Marshallian Demand

LLE - Mathematics and Statistics Skills

- 1. Agent A's preferences over goods x and y can be represented by the utility function $U(x,y)=x^{0.4}y^{0.6}$. Suppose A's income is £300, the price of good x is £10, and the price of good y is £15. Use the Lagrangian method to find A's Marshallian demand for x and y (i.e., calculate the specific quantities consumed).
- 2. Consumer B's preferences over goods x and y can be represented by the utility function $U(x,y)=x^{0.25}y^{0.75}$. Suppose B's income is £240, the price of good x is £8, and the price of good y is £4. Use the Lagrangian method to find B's Marshallian demand for x and y (i.e., calculate the specific quantities consumed).
- 3. Agent C's preferences over goods x and y can be represented by the utility function $U(x,y)=x^{0.9}y^{0.1}$. Let M denote C's income, and p_x and p_y denote the prices of the respective goods. Use the Lagrangian method to find C's Marshallian demand function for y.
- 4. Consumer D's preferences over goods x and y can be represented by the utility function $U(x,y)=x^ay^b$, where a and b are positive constants. Let M denote D's income, and p_x and p_y denote the prices of the respective goods. Use the Lagrangian method to find D's Marshallian demand function for x.
- 5. Agent E's preferences over goods x and y can be represented by the utility function $U(x,y)=x+\ln(y)$. Let M denote E's income, and p_x and p_y denote the prices of the respective goods. Use the Lagrangian method to find E's Marshallian demand functions for x

and y. Assume the consumer consumes positive amounts of both x and y.

6. Consumer F's preferences over goods x and y can be represented by the utility function U(x,y)=xy+x. Let M denote F's income, and p_x and p_y denote the prices of the respective goods. Use the Lagrangian method to find F's Marshallian demand functions for x and y. Assume the consumer consumes positive amounts of both x and y.