

Slutsky equation

$$\frac{\Delta x_1}{\Delta p_1} = \frac{\Delta x_1^s}{\Delta p_1} - \frac{\Delta x_1^m}{\Delta m} x_1$$

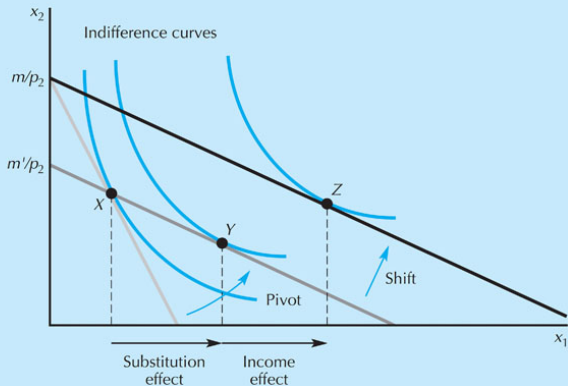


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Slutsky equation revisited

Note that it is identically true that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{x_1(p'_1, m'') - x_1(p_1, m)}{\Delta p_1} = \\ & + \frac{x_1(p'_1, m') - x_1(p_1, m)}{\Delta p_1} \quad (\text{substitution effect}) \\ & - \frac{x_1(p'_1, m') - x_1(p'_1, m)}{\Delta p_1} \quad (\text{ordinary income effect}) \\ & + \frac{x_1(p'_1, m'') - x_1(p'_1, m)}{\Delta p_1} \quad (\text{endowment income effect}). \end{aligned}$$

(Just cancel out identical terms with opposite signs on the right-hand side.)

By definition of the ordinary income effect,

$$\Delta p_1 = \frac{m' - m}{x_1}$$

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Making these replacements gives us a Slutsky equation of the form

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Writing this in terms of Δ s, we have

$$\frac{\Delta x_1}{\Delta p_1} = \frac{\Delta x_1^s}{\Delta p_1} - \frac{\Delta x_1^m}{\Delta m} x_1 + \frac{\Delta x_1^w}{\Delta m} \omega_1.$$