

# **Topic 5**

## **Preference heterogeneity**

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## Introduction

## Motivation

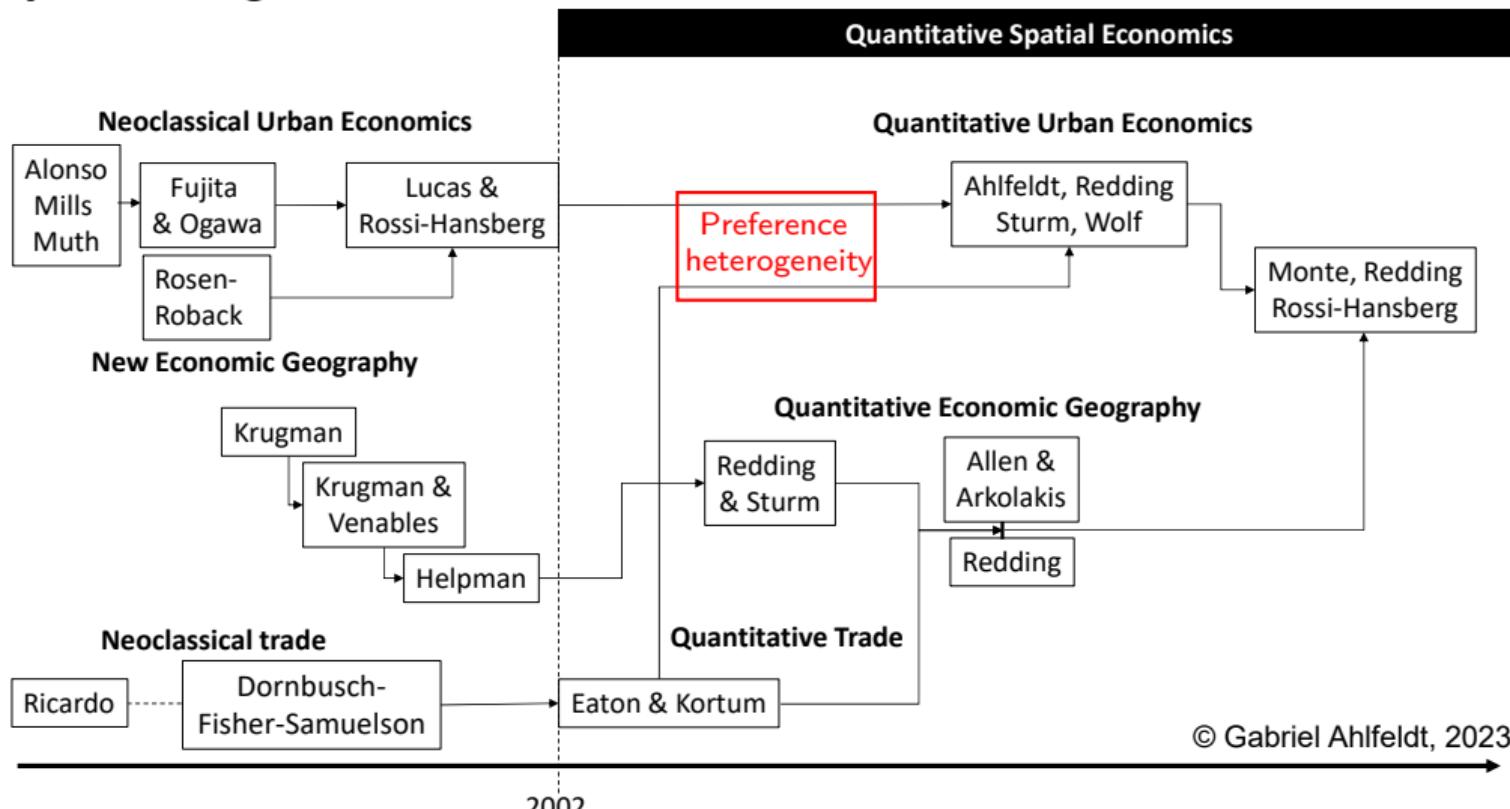
- So far, individuals have been **homogenous**
    - All workers value place-specific amenities the same
    - Infinite supply of workers to any location for a given combination of
      - Wages
      - Prices (including rents)
      - Place attributes
  - In QSMs, we (usually) add **idiosyncratic tastes for location**
    - Drawn from extreme value distributions

## What do idiosyncratic tastes capture and why do they matter?

## Roadmap

- ▶ **Review extreme-value distributions**
    - ▶ Fréchet and Gumble
  - ▶ **Derive location choice probabilities**
    - ▶ Binary case
    - ▶ Multiple locations
  - ▶ **Role of preference heterogeneity in the spatial general equilibrium**
    - ▶ Dispersion of idiosyncratic tastes affects how
      - ▶ differences in fundamentals lead to
      - ▶ differences in prices and quantities on labour and land markets

## History of thought



## Extreme value distributions

## Extreme value type I (Gumbel)

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- #### ► First moment:

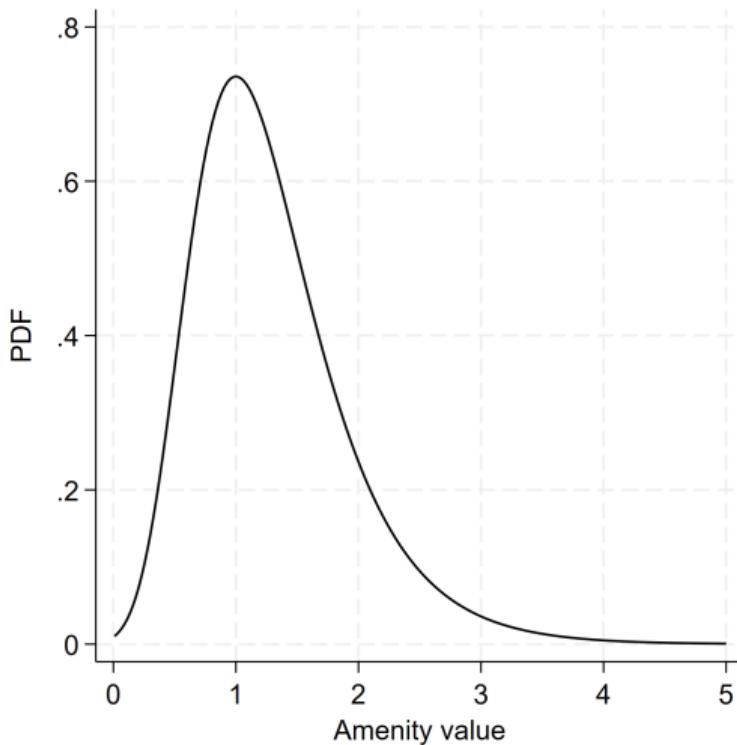
$$E(a) = A + \beta \Gamma = A + \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right) \Gamma$$

- #### ► Second moment:

$$\sigma_a^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{6} \beta^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{6} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right)^2$$

- where  $\varepsilon \equiv 1/\beta$  and  $\Gamma$  is the Euler–Mascheroni constant

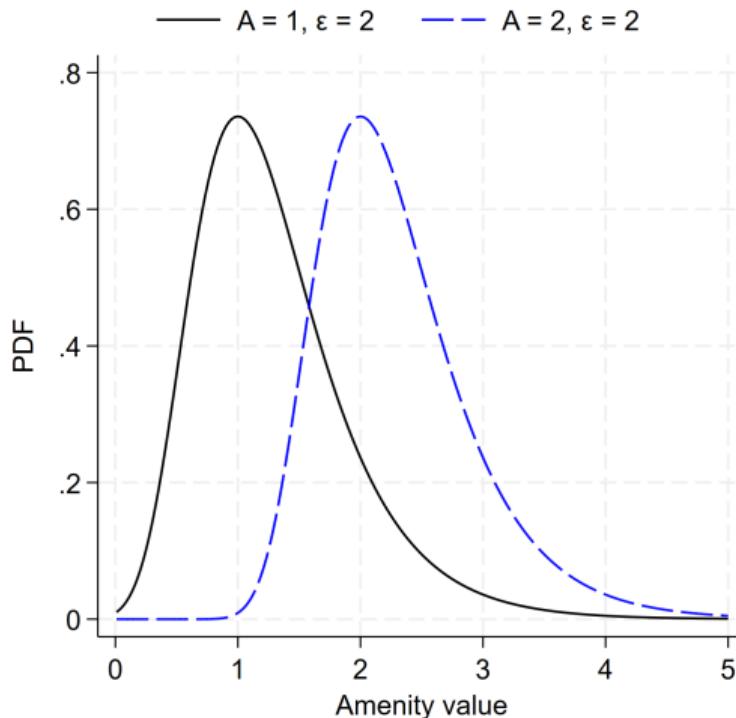
What happens if we increase  $A$  or  $\varepsilon$ ?  
What does this mean intuitively?



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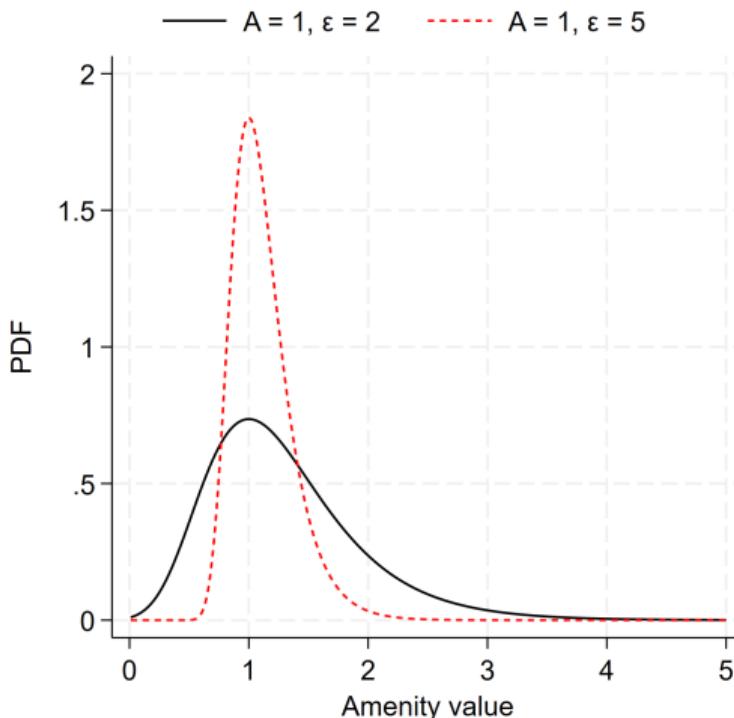
- ▶ **A** governs the first moment
    - ▶ E.g. the average idiosyncratic amenity at a location
  - ▶ **Increasing A implies a higher amenity, on average**



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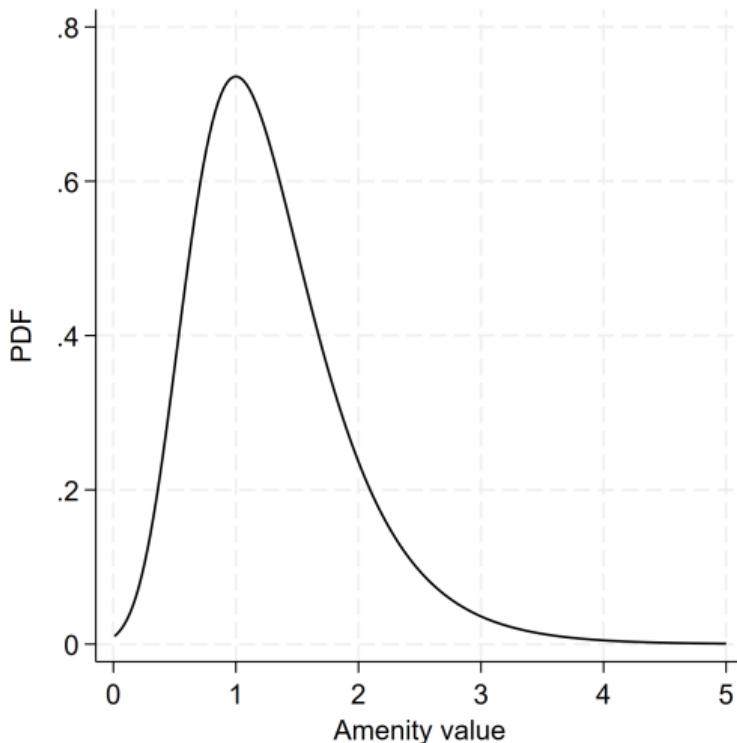
- ▶  $\varepsilon$  affects first and second moments
  - ▶ the average idiosyncratic amenity
  - ▶ the dispersion
- ▶ **Increasing  $\varepsilon$  makes workers more similar in tastes**
  - ▶ less dispersion in tastes



## Extreme value type II (Fréchet)

$$f(a) = \frac{\varepsilon}{A} \left(\frac{a}{A}\right)^{-1-\varepsilon} \exp\left(-\left(\frac{a}{A}\right)^{-\varepsilon}\right)$$

- We draw the value of the idiosyncratic amenity  $a$  from a distribution  $f(a)$ 
    - First moment:  $E(a) = A\Gamma(1 - \frac{1}{\varepsilon})$
    - Second moment:  
 $\sigma_a = A^2\Gamma(1 - \frac{2}{\varepsilon}) - (\Gamma(1 - \frac{1}{\varepsilon}))^2$ 
      - where  $\Gamma$  is the Euler–Mascheroni constant
  - Comparative statics similar to Gumbel
    - Larger  $A \Rightarrow$  greater  $E(a)$
    - Larger  $\varepsilon \Rightarrow$  smaller  $\sigma_a$
    - Though  $A$  and  $\varepsilon$  affect  $E(a)$  and  $\sigma_a$



## Lessons for inversion

## ► Recall

- QSM has parameters and fundamentals
  - For given parameters we invert first moment of fundamental (e.g. average amenity)

## ► Notice

- ▶ First moment depends on structural parameter  $\varepsilon$
  - ▶ Under Gumbel and Fréchet

### ► Remember

- Fundamental amenity recovered is always specific to the chosen value of  $\epsilon$
  - Therefore, cannot change  $\epsilon$  without changing  $A$

Can do counterfactuals under different values of  $\varepsilon$ .

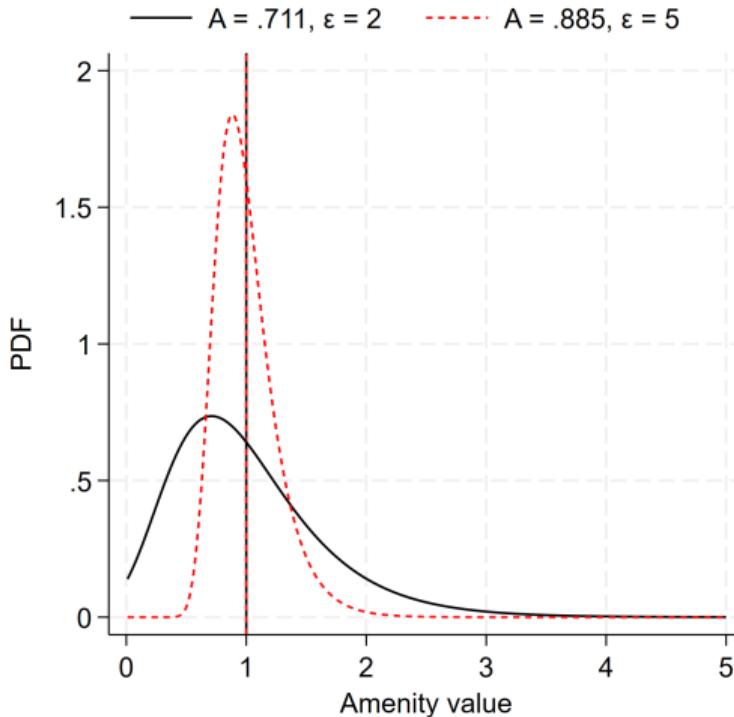
But predicting what happens when  $\varepsilon$  changes is not straightforward

# Inverting $A$ (Gumbel)

$$A = E(a) - \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \Gamma$$

- ▶ We re-arrange first moment to find  $A$ 
  - ▶ Can rationalize any given  $E(a)$
- ▶ Say, we want  $E(a) = 1$ 
  - ▶ We set  $A = 0.711$  if  $\varepsilon = 2$
  - ▶ We set  $A = 0.885$  if  $\varepsilon = 3$
- ▶ Principle is the same with Fréchet
  - ▶ Just with a different formula

$$A = \frac{E(a)}{\Gamma(1 - \frac{1}{\varepsilon})}$$



## Location choice probabilities

## Discrete choice

- We want to move **beyond perfect mobility**
    - infinite supply of homogeneous workers
  - Preference heterogeneity generates **well-behaved location choice probabilities**
    - Some people will **always choose a location**, even if real wage and amenity are low
      - But it could be a very small fraction of the population (with extreme preferences)
    - A **better location attracts a greater share** of the worker endowment,  $\bar{L}$ 
      - Better in terms of higher wages, lower rents, lower prices, higher amenities
  - Application of McFadden's (1974) seminal work
    - Nobel Prize winner in 2000

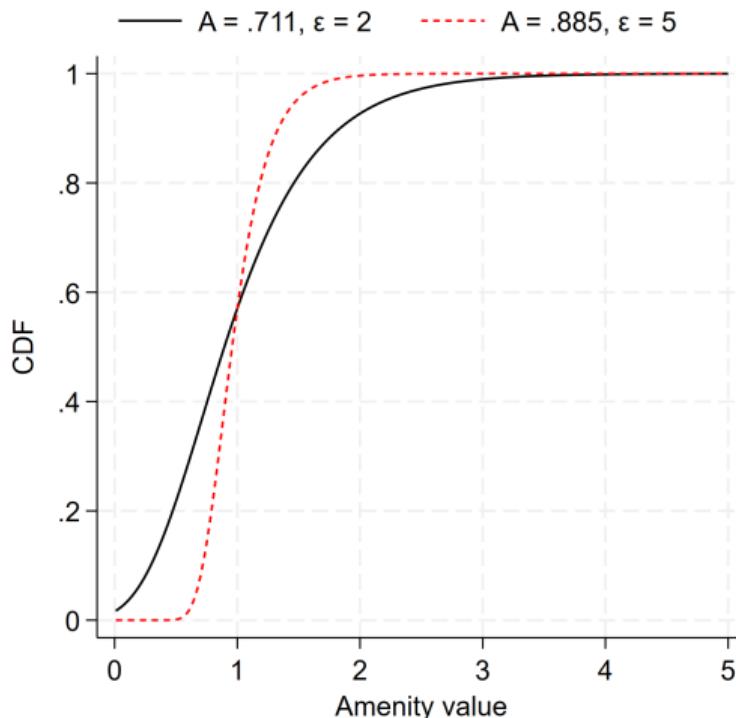
Let's develop the intuition in a simple binary choice setting: City vs. RoW

## Cumulative density function (Gumbel)

$$G(a) = \exp(-\exp(-(a-A)\varepsilon))$$

- CDF tells us the probability that  $a$  is equal or smaller than a certain value
    - Let  $a$  be idiosyncratic urban utility
    - About 60% chance that  $a \leq 1$
  - Outside option offering utility  $\bar{U} = 1$ 
    - Probability of **not choosing city**:  
 $Pr(a \leq \bar{U}) = G(\bar{U}) \approx 60\%$
    - Probability of **choosing city**:  
 $Pr(a > \bar{U}) = 1 - G(\bar{U}) \approx 40\%$

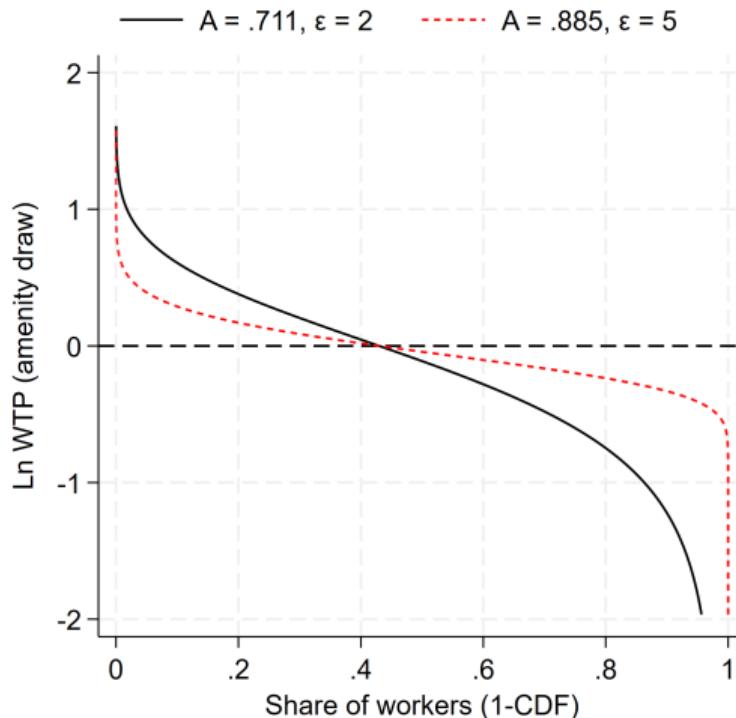
**CDF gives us choice probabilities!**



## Demand for residence

- CDF implies **downward-sloping demand for residence**
    - Number of workers in the city is  $L = \mu \bar{L}$ , where  $\mu = 1 - G(\bar{U})$

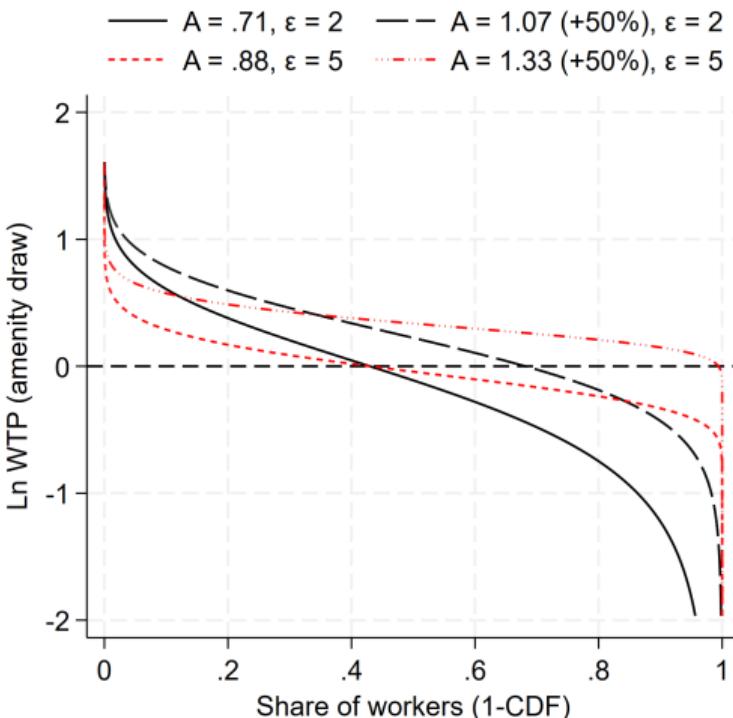
## **Valuation of the marginal resident falls the more workers enter the city!**



## Role of $\epsilon$

- ▶ If we **increase  $A$** , the residence demand curve shifts outwards
  - ▶ Average utility increases
  - ▶ **City attracts workers who enjoy urban life less relative to others**
- ▶ 50% increase in  $A$  leads to an increase in urbanization rate from  $\approx 40\%$  to
  - ▶  $\approx 70\%$  if  $\epsilon = 2$
  - ▶ close to 100% if  $\epsilon = 5$

$\epsilon$  governs population response in counterfactuals!



## Multi-location setting I

- The logic extends to the setting with many locations (maths more involved)
    - You will need to go through the intermediate steps at your own pace (tutorial)
  - Let's now assume workers indexed by  $o$ 
    - can choose among many locations  $i$
    - receive idiosyncratic utility according to Fréchet CDF  $F(a_o) = \exp(-a_o^{-\epsilon})$
    - obtain indirect utility  $U = A_i a_{io} \frac{w_i}{p_i^{1-\alpha}}$
  - The share of workers getting a utility of up to  $u$  at  $i$  is
    - $G_i(u) = \Pr(U \leq u) = \Pr\left(A_i a_{io} \frac{w_i}{p_i^{1-\alpha}} \leq u\right)$
  - Using the CDF and the indirect utility function, we get
    - $\Pr\left(a_{io} \leq \frac{p_i^{1-\alpha}}{w_i A_i} u\right) = F\left(\frac{p_i^{1-\alpha}}{w_i A_i} u\right) \Rightarrow G_i(u) = \exp\left(-\left(\frac{p_i^{1-\alpha}}{A_i w_i}\right)^{-\epsilon} u^{-\epsilon}\right)$

## Multi-location setting II

- Want to know the **probability that workers choose  $i$** ,  $\pi_i = \Pr(u_i \geq \max\{u_r\} \forall i)$ 
    - Intuitively, this is the **probability that workers achieve a utility  $u$  at  $i$** ,  $g_i(u)$ , multiplied by the **probability that the maximum utility in any other location is less than or equal** to  $u$ ,  $\prod_{r \neq i} G_r(u)$ , evaluated over all  $u$ :
    - $\pi_i = \int_0^\infty g_i(u) \left( \prod_{r \neq i} G_r(u) \right) du$
  - Several steps later (using  $G(u)$  from which we also derive  $g(u)$ ...)
    - **Location choice probability**  $\mu_i = \frac{\pi_i}{L} = \frac{\left( \frac{A_i w_i}{p_i^{1-\alpha}} \right)^\epsilon}{\left( \sum_s \left( \frac{A_s w_s}{p_s^{1-\alpha}} \right)^\epsilon \right)}$

Eureka!  $\varepsilon$  is the labour supply elasticity to the city! (Moretti, 2010)

## Role in general equilibrium

#### Implications for quality of life

- ▶ Recall **quality of life** in Rosen-Roback framework (Glaeser & Gottlieb, 2009)
    - ▶  $A_i = c \frac{p_i^\alpha}{w_i}$  (in GG2009 notations  $\log(B_c) = \Omega_3 + \sigma \log(P_c) - \log(W_c)$ )
  - ▶ Solving the **location choice probability** equation for  $A_i$ , we get
    - ▶  $A_i = c \underbrace{\frac{p_i^\alpha}{w_i}}_{\text{RR-QoL}} L^{\frac{1}{\varepsilon}}$  Notice that if  $\varepsilon \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow L^{\frac{1}{\varepsilon}} \rightarrow 1$
  - ▶ QSM nests Rosen-Roback as special case with  $\varepsilon \rightarrow \infty$ 
    - ▶ By implication: If  $\varepsilon < \infty$  and QSM is right, Rosen-Roback must give wrong QoL

## Does RR over- or underestimate the urban QoL premium?

Ahlfeldt, Bald, Roth, Seidel toolkit

- ▶ **Toy version** of the full quantitative spatial model
    - ▶ Abstracts from local ties as well as trade costs and non-tradable sector
    - ▶ But offers **analytical solutions!**
  - ▶ Get toolkit
    - ▶ GitHub repository: [▶ Open ABRS-toolkit](#)
      - ▶ Contains the description of the **toy model** and intuition, **worth reading**
    - ▶ Install Stata ado file: `ssc install ABRS`
      - ▶ Creates the four-quadrant diagram
      - ▶ For the syntax, type: `help ABRS`
    - ▶ Javascript version: [▶ Open ABRS-toolkit \(web-version\)](#)
      - ▶ Only bar chart showing effects on equilibrium outcomes

## Preferences

- Worker living in location  $i$  derives utility from the consumption of goods ( $Q_{i\omega}$ ) and floor space ( $h_{i\omega}$ ) according to

$$U_{i\omega} = \left(\frac{Q_{i\omega}}{\alpha}\right)^\alpha \left(\frac{h_{i\omega}}{1-\alpha}\right)^{1-\alpha} \exp[a_{i\omega}], \quad (1)$$

- where  $Q_{j\omega}$  represents a final good (Armington, 1969)

- ▶ locally assembled from tradable intermediate goods  $q_{jiw}$
  - ▶ according to the CES-aggregator
  - ▶ at zero cost under perfect competition
  - ▶ shipped from origin  $j$  to destination  $i$ ,

$$Q_{i\omega} = \left[ \sum_{j \in J} (q_{ji\omega})^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma}} \right]^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1}} \quad (2)$$

## Mobility frictions

- Idiosyncratic preference for location  $\exp[a_{i,\cdot}^\theta]$  (Gumbel)

$$F_i^\theta(a) = \exp\left(-(A_i)^{\gamma^\theta} \exp\{-[\gamma a + \Gamma]\}\right) \text{ with } \gamma > 0, \quad (3)$$

- ▶  $A_i$  (average preference) serves as an exogenous measure of local quality of life
    - ▶ Notice that **Gumbel CDF has been engineered** to give  $A_i = \mathbb{E}(a|i)$
  - ▶  $\gamma$  governs the dispersion of individual amenity shocks
    - ▶ Introduces imperfect spatial arbitrage  $\Rightarrow$
    - ▶ inverse measure of mobility frictions

## Technology: Housing

- ▶ Supplied under **perfect competition** combining a share of the globally available capital stock,  $K_i$  (available at unit prices), with **fixed land supply**,  $\bar{T}_i$ :

$$H_i^S = \eta_i \left( \frac{\bar{T}_i}{\delta} \right)^\delta \left( \frac{K_i}{1-\delta} \right)^{1-\delta}. \quad (4)$$

- Total factor productivity  $\eta_i$ 
    - captures the role of regulatory (e.g. height regulations) and physical (e.g. a rugged surface) **constraints** (Saiz 2010)
  - $\delta$  governs the housing supply elasticity  $\frac{\partial \ln H_i^S}{\partial \ln p_i^H} = \frac{1-\delta}{\delta}$  (inverse relationship)
    - Use first-order conditions in profit function

## Technology: Non-housing goods

- ▶ Each location produces a unique variety of a tradable intermediate good
    - ▶ using labour  $L_i$  as the only production input
    - ▶ under perfect competition according to
  - ▶  $q_i = \varphi_i L_i$ 
    - ▶ Endogenous labour productivity  $\varphi_i = \bar{\varphi}_i L_i^\zeta$ 
      - ▶ increases in local employment according to the **agglomeration elasticity**  $\zeta$ .
  - ▶ We get price  $p_{ji} = w_j / \varphi_j$  and trade share  $\chi_{ji} = \frac{(w_j / \varphi_j)^{1-\sigma}}{\sum_k (w_k / \varphi_k)^{1-\sigma}}$ 
    - ▶ Trade in intermediate goods is free
    - ▶ Perfect competition equates prices to marginal costs

## Location choice

- Probability  $\lambda_i^\theta$  that a worker lives in location  $i$ :

$$\lambda_i = \frac{(A_i w_i / \mathcal{P}_i)^\gamma}{\sum_{j \in J} (A_j w_j^\theta / \mathcal{P}_j)^\gamma}, \quad (5)$$

- where  $\mathcal{P}_i \equiv (P_i)^\alpha (p_i^H)^{1-\alpha}$  is the aggregate consumer price index.
  - Mobility of workers equalizes expected utility in equilibrium

**This is what we have derived before...**

## General equilibrium I

- **Goods market clearing (GMC):**  $w_i L_i = \sum_{j \in J} \frac{(w_j/\varphi_j)^{1-\sigma}}{\sum_k (w_k/\varphi_k)^{1-\sigma}} (\alpha w_j L_j + r_j \bar{T}_j)$ 
    - Wage bill at  $i$  must equate to the revenues from all locations  $j$
  - **Labor market clearing (LMC):**  $L_i = \lambda_i \bar{L}$ 
    - Labour input  $L_i$  must equate labour supply
      - product of the share of workers living in  $i$ ,  $\lambda_i$ , and the national labour endowment  $\bar{L}$ .
  - **Floor-space market clearing (FMC):**  $p_i^H = \left( \frac{\tilde{\alpha} \delta w_i L_i}{\eta_i^{\frac{1}{\delta}} \bar{T}_i} \right)^\delta$ ,
    - where  $\tilde{\alpha} \equiv (1 - \alpha) + \alpha(1 - \beta)(1 - \delta)$  is a constant.
    - Set simply set  $H_i^S = H_i^D$ 
      - $H^D$  is Marshallian housing demand
      - $H_i^S = \eta_i^{\frac{1}{\delta}} \bar{T}_i (p_i^H)^{\frac{1-\delta}{\delta}}$  /  $\delta$  from first-order conditions in profit function

## General equilibrium II

- For the toolkit, we consider **relative differences in a two-region case**
    - $\hat{x} = \frac{x_i}{x_j}$
  - System of equations simplifies to
    - GMC:  $\hat{L} = \hat{\varphi}^{\frac{\sigma-1}{\Lambda}} \hat{w}^{-\frac{\sigma}{\Lambda}}$
    - LMC:  $\hat{L} = \left( \hat{A} \hat{w} (\hat{p}^H)^{\alpha-1} \right)^\gamma$
    - FMC:  $\hat{p}^H = \hat{k} \left( \hat{w} \hat{L} \right)^\delta$
    - where  $\Lambda \equiv 1 - \zeta(\sigma - 1)$  and  $k_i \equiv \frac{1}{n_i} \left( \frac{\tilde{\alpha} \delta}{\tilde{T}_i} \right)^\delta$  collect various primitives

3 log-linear equations with 3 unknowns  $\{\hat{L}, \hat{w}, \hat{p}^H\}$   $\Rightarrow$  **closed-form solution ✓**

## Mapping

- We have **direct mapping** from primitives to endogenous objects

$$\hat{L} = \hat{k}^{-\frac{(1-\alpha)\sigma}{\Delta}} \hat{\varphi}^{\frac{(\sigma-1)(1-(1-\alpha)\delta)}{\Delta}} \hat{A}^{\frac{\sigma}{\Delta}}$$

$$\hat{W} = \hat{k}^{\frac{(1-\alpha)\Lambda}{\Delta}} \hat{\varphi}^{\frac{(\sigma-1)(1/\gamma+(1-\alpha)\delta)}{\Delta}} \hat{A}^{-\frac{\Lambda}{\Delta}}$$

$$\hat{p}^H = \hat{k}^{\frac{\Lambda+\sigma/\gamma}{\Delta}} \hat{\varphi}^{\frac{(\sigma-1)(1+1/\gamma)\delta}{\Delta}} \hat{A}^{\frac{\delta(\sigma-\Lambda)}{\Delta}}$$

- ▶ where  $\Delta \equiv \Lambda[1 - (1 - \alpha)\delta] + \sigma[1/\gamma + (1 - \alpha)\delta]$
  - ▶ This mapping is all we need to do counterfactuals ▶ Open ABRS-toolkit (web-version)
  - ▶ change fundamentals  $\{A, \varphi, \eta\}$

## GE in four quadrants

- For didactic purposes it is useful to combine GMC, LMC, FMC to give

$$\hat{L} = \hat{k}^{-\frac{1-\alpha}{\frac{1}{\gamma} + (1-\alpha)\delta}} \cdot \hat{A}_1^{\frac{1}{\gamma} + \delta(1-\alpha)} \cdot \hat{w}^{\frac{1-\delta(1-\alpha)}{\frac{1}{\gamma} + \delta(1-\alpha)}}$$

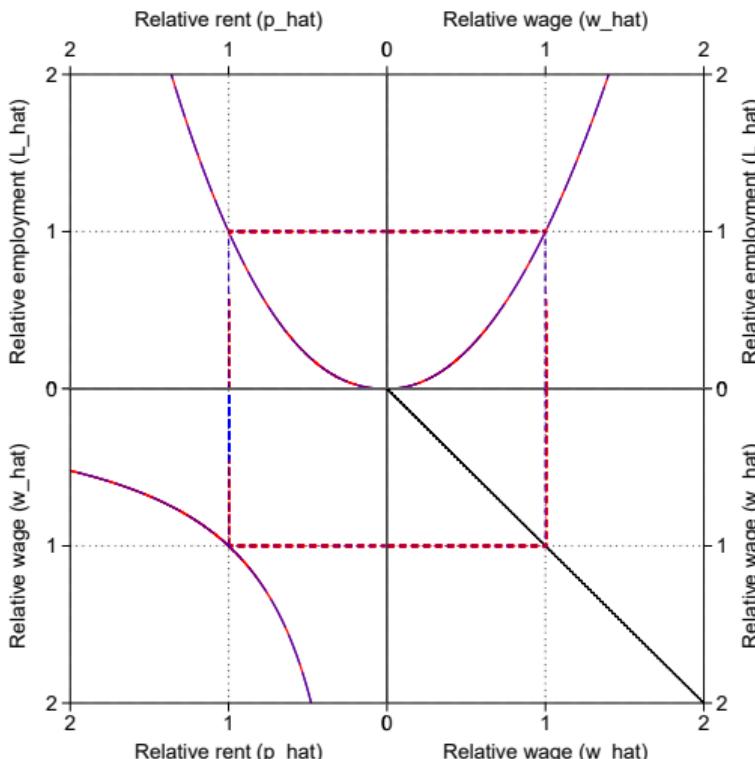
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$$\hat{w} = \left( \frac{\hat{p}^H}{\hat{k}} \right)^{\frac{\zeta(\sigma-1)-1}{\delta(\sigma-1)(\zeta+1)}} \cdot \hat{\varphi}^{\frac{1}{\zeta+1}}$$

- ▶ Notice that we map  $\hat{w}$  into  $\hat{L}$ ,  $\hat{L}$  into  $\hat{p}^H$ , and then  $\hat{p}^H$  back into  $\hat{w}$
  - ▶ **A  $\hat{w}$  that gets us back to the same  $\hat{w}$  satisfies all equilibrium conditions**

# ABRS "A\_hat\_1=0"

- ▶ Quadrant 1
  - ▶ Higher worker wage  $\Rightarrow$  greater employment due to **upward-sloping labour supply**
- ▶ Quadrant 2
  - ▶ Greater employment  $\Rightarrow$  higher rent due to greater housing demand & imperfectly elastic supply
- ▶ Quadrant 3
  - ▶ Higher rent implies larger employment  $\Rightarrow$  Firm wage must be lower given **downward-sloping labour demand**
- ▶ Quadrant 4
  - ▶ Projects firm wage onto worker wage



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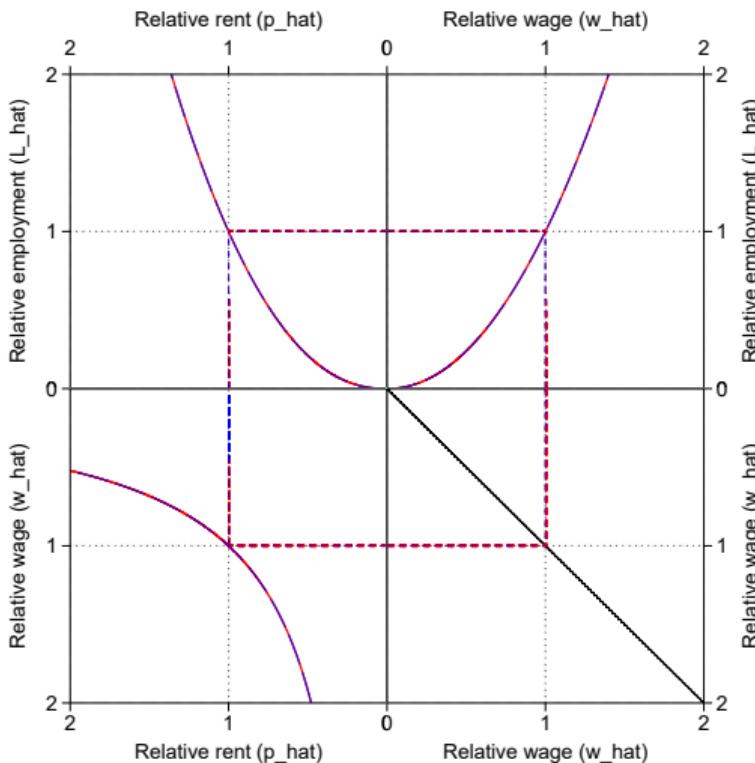
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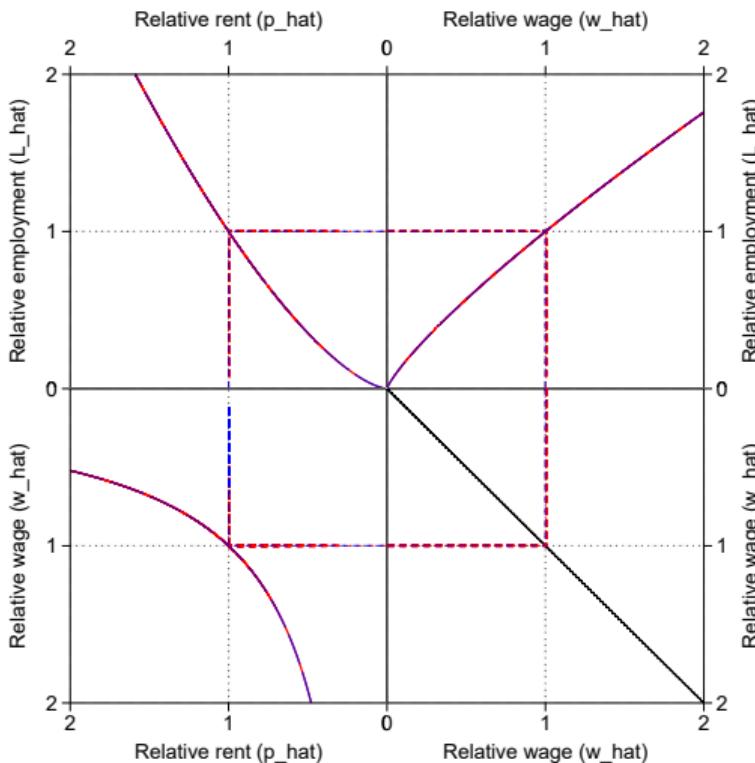
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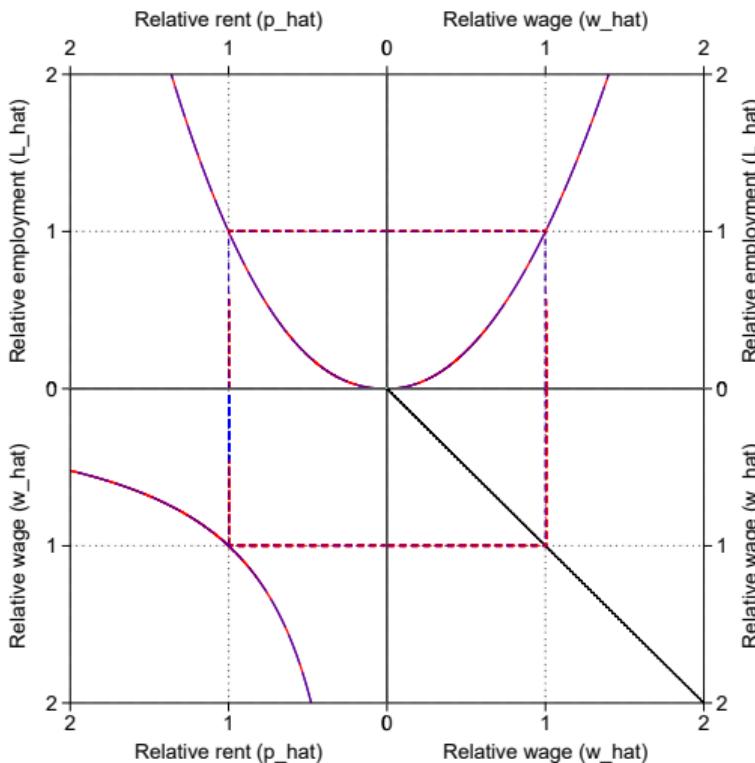
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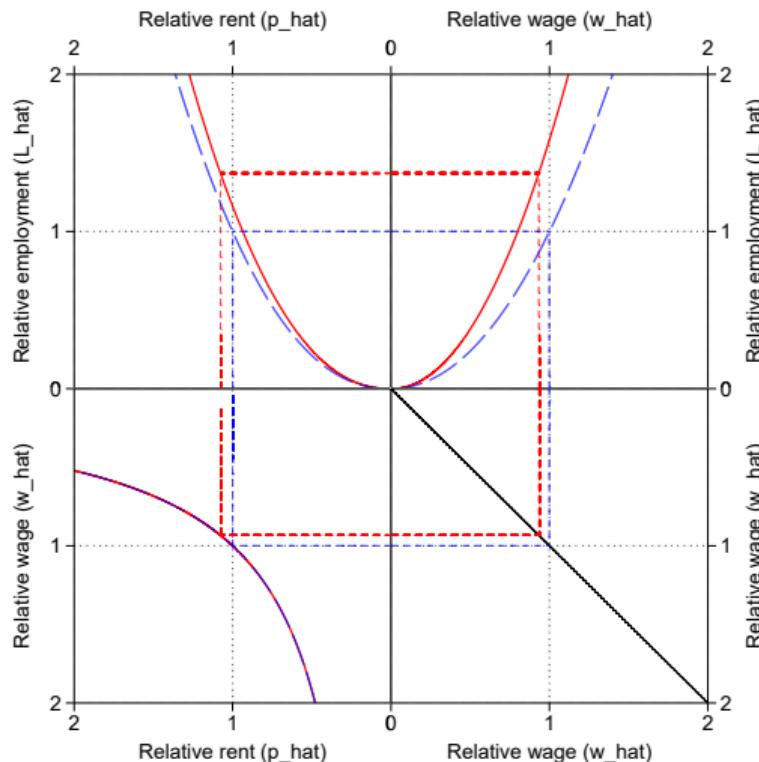
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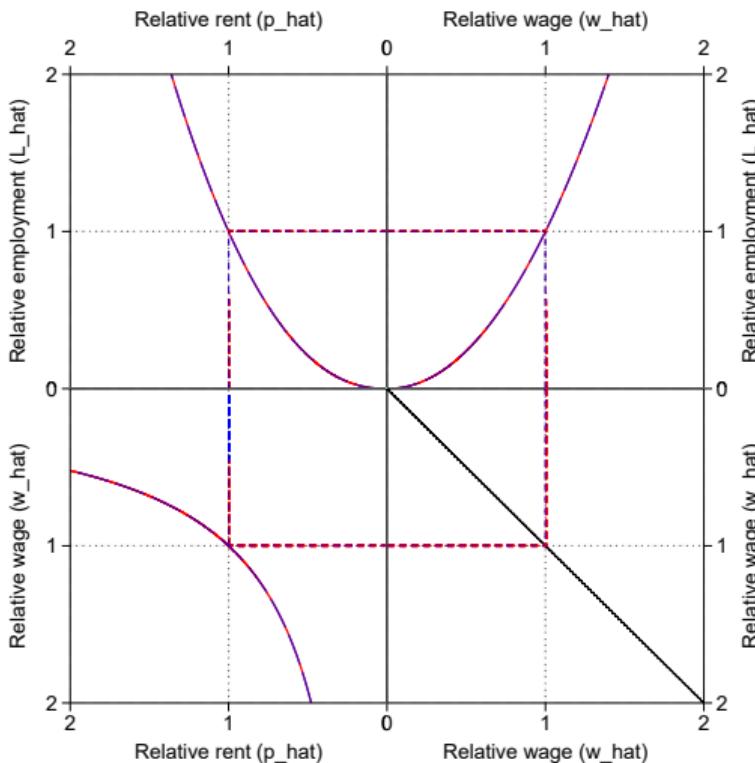
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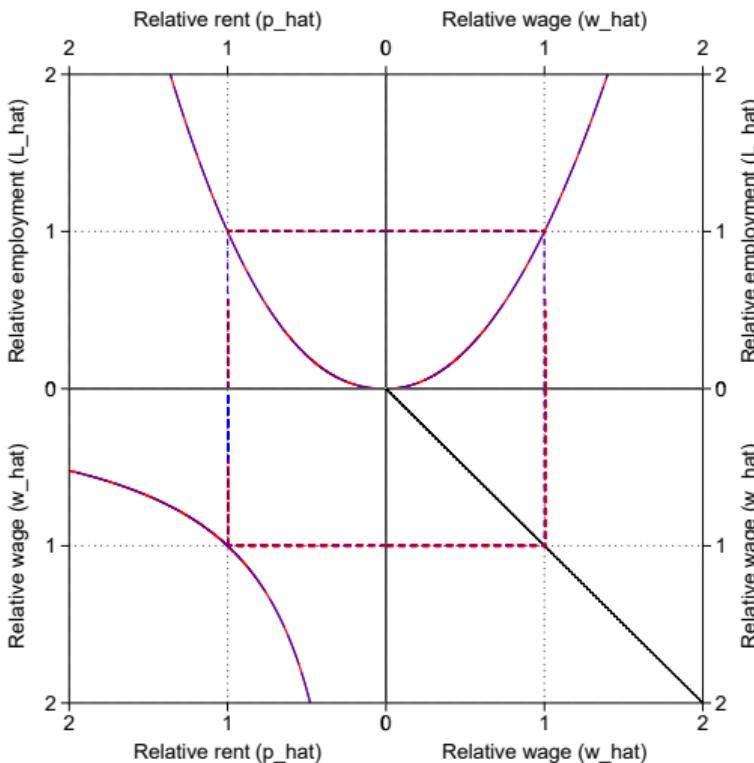
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# Questions II

Q4: What happens if we set  $\ln \hat{A} = 0.2$  alone  
vs.  $\ln \hat{A} = 0.2$  and  $\ln \hat{\eta} = 0.8$  ?

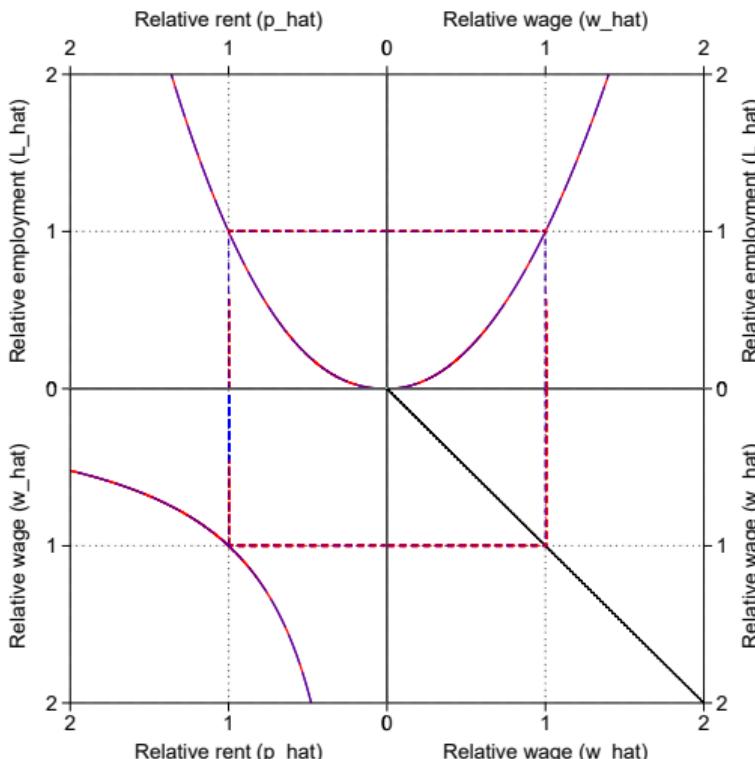
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Q5: What happens if we set  $\ln \hat{A} = 0.2$  alone  
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ABRS "A\_hat\_2=0.2" "phibar\_hat\_2=0.8" "max\_L\_hat=4"

Q6: What happens if we keep  $\ln \hat{A} = 0$  and set  
 $\ln \hat{\eta} = 0.8$  and  $\ln \hat{\varphi} = 0.8$  ?

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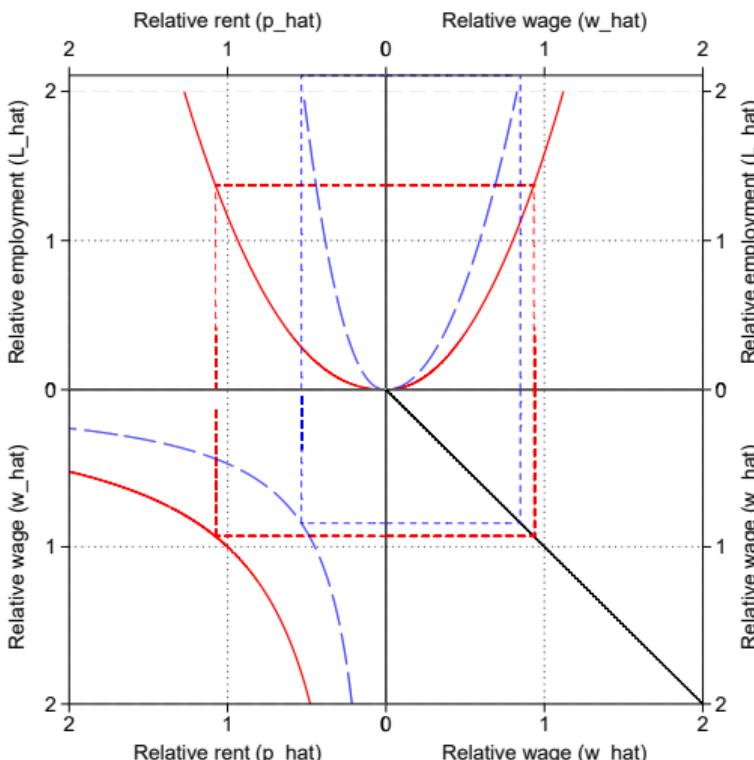
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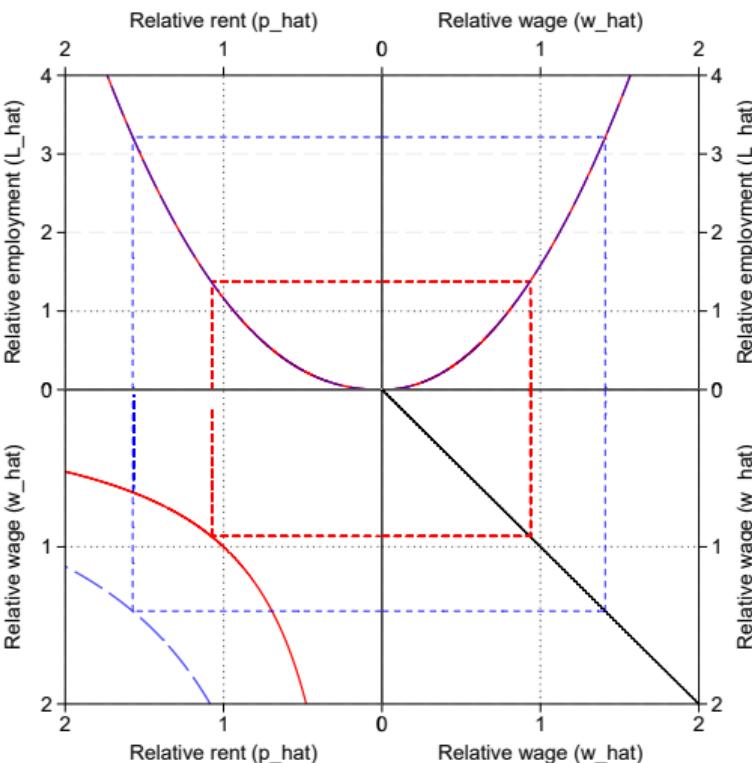
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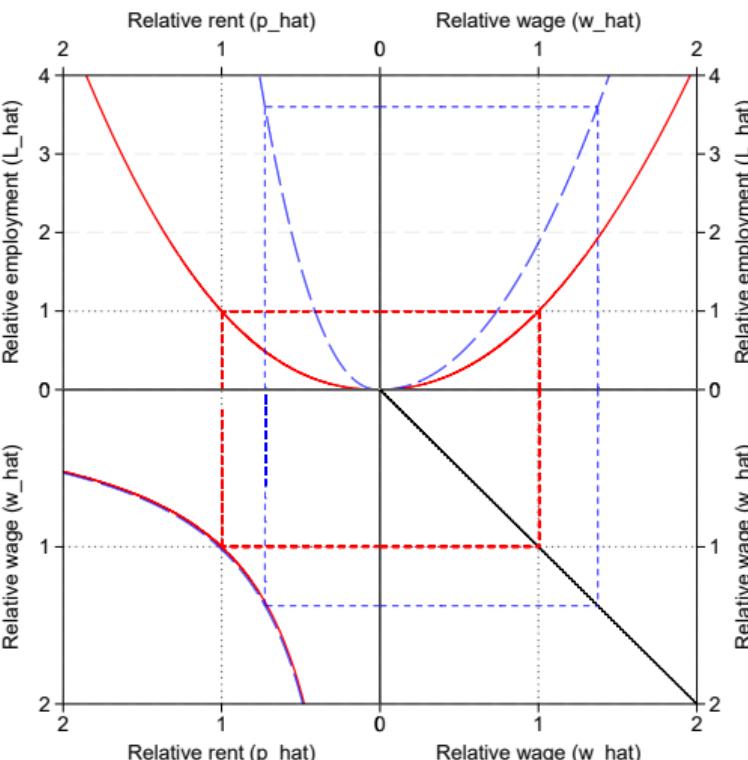
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## Conclusion

## Summary

- With **extreme-value distributed location preferences**
    - Allows deriving discrete choice probabilities
    - Upward-sloping labor demand and downward-sloping housing demand
      - **More preference heterogeneity, less mobility** and steeper curves
  - Important effects on general equilibrium See further comments on Q1-Q6 in Appendix
    - **Real wages no longer reflect QoL differences!** (unless  $\gamma$  is large)
      - Housing productivity increases real wages
      - Labour productivity increases real wages
    - **High real wages wrongly attributed to low QoL in RR!**

Next week: The ARSW model

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Appendix

## Comments on Q1-Q6

- Q1
    - Curve in Quadrant 1 flatter since labor supply is less elastic
      - Notice that axes are reversed relative to the standard demand-supply diagram
      - Flatter curve implies **less** elastic labour supply
  - Q2
    - Curve in Quadrant 1 is steeper since greater labor supply for the same wage
      - Consequentially, wage lower
    - Curve in Quadrant 2 steeper since for the same employment, wage is lower  $\Rightarrow$  housing demand lower
      - Rent higher since the positive employment effect dominates the negative wage effect on housing demand
    - Real wage lower by 0.09 log units, less than half of the QoL difference (0.2)
      - Rosen-Roback framework delivers wrong measurement of QoL

## Comments on Q1-Q6

- Q3
    - The larger  $\gamma$ , the closer the inverse real wage difference gets to the QoL difference
      - At  $\gamma = 10$ , real wage is 0.15 lower; at  $\gamma = 10$ , real wage is 0.175 lower; at  $\gamma = 65$ , real wage is 0.19 lower; at  $\gamma = 500$ , real wage is 0.199 lower
  - Q4
    - Curve in the second Quadrant is steeper since lower rent due to greater housing supply
    - Curve in the first Quadrant is steeper since lower rent implies that workers accept lower wage
      - For a given employment level
    - Curve in the third Quadrant shifts inwards since at the same rent there are more workers  $\Rightarrow$  lower wage clears the market

## Comments on Q1-Q6

- Q5
    - Curve in Quadrant 5 shifts outwards since
      - labor demand increases as workers are more productive
      - at same rent (employment), firms pay higher wages (perfect competition)
    - RR **qualitatively wrong** since real wage difference positive
      - (implying negative QoL differential)
  - Q6
    - Effects in first and second Quadrants like in Q4 ( $\hat{\eta}$  effect)
    - Shift effects of  $\hat{\eta}$  and  $\hat{\varphi}$  cancel out each other in Quadrant 3
      - Curve does not shift
    - RR **qualitatively wrong** since real wage difference positive
      - (implying negative QoL differential)