

1. The utility function is $u(x_1, x_2) = x_1 x_2$

(a) Using the definition of indirect utility and duality:

$$\begin{aligned} v(p_1, p_2, m) &= \frac{m^2}{4p_1 p_2} \\ v(p_1, p_2, e(p_1, p_2, u)) &= u \\ e(p_1, p_2, u)^2 &= 4p_1 p_2 u \\ e(p_1, p_2, u) &= \sqrt{4p_1 p_2 u} \end{aligned}$$

(b) CV and EV:

i. Mr Watt's would take a £50 pay cut to achieve the same utility as he currently has.

$$e(p_1, v(p_0, m_0)) - m_0 = \sqrt{4 * \frac{1}{4} * 1 * \frac{100^2}{4 * 1 * 1}} - 100 = -50$$

ii. A £100 increase pay would be required to achieve the same level of utility as in the new town.

$$m_1 - e(p_0, v(p_1, m_1)) = 100 - \sqrt{4 * 1 * 1 * \frac{100^2}{4 * \frac{1}{4} * 1}} = -100$$

(c) The consumer surplus will be between -50 and -100.

2. (a) Hotelling's Lemma says that if y^*, x^* are the solution to the PMP for a firm then we have that:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \pi}{\partial p} &= y^*(p, \mathbf{w}) \\ \frac{\partial \pi}{\partial w_i} &= -x_i^*(p, \mathbf{w}) \end{aligned}$$

To see this is true, consider the PMP:

$$\max_{y, x} py(p) - \mathbf{w}\mathbf{x}$$

and apply Shepard's Lemma to the optimal value function $\pi(p, \mathbf{w})$.

(b) If w_i increases, then we can see that profit must decrease, as $x_i > 0$.

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} \max_L pL^{\frac{1}{2}} - wL \\ \frac{1}{2}pL^{-\frac{1}{2}} - w &= 0 \\ L &= \left(\frac{p}{2w}\right)^2 \\ \pi &= \frac{p^2}{2w} - \frac{p^2}{4w} \\ \frac{\partial \pi}{\partial w} &= -\frac{p^2}{2w^2} + \frac{p^2}{4w^2} = -\frac{p^2}{4w^2} = -L \end{aligned}$$

3. (a)

$$40p - 2pz - w = 0$$

The second derivative is -2 , therefore this solution is profit maximising.

- (b) i. If $z^* = 0$, then $w = 40p$.
 ii. If $z^* = 20$, then $w = 0$ and $p \neq 0$.
 (c) The input demand function is $z^* = \frac{40p-w}{2p} = 20 - \frac{w}{2p}$. The output supply function is:

$$\begin{aligned} y^* &= 40z^* - z^{*2} \\ &= 40\left(20 - \frac{w}{2p}\right) - \left(20 - \frac{w}{2p}\right)^2 \\ &= 800 - \frac{20w}{p} - 400 + \frac{20w}{p} - \frac{w^2}{4p^2} \\ &= 400 - \frac{w^2}{4p^2} \\ \pi &= py(p) - wz \\ \pi &= 400p - \frac{w^2}{4p} - 20w + \frac{w^2}{2p} \end{aligned}$$

(d) Hotelling's Lemma:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \pi}{\partial w} &= -\left(20 - \frac{w}{2p}\right) \\ &= -z^*(p, w) \end{aligned}$$