

1. Find demand for good  $y$  from the consumer's EMP

- To find demand for good  $y$ , we plug the demand for good  $x$  into her utility target  $u = 2x^{1/3} + y$

$$u = 2 \left( \underbrace{\left( \frac{2p_y}{3p_x} \right)^{3/2}}_{x^E} \right)^{1/3} + y$$

Solving for  $y$ , we obtain the consumer's demand for good  $y$

$$y^E(p_x, p_y, u) = u - 2 \left( \frac{2p_y}{3p_x} \right)^{1/2}$$

2. Calculate the CV for a price increase from  $p_x = \$5$  to  $p'_x = \$10$ , where  $u = 30$  and  $p_y = \$1$ .

- The CV becomes the integral of the demand function for good  $x$  between prices  $p_x = \$5$  and  $p'_x = \$10$ , that is

$$\begin{aligned} CV &= \int_{p_x}^{p'_x} x^E(p_x, p_y, u) dp_x = \int_5^{10} \left( \frac{2}{3p_x} \right)^{3/2} dp_x \\ &= 0.54 \int_5^{10} \left( \frac{1}{p_x} \right)^{3/2} dp_x = 0.54 \int_5^{10} (p_x)^{-3/2} dp_x \end{aligned}$$

The integral of  $(p_x)^a$  is  $\frac{p_x^{a+1}}{a+1}$  (power rule of integration), implying that the integral of  $(p_x)^{-3/2}$  is  $\frac{(p_x)^{-3/2+1}}{-3/2+1} = \frac{(p_x)^{-1/2}}{-1/2} = -2(p_x)^{-1/2}$ . Therefore, the above integral becomes

$$CV = 0.54 \times \left| -2(p_x)^{-1/2} \right|_5^{10}$$

$$CV = 0.54 \left[ -2(10^{-1/2} - 5^{-1/2}) \right]$$

$$CV = -1.09 \times \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \right)$$

$$CV = 0.14$$

This means that we need to give the consumer \$0.14 to make her as well off as she is before the price increase.

3. Calculate the CV of the above price change in good  $x$ , but using the demand function of good  $y$  to see how the consumer's welfare in her purchases of good  $y$  is affected by a more expensive good  $x$

- The CV becomes the integral of the demand function for good  $y$  between prices  $p_x = \$5$  and  $p'_x = \$10$ , that is

$$CV = \int_{p_x}^{p'_x} y^E(p_x, p_y, u) dp_x = \int_5^{10} 30 - 2 \left( \frac{2}{3p_x} \right)^{1/2} dp_x$$

$$\int_5^{10} 30 dp_x - 1.63 \int_5^{10} (p_x)^{-1/2} dp_x$$

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$$CV = |30p_x|_5^{10} - 1.63 \times |2(p_x)^{1/2}|_5^{10}$$

$$CV = 30 \times |p_x|_5^{10} - 3.26 \times |(p_x)^{1/2}|_5^{10}$$

$$CV = 30(10 - 5) - 3.26[10^{1/2} - 5^{1/2}]$$

$$CV = 146.98$$

This means that we need to give the consumer \$146.98 to make her as well off as she is before the price increase.