Lecture 7

Optimal Consumption with Endowments

Overview

Previously: the optimal consumption problem for a rational agent whose income is given as fixed

Today: the same problem for a rational agent whose income is generated from initial endowments

拥有禀赋时的最优消费问题

The list of resource units with which a consumer starts is his endowment. A consumer's endowment will be denoted by the vector (1) (omega).

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What is the endowment's value?

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p₁=2 and p₂=3 so the value of the endowment
$$(\omega_1, \omega_2) = (10, 2)$$
 is

$$p_1\omega_1 + p_2\omega_2 = 2 \times 10 + 3 \times 2 = 26$$

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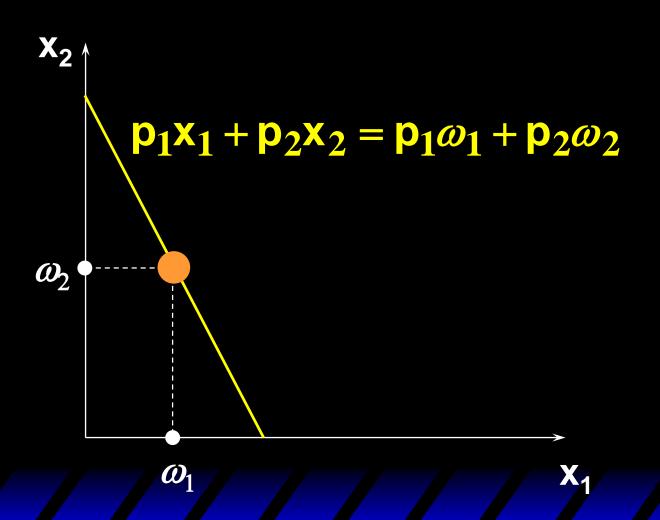
A: For any bundle costing no more than the endowment's value.

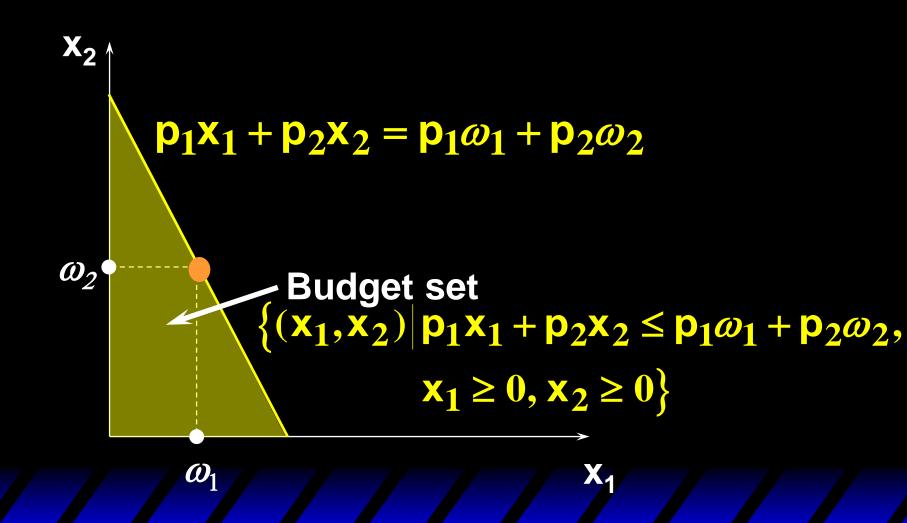
So, given p_1 and p_2 , the budget constraint for a consumer with an endowment (ω_1, ω_2) is

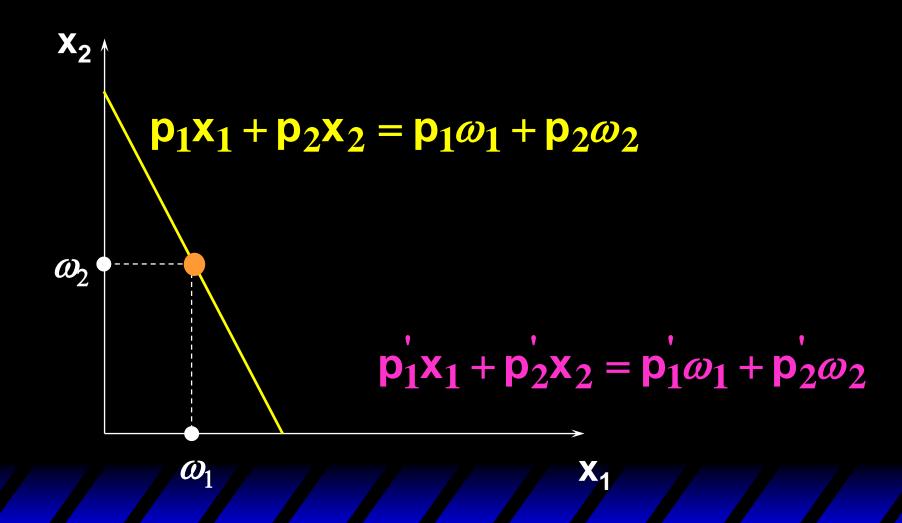
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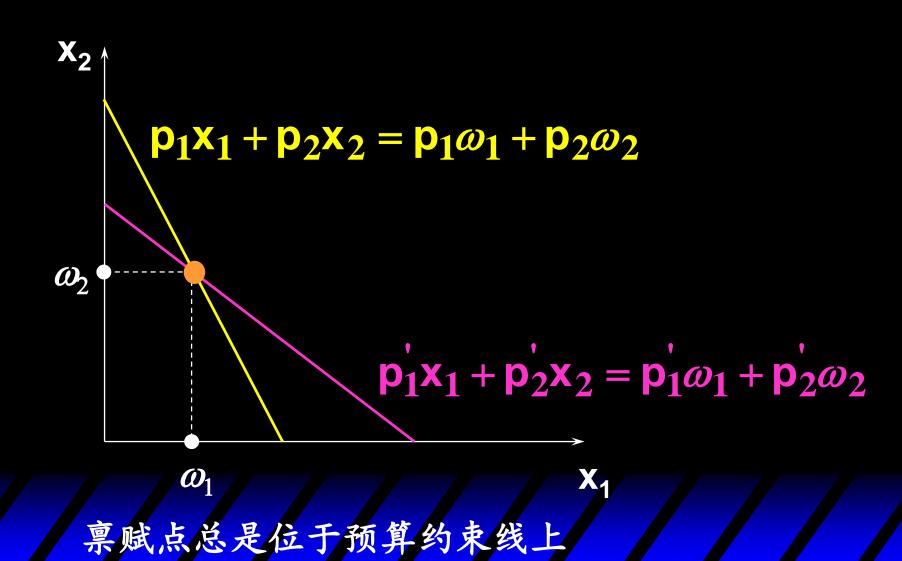
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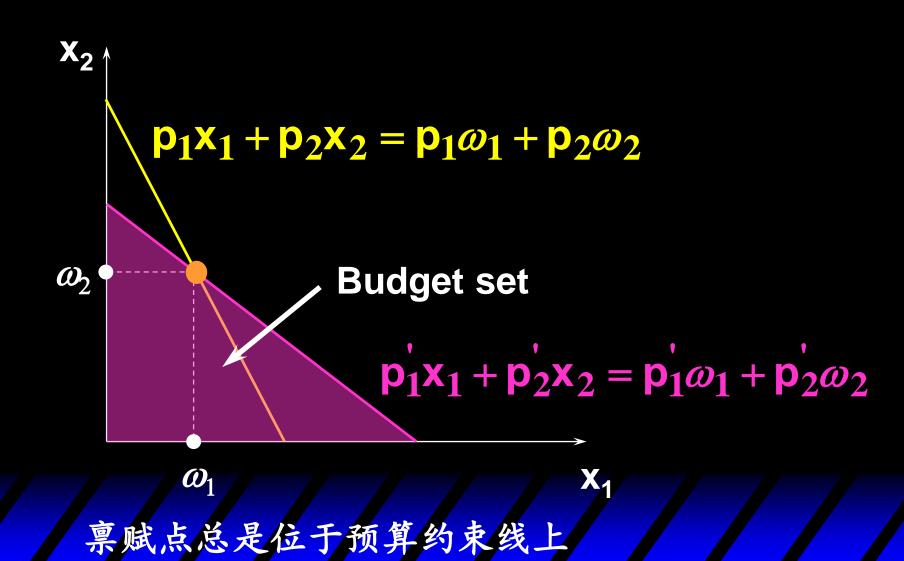
$$\{ (x_1, x_2) | p_1 x_1 + p_2 x_2 \le p_1 \omega_1 + p_2 \omega_2, \\ x_1 \ge 0, x_2 \ge 0 \}.$$

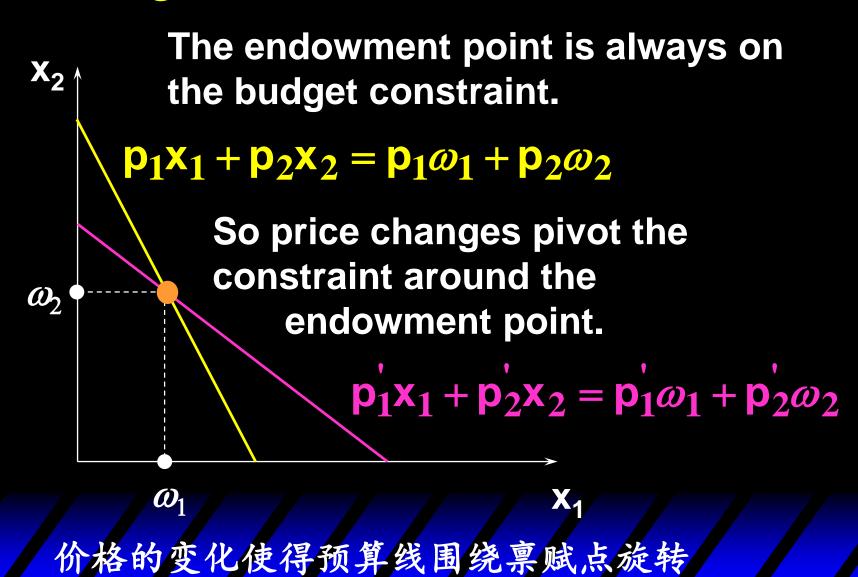












The constraint

$$p_1x_1 + p_2x_2 = p_1\omega_1 + p_2\omega_2$$

is

$$p_1(x_1 - \omega_1) + p_2(x_2 - \omega_2) = 0.$$
 Net demand for x1 Net demand for x2

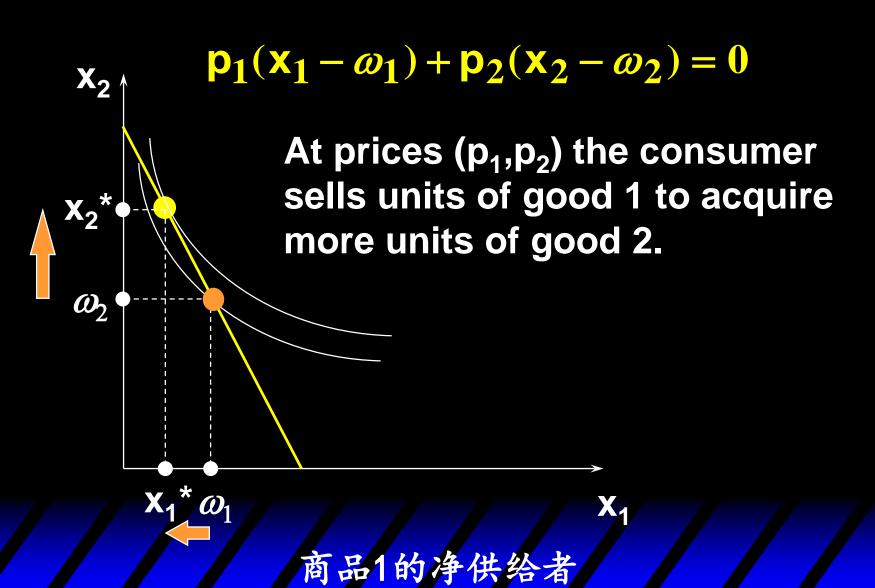
The net demands for x1 and x2 can not be both positive or negative.

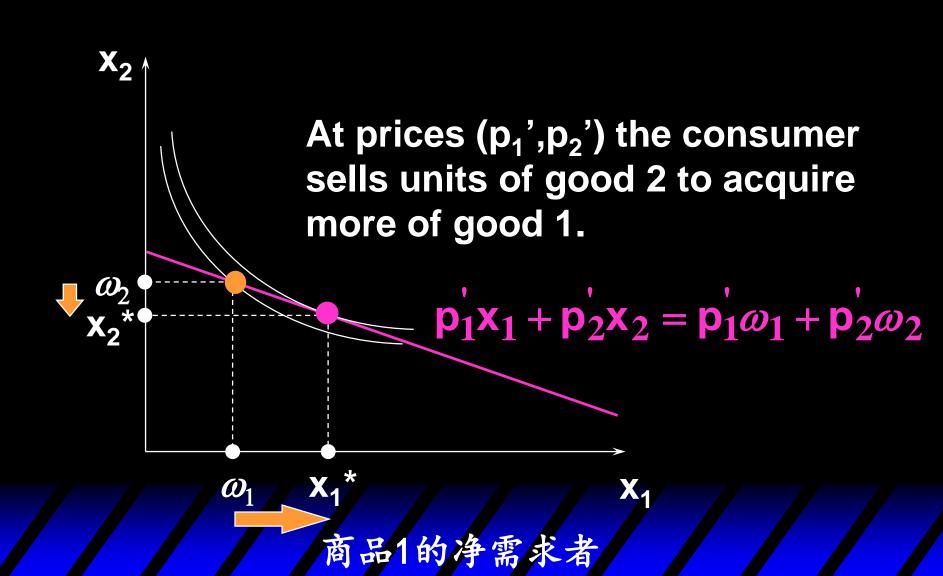
Suppose
$$(\omega_1, \omega_2) = (10,2)$$
 and $p_1=2$, $p_2=3$. Then the constraint is $p_1x_1 + p_2x_2 = p_1\omega_1 + p_2\omega_2 = 26$.

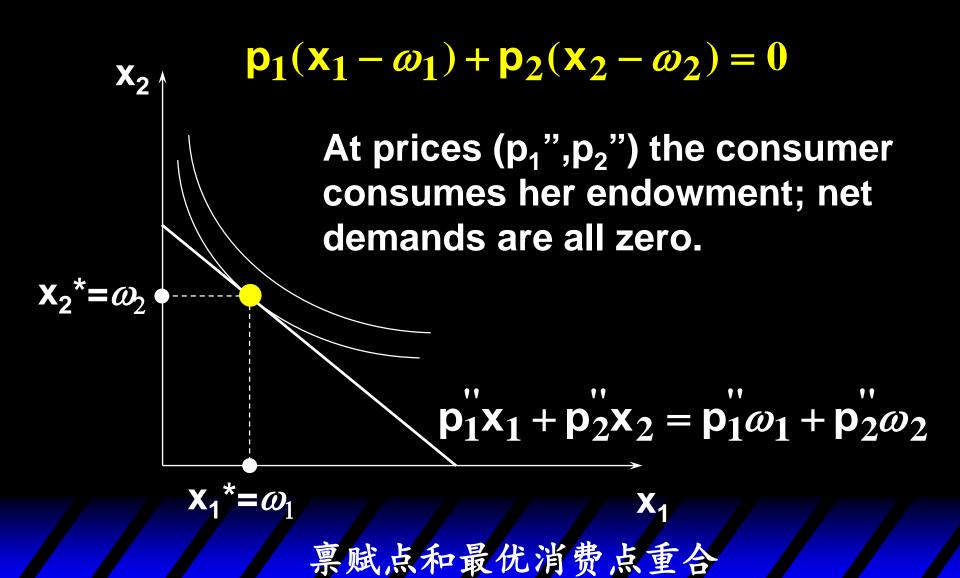
If the consumer demands $(x_1^*, x_2^*) = (7,4)$, then 3 good 1 units exchange for 2 good 2 units. Net demands are $x_1^* - \omega_1 = 7 - 10 = -3$ and $x_2^* - \omega_2 = 4 - 2 = +2$.

$$p_1=2$$
, $p_2=3$, $x_1^*-\omega_1=-3$ and $x_2^*-\omega_2=+2$ so $p_1(x_1-\omega_1)+p_2(x_2-\omega_2)=$ $2\times(-3)+3\times2=0$.

The consumer is a net supplier of x1 and a net demander of x2.







A worker is endowed with \$m of nonlabor income and \overline{R} hours of time which can be used for labor or leisure. $\omega = (\overline{R}, m)$. Consumption good's price is p_c . w is the wage rate.

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Q: How much time will be devoted to work in order to max utility?

The worker's budget constraint is

$$p_cC = w(\overline{R} - R) + m$$

where C, R denote gross demands for the consumption good and for leisure. That is

$$p_{c}C + wR = wR + m$$
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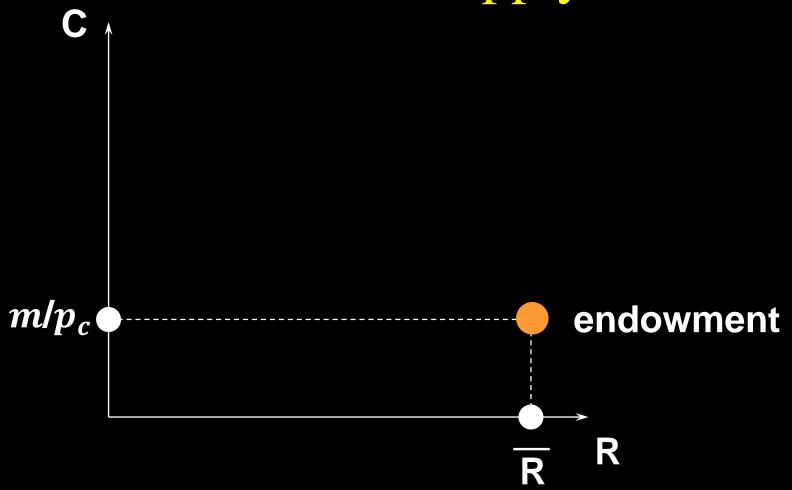
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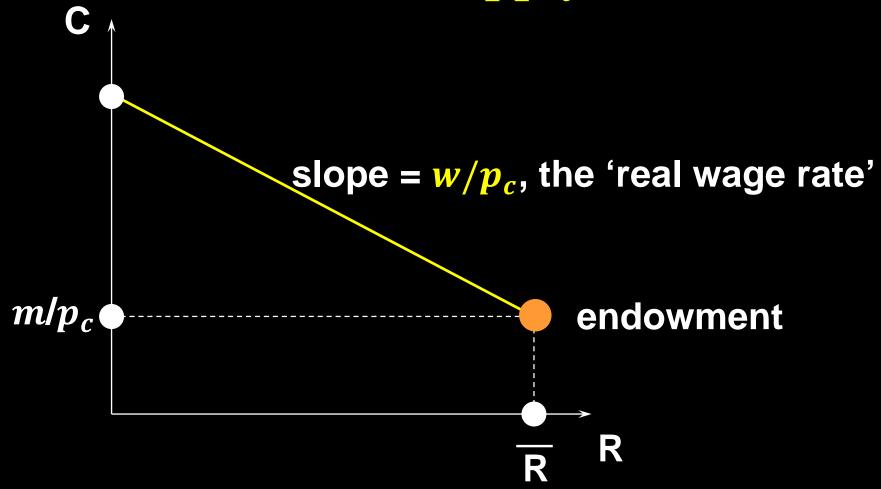
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This is equivalent to

$$wR + p_cC = w\overline{R} + p_c\overline{C}$$

where
$$\overline{C} = \frac{m}{p_c}$$

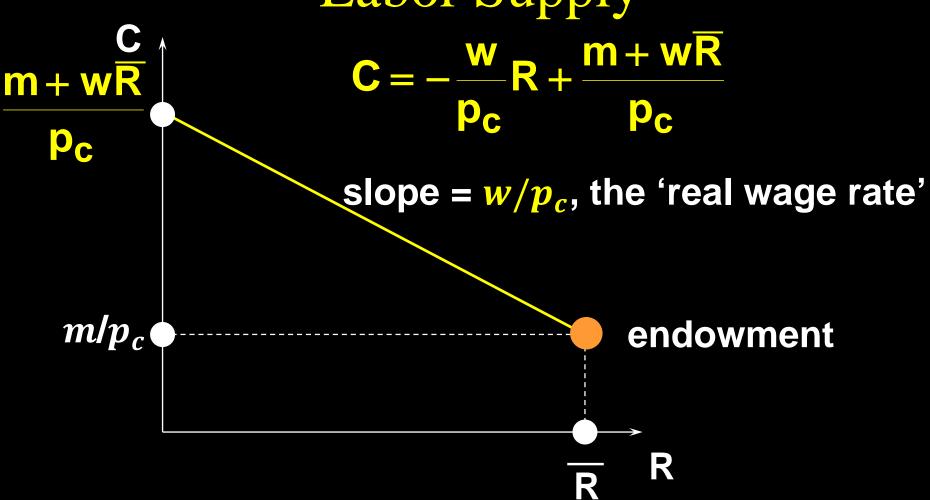


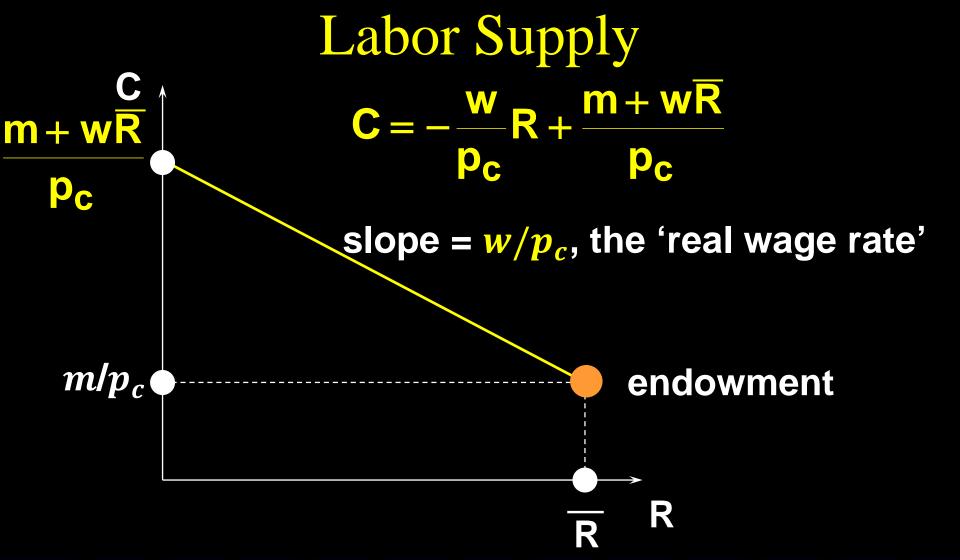


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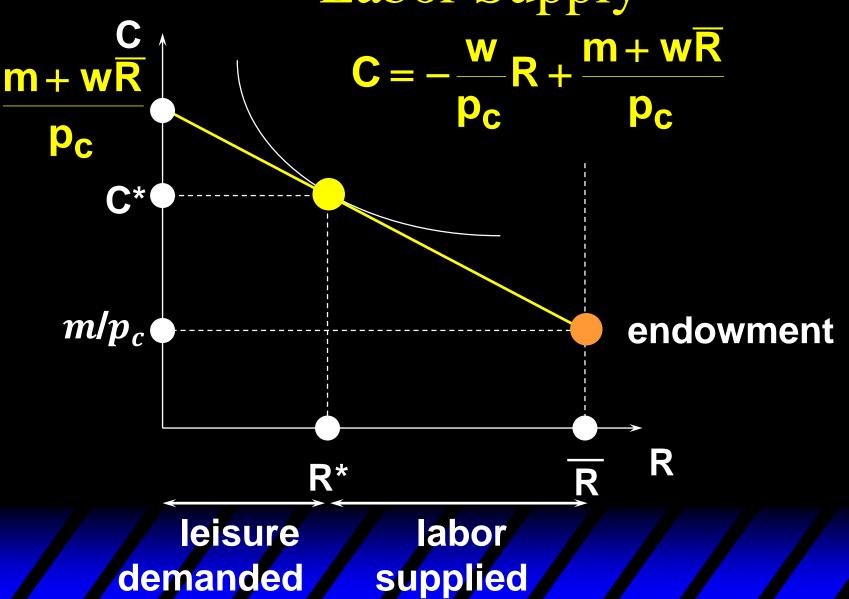
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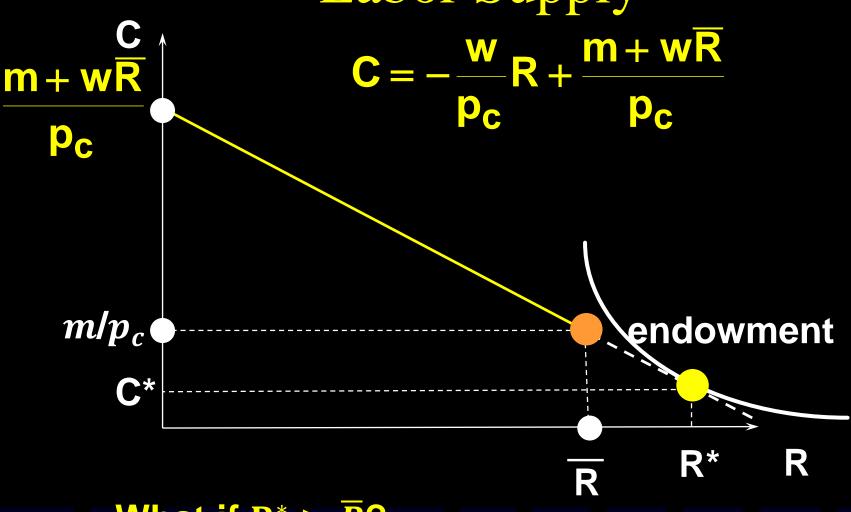
$$C = -\frac{w}{p_c}R + \frac{m + w\overline{R}}{p_c}.$$



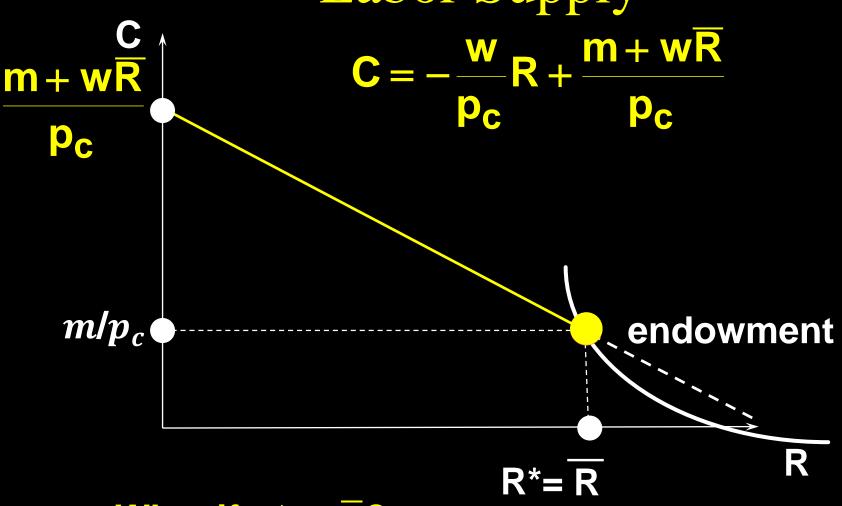


Note: $R \leq \overline{R}$. 预算线是禀赋点以左的那部分线段。





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- Set $R^* = \overline{R}$

Slutsky's Equation Revisited

Slutsky: changes to demands caused by a price change are the sum of

- -a pure substitution effect, and
- -an income effect.

This assumed that income y did not change as prices changed. But

$$y = p_1\omega_1 + p_2\omega_2$$

does change with price. How does this modify Slutsky's equation?

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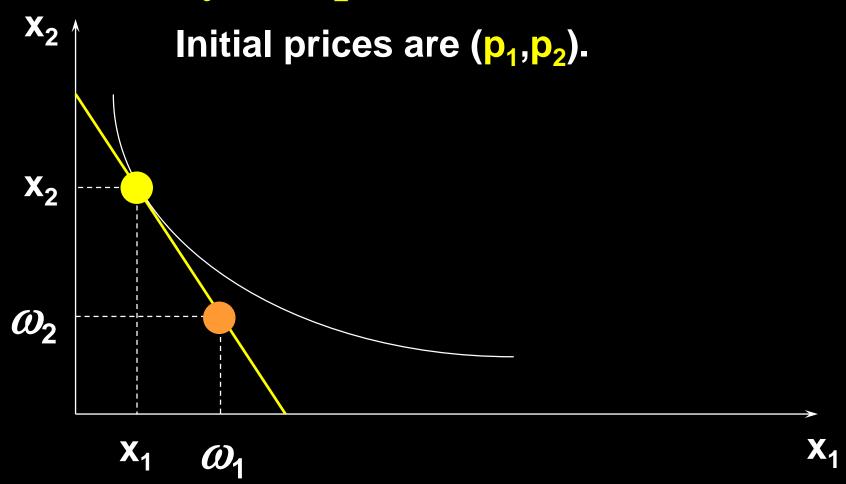
A change in p_1 or p_2 changes $y = p_1\omega_1 + p_2\omega_2$ so there will be an additional income effect, called the endowment income effect.

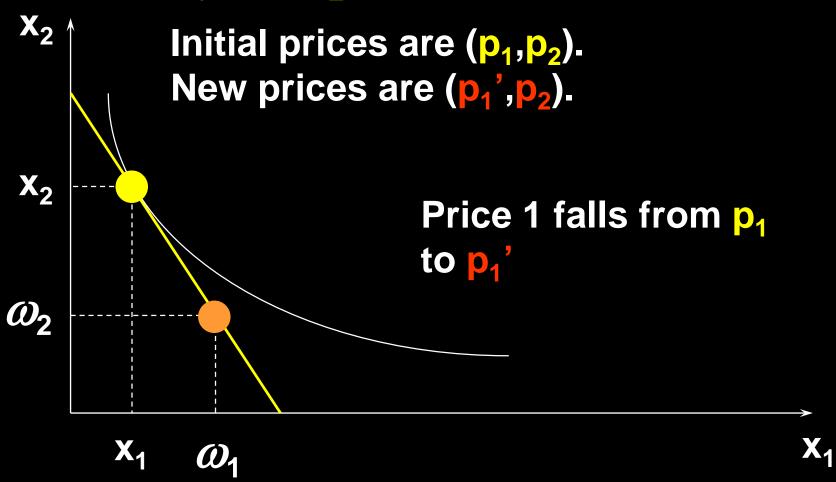
Slutsky's decomposition will thus have three components

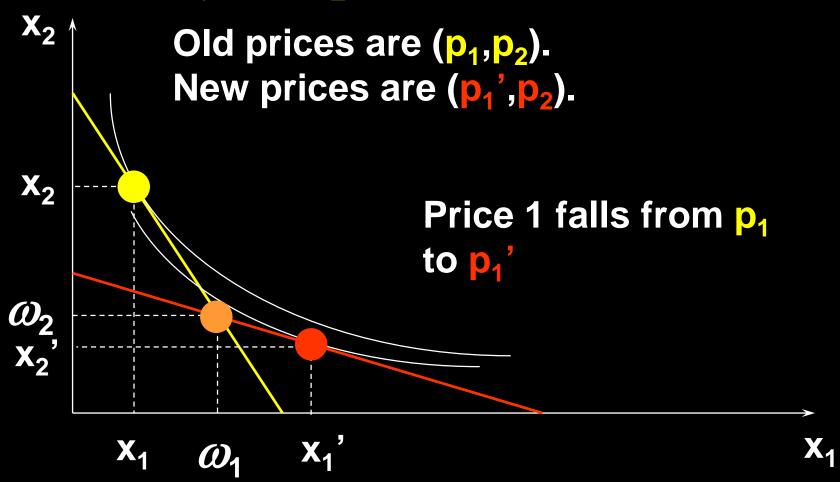
- -a pure substitution effect
- -an (ordinary) income effect, and
- -an endowment income effect.

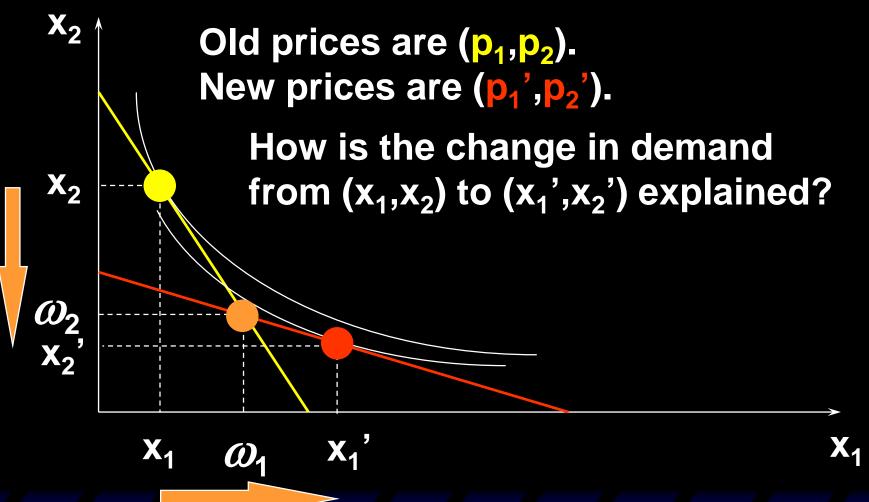
价格变化会造成禀赋收入的变化,进而造成需求的改变;这一效应被称为禀赋收入效应

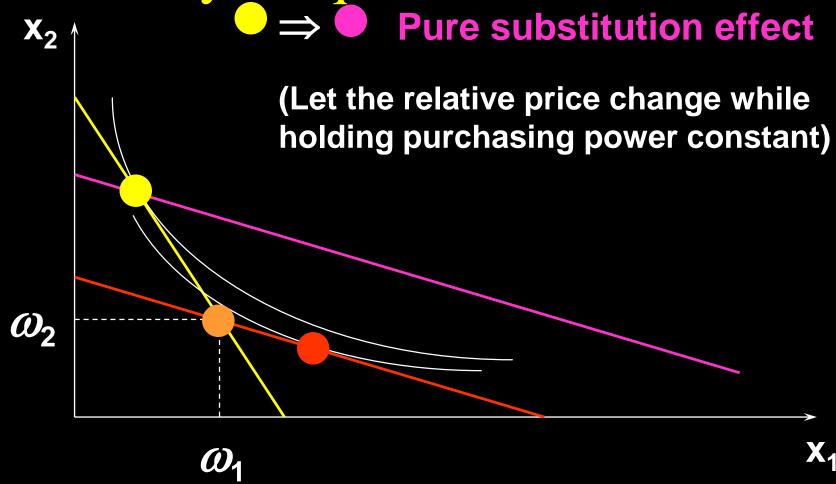
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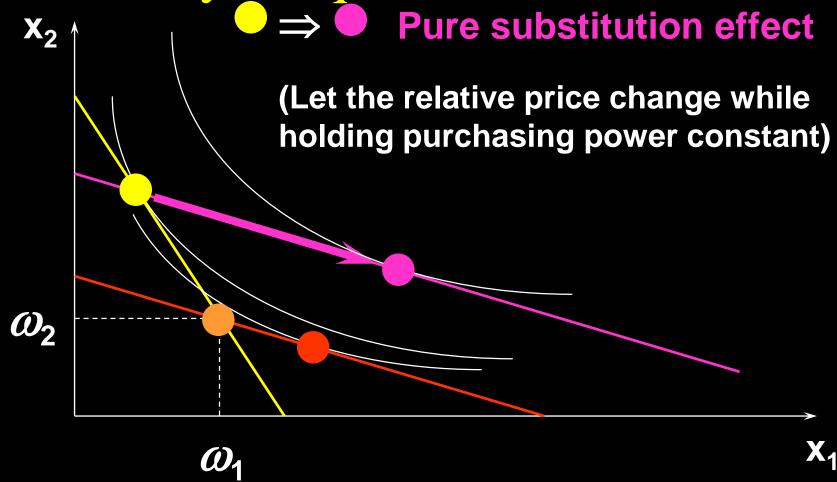


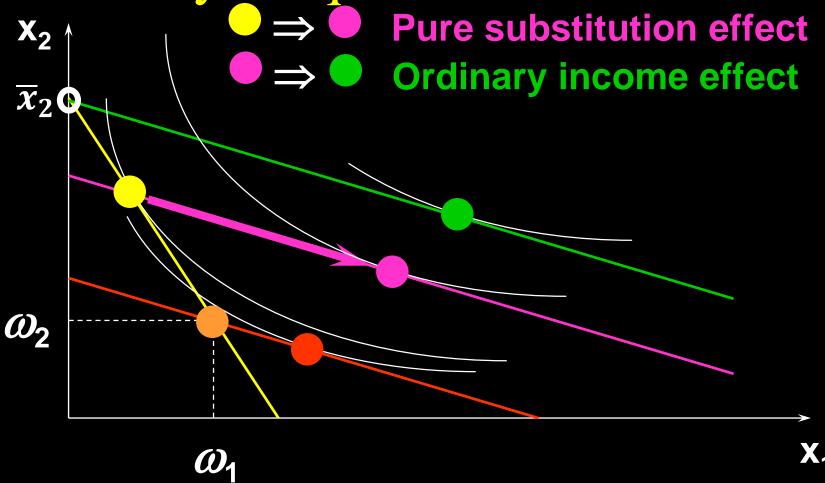




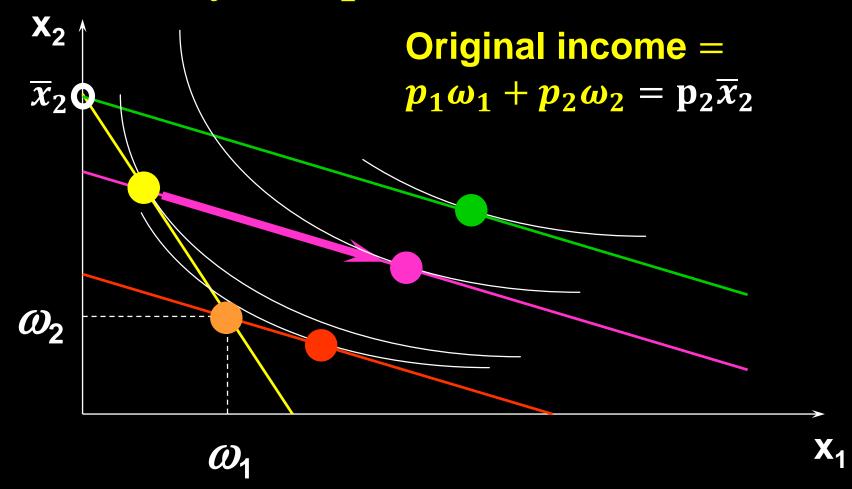


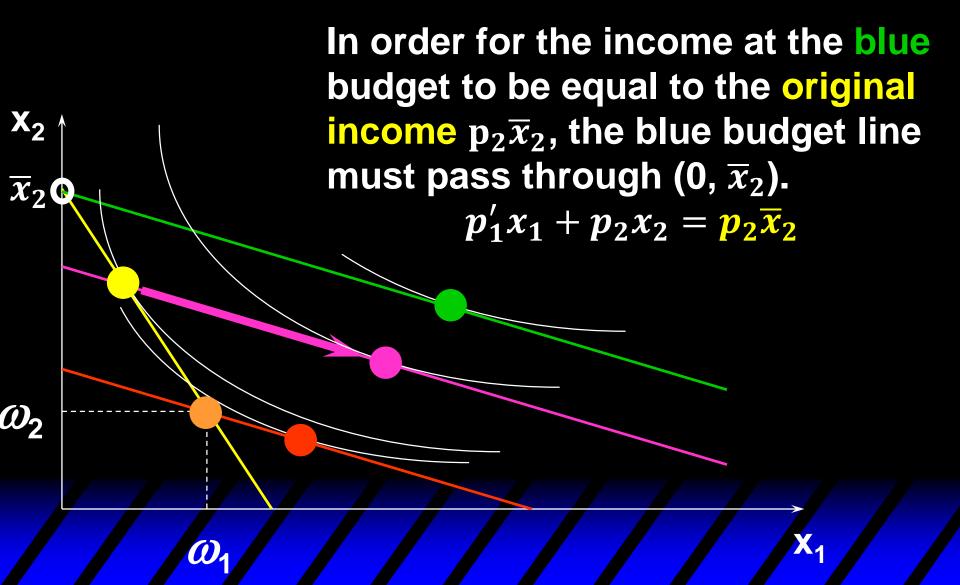


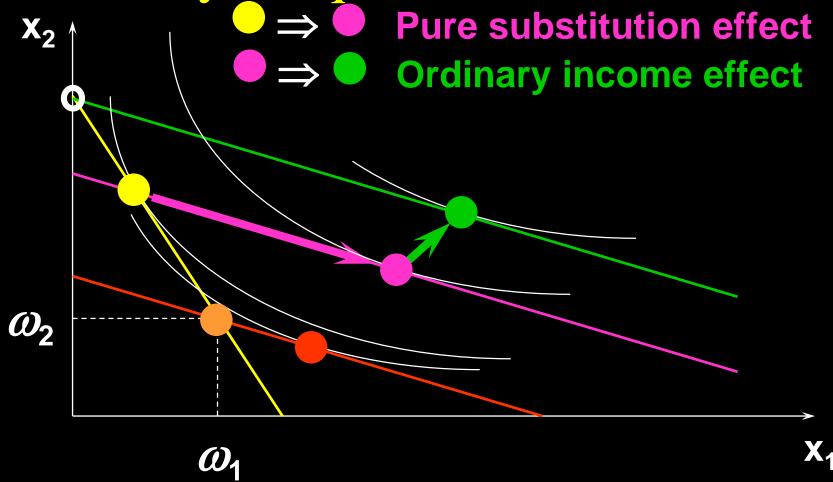


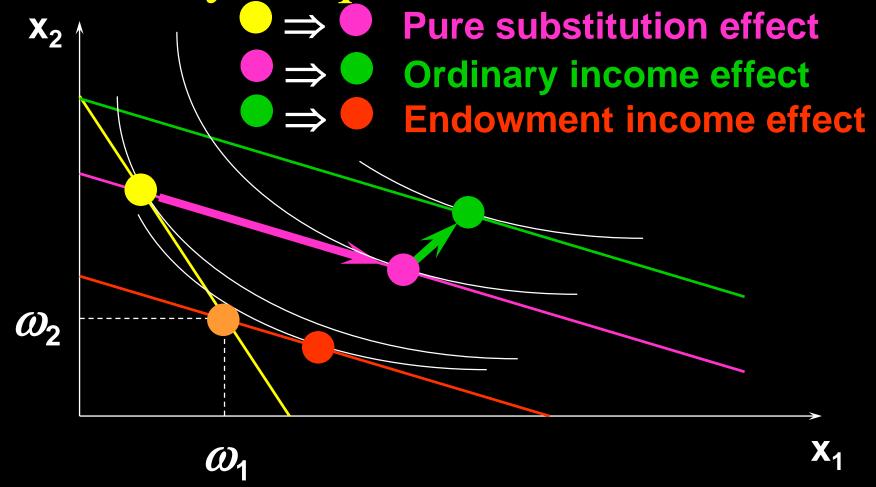


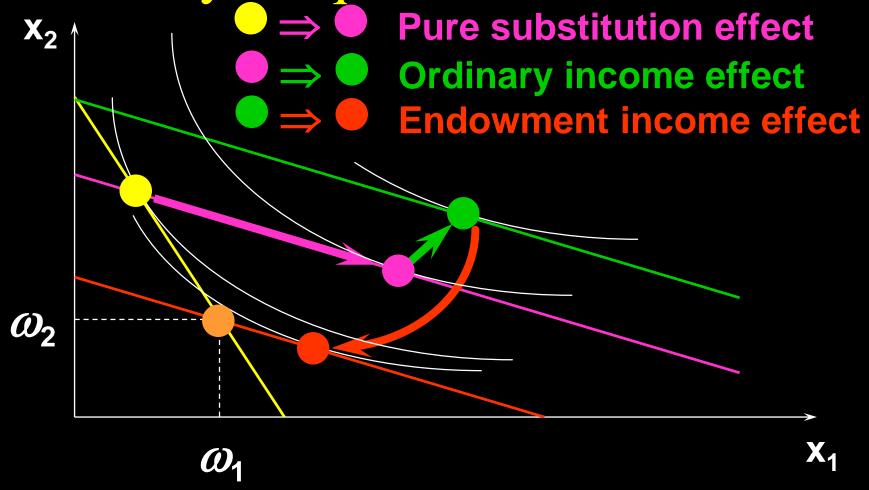
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Overall change in demand caused by a change in price is the sum of:

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- (ii) an ordinary income effect
- (iii) an endowment income effect

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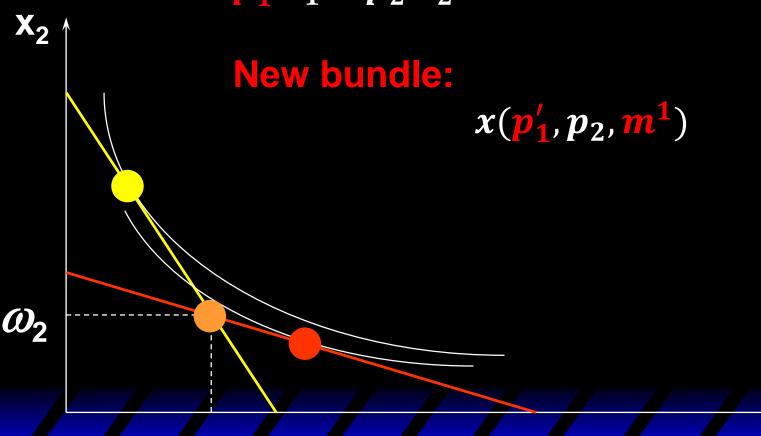
Step 1: find the old bundle, the new bundle, the intermediate bundle 1, and the intermediate bundle 2.

The old

Old prices: (p_1,p_2) , old income: $m^0 =$ $p_1\omega_1+p_2\omega_2$ X_2 **Old bundle:** $x_1^*(p_1, p_2, m^0), x_2^*(p_1, p_2, m^0)$ ω_2

The new

new prices: (p_1', p_2) , new income: $m^1 = p_1' \omega_1 + p_2 \omega_2$

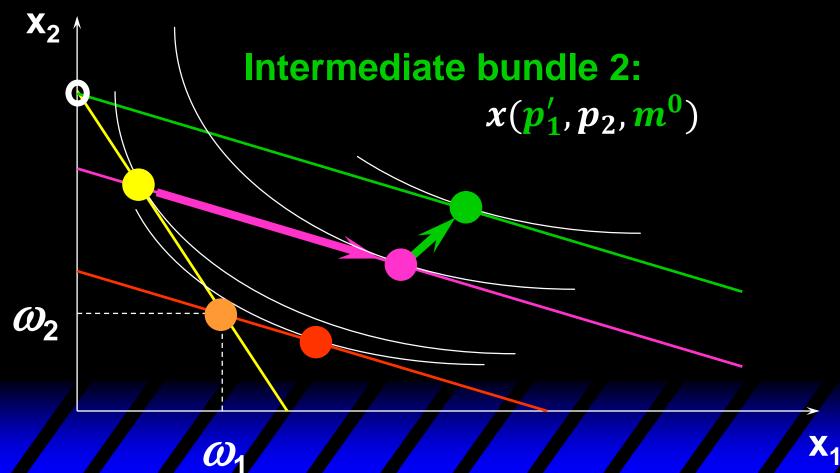


Intermediate 1

new prices: (p'_1, p_2) , hypothetical income: $m^h = p_1'x_1^* + p_2x_2^*$, which makes the old bundle just affordable **Intermediate bundle 1:** $x(p_1', p_2, m^h)$

Intermediate 2

new prices: (p_1', p_2) , old income: $m^0 = p_1\omega_1 + p_2\omega_2$



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When income is given as fixed, the Slutsky equation is the following:

$$\frac{\Delta x_1}{\Delta p_1} = \frac{\Delta x_1^s}{\Delta p_1} + \frac{\Delta x_1^n}{\Delta p_1}$$

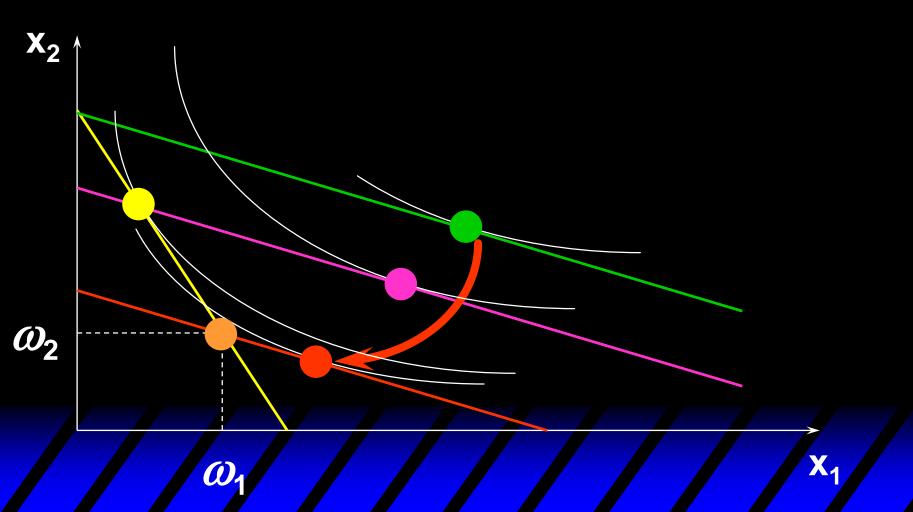
$$= \frac{\Delta x_1^s}{\Delta p_1} - \frac{\Delta x_1(p_1, p_2, m)}{\Delta m} x_1$$
due to changes in due to changes in relative price real income

With endowments, the price change also causes change in nominal income

$$\frac{\Delta x_1}{\Delta p_1} = \frac{\Delta x_1^s}{\Delta p_1} + \frac{\Delta x_1^n}{\Delta p_1} + \frac{\text{endowment effect}}{\Delta p_1}$$

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The Endowment Income Effect



endowment effect

$$= x_1(p_1', p_2, m^1) - x_1(p_1', p_2, m^0)$$

endowment effect

$$= x_1(p_1', p_2, m^1) - x_1(p_1', p_2, m^0)$$

$$= x_1(p_1', p_2, m^0 + (m^1 - m^0)) - x_1(p_1', p_2, m^0)$$

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Remember that

$$f(x + \Delta x) - f(x) \rightarrow f'(x)\Delta x$$

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(-) (+) if normal

Without endowments:

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If
$$\omega_1 - x_1 > 0$$
 (net supplier of x1),
$$\frac{\Delta x_1(p_1, p_2, m)}{\Delta m} (\omega_1 - x_1) \leq 0$$

$$\frac{\Delta x_1}{\Delta m} \geq 0$$

An Application to the Intertemporal Choice Problem

Let m₁ and m₂ be incomes received in periods 1 and 2.

Let c₁ and c₂ be consumptions in periods 1 and 2.

Let p₁ and p₂ be the prices of consumption in periods 1 and 2.

跨期消费选择

The Intertemporal Choice Problem

The intertemporal choice problem: Given incomes m_1 and m_2 , and given consumption prices p_1 and p_2 , what is the most preferred intertemporal consumption bundle (c_1,c_2) ?

For an answer we need to know:

- the intertemporal budget constraint
- intertemporal consumption preferences.

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\$1 tomorrow is $\frac{1}{1+r}$ in today's dollar

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$$c_2 = m_2 + (1+r)(m_1 - c_1)$$

which is

$$c_2 = -(1+r)c_1 + m_2 + (1+r)m_1$$
.

slope

intercept

$$c_2 = -(1+r)c_1 + m_2 + (1+r)m_1$$
.

$$(1+r)c_1 + 1 \times c_2 = (1+r)m_1 + m_2$$

" p_1 " " p_2 " " m "

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"future-valued" form of the budget constraint

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$$1 \times c_1 + \frac{1}{1+r}c_2 = m_1 + \frac{1}{1+r}m_2$$
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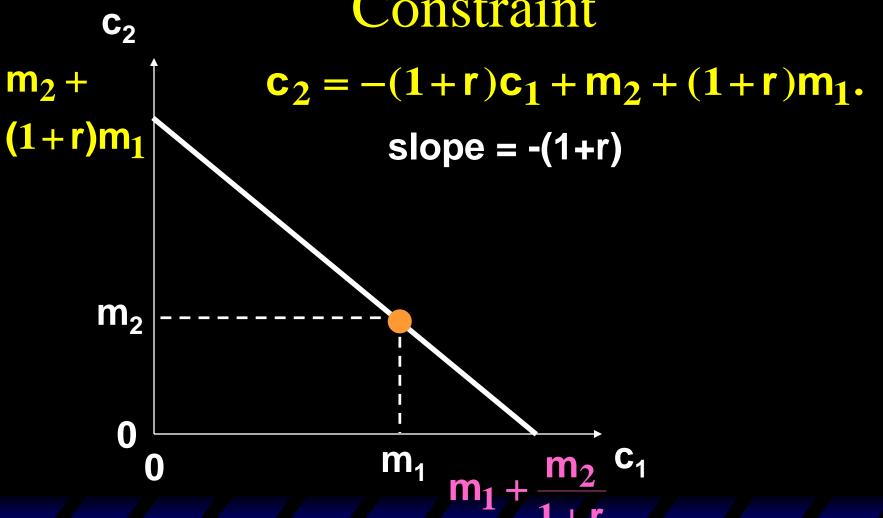
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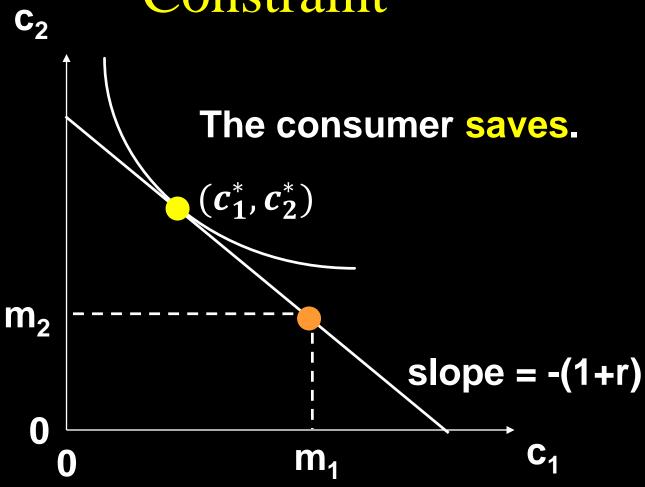
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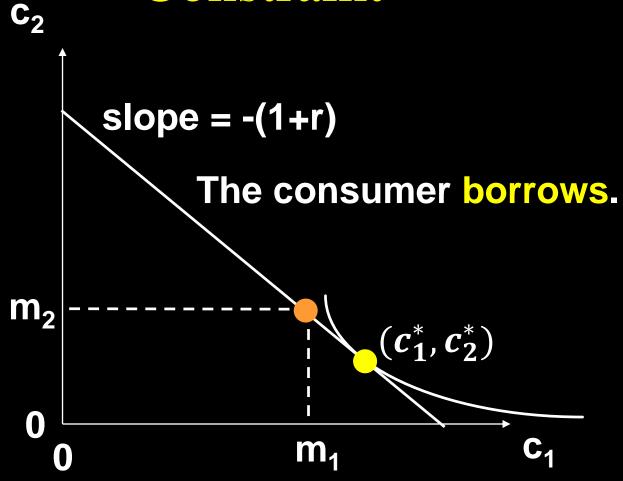
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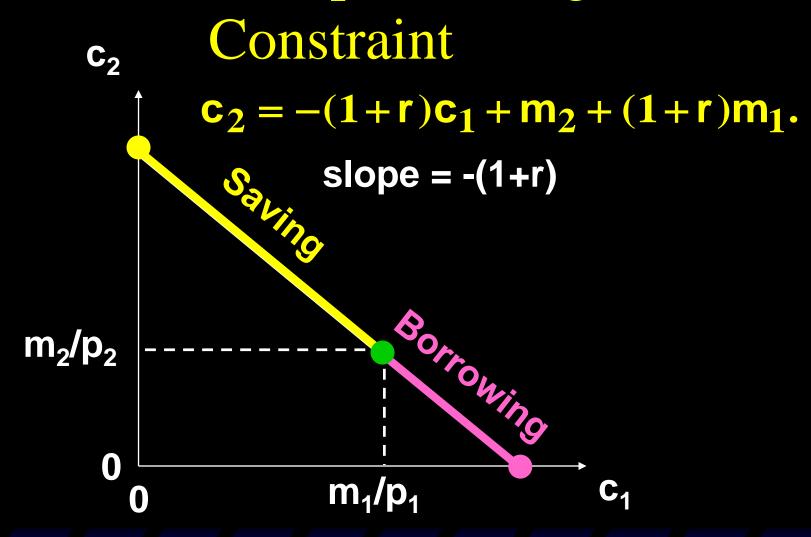


$$c_1^* < m_1$$



$$c_1^* > m_1$$

The Intertemporal Budget



Q: If the interest rate r falls, how would the budget constraint change?

$$c_2 = -(1+r)c_1 + m_2 + (1+r)m_1.$$

slope intercept
$$(1+r)c_1 + 1 \times c_2 = (1+r)m_1 + m_2$$

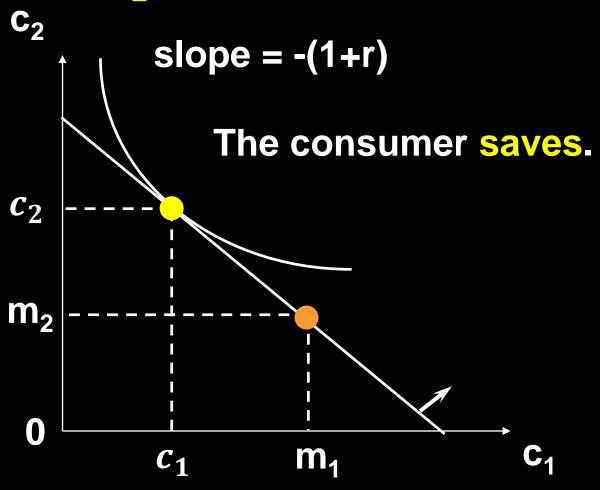
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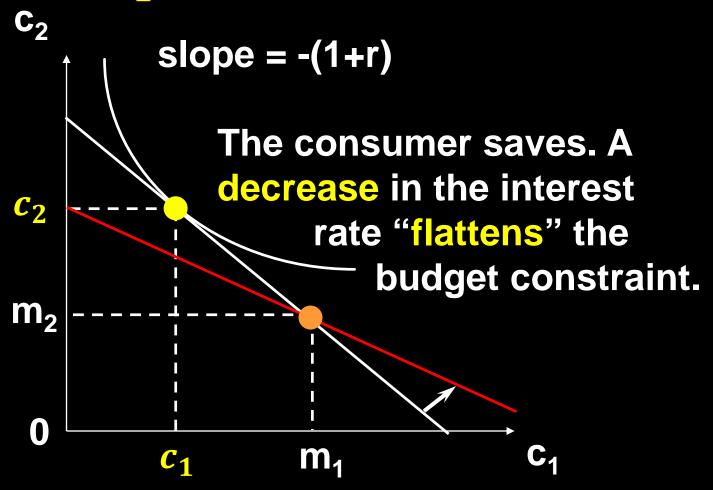
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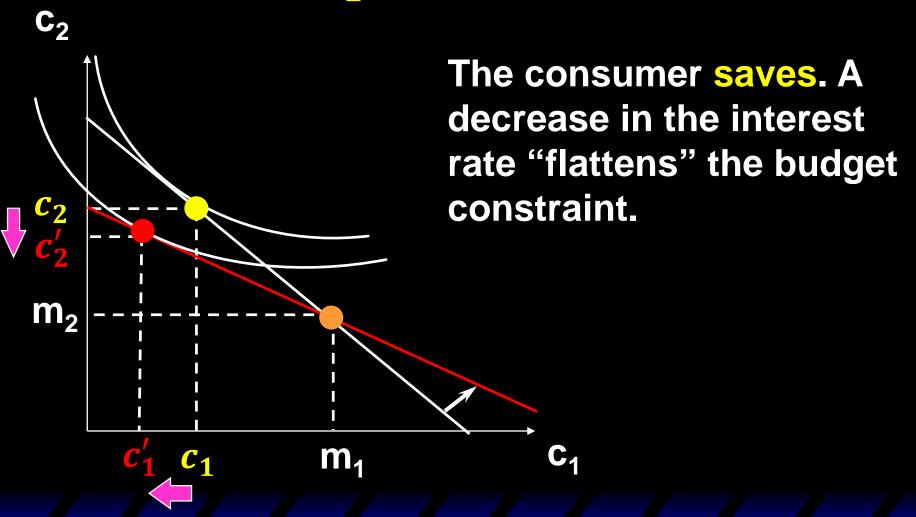
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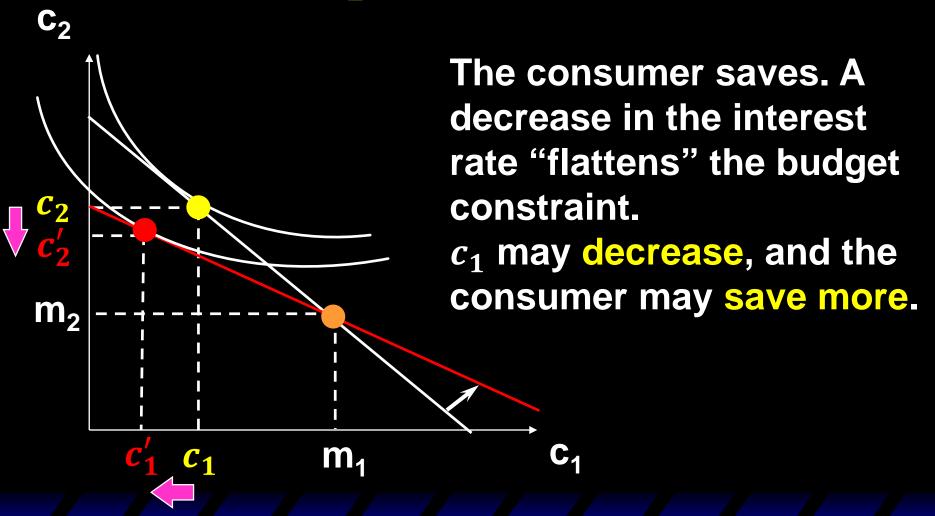
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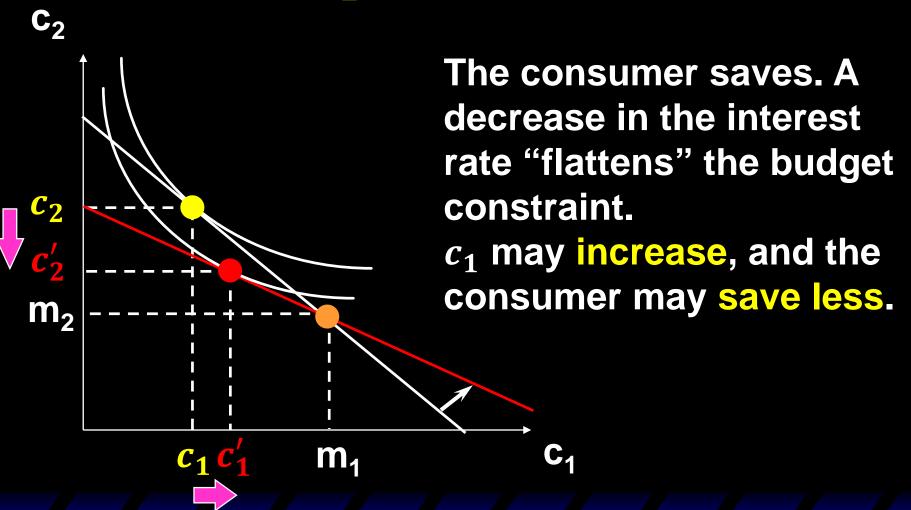
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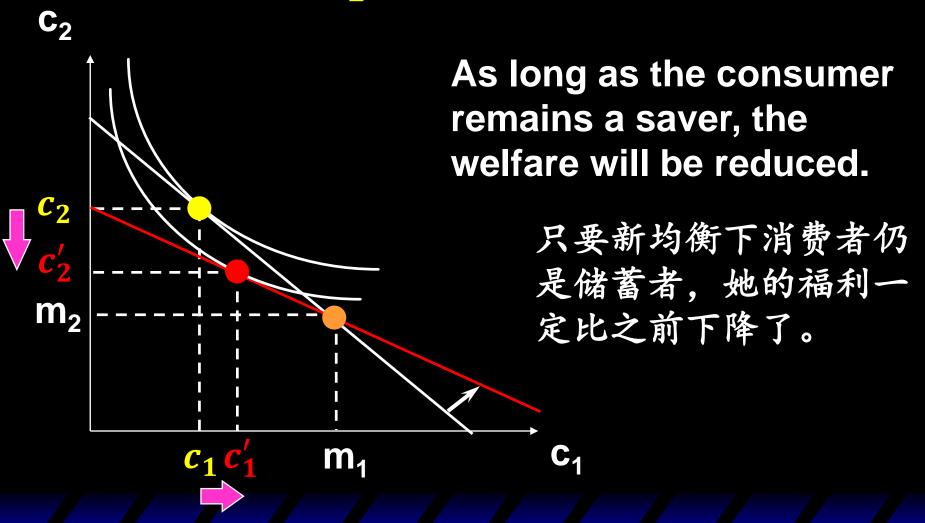
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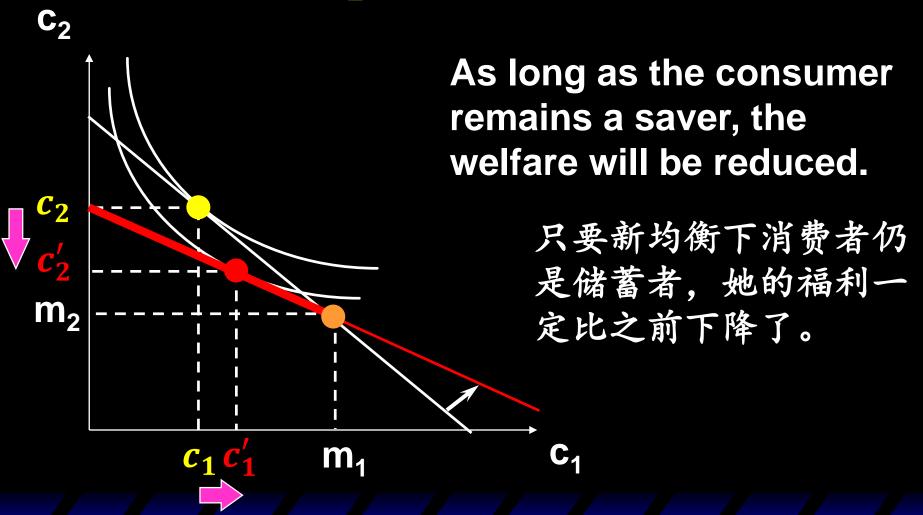
 $\frac{\Delta c_1}{\Delta p_1} \gtrless 0$ (positive or negative). C_1 could increase or decrease as $r(p_1)$ falls.

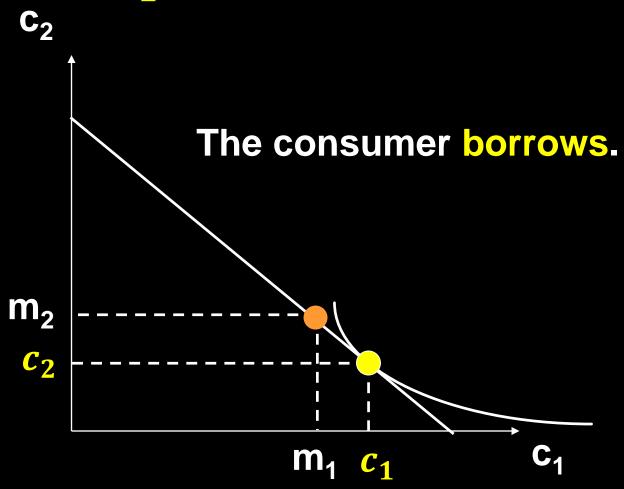


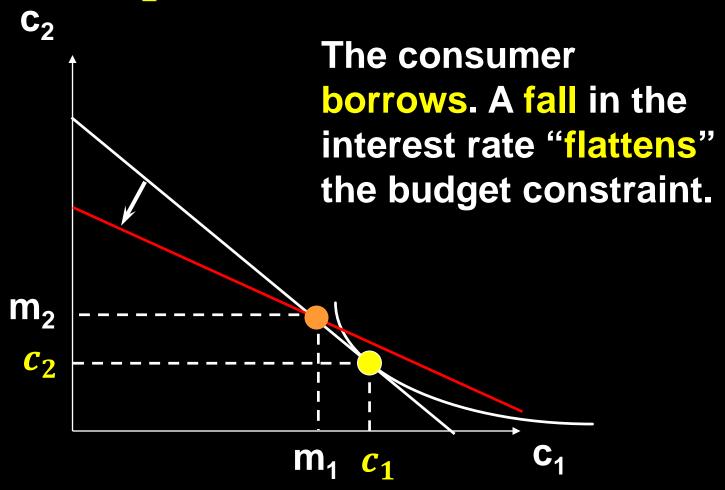










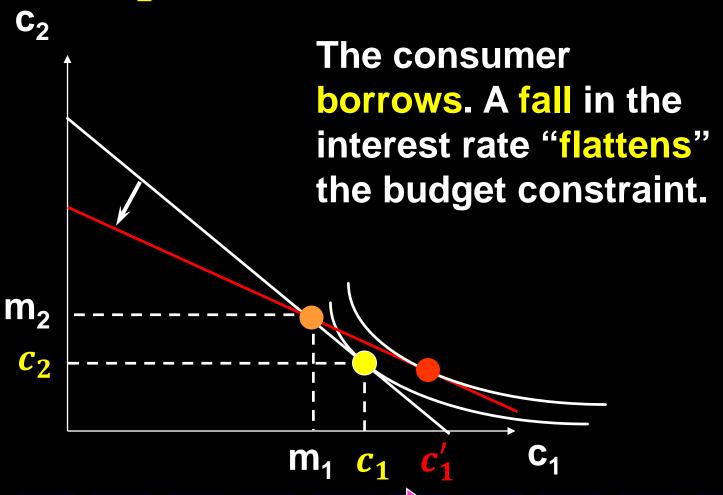


Q: How would C_1 change?

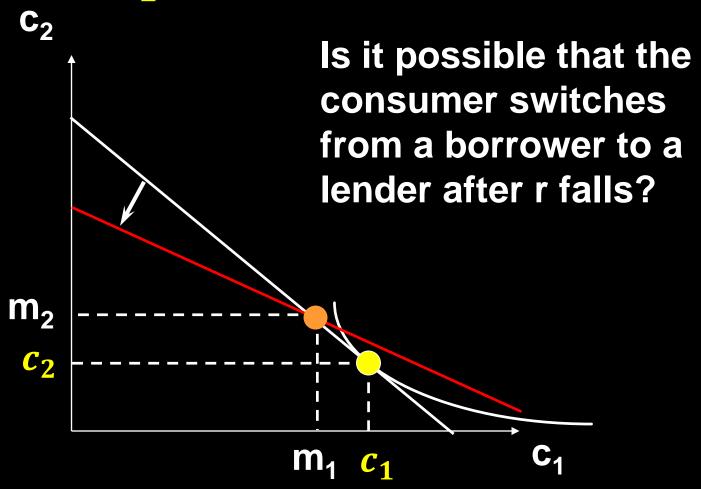
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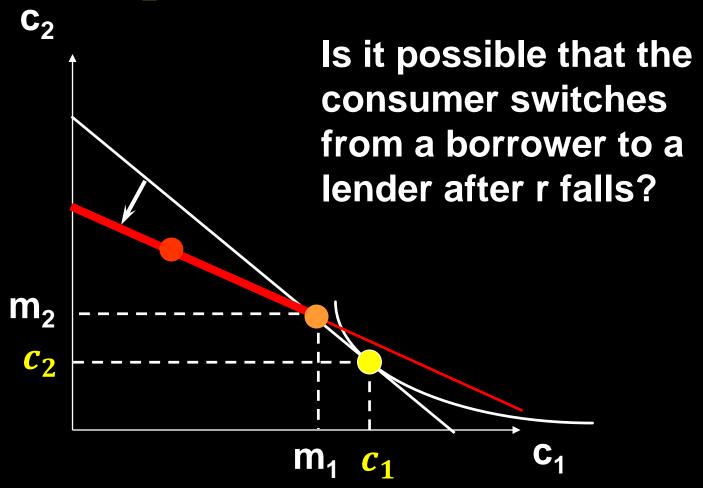
$$\frac{\Delta c_1}{\Delta p_1} = \frac{\Delta c_1^s}{\Delta p_1} + \frac{\Delta x_1(p_1, p_2, m)}{\Delta m} (m_1 - c_1)$$
(-) (+) if normal (-) for borrowers

It must be that $\frac{\Delta c_1}{\Delta p_1} < 0$. C_1 increases as r (p_1) falls.



 c_1 increases, and the consumer borrows more. The welfare is increased.





No. Otherwise WARP will be violated.