

Suppose that the utility function is

$$U = \left[ \int_{\omega \in \Omega} \varphi(\omega)^\epsilon q(\omega)^\rho d\omega \right]^{1/\rho}$$

where  $\varphi(\omega)^\epsilon$  is the “quality” of variety  $\omega$ . Show that the price index associated with this utility function is

$$P = \left[ \int_{\omega \in \Omega} \varphi(\omega)^\epsilon p(\omega)^{1-\sigma} d\omega \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}}$$

Derive the optimal consumption and expenditure decisions for individual varieties analogous to equation (2) of Melitz (2003).

Now, let the firm’s production function be  $l = f + q$ . Note the absence of firm heterogeneity in costs. Derive expressions analogous to equations (4) and (5) of Melitz (2003).