

附录 2.成本最小问题(Cost Minimization Problem,CMP)

给定生产函数 $q = F(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

$$\min_{x_1, \dots, x_n} w_1 x_1 + \dots + w_n x_n$$

$$s.t F(x_1, \dots, x_n) \geq q$$

利用拉格朗日求解:

$$\mathcal{L} = w_1 x_1 + \dots + w_n x_n + \lambda[F(x_1, \dots, x_n) - q]$$

$$F.O.Cs \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_j} = w_j + \lambda \frac{\partial F(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{\partial x_j} = 0, j=1, \dots, n$$

$$\text{由此可得对于} \forall i, j, \frac{w_i}{w_j} = \frac{\frac{\partial F(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{\partial x_i}}{\frac{\partial F(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{\partial x_j}}$$

例 1: 常替代弹性(the constant elasticity of substitution ,CES)生产函数

$$q = (a_0 + \sum_{j=1}^n a_j x_j^\rho)^{\frac{1}{\rho}}$$

$$\text{由上述推导, 可得} \forall i, j, \frac{w_i}{w_j} = \frac{a_i x_i^{\rho-1}}{a_j x_j^{\rho-1}}$$

$$\text{因此对于} \forall j \neq i, \text{可得} x_j = \left(\frac{w_j a_i}{w_i a_j} \right)^{\frac{1}{\rho-1}} x_i$$

代入 $q = (a_0 + \sum_{j=1}^n a_j x_j^\rho)^{\frac{1}{\rho}}$ 中, 可得

$$q = [a_0 + \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \left(\frac{w_j a_i}{w_i a_j} \right)^{\frac{\rho}{\rho-1}} x_i^\rho]^{\frac{1}{\rho}} \Rightarrow x_i = \left[\frac{q^\rho - a_0}{\sum_{j=1}^n a_j \left(\frac{w_j a_i}{w_i a_j} \right)^{\frac{\rho}{\rho-1}}} \right]^{\frac{1}{\rho}}$$

$$\text{成本函数为 } C(q) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \left[\frac{q^\rho - a_0}{\sum_{j=1}^n a_j \left(\frac{w_j a_i}{w_i a_j} \right)^{\frac{\rho}{\rho-1}}} \right]^{\frac{1}{\rho}}$$

例 2:Cobb-Douglas 生产函数

$$q = K^\alpha L^\beta$$

要素价格分别为 r, w

$$\frac{r}{w} = \frac{\alpha K^{\alpha-1} L^\beta}{\beta K^\alpha L^{\beta-1}} = \frac{\alpha L}{\beta K} \Rightarrow L = \frac{r}{w} \frac{\beta}{\alpha} K$$

$$\text{代入 } q = K^\alpha L^\beta \text{ 中, 可得 } K^\alpha \left(\frac{w_1}{w_2} \frac{\beta}{\alpha} K \right)^\beta = q \Rightarrow K = q^{\frac{1}{\alpha+\beta}} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} \right)^{\frac{\beta}{\alpha+\beta}} \left(\frac{w}{r} \right)^{\frac{\beta}{\alpha+\beta}}$$

$$\text{进而可得 } L = \frac{r}{w} \frac{\beta}{\alpha} q^{\frac{1}{\alpha+\beta}} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} \right)^{\frac{\beta}{\alpha+\beta}} \left(\frac{w}{r} \right)^{\frac{\beta}{\alpha+\beta}} = q^{\frac{1}{\alpha+\beta}} \left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha} \right)^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}} \left(\frac{r}{w} \right)^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}}$$

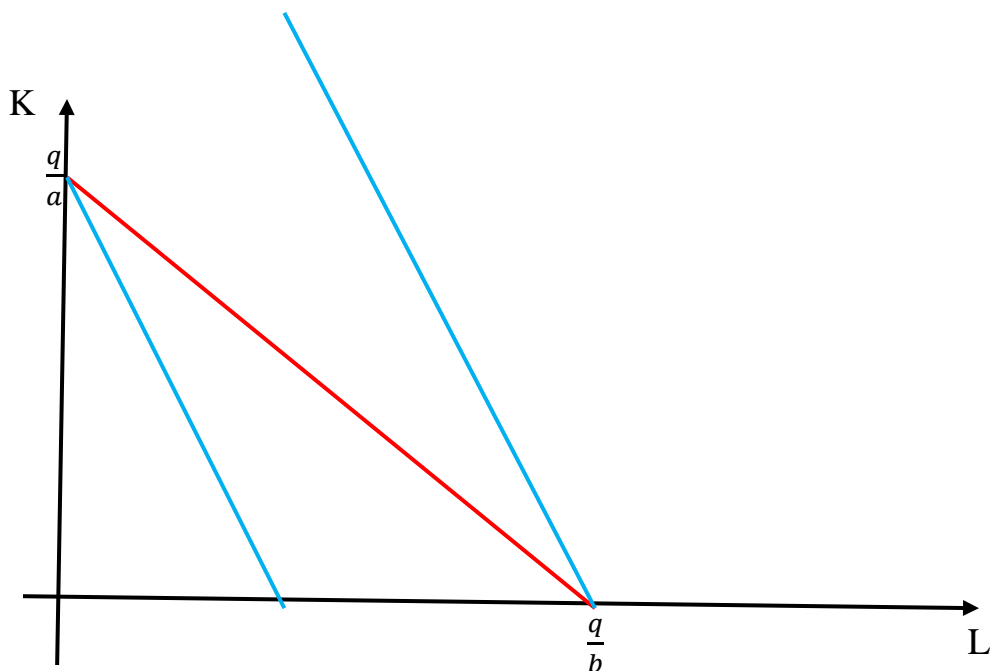
$$\begin{aligned} C(q) &= r q^{\frac{1}{\alpha+\beta}} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} \right)^{\frac{\beta}{\alpha+\beta}} \left(\frac{w}{r} \right)^{\frac{\beta}{\alpha+\beta}} + r q^{\frac{1}{\alpha+\beta}} \left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha} \right)^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}} \left(\frac{r}{w} \right)^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}} \\ &= q^{\frac{1}{\alpha+\beta}} r^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}} w^{\frac{\beta}{\alpha+\beta}} \left[\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} \right)^{\frac{\beta}{\alpha+\beta}} + \left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha} \right)^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

不能使用拉格朗日方法求解的问题:

1.完全替代的生产函数

$$F(K, L) = aK + bL$$

$$\text{若 } \frac{w}{r} > \frac{b}{a}$$



是成本最小的要素组合为 $K^* = \frac{q}{a}, L^* = 0$, 成本函数为 $C(q) = r \frac{q}{a}$

解释: $\frac{w}{b} > \frac{r}{a}$, 生产 1 单位产出只使用劳动力的成本 > 生产 1 单位产出只使用资本的成本。

同理, $\frac{w}{b} < \frac{r}{a}, K^* = 0, L^* = \frac{q}{b}$, 成本函数为 $C(q) = w \frac{q}{b}$

因此成本函数为 $C(q) = \min \left\{ \frac{w}{b}, \frac{r}{a} \right\} q$

2. 完全互补生产函数

$$F(K, L) = \min \{aK, bL\}$$

为了生产 q 单位, 所选取的最优要素组合满足 $aK^* = bL^* = q$

成本函数为 $C(q) = r \frac{q}{a} + w \frac{q}{b} = \left(\frac{w}{b} + \frac{r}{a} \right) q$

解释: 为什么要花钱在不会带来产出的要素投入上?

短期成本函数与长期成本函数:

例 1. 给定生产函数 $q = F(K, L) = K^\alpha L^\beta$, 短期内资本数量固定为 $K = K_0$

则短期内成本最小化问题如下:

$$\min_{L \geq 0} wL + rK_0$$

$$s. t \ K_0^\alpha L^\beta \geq q$$

因此可得最优选择为 $L_S^* = \frac{q^{\frac{1}{\beta}}}{K_0^{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}}}$, 短期成本函数为 $C_S(q) = rK_0 + w \frac{q^{\frac{1}{\beta}}}{K_0^{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}}} = rK_0 +$

$$Bq^{\frac{1}{\beta}}$$

长期成本函数:

$$\begin{aligned} C_L(q) &= r q^{\frac{1}{\alpha+\beta}} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^{\frac{\beta}{\alpha+\beta}} \left(\frac{w}{r}\right)^{\frac{\beta}{\alpha+\beta}} + r q^{\frac{1}{\alpha+\beta}} \left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}} \left(\frac{r}{w}\right)^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}} \\ &= q^{\frac{1}{\alpha+\beta}} r^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}} w^{\frac{\beta}{\alpha+\beta}} \left[\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^{\frac{\beta}{\alpha+\beta}} + \left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}} \right] = A q^{\frac{1}{\alpha+\beta}} \end{aligned}$$

$$C_L(q) - C_S(q) = A q^{\frac{1}{\alpha+\beta}} - rK_0 - B q^{\frac{1}{\beta}}$$

$$C'_L(q) - C'_S(q) = q^{\frac{1}{\alpha+\beta}-1} \left(A \frac{1}{\alpha+\beta} - \frac{B}{\beta} q^{\frac{1}{\beta}-\frac{1}{\alpha+\beta}} \right)$$

当 $A \frac{1}{\alpha+\beta} - \frac{B}{\beta} q^{\frac{1}{\beta}-\frac{1}{\alpha+\beta}} = 0$ 时, 可知 $C_L(q) - C_S(q)$ 取最大值 0, 因此 $C_L(q) - C_S(q) \leq 0$.

思考: 给定生产函数 $q = F(K, L, M) = K^\alpha L^\beta M^\gamma$, 短期内资本数量固定为 $K = K_0$, 求解长期成本函数和短期成本函数。

