

0.1 Properties of Expenditure Function

x_1x_2

$$x_1 = \frac{\sqrt{p_2}\sqrt{u}}{\sqrt{p_1}}, x_2 = \frac{\sqrt{p_1}\sqrt{u}}{\sqrt{p_2}}, \mu = \frac{\sqrt{p_1}\sqrt{p_2}}{\sqrt{u}}$$

Measuring the value of the constraint (utility) in terms of the objective (money).
If relax my utility constraint by one unit, how much money can I save?

x_1x_2

$$mu_1 = x_2$$

Marginal utility per dollar spent on x_1 at the optimum is:

$$\frac{mu_1}{p_1} = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{p_1}\sqrt{u}}{\sqrt{p_2}}}{p_1}$$

Suppose marginal utility per dollar spend on x_1 is 2. Then how much does it cost to increase u by one point using x_1 ? It is $\frac{1}{2}$.

$$\frac{p_1}{mu_1} = \frac{\sqrt{p_1}\sqrt{p_2}}{\sqrt{u}}$$

The cost of utility in terms of x_1 .

$$\frac{p_2}{mu_2} = \frac{p_2}{\frac{\sqrt{p_2}\sqrt{u}}{\sqrt{p_1}}} = \frac{\sqrt{p_1}\sqrt{p_2}}{\sqrt{u}}$$

Both of these values are the multiplier μ and this measures the cost of utility in dollars.

$$p_1x_1 + p_2x_2 + \mu(u - u(x_1, x_2))$$

$$p_1 - \mu \frac{\partial(u(x_1, x_2))}{\partial x_1} = 0$$

$$p_1 - \mu mu_1 = 0$$

$$\mu = \frac{p_1}{mu_1}$$

$$\mu = \frac{p_2}{mu_2}$$

$$\mu = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$\mu = \frac{1}{2}$$

5. Concave in p .

6. Shephard's lemma. $\frac{\partial e}{\partial p_i} = x_i^h$

$$p_1 x_1 + p_2 x_2 + \mu (u - u(x_1, x_2))$$

$$\frac{\partial (p_1 x_1 + p_2 x_2 + \mu (u - u(x_1, x_2)))}{\partial p_1} = x_1^h$$

$$\frac{\partial e}{\partial p_1} = x_1^h$$

Utility $x_1 + x_2$ and prices are $p_1 = 1$ and $p_2 = 1$

Minimize the cost of achieving utility u .

$$x_1 + x_2 = u$$

$$(u, 0), (0, u), \left(\frac{1}{2}u, \frac{1}{2}u\right)$$

$$e(p_1, p_2, u) = u$$

$$\frac{\partial e}{\partial p_1} = 0$$

0.2 Properties of Demand

0.2.1 Slutsky Equation

$$x_i(p_1, p_2, e(p_1, p_2, u)) = x_i^h(p_1, p_2, u)$$

$$\frac{\partial x_i(p_1, p_2, e(p_1, p_2, u))}{\partial p_j} = \frac{\partial (x_i^h(p_1, p_2, u))}{\partial p_j}$$

$$\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial p_j} + \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial m} \frac{\partial e}{\partial p_j} = \frac{\partial x_i^h}{\partial p_j}$$

By Shephard's Lemma:

$$\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial p_j} + \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial m} x_j^h = \frac{\partial x_i^h}{\partial p_j}$$

$$\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial p_j} = \frac{\partial x_i^h}{\partial p_j} - \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial m} x_j$$

Substitution effect: $\frac{\partial x_i^h}{\partial p_j}$

Income effect: $\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial m} x_j$

0.2.2 Negative Own-Substitution Effects

Apply the Slutsky equation to own price changes:

$$\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial p_i} = \frac{\partial x_i^h}{\partial p_i} + \left(-\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial m} x_i \right)$$

Total effect = substitution effect + income effect

For normal goods, the income effect is negative

For inferior goods, the income effect is positive

Substitution effect:

$$\frac{\partial x_i^h}{\partial p_i} = \frac{\partial \left(\frac{\partial e}{\partial p_i} \right)}{\partial p_i} = \frac{\partial e}{\partial p_i \partial p_i}$$

Since the expenditure function is concave in prices, $\frac{\partial e}{\partial p_i \partial p_i} \leq 0$

0.2.3 Elasticity

Income Elasticity $\eta_i = \frac{\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial y}}{\frac{x_i}{y}} = \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial y} \frac{y}{x_i}$

Price and Cross-Price Elasticity $\epsilon_{ij} = \frac{\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial p_j}}{\frac{x_i}{p_j}} = \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial p_j} \frac{p_j}{x_i}$.