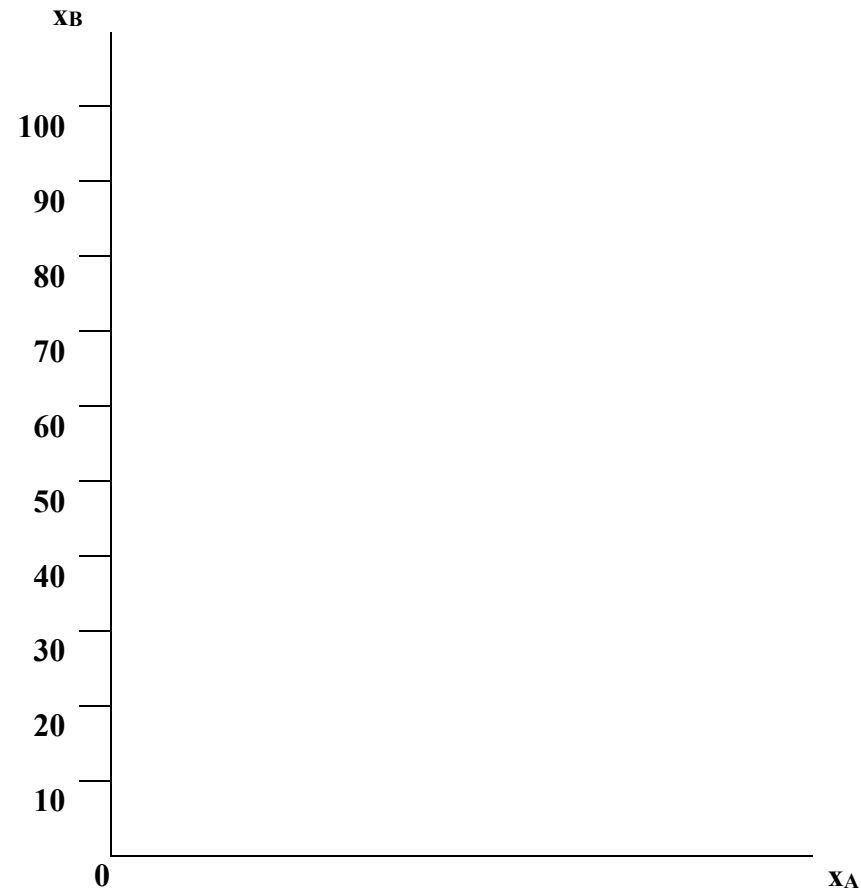
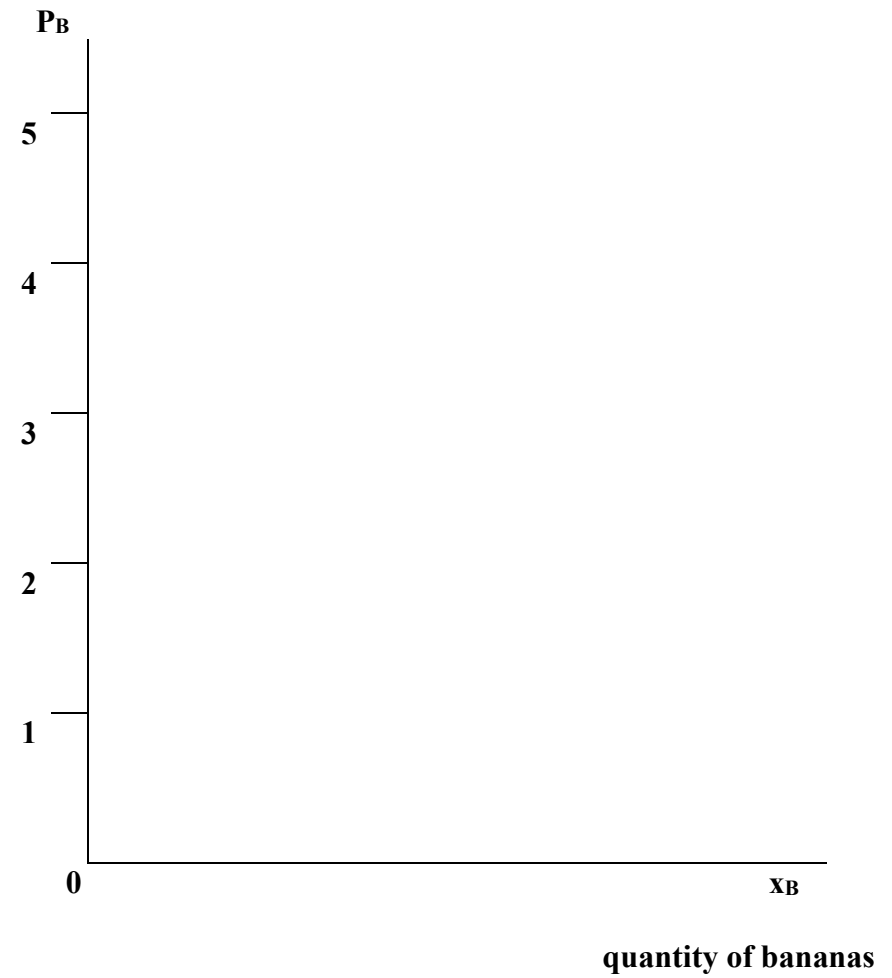


Deriving an Individual's Demand Curve

quantity of bananas



price of bananas



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Use the following information to illustrate the individual's optimal consumption decisions in the two diagrams on the previous page.

This individual has an income of $I = 100$ that he or she can spend on either apples or bananas.

Initially, the prices of the two goods are $p_A = 2$ and $p_B = 1$, respectively.

1. The individual consumes 20 apples in his/her initial consumer optimum.
 - a) How many bananas does the individual consume?
 - b) Draw this consumer optimum in the diagram on the left.
 - c) How do you show this initial situation in the diagram on the right?

2. The price of bananas increases to $p_B = 2$. The individual reduces the consumption of apples. The new consumer optimum is at $x_A = 15$.
 - a) How many bananas does the individual consume?
 - b) Draw the new consumer optimum in the diagram on the left.
 - c) Show the new situation in the diagram on the right.

3. The price of bananas increases further to $p_B = 4$. The individual reduces his/her consumption of bananas to $x_B = 15$.
 - a) How many apples does the individual consume?
 - b) Draw the new consumer optimum in the diagram on the left
 - c) Show the new situation in the diagram on the right.