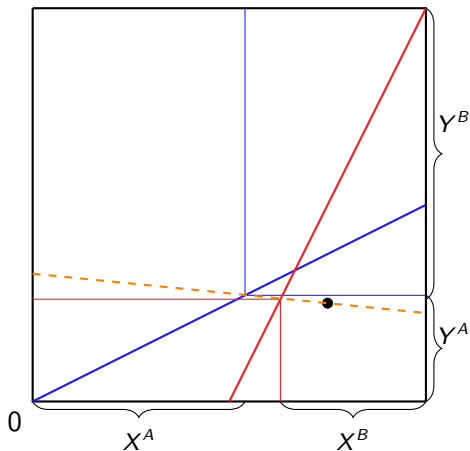
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A can buy what's below the orange line, B what is above

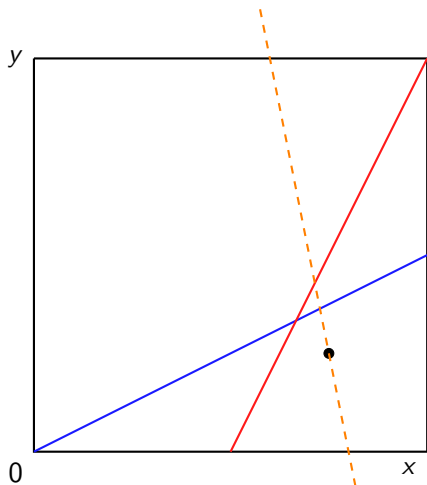


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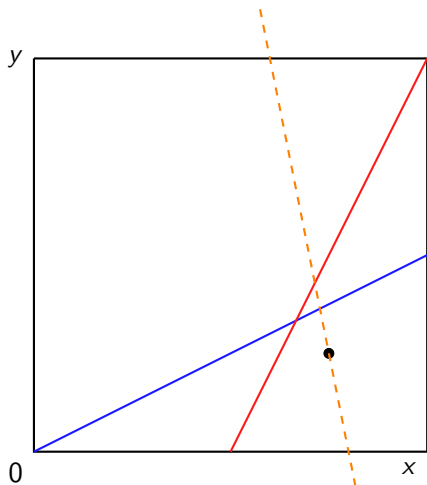


Excess demand of  $Y$  and excess supply of  $X$

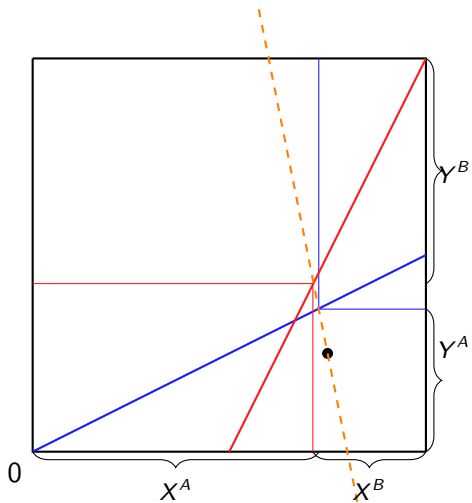
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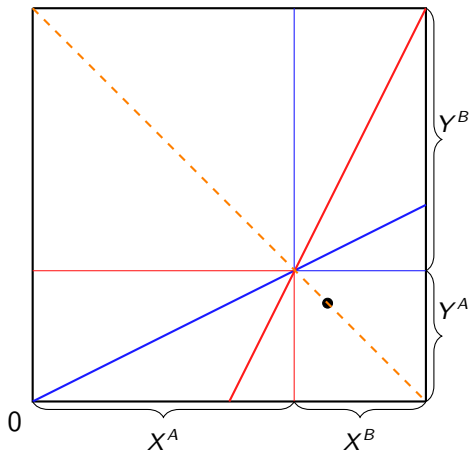
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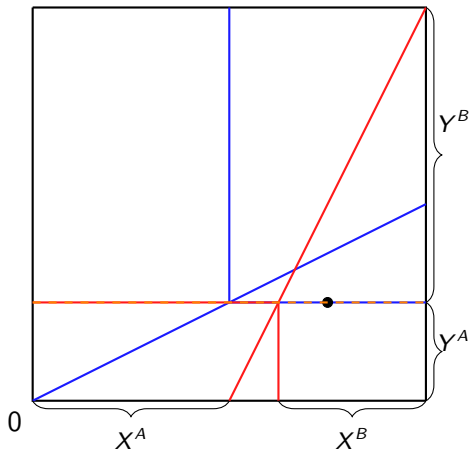
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No excess demand or supply

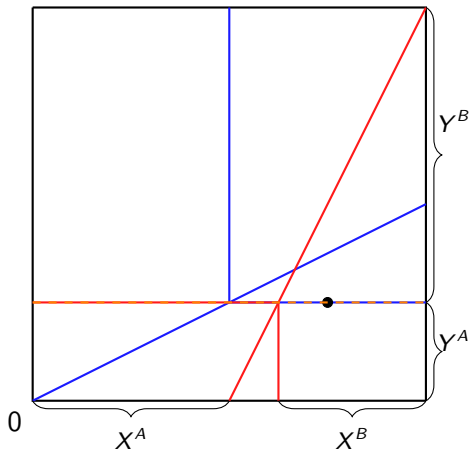
What about zero prices?

$$p_x = 0$$



Excess supply of X? (and Y balanced?)

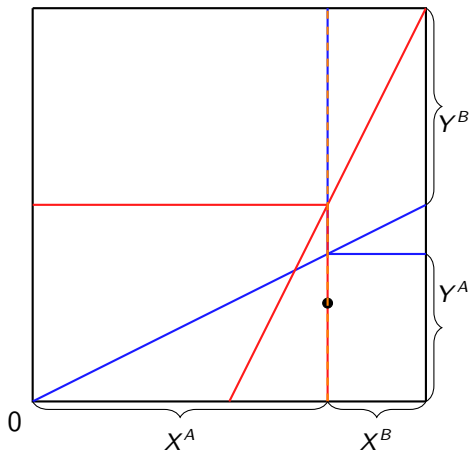
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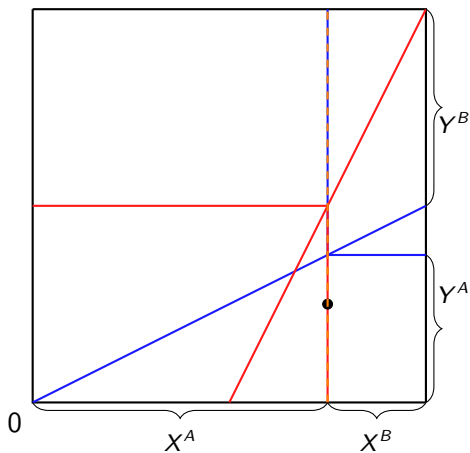


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To sum up...

- ▶ There are multiple equilibria
- ▶ There are three price vectors associated with these equilibria
- ▶ One price vector has a unique resource allocation associated with it
- ▶ Two price vectors ( $p_x = 0$  and  $p_y = 0$ ) have *infinity* resource allocations associated with them

## Perfect complements

Try at home:

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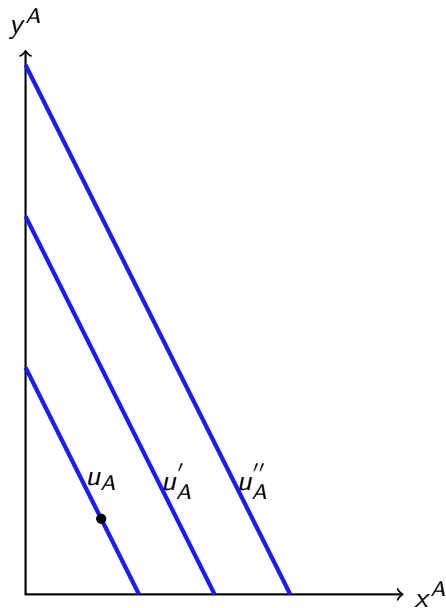
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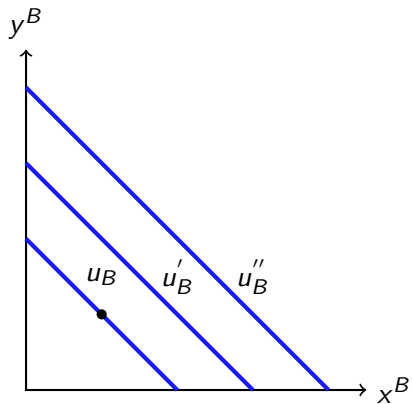
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From the budget constraint we can obtain  $y^A = \frac{I - x^A}{p_y}$ , and adding the condition  $y^A \geq 0$ , we can conclude that  $x^A \in [0, I]$ .

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Introducing  $y^A$  into the original maximization problem:

$$\max \left( 2 - \frac{1}{p_y} \right) x^A + \frac{I}{p_y} \quad \text{s.t. } x^A \in [0, I]$$

Which is a maximization of a straight line with slope  $\left( 2 - \frac{1}{p_y} \right)$  over an interval.

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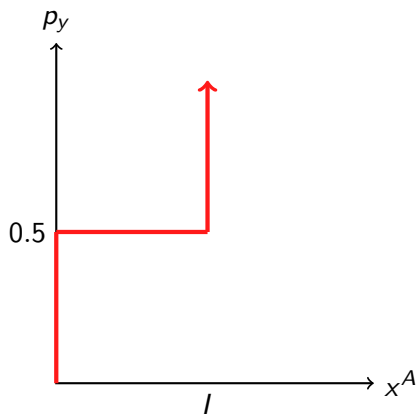
The demand for goods of individual A is

$$X^A = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p_y < 0.5 \\ [0, I] & \text{if } p_y = 0.5 \\ I & \text{if } p_y > 0.5 \end{cases}$$

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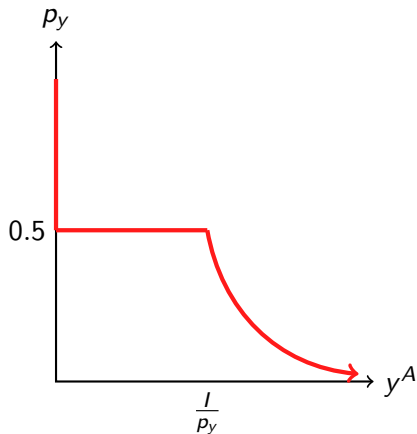
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### Algebraic solution

For person B the solution is analogous, but we have the following maximization problem: Introducing  $y^A$  into the original maximization problem:

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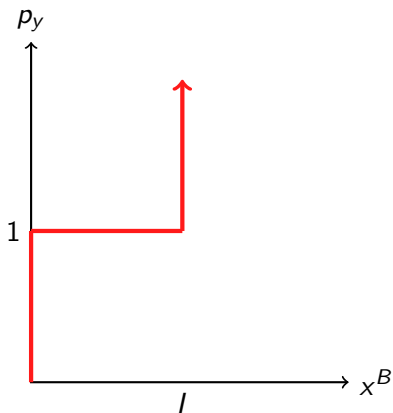
The demand for goods of individual B is

$$X^B = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p_y < 1 \\ [0, I] & \text{if } p_y = 1 \\ I & \text{if } p_y > 1 \end{cases}$$

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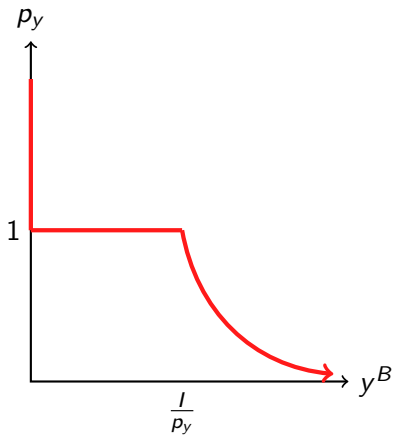
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