

### Problem Set 3

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- 1) using the Pareto efficiency rule, we know that a review session is efficient if:

$$\begin{aligned} 1) & U^1(I=1, m-g_i) \geq U^1(I=0, m) \quad m\text{-private good.} \\ 2) & \sum_i g_i \geq M \end{aligned}$$

Taking FOCs of the utility function w.r.t  $I$ , we have:

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial I} = a$$

$$\text{So: } a + m - g_i \geq m$$

$$a - g_i \geq 0$$

$$a \geq g_i$$

Summing across all students:

$$Na \geq \sum_i g_i \geq M$$

where  $Na$  is the social benefit of a review session and  $M$  is the social cost. The review session is efficient if  $N > \frac{M}{a}$ .

$$2) p_H = H - x_H \quad H > L$$

$$p_L = L - x_L \quad b - \text{cost of operation per ticket}$$

$$\beta - \text{parking cost}$$

Our consumer surplus, producer surplus, and Lagrangian are:

$$CS(x_L, x_H) = x_L^2/2 + x_H^2/2$$

$$PS(x_L, x_H) = (H - b - x_H)x_H + (L - b - x_L)x_L - \beta \bar{x}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = x_L^2/2 + x_H^2/2 + (H - b - x_H)x_H + (L - b - x_L)x_L - \beta \bar{x} + \lambda_H(\bar{x} - x_H) + \lambda_L(\bar{x} - x_L)$$

Taking FOCs w.r.t  $x_H, x_L, \bar{x}$ :

$$[x_H]: x_H + H - b - 2x_H = \lambda_H$$

$$[x_L]: x_L + L - b - 2x_L = \lambda_L$$

$$[\bar{x}]: \beta = \lambda_H + \lambda_L \quad \text{Note } \lambda_H, \lambda_L \geq 0, \quad \bar{x} \geq x_H, x_L,$$

If  $\lambda_L = 0$ ,  $\lambda_H = \beta = H - b - X_H$ . Since  $\lambda_H \neq 0$  and  $\lambda_H(\bar{x} - x_H) = 0$ ,  
 $X_H^* = \bar{x} = H - b - \beta$ .

Since  $\lambda_L = 0$ ,  $\lambda_L = 0 = L - b - X_L \rightarrow X_L^* = L - b$

$$X_L^* < \bar{x} \rightarrow L - b < H - b - \beta \rightarrow \beta < H - L$$

So if  $\beta < H - L$ , the efficient pricing is:

$$p_H^* = H - X_H^* = b + \beta$$

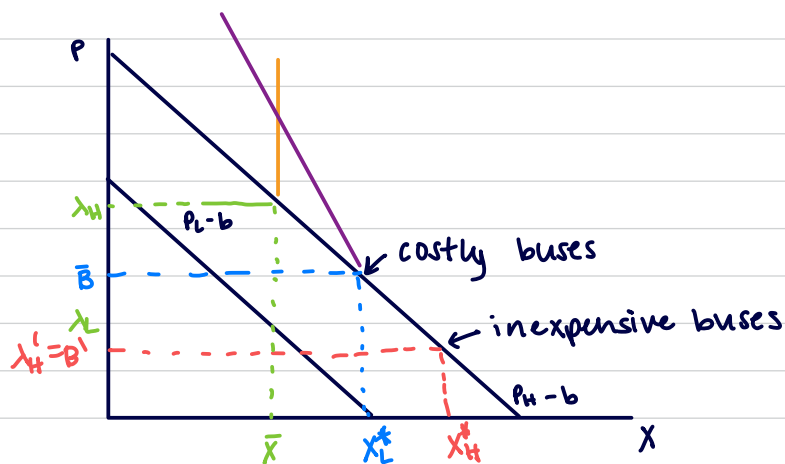
$$p_L^* = L - X_L^* = b$$

If  $\lambda_L, \lambda_H > 0$ ,  $x_L = \bar{x} = x_H$  since  $\lambda_L(\bar{x} - x_L) = 0$  and  $\lambda_H(\bar{x} - x_H) = 0$

$$\beta = H - b - X_H + L - b - X_L$$

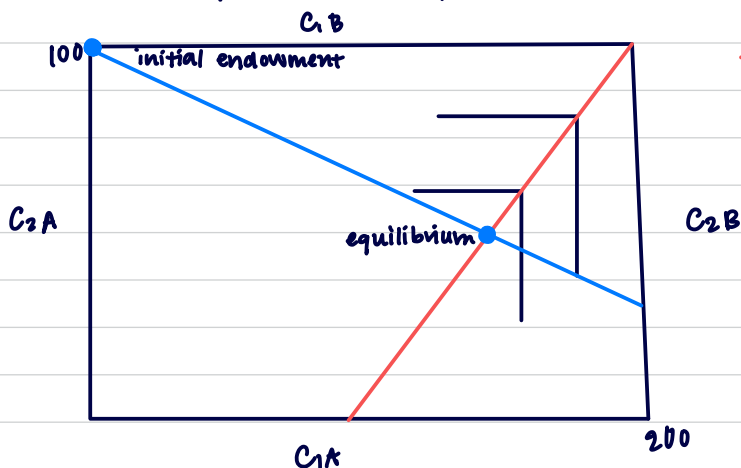
$$\beta + 2b = (H - X_H) + (L - X_L)$$

$$\beta + 2b = p_H^* + p_L^* \quad \text{if } \beta \geq H - L$$



$$3) U^A = c_1, c_2 \quad 0 c_1, 100 c_2$$

$$U^B = \min \{c_1, c_2\} \quad 200 c_1, 0 c_2$$



trade offer curve

$$c_1^1 + c_1^2 = 200$$

$$c_2^1 + c_2^2 = 100$$

$$p_1 c_1^1 + p_2 c_2^1 = 100 p_2$$

$$\mathcal{L}_1 = c_1^1 c_2^1 - \lambda (p_1 c_1^1 + p_2 c_2^1 - 100 p_2)$$

$$\text{FOC: } [c_1^1] \cdot c_2^1 = \lambda p_1 \quad \lambda = c_2^1 / p_1$$

$$[c_2^1] : c_1^1 = \lambda p_2$$

$$c_1^1 = \frac{c_2^1 p_2}{p_1}$$

$$p_1$$

$$p_1 c_1^1 + p_2 c_2^1 = 100 p_2$$

$$p_1 \left[ \frac{c_2^1 p_2}{p_1} \right] + p_2 c_2^1 = 100 p_2$$

$$2 c_2^1 = 100$$

$$c_2^1 = 50$$

$$c_1^1 = \frac{50 p_2}{p_1}$$

$$p_1 c_1^2 + p_2 c_2^2 = 200 p_1$$

$$c_1^2 = c_2^2$$

$$p_1 c_1^2 + p_2 c_1^2 = 200 p_1$$

$$c_1^2 = \frac{200}{1 + p_2 / p_1}$$

$$c_1^1 + c_1^2 = 200$$

$$\frac{50 p_2}{p_1} + \frac{200}{1 + p_2 / p_1} = 200$$

$$\frac{p_2}{4 p_1} + \frac{1}{1 + p_2 / p_1} = 1$$

$$\rightarrow p_2 / p_1 = 3$$

Using  $P_2/P_1 = 3$ ,

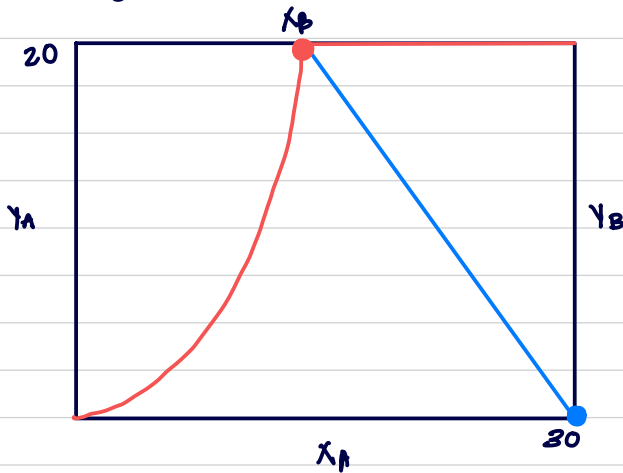
$$C_1^1 = 50 \quad P_2/P_1 = 150$$

$$C_2^1 = 50$$

$$C_1^2 = 200 / (1 + P_2/P_1) = 50$$

$$C_2^2 = 50$$

4)  $U^A = xy$        $30x, 0y$   
 $U^B = y + 20 \log x$        $0x, 20y$



$MRS_A = MRS_B$       Contract curve

$$\frac{y_A}{x_A} = \frac{20}{x_B}$$

$$y_A = \frac{20x_A}{x_B}, \quad x_A + x_B = 30$$

$$y_A = \frac{20x_A}{30 - x_A}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^A = X_A Y_A - \lambda [P_X X_A + P_Y Y_A - 30 P_X]$$

$$\text{FOC: } [X_A]: Y_A = \lambda P_X$$

$$[Y_A]: X_A = \lambda P_Y \quad \lambda = X_A / P_Y$$

$$Y_A = \frac{X_A P_X}{P_Y}$$

$$P_X X_A + P_Y \left[ \frac{X_A P_X}{P_Y} \right] = 30 P_X$$

$$2X_A = 30$$

$$X_A = 15$$

$$Y_A = \frac{15 P_X}{P_Y}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^B = Y_B + 20 \log X_B - \lambda [P_X X_B + P_Y Y_B - 20 P_Y]$$

$$\text{FOC: } [X_B]: \frac{20}{X_B} = \lambda P_X$$

$$[Y_B]: 1 = \lambda P_Y$$

$$\frac{20}{X_B} = \frac{P_X}{P_Y}$$

$$\frac{X_B}{20} = \frac{P_Y}{P_X}$$

$$X_B = \frac{20 P_Y}{P_X}$$

$$P_X \left[ \frac{20 P_Y}{P_X} \right] + P_Y Y_B = 20 P_Y$$

$$20 P_Y + P_Y Y_B = 20 P_Y$$

$$Y_B = 0$$

$$Y_A = 20$$

$$Y_B = 0$$

$$X_A = 15$$

$$X_B = 15$$

$$Y_A = \frac{15 P_X}{P_Y} = 30 P_X$$

$$\frac{15}{P_Y} = 30$$

$$P_Y$$

$$P_Y = 15/30 = 1/2$$

$$P_X =$$

$$15 = X_B = \frac{20 P_Y}{P_X} = \frac{20(\frac{1}{2})}{P_X}$$

$$P_X = 2/3$$