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1 Terms

- ω : Worker
- n : Location where the worker lives and consumes
- i : Location where the worker works
- $C_{n\omega}$: Final good consumption

$$C_n = \left[\sum_{i \in N} \int_0^{M_i} c_{ni}(j)^\rho dj \right]^{\frac{1}{\rho}}, \quad \sigma = \frac{1}{1-\rho} > 1 \quad (1)$$

- σ : The elasticity of substitution between different varieties of goods
- $c_{ni}(j)$: Consumption in location n of each variety, j , sourced from location i
- $H_{n\omega}$: Residential land use
- $b_{ni\omega}$: Idiosyncratic amenities shock
 - This term “captures the idea that individual workers can have idiosyncratic reasons for living and working in different locations.”
 - Drawn from an independent Fréchet distribution

$$G_{ni}(b) = e^{-B_{ni}b^{-\epsilon}}, \quad B_{ni} > 0, \epsilon > 1$$

- * B_{ni} : This is the “scale parameter,” which “determines the average amenities from living in location n and working in location i .”

* ϵ : This is the “shape parameter,” which “controls the dispersion of amenities.”

- κ_{ni} : Iceberg commuting cost

- $\kappa_{ni} \in [1, \infty)$

- $U_{ni\omega}$: Utility

$$U_{ni\omega} = \frac{b_{ni\omega}}{\kappa_{ni}} \left(\frac{C_{n\omega}}{\alpha} \right)^\alpha \left(\frac{H_{n\omega}}{1-\alpha} \right)^{1-\alpha}$$

- α : The share of income spent on goods consumption

- $(1-\alpha)$: The share of income spent on housing

- X_n : Aggregate expenditure in location n
- P_n : The price index dual to (1)
- $p_{ni}(j)$: The “cost inclusive of freight’ price of a variety j produced in location i and consumed in location n ”
- \bar{v}_n : The average labor income of residents across employment locations
- R_n : The measure of residents in location n
- Q_n : Land price in location n
- H_n : The supply of land in location n
- $x_i(j)$: The number of variety j produced in location i
- F : The fixed cost of producing a variety j
- $l_i(j)$: The labor input required to produce an amount of variety j , $x_i(j)$, in location i
- d_{ni} : The trade cost of shipping from location i to location n
- M_i : The measure of varieties produced in location i
- L_i : The measure of workers in location i

2 The Model

2.1 Preferences and Endowments

2.1.1 Preferences

The preferences of a worker who lives in location n and works in location i is given by the following utility function of the Cobb-Douglas form:

$$U_{ni\omega} = \frac{b_{ni\omega}}{\kappa_{ni}} \left(\frac{C_{n\omega}}{\alpha} \right)^\alpha \left(\frac{H_{n\omega}}{1-\alpha} \right)^{1-\alpha}$$

Idiosyncratic amenities are drawn from an independent Fréchet distribution:

$$G_{ni}(b) = e^{-B_{ni}b^{-\epsilon}}, \quad B_{ni} > 0, \epsilon > 1$$

2.1.2 Good Consumption Index

The good consumption index is given the form:

$$C_n = \left[\sum_{i \in N} \int_0^{M_i} c_{ni}(j)^\rho dj \right]^{\frac{1}{\rho}}, \quad \sigma = \frac{1}{1-\rho} > 1$$

“The goods consumption index in location n is a constant elasticity of substitution (CES) function of consumption of a continuum of tradable varieties sourced from each location i .”

Utility maximization will give that “the equilibrium consumption in location n of each variety sourced from location i is given by”:

$$c_{ni}(j) = \alpha X_n P_n^{\sigma-1} p_{ni}(j)^{-\sigma} \quad (2)$$

See subsection 5.1 for derivation.

2.1.3 Land and Local Consumption

“We assume that this land is owned by immobile landlords, who receive worker expenditure on residential land as income, and consume only goods where they live.”

From there, we get the expression

$$P_n C_n = \alpha \bar{v}_n R_n + (1 - \alpha) \bar{v}_n R_n = \bar{v}_n R_n$$

which says that the total expenditure on goods in location n , $P_n C_n$ is equal to the total labor income of residents in location n , $\bar{v}_n R_n$.

Questions

Should I be saying “total labor income” or just “total income” for $\bar{v}_n R_n$?

The middle term can be read as residents total spending on goods in n , $\alpha \bar{v}_n R_n$, plus residents total spending on land in n , $(1 - \alpha) \bar{v}_n R_n$.

We can also get the following expression:

$$Q_n = (1 - \alpha) \frac{\bar{v}_n R_n}{H_n}$$

which says that the land price in location n , Q_n , is equal to the total spending on land in n divided by the supply of land in n .

This follows from the land market clearing condition:

$$\underbrace{Q_n \times H_n}_{\text{price} \times \text{quantity of land}} = \underbrace{(1 - \alpha)\bar{v}_n R_n}_{\text{total rent paid by residents}}$$

and is useful, because it allows us to express rent as a function of the supply of land.

Questions

Why do we only say that it's a function of the supply of land? It seems to be a function of several things, no?

3 Production

3.1 Labor Requirement for Production

Firms produce tradable varieties under monopolistic competition and increasing returns to scale using labor as the lone input.

To produce a variety, firms incur a fixed cost, F , as well as a variable cost that is determined by the inverse of local productivity, A_i : $x_i(j)/A_i$.

Thus, the total amount of labor, $l_i(j)$, required to produce $x_i(j)$ units of variety j in location i is given by:

$$l_i(j) = F + \frac{x_i(j)}{A_i} \quad (3)$$

3.2 Price: Constant Markup over Marginal Cost

Profit maximization gives us that the equilibrium prices are a constant markup over marginal cost:

$$p_{ni}(j) = \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sigma - 1} \right) \frac{d_{ni}w_i}{A_i} \quad (4)$$

The derivation is given in subsection 5.2.

Notice also that $p_{ni}(j)$ is the same for all varieties produced in location i , i.e., there is no j on the RHS.

3.3 Equilibrium Output of j in i

If we then additionally note zero profits, we get an expression for equilibrium output of each variety in each location:

$$x_i(j) = A_i F(\sigma - 1) \quad (5)$$

The derivation is given in subsection 5.3.

3.4 Measure of Produced Varieties

(5) combined with labor market clearing gives us that the total measure of produced varieties in region i , M_i , is proportional to the measure of employed workers, L_i :

$$M_i = \frac{L_i}{\sigma F} \quad (6)$$

The derivation is given in subsection 5.4.

4 Goods Trade

4.1 Share of n 's Expenditure on i 's Goods

“The model implies a gravity equation for bilateral trade between locations.”

“Using the CES expenditure function, the equilibrium pricing rule, and the measure of firms, the share of location n 's expenditure on good's produced in location i is:”

$$\pi_{ni} = \frac{M_i p_{ni}^{1-\sigma}}{\sum_{k \in N} M_k p_{nk}^{1-\sigma}} = \frac{L_i (d_{ni} w_i / A_i)^{1-\sigma}}{\sum_{k \in N} L_k (d_{nk} w_k / A_k)^{1-\sigma}} \quad (7)$$

The derivation is given in subsection 5.5.

Notice that trade between locations n and i depends on both their own trade costs, d_{ni} , as well as the trade costs between n and all other locations.

4.2 Workplace Income

“Equating revenue and expenditure, and using zero profits, workplace income in each location equals total expenditure on goods produced in that location, namely,”

$$w_i L_i = \sum_{n \in N} \pi_{ni} \bar{v}_n R_n \quad (8)$$

The derivation is given in subsection 5.6.

4.3 Price Index Re-Expression

Then, using the equilibrium pricing rule and labor market clearing, we can re-express the price index dual to the consumption index as:

$$\begin{aligned} P_n &= \frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sigma F} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} \left[\sum_{i \in N} L_i (d_{ni} w_i / A_i)^{1-\sigma} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} \\ &= \frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1} \left(\frac{L_n}{\sigma F \pi_{nn}} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} \frac{d_{nn} w_n}{A_n} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

The derivation is given in subsection 5.7.

5 Derivations

5.1 Derivation of $c_{ni}(j)$ Expression

5.1.1 Write the Problem

This is the derivation of (2).

When making consumption decisions surrounding $c_{ni}(j)$, an individual is solving the following problem:

$$\begin{aligned} &\max_{\{c_{ni}(j)\}} C_n \\ \text{s.t. } &\sum_i \int_0^{M_i} p_{ni}(j) c_{ni}(j) dj = \alpha X_n \end{aligned}$$

or expanded out:

$$\begin{aligned} &\max_{\{c_{ni}(j)\}} \left[\sum_{i \in N} \int_0^{M_i} c_{ni}(j)^\rho dj \right]^{\frac{1}{\rho}} \\ \text{s.t. } &\sum_i \int_0^{M_i} p_{ni}(j) c_{ni}(j) dj = \alpha X_n \end{aligned}$$

where the αX_n term comes from the fact that people spend α of their total expenditures, X_n , on goods.

5.1.2 Lagrangian and FOCs

The Lagrangian for this problem is then:

$$\mathcal{L} = \left[\sum_{i \in N} \int_0^{M_i} c_{ni}(j)^\rho dj \right]^{\frac{1}{\rho}} + \lambda \left(\alpha X_n - \sum_i \int_0^{M_i} p_{ni}(j) c_{ni}(j) dj \right)$$

which gives the relevant FOC:

$$\begin{aligned} \{c_{ni}(j)\} \quad & \frac{\partial}{\partial c_{ni}(j)} \left[\left(\sum_{i \in N} \int_0^{M_i} c_{ni}(j)^\rho dj \right)^{\frac{1}{\rho}} \right] - \lambda p_{ni}(j) = 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow & \frac{1}{\rho} \left[\sum_{i \in N} \int_0^{M_i} \rho c_{ni}(j)^{\rho-1} dj \right]^{\frac{1}{\rho}-1} c_{ni}(j)^{\rho-1} - \lambda p_{ni}(j) = 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow & C_n^{1-\rho} c_{ni}(j)^{\rho-1} = \lambda p_{ni}(j) \\ \Leftrightarrow & c_{ni}(j) = \lambda^{\frac{1}{\rho-1}} p_{ni}(j)^{\frac{1}{\rho-1}} C_n \\ \Leftrightarrow & c_{ni}(j) = \lambda^{-\sigma} p_{ni}(j)^{-\sigma} C_n \end{aligned} \quad \text{since } \sigma = \frac{1}{1-\rho} \quad (10)$$

5.1.3 Solve for λ

From there, we can define the dual price index

$$P_n \equiv \left(\sum_{i \in N} \int_0^{M_i} p_{ni}(j)^{1-\sigma} dj \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} \quad (11)$$

and revisit to our budget constraint:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha X_n &= \sum_i \int_0^{M_i} p_{ni}(j) c_{ni}(j) dj \\ &= \sum_i \int_0^{M_i} p_{ni}(j) \lambda^{-\sigma} p_{ni}(j)^{-\sigma} C_n dj \quad \text{by (10)} \\ &= \lambda^{-\sigma} C_n \sum_i \int_0^{M_i} p_{ni}(j)^{1-\sigma} dj \\ &= \lambda^{-\sigma} C_n P_n^{1-\sigma} \\ \Rightarrow \lambda^{-\sigma} &= \frac{\alpha X_n}{C_n} P_n^{\sigma-1} \end{aligned}$$

5.1.4 Plug in λ

Then, returning to (10), we can plug in our expression for $\lambda^{-\sigma}$:

$$\begin{aligned} c_{ni}(j) &= \lambda^{-\sigma} p_{ni}(j)^{-\sigma} C_n \\ &= \left(\frac{\alpha X_n}{C_n} P_n^{\sigma-1} \right) p_{ni}(j)^{-\sigma} C_n \\ &= \alpha X_n P_n^{\sigma-1} p_{ni}(j)^{-\sigma} \end{aligned}$$

which is what we wanted.

5.2 Derivation of $p_{ni}(j)$ Expression

This is the derivation of (4).

5.2.1 Marginal Cost

We will get the expression for $p_{ni}(j)$ by equating marginal cost and marginal revenue.

First, notice that since

$$l_i(j) = F + \frac{x_i(j)}{A_i}$$

cost is given by:

$$\underbrace{\text{Cost}(x_i(j))}_{\text{total monetary cost}} = \underbrace{w_i}_{\text{wage}} \left[F + \frac{x_i(j)}{A_i} \right] \quad (12)$$

However, to account for trade costs, we must consider the variable cost of delivering $q_{ni}(j)$ units of variety j to location n from location i :

$$\underbrace{\text{Var Cost}(q_{ni}(j))}_{\text{variable monetary cost}} = \underbrace{w_i}_{\text{wage}} \underbrace{d_{ni}}_{\text{trade costs}} \left[\frac{q_{ni}(j)}{A_i} \right] \quad (13)$$

This is fine for marginal cost, since the fixed cost will disappear when we take the derivative.

Also, notice that we've defined $q_{ni}(j)$ such that:

$$x_i(j) = \sum_{n \in N} d_{ni} q_{ni}(j) \quad (14)$$

where d_{ni} is the multiplier reflecting how many more units of variety j must be made to deliver $q_{ni}(j)$ units of variety j to location n from location i .

Then, marginal cost is given by:

$$\text{MC} = \frac{d}{dq_{ni}(j)} \text{Var Cost}(q_{ni}(j)) = \frac{w_i d_{ni}}{A_i}$$

5.2.2 Marginal Revenue

Under isoelastic (CES) demand, we can write the quantity demanded as

$$q_{ni}(j) = A_i p_{ni}(j)^{-\sigma}$$

Then, revenue is given by:

$$\text{Rev}(p_{ni}(j)) = p_{ni}(j) q_{ni}(j) = A_i p_{ni}(j)^{1-\sigma}$$

Then marginal revenue is given by:

$$\text{MR}_{ni}(j) = \frac{d\text{Rev}(p_{ni}(j))}{dp_{ni}(j)} \frac{dp_{ni}(j)}{dq_{ni}(j)} \quad (15)$$

by the chain rule.

Then notice that

$$\frac{d\text{Rev}(p_{ni}(j))}{dp_{ni}(j)} = A_i(1-\sigma)p_{ni}(j)^{-\sigma} \quad (16)$$

and

$$\frac{dq_{ni}(j)}{dp_{ni}(j)} = -\sigma A_i p_{ni}(j)^{-\sigma-1}$$

Since q and p are inversely related, we can write:

$$\frac{dp_{ni}(j)}{dq_{ni}(j)} = \left(\frac{dq_{ni}(j)}{dp_{ni}(j)} \right)^{-1} = -\frac{1}{\sigma A_i p_{ni}(j)^{\sigma+1}} \quad (17)$$

Then, plugging (16) and (17) into (15), we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
MR_{ni}(j) &= \frac{d\text{Rev}(p_{ni}(j))}{dp_{ni}(j)} \frac{dp_{ni}(j)}{dq_{ni}(j)} \\
&= A_i(1 - \sigma)p_{ni}(j)^{-\sigma} \left(-\frac{1}{\sigma A_i p_{ni}(j)^{\sigma+1}} \right) \\
&= \left(\frac{\sigma - 1}{\sigma} \right) p_{ni}(j)
\end{aligned}$$

5.2.3 Equating MR and MC

Then, equating marginal revenue and marginal cost, we get the desired expression:

$$\begin{aligned}
MR_{ni}(j) &= MC \\
\Rightarrow \left(\frac{\sigma - 1}{\sigma} \right) p_{ni}(j) &= \frac{d_{ni}w_i}{A_i} \\
\Rightarrow p_{ni}(j) &= \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sigma - 1} \right) \frac{d_{ni}w_i}{A_i}
\end{aligned}$$

5.3 Derivation of $x_i(j)$ Expression

This is the derivation of (5).

Zero profit implies that revenue minus variable cost equals fixed cost, which leads to the desired equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\text{Revenue} - \text{Variable Cost} = \text{Fixed Cost} \\
\Rightarrow \sum_n \left[p_{ni}(j)q_{ni}(j) - w_id_{ni} \left(\frac{q_{ni}(j)}{A_i} \right) \right] &= w_iF && \text{By (12) and (13)} \\
\Rightarrow \sum_n \left[\frac{\sigma}{\sigma - 1} \frac{d_{ni}w_i}{A_i} q_{ni}(j) - w_id_{ni} \left(\frac{q_{ni}(j)}{A_i} \right) \right] &= w_iF && \text{By (4)} \\
\Rightarrow \sum_n \left[\frac{1}{\sigma - 1} \frac{d_{ni}}{A_i} q_{ni}(j) \right] &= F \\
\Rightarrow \sum_n d_{ni}q_{ni}(j) &= A_iF(\sigma - 1) \\
\Rightarrow x_i(j) &= A_iF(\sigma - 1) && \text{By (14)}
\end{aligned}$$

5.4 Derivation of M_i Expression

This is a derivation of (6).

$$\begin{aligned}
L_i &= \int_0^{M_i} l_i(j) dj && \text{Labor market clearing} \\
&= \int_0^{M_i} \left[F + \frac{x_i(j)}{A_i} \right] dj && \text{By (3)} \\
&= \int_0^{M_i} F + \frac{A_i F(\sigma - 1)}{A_i} dj && \text{By (5)} \\
&= \int_0^{M_i} \sigma F dj \\
&= \sigma F M_i
\end{aligned}$$

By re-arranging, we get the desired expression:

$$M_i = \frac{L_i}{\sigma F}$$

5.5 Derivation of π_{ni} Expression

This is a derivation of (7).

First, because it will be useful momentarily, note:

$$\begin{aligned}
P_n &= \left[\sum_{k \in N} \int_0^{M_k} p_{nk}(j)^{1-\sigma} dj \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} \\
\Rightarrow P_n^{1-\sigma} &= \sum_{k \in N} \int_0^{M_k} p_{nk}(j)^{1-\sigma} dj \\
\Rightarrow P_n^{1-\sigma} &= \sum_{k \in N} \int_0^{M_k} p_{nk}^{1-\sigma} dj && \text{By (4)} \\
\Rightarrow P_n^{1-\sigma} &= \sum_{k \in N} M_k p_{nk}^{1-\sigma} && (18)
\end{aligned}$$

Now, begin with the baseline expression for share of expenditure:

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi_{ni} &= \frac{\int_0^{M_i} p_{ni}(j) c_{ni}(j) dj}{\sum_{k \in N} \int_0^{M_k} p_{nk}(j) c_{nk}(j) dj} \\
&= \frac{\int_0^{M_i} p_{ni}(j) \alpha X_n P_n^{\sigma-1} p_{ni}(j)^{-\sigma} dj}{\sum_{k \in N} \int_0^{M_k} p_{nk}(j) \alpha X_n P_n^{\sigma-1} p_{nk}(j)^{-\sigma} dj} && \text{By (2)} \\
&= \frac{\int_0^{M_i} p_{ni}(j)^{1-\sigma} dj}{\sum_{k \in N} \int_0^{M_k} p_{nk}(j)^{1-\sigma} dj} && \text{Cancel terms} \\
&= \frac{\int_0^{M_i} p_{ni}(j)^{1-\sigma} dj}{P_n^{1-\sigma}} && \text{By (11)} \\
&= \frac{\int_0^{M_i} p_{ni}^{1-\sigma} dj}{\sum_{k \in N} M_k p_{nk}^{1-\sigma}} && \text{By (4) \& (18)} \\
&= \frac{M_i p_{ni}^{1-\sigma}}{\sum_{k \in N} M_k p_{nk}^{1-\sigma}}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we now have the first desired equality:

$$\pi_{ni} = \frac{M_i p_{ni}^{1-\sigma}}{\sum_{k \in N} M_k p_{nk}^{1-\sigma}} \quad (19)$$

Now, notice that:

$$M_i p_{ni}^{1-\sigma} = \left(\frac{L_i}{\sigma F} \right) \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1} \right)^{1-\sigma} \frac{d_{ni} w_i^{1-\sigma}}{A_i} \quad \text{By (4) and (6)}$$

Thus, we can re-write (19) to be:

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi_{ni} &= \frac{M_i p_{ni}^{1-\sigma}}{\sum_{k \in N} M_k p_{nk}^{1-\sigma}} \\
&= \frac{\left(\frac{L_i}{\sigma F} \right) \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1} \right)^{1-\sigma} \frac{d_{ni} w_i^{1-\sigma}}{A_i}}{\sum_{k \in N} \left(\frac{L_k}{\sigma F} \right) \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1} \right)^{1-\sigma} \frac{d_{nk} w_k^{1-\sigma}}{A_k}} \\
&= \frac{L_i \left(\frac{d_{ni} w_i}{A_i} \right)^{1-\sigma}}{\sum_{k \in N} L_k \left(\frac{d_{nk} w_k}{A_k} \right)^{1-\sigma}}
\end{aligned}$$

which is what we wanted.

5.6 Derivation of $w_i L_i$ Expression

This is a derivation of (8).

There's not really much of a derivation here.

First, note that total labor income is expressed as:

$$w_i L_i$$

Total revenue from goods produced in location i is given by:

$$\sum_{n \in N} \pi_{ni} \bar{v}_n R_n$$

There are no net profits, so total revenue minus total cost must be zero:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \in N} \pi_{ni} \bar{v}_n R_n - w_i L_i &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{n \in N} \pi_{ni} \bar{v}_n R_n &= w_i L_i \end{aligned}$$

Also, note, since I briefly forgot, that the fixed costs of production and the costs associated with trade are already accounted for in the L_i term.

5.7 Derivation of P_n Re-Expression

This is a derivation of (9).

$$\begin{aligned} P_n &= \left[\sum_{i \in N} \int_0^{M_i} p_{ni}(j)^{1-\sigma} dj \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} && \text{By (11)} \\ &= \left[\sum_{i \in N} \int_0^{M_i} p_{ni}^{1-\sigma} dj \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} && \text{By (4)} \\ &= \left[\sum_{i \in N} M_i p_{ni}^{1-\sigma} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} \\ &= \left[\sum_{i \in N} \frac{L_i}{\sigma F} \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1} \right)^{1-\sigma} \frac{d_{ni} w_i^{1-\sigma}}{A_i} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} && \text{By (6) and (4)} \\ &= \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\sigma F} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} \left[\sum_{i \in N} L_i \left(\frac{d_{ni} w_i}{A_i} \right)^{1-\sigma} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} \end{aligned}$$

which is the first desired equality.

From there, we can note

$$\pi_{nn} = \frac{L_n \left(\frac{d_{nn}w_n}{A_n} \right)^{1-\sigma}}{\sum_{i \in N} L_i \left(\frac{d_{ni}w_i}{A_i} \right)^{1-\sigma}} \quad \text{By (7)} \quad (20)$$

which let's us pick back up to write:

$$\begin{aligned} P_n &= \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\sigma F} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} \left[\sum_{i \in N} L_i \left(\frac{d_{ni}w_i}{A_i} \right)^{1-\sigma} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} \\ &= \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\sigma F} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} \left[\frac{L_n \left(\frac{d_{nn}w_n}{A_n} \right)^{1-\sigma}}{\pi_{nn}} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} \\ &= \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1} \right) \left(\frac{L_n}{\sigma F \pi_{nn}} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} \frac{d_{nn}w_n}{A_n} \end{aligned} \quad \text{By (20)}$$

which is the second desired expression.