

## Equations for Competitive Markets

**Linear Demand:**  $q_d = a - bp$  **Linear Supply:**  $q_s = x + yp$

**Log-linear demand:**  $\ln(q_d) = \ln(a) + \varepsilon_d \ln p$  **Log-Linear Supply:**  $\ln(q_s) = \ln(x) + \varepsilon_s \ln p$

**Total Surplus**=Consumer Surplus+Producer Surplus; **Revenue**=Producer Surplus + Variable Cost

**Total Cost**=Fixed Cost + Variable Cost; **Profit**=Revenue-Total Cost=Producer Surplus-Fixed Cost

**Quantity Tax** (tax per unit):  $p_d = p_s + t$ ; **Value Tax** (tax on percentage spent):  $p_d = (1 + t)p_s$

**Price Elasticity of Demand:**  $\varepsilon_d = \frac{\partial \ln(D)}{\partial \ln(p)} = \frac{\partial D}{\partial p} \frac{p}{D}$ ; If  $|\varepsilon| > 1$  then curve is elastic

**Tax Incidence Formula:**  $p_s(t) = p^* - \frac{t|D'|}{S' + |D'|}$ ;  $p_d = p^* + \frac{tS'}{S' + |D'|}$ ; If  $\varepsilon_d$  is constant:  $\frac{\partial p_d}{\partial t} = \frac{\varepsilon_s}{|\varepsilon_d| + \varepsilon_s}$

## Equations for Consumer Choice and Demand

**Marginal Utility:**  $MU_i = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}$ ; **Marginal Rate of Substitution:**  $MRS_{ij} = \frac{\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j}}{\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}}$  and at interior optimum =  $\frac{p_i}{p_j}$

**Perfect Substitutes:**  $u(x_1, x_2) = x_1 + cx_2$ ; **Cobb-Douglas:**  $u(x_1, x_2) = \ln(x_1) + c \ln(x_2)$

**CES Utility:**  $u(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{\rho} \ln(x_1^\rho + x_2^\rho)$ ;  $\rho \in (-\infty, 1]$ ; **Quasilinear:**  $u(x_0, x_1) = x_0 + g(x_1)$

**Marshallian Demand:**  $x_i^*(\mathbf{p}, m) : \mathcal{L} = u(x_1, x_2) + \lambda(m - \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{x})$

**Dual Problem; Hicksian Demand:**  $h_i^*(\mathbf{p}, u_0) : \min_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{x} \text{ s.t. } u(\mathbf{x}) \geq u_0$

**Roy's Identity:**  $x_i^*(\mathbf{p}, m) = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial p_i} / \frac{\partial v}{\partial m}$ ; **Shepard's Lemma:**  $h_i^*(\mathbf{p}, u) = \frac{\partial e(\mathbf{p}, u)}{\partial p_i}$

**Slutsky Equation:**  $\frac{\partial x_i(\mathbf{p}, m)}{\partial p_i} = \frac{\partial h_i(\mathbf{p}, v(\mathbf{p}, m))}{\partial p_i} - \frac{\partial x_i^*(\mathbf{p}, m)}{\partial m} x_i^*(\mathbf{p}, m)$ ; **(Elasticity Form):**  $\varepsilon_i = \varepsilon_i^h - s_i \varepsilon_m$ ;  $s_i = \frac{p_i x_i}{m}$

**Demand Elasticity** for product i, homogeneous of degree 0:  $\varepsilon_{im} + \varepsilon_{ii} + \sum_{j \neq i} \varepsilon_{ij} = 0$

## Equations for Cost and Technology

**Technical Rate of Substitution:**  $TRS_{ij} = -\frac{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}}{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}} = -\frac{mp_i}{mp_j}$ ; **MC:**  $MC(y) = \frac{\partial c}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial c_v}{\partial y}$  **MC to VC:**  $\int MC = VC$

**Factor Prices:**  $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)$ ; **Production Function:**  $y = f(x_1, y_2)$

**Cost Function** with two factors:  $c(\mathbf{w}, y) = w_1 x_1^*(w_1, w_2, y) + w_2 x_2^*(w_1, w_2, y)$

$= \min_{x_1, x_2 \geq 0} w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 \text{ s.t. } y = f(x_1, x_2)$

**Shepard's Lemma** conditional factor demand:  $x_i^*(\mathbf{w}, y) = \frac{\partial c(\mathbf{w}, y)}{\partial w_i}$

**Learning Curve:** The typical specification is for  $Y_t = \Sigma_{s \leq t} y_s$ , AC falls proportionately,  $\ln AC_t = AC_0 - b \ln Y_t$

## Equations for Competitive Firms

**SR Profit Maximization:**  $\max_{y, x_v \geq 0} \pi = \max_{y \geq 0} [\max_{x_v \geq 0} R(y) - w_v x_v - w_f x_f \text{ s.t. } y = f(x_v, \bar{x}_f)] = \max_{y \geq 0} [R(y) - c(y)]$

**Revenue** if firm is competitive:  $R(y) = py = f(x_v, \bar{x}_f)$  **FOC of unconditional factor demand:**  $p \frac{\partial f(x_v, \bar{x}_f)}{\partial x_v} = w_v$

**Hotelling's Lemma,** Supply:  $y^*(p, \mathbf{w}) = \frac{\partial \pi(p, \mathbf{w})}{\partial p}$ ; unconditional factor demands:  $x_i(p, \mathbf{w}) = -\frac{\partial \pi(p, \mathbf{w})}{\partial w_i}$

**Shutdown Condition** (Competitive Firms):  $-F > py - c_v(y) - F \rightarrow AVC = \frac{c_v(y)}{y} > p$

## Equations for Monopolies

**FOC** for a monopolist:  $p(y) + p'(y)y = c'(y)$  which can be rewritten as  $p = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon}} MC$ ; valid if  $\varepsilon < -1$

**Passing Along Costs:**  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial c} = \frac{1}{2 + yp''(y)/p'(y)}$