

$$\begin{aligned}
 U &= l^\alpha c^\beta & \frac{\partial U}{\partial l} &= \alpha l^{(\alpha-1)} c^\beta = MU_l & \rightarrow \frac{MU_l}{MU_c} &= \frac{\alpha c}{\beta l} \\
 pc &= wh + V & \frac{\partial U}{\partial c} &= \beta l^\alpha c^{(\beta-1)} = MU_c \\
 T &= h + l
 \end{aligned}$$

$\alpha$  elasticity of utility w.r.t leisure;

$\beta$  elasticity of utility w.r.t consumption;

**RW is the value of the slope of IC at the endowment point**

$$\rightarrow RW = \left. \frac{MU_l}{MU_c} \right|_{l=T, c=\frac{V}{p}} = \frac{\alpha c}{\beta l} \Big|_{l=T, c=\frac{V}{p}} = \frac{\alpha V}{\beta p T}$$

$$\ln(RW) = \ln \alpha + \ln V - \ln \beta - \ln p - \ln T$$

$$\frac{\partial RW}{\partial \alpha} > 0; \frac{\partial RW}{\partial \beta} < 0; \frac{\partial RW}{\partial T} < 0; \frac{\partial RW}{\partial V} > 0; \frac{\partial RW}{\partial p} < 0$$

**Decision Function/Participation Condition**

*If  $RW < w$  then work i.e.  $h^* > 0$*

$$\frac{\alpha V}{\beta p T} < w \rightarrow V < \frac{w \beta p T}{\alpha}$$

## Comparative Static # of Kids: $n$

$$\rightarrow RW = \frac{\alpha(n)V(n)}{\beta(n)pT(n)}$$

$$\frac{\partial RW}{\partial n} = ?$$

**Before Kid (s)**

*If  $RW = w$  then indifferent to work versus no work*

**After Kid (s)**

*$RW > w$ ? OR  $RW < w$*

$$T = h + l$$

$$pc = wh + V$$

$$U = l^\alpha c^\beta$$

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$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial c} = \beta l^\alpha c^{(\beta-1)} = MU_c$$

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$$\frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial \lambda} = 0 \Rightarrow w(T - l^*) + V - pc^* = 0 \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

$l^*$  will give Leisure Demand Function. Using 3 and 4

$$\left. \begin{aligned} pc^* &= w(T - l^*) + V \\ c^* &= \frac{\beta w}{\alpha p} l^* \end{aligned} \right\} p \frac{\beta w}{\alpha p} l^* = w(T - l^*) + V = wT + V - wl^*$$

$$l^* = \frac{(wT + V)}{w \left(1 + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right)} = \frac{T}{\left(1 + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right)} + \frac{V}{w \left(1 + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right)}$$

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$$c^* = \frac{\beta w}{\alpha p} \left[ \left( \frac{T}{1 + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}} \right) + \frac{V}{w\left(1 + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right)} \right]$$

$$U^* = l^{*\alpha} c^{*\beta}$$

$h^* = T - l^*$  will give Labor Supply Function.

$$h^* = T - l^* = T - \frac{(wT + V)}{w\left(1 + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right)} = T - \frac{T}{\left(1 + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right)} - \frac{V}{w\left(1 + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right)}$$

$$\frac{\partial h^*}{\partial w} = \frac{V}{w^2\left(1 + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right)} > 0$$

$$\varepsilon^s = \frac{w}{h^*} \frac{\partial h^*}{\partial w} = \frac{w}{h^*} \times \frac{V}{w^2\left(1 + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right)} > 0$$

Practice Problems: Find  $l^*$ ,  $h^*$ ,  $U^*$ , Elasticity of Labor supply for the following utility functions

$$1] \quad \underset{\{l,c\}}{Max} \quad U = f(l,c) = l^\alpha + c$$

$$2] \quad \underset{\{l,c\}}{Max} \quad U = f(l - \bar{l}, c - \bar{c}) = (l - \bar{l})^\alpha + (c - \bar{c})$$

$$3] \quad \underset{\{l,c\}}{Max} \quad U = f(l,c) = \alpha l + \beta c$$

$$4] \quad \underset{\{l,c\}}{Max} \quad U = f(l,c) = \text{Min}\{\alpha l, \beta c\}$$

The constraints are the same in each case of utility function

$$s.t. \quad pc = wh + V$$

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$$T = h + l$$

$$pc = wh + V$$

$$U = (l)^\alpha + (c)$$

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial l} = \alpha(l)^{(\alpha-1)} = MU_l$$

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial c} = 1 = MU_c$$

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$c^*$

$$l^* = \left( \frac{w}{p\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}}$$

$$h^* = T - \left( \frac{w}{p\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}}$$

$$\frac{\partial h^*}{\partial w} = - \left( \frac{1}{\alpha-1} \right) w^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}-1} \left( \frac{1}{p\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}} > 0 \text{ if } \alpha < 1$$

$$T = h + l \quad pc = wh + V \quad U = (l - \bar{l})^\alpha + (c - \bar{c}) \quad \frac{\partial U}{\partial l} = \alpha(l - \bar{l})^{(\alpha-1)} = MU_l$$

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$$h^* = T - \left( \frac{w}{p\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}} - \bar{l}$$

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$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial l} = \alpha = MU_l$$

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial c} = \beta = MU_c$$

$$l^* = T \text{ if } w < p$$

$$\rightarrow h^* = 0$$

$$l^* = 0 \text{ if } w > p$$

$$\rightarrow h^* = T$$



$$T = h + l \quad U = f(l, c) = \text{Min}\{\alpha l, \beta c\}$$

$$pc = wh + V$$

$$\lambda l^* = c^*$$

$$\lambda l^* = wh + V = w(T - l^*) + V$$

$$\lambda l^* = -wl^* + (wT + V)$$

$$(\lambda + w)l^* = (wT + V)$$

$$\ln l^* = \ln(wT + V) - \ln(\lambda + w)$$

$$l^* = \frac{(wT + V)}{(\lambda + w)}$$

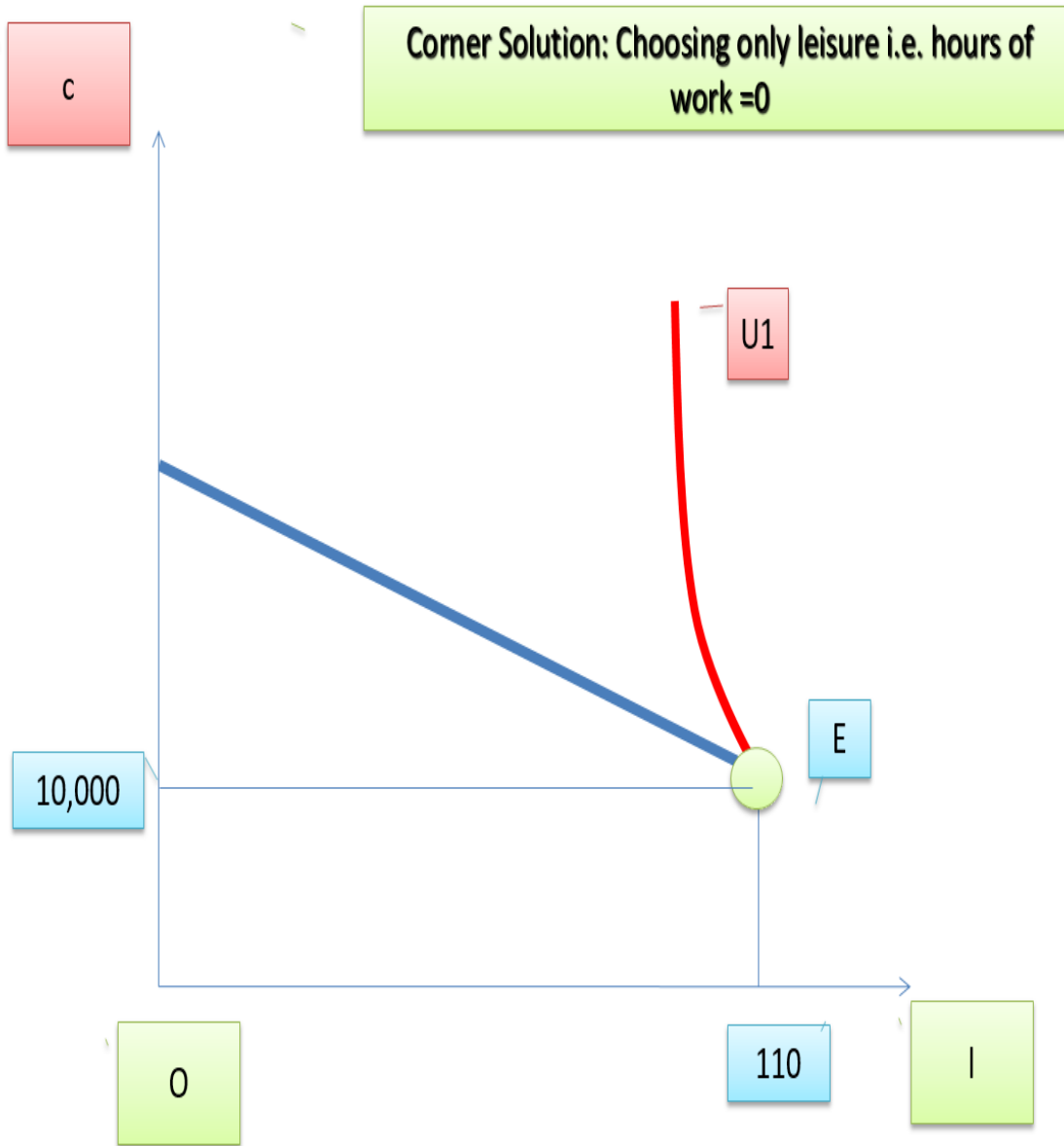
$$h^* = T - \frac{(wT + V)}{(\lambda + w)}$$

$$\frac{1}{l^*} \frac{\partial l^*}{\partial w} = \frac{T}{(wT + V)} - \frac{1}{(\lambda + w)}$$

$$\frac{1}{l^*} \frac{\partial l^*}{\partial w} = \frac{\lambda T + w - wT - V}{(wT + V)(\lambda + w)}$$

$$\frac{\partial l^*}{\partial w} < 0 \rightarrow \frac{\partial h^*}{\partial w} > 0 \text{ if } w > \frac{\lambda T - V}{(T - 1)}$$

# Graphical and Parametric : Corner Solution: Little More Detail



$$w \leq RW$$

**OR**

$$|MRS| > |Real\ Wage|$$

$$Or, \frac{MU_l}{w} > \frac{MU_c}{p}$$

**All Play No Work**

$$l^* = T \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

$$h^* = T - l^* = 0 \dots (4)$$

$$c^* = V \dots \dots \dots (5)$$

$$U^* = (l^*)^\alpha \times (c^*)^\beta$$

$$U^* = T^\alpha V^\beta \dots (6)$$