

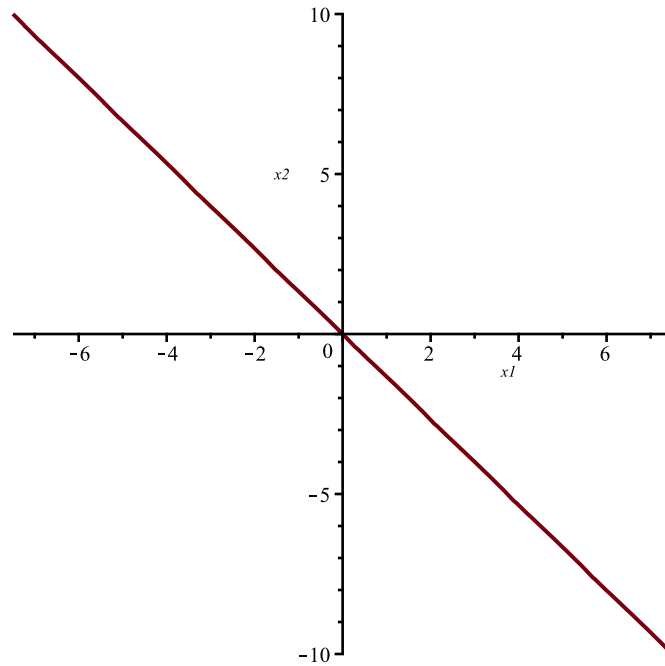
Sec II Q 2:

restart;

$$y := 100 - 100 \cdot (4^{-4} \cdot x1) \cdot (8^{(-2 \cdot x2)});$$

$$y := 100 - 100 \cdot 4^{-4x1} \cdot 8^{-2x2}$$

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2.a:

$$APP1 := \text{simplify}\left(\frac{y}{x1}\right); \text{\#Average physical productivity of } x1.$$

$$APP1 := \frac{100 - 100 \cdot 2^{-8x1 - 6x2}}{x1}$$

(2)

$$APP2 := \text{simplify}\left(\frac{y}{x2}\right); \text{\#Average physical productivity of } x2.$$

$$APP2 := \frac{100 - 100 \cdot 2^{-8x1 - 6x2}}{x2}$$

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2. b:

$$f1 := \text{diff}(y, x1); \text{\#Marginal Physical productivity of } x1$$

$$f1 := 800 \cdot 4^{-4x1} \cdot \ln(2) \cdot 8^{-2x2}$$

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$$f2 := (\text{diff}(y, x2)); \text{\#Marginal Physical productivity of } x2$$

$$f2 := 600 \cdot 4^{-4x1} \cdot \ln(2) \cdot 8^{-2x2}$$

(5)

$$f12 := \text{diff}(f1, x2); \text{\#factor Interdependence is negative.}$$

$$f12 := -4800 \cdot 4^{-4x1} \cdot \ln(2)^2 \cdot 8^{-2x2}$$

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#2.c: Diminishing marginal returns:

$$f11 := \text{diff}(f1, x1); f22 := \text{diff}(f2, x2); f12 := \text{diff}(f1, x2);$$

$$f11 := -6400 \cdot 4^{-4x1} \cdot \ln(2)^2 \cdot 8^{-2x2}$$

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$$f22 := -3600 \cdot 4^{-4x1} \cdot \ln(2)^2 \cdot 8^{-2x2}$$

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$$f12 := -4800 \cdot 4^{-4x1} \cdot \ln(2)^2 \cdot 8^{-2x2}$$

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$$SOC := \text{simplify}(f2 \cdot f2 \cdot f11 - 2 \cdot f1 \cdot f2 \cdot f12 + f1 \cdot f1 \cdot f22);$$

$$SOC := 0 \quad (8)$$

Since f_{11}, f_{22}, f_{12} are negative and also Second Order Condition is Zero, the function exhibit diminishing marginal returns. SOC should be zero or negative for diminishing marginal returns.

2. d:

$$Factor_Elasticity_x1 := simplify\left(\frac{f1}{APP1}\right); \# \frac{MPP1}{APP1} = E1$$

$$Factor_Elasticity_x1 := - \frac{8 \cdot 2^{-8x1 - 6x2} \ln(2) x1}{-1 + 2^{-8x1 - 6x2}} \quad (9)$$

$$Factor_Elasticity_x2 := simplify\left(\frac{f2}{APP2}\right); \# \frac{MPP2}{APP2} = E2$$

$$Factor_Elasticity_x2 := - \frac{6 \cdot 2^{-8x1 - 6x2} \ln(2) x2}{-1 + 2^{-8x1 - 6x2}} \quad (10)$$

2. e:

$$Functional_Coefficient := simplify(Factor_Elasticity_x1 + Factor_Elasticity_x2); \# = E1 + E2$$

$$Functional_Coefficient := \frac{(-8x1 - 6x2) \ln(2) 2^{-8x1 - 6x2}}{-1 + 2^{-8x1 - 6x2}} \quad (11)$$