

①  $f_1(x) = -x^2 + 10 \rightarrow$

We want to find the max

" $\forall$ " means "for all"

Note Take a derivative at  $x$ !

$f_1'(x) = -2x \stackrel{!}{=} 0$

$\Rightarrow x^* = 0$  Is this a max?

This shows that  $x=0$  is indeed the max point & thus  $\max_x f_1(x) = 10$

for  $x < x^*$ ,

Hence,

$f_1'(x) = -2x$ , with  $x < x^* = 0$

$-2(x), x < 0 \Rightarrow -x > 0$

$\Rightarrow f_1'(x) > 0$  for all  $x < 0$

The derivative is positive  $\Rightarrow$  Similar analysis shows  $f_1'(x) < 0$  for all  $x > 0$

②  $f_2(x) = -3x^2 + 2x + 1 \rightarrow$  derivative

$\Rightarrow -6x + 2 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 2 = 6x$

$\Rightarrow x^* = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$

Is this a max?

$f_2(\frac{1}{3}) = -3(\frac{1}{3})^2 + \frac{2}{3} + 1 = \frac{4}{3}$

show it!!

③ Constrained optimization!

Extra problem (You should know this!)

No solution by substitution!

(why?)

Using Lagrange multipliers

$\max_{x,y} f(x,y) = 2x + y$  function to be maximized  
s.t.  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  constraint  
control variables

Build the Lagrangian (why? see the Khan Academy article!)

$\mathcal{L}(x,y,\lambda) = 2x + y - \lambda[x^2 + y^2 - 1]$

$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x} = 2 - 2\lambda x \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \Rightarrow 2\lambda x = 2$   
 $\lambda = \frac{1}{x}$

$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y} = 1 - 2\lambda y \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \Rightarrow 2\lambda y = 1$   
 $\lambda = \frac{1}{2y} = \frac{1}{x}$

$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \lambda} = -[x^2 + y^2 - 1] = 1 - x^2 - y^2 \stackrel{!}{=} 0$

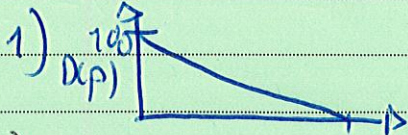
(Answer is  $x = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}, y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$  but try to understand why!)

$x = 2y$   
 $1 - (2y)^2 - y^2 = 0$   
 $1 - 4y^2 - y^2 = 0$   
 $1 - 5y^2 = 0$   
 $y^2 = \frac{1}{5}$   
 $y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{5}} = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$   
 $x = \pm \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$

We have 4 possible combinations! which is the correct?



(P1)



$$D(p) = 100 - 2p \quad p \in [0, 50]$$

(2)  $D(p) = 50$

$$\Rightarrow p^* = 25$$

(3)  $D(p) = 0$

$$p(0) = 50 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0$$

(4) revenue:  $p \cdot D(p)$

$$\text{profit} = \text{revenue} - \text{expenses}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{profit} = \text{revenue}$$

$$\pi(p) = p \cdot D(p)$$

$$\max_p \pi(p) = \max_p p D(p)$$

$$\Rightarrow p^* = 25 \quad \text{why? maximize}$$

(5)  $\pi(p) = p \cdot D(p) - \frac{p^2}{12}$ ,  $p^* = 25$ , what happens to profits?

$$u(c, l) = \alpha \ln(c) + \beta \ln(l)$$

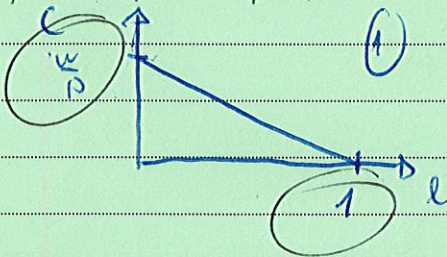
(P2)

B.C.  $p \cdot c + w \cdot l = w$   $\Rightarrow p \cdot c + w \cdot l = w$

Suppose equality, why?

$$p \cdot c + w \cdot l = w$$

$$\Rightarrow l(c) = 1 - \frac{p}{w} c$$



(2)  $u(c, l) = \alpha \ln(c) + \beta \ln(l)$

$$\max_{c, l} u(c, l) \text{ s.t. } p \cdot c + w \cdot l = w$$

(3) By substitution  $\max u(c, l(c)) = \max \alpha \ln(c) + \beta \ln(l(c))$

$$\frac{\alpha}{c} + \beta \frac{l'(c)}{l(c)} = \frac{\alpha}{c} + \beta \frac{(-\frac{p}{w})}{1 - \frac{p}{w} c} = \frac{\alpha}{c} + \beta \frac{1}{1 - \frac{p}{w} c} - \frac{p}{w} = 0$$

$$\frac{\alpha}{c} + \frac{\beta p}{w - pc} = 0 \quad \text{solve for } c \quad c^* = \frac{w}{p} \left( \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} \right)$$

$$l(c^*) = \frac{\beta}{\beta + \alpha}$$

By Lagrange  $L = \alpha \ln(c) + \beta \ln(l) - \lambda(w - pc - wl)$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial c} = \frac{\alpha}{c} - \lambda p = 0$$

yields the same answer! Do it!