

3. The table provided shows the marginal utility for Lucy when she consumes Good X and Good Y.

Quantity of Good X	Marginal Utility of Good X (utils)	Quantity of Good Y	Marginal Utility of Good Y (utils)
1	20	1	28
2	16	2	24
3	12	3	16
4	8	4	8
5	4	5	−4
6	−2	6	−8

- A. If Good X and Good Y are free, how many units of each good will maximize Lucy's total utility?
- B. Calculate Lucy's total utility if she consumes 2 units of Good X and 2 units of Good Y. Show your work.
- C. Suppose instead that the price of each unit of Good X is \$2 and the price of each unit of Good Y is \$4. Lucy has a budget of \$20 to spend on the two goods.
- If Lucy purchases 2 units of Good X, what is the maximum quantity of Good Y Lucy can purchase?
 - What is Lucy's optimal combination of Good X and Good Y? Explain your answer using marginal analysis and numbers.
- D. Suppose the price elasticity of demand for Good X is -2.0 , the price elasticity of demand for Good Y is -0.8 , and the cross-price elasticity of demand between Good X and Good Y is $+1.6$. Are goods X and Y complementary goods, substitute goods, normal goods, or inferior goods? Explain.

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Question 3: Short**5 points**

A Point 1	State that Lucy will maximize her total utility by consuming 5 units of Good X and 4 units of Good Y.	1 point
B Point 2	<p>Calculate Lucy's total utility of consuming 2 units of Good X and 2 units of Good Y as 88 utils and show your work.</p> <p>Total Utility from consuming 2 units of Good X = 20 utils + 16 utils = 36 utils</p> <p>Total Utility from consuming 2 units of Good Y = 28 utils + 24 utils = 52 utils</p> <p>Total Utility from consuming 2 units of Good X and 2 units of Good Y = 36 utils + 52 utils = 88 utils</p>	1 point
C Point 3	(i) State that Lucy can purchase a maximum of 4 units of Good Y.	1 point
(ii) Point 4	State that Lucy's optimal consumption is 4 units of Good X and 3 units of Good Y and explain that at this combination, the marginal utility per dollar spent on the last unit of Good X is 4 utils/\$ (= 8 utils/\$2), and the marginal utility per dollar spent on the last unit of Good Y is 4 utils/\$ (= 16 utils/\$4) when Lucy spends her entire budget of \$20 (= \$2 × 4 units of Good X + \$4 × 3 units of Good Y).	1 point
D Point 5	State that goods X and Y are substitute goods and explain that the cross-price elasticity of demand between Good X and Good Y is positive. A positive cross-price elasticity indicates that an increase (a decrease) in the price of Good X will increase (decrease) the demand; therefore, the quantity demanded of a substitute good, Good Y.	1 point