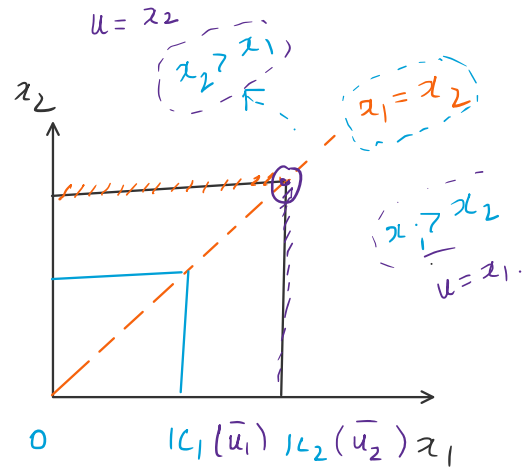


8.  $u = \max\{x_1, x_2\}$

$$\begin{cases} u = x_1, & x_1 > x_2 \\ u = x_2, & x_2 > x_1 \\ u = x_1 = x_2, & x_1 = x_2 \end{cases}$$



(i):  $x_2 > x_1 \quad u = x_2$

Diff:  $du = dx_2$

For  $IC_1, du = 0 \Rightarrow dx_2 = 0$

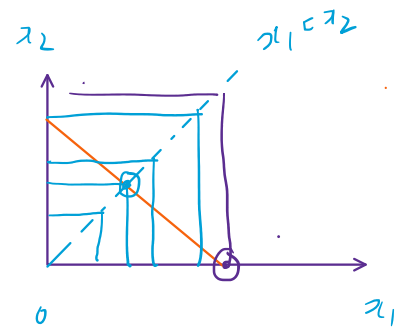
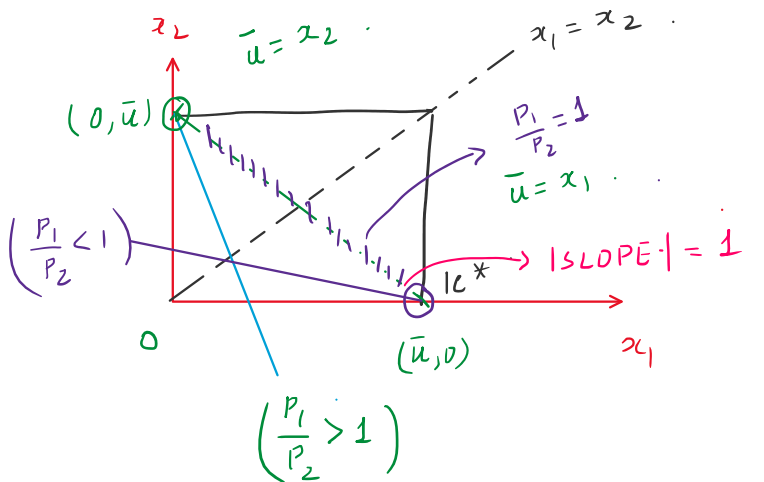
$\Rightarrow \frac{dx_2}{dx_1} = 0$

Slope of  $IC = \frac{dx_2}{dx_1}$

(ii)  $x_1 > x_2 : u = x_1$

Diff:  $du = dx_1$

For  $IC_1 : du = 0 \Rightarrow dx_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \left. \frac{dx_2}{dx_1} \right|_{IC} \rightarrow \infty$



B.L:  $M = P_1 x_1 + P_2 x_2$

(i)  $\frac{P_1}{P_2} > 1 \Rightarrow P_1 > P_2$  then  $x_1^* = 0, x_2^* = \frac{M}{P_2}$  Buy the good which is cheaper.

(ii)  $\frac{P_1}{P_2} < 1 \Rightarrow P_1 < P_2$  then  $x_1^* = \frac{M}{P_1}, x_2^* = 0$ .

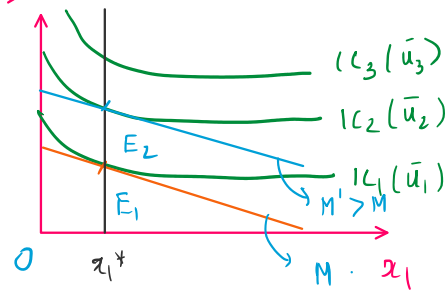
(iii)  $\frac{P_1}{P_2} = 1 \Rightarrow P_1 = P_2$  then either  $(0, \frac{M}{P_2})$  or  $(\frac{M}{P_1}, 0)$ .

Non-linear in Good 1  $\rightarrow$  Linear in Good 2  $\rightarrow$  Non-linear Good  $\rightarrow$  No income...

8.  $u = \ln x_1 + x_2$  (Quasilinear preference)  $x_2$  [Non-linear Good  $\Rightarrow$  No income effect]

MRS =  $\frac{MU_1}{MU_2} = \frac{\partial u / \partial x_1}{\partial u / \partial x_2} = \frac{1/x_1}{1} = \frac{1}{x_1}$

$\frac{\partial MRS}{\partial x_1} = -\frac{1}{x_1^2} < 0 \Rightarrow$  convex IC's



At opt:  $MRS = \frac{P_1}{P_2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x_1} = \frac{P_1}{P_2} \Rightarrow P_2 = P_1 x_1 \Rightarrow x_1^* = \frac{P_2}{P_1}$

BL:  $M = P_1 x_1 + P_2 x_2$

$M = P_2 + P_2 x_2 \Rightarrow M - P_2 = P_2 x_2 \Rightarrow x_2^* = \frac{M - P_2}{P_2}$

$= \left( \frac{M}{P_2} - 1 \right)$

$x_1^* = \frac{P_2}{P_1}$ ,  $x_2^* = \left( \frac{M}{P_2} - 1 \right)$  --- Marshallian demand curves for Good 1 & Good 2. (Note:  $x_1^*$  is circled in green with 'No income effect' written above it.)

Note: Max  $u = u(x_1, x_2)$  s.t.  $M = P_1 x_1 + P_2 x_2$

Parameters:  $M, P_1, P_2$

Variables:  $x_1, x_2$

$\begin{cases} \text{if } x_2^* < 0 \\ \Rightarrow \left( \frac{M}{P_2} - 1 \right) < 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{M}{P_2} < 1 \Rightarrow M < P_2 \end{cases}$

Solving this we get the Marshallian demand curves:

$x_1^* = x_1^*(M, P_1, P_2)$        $x_2^* = x_2^*(M, P_1, P_2)$

$M \uparrow \Rightarrow x_1^* \uparrow \Rightarrow$  Income Effect

$P_1 \uparrow \Rightarrow x_1^* \downarrow \Rightarrow$  Own price Effect

Note:  $u = u(x_1, x_2)$

$MU_1 = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1} > 0 \Rightarrow [x_1 \uparrow \Rightarrow u \uparrow]$ ;  $\text{if } MU_1 < 0 [x_1 \uparrow \Rightarrow u \downarrow]$   
 $\hookrightarrow x_1$  becomes a "bad"  
 $MU_2 = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2} > 0 \Rightarrow [x_2 \uparrow \Rightarrow u \uparrow]$ ; Then,  $x_1^* = 0$

$$MU_2 = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2} > 0 \Rightarrow [x_2 \uparrow \Rightarrow u \uparrow]; \text{ Then, } \boxed{x_1^* = 0}$$

$\therefore$  If the marginal utility turns -ve, then the individual will not consume any extra units of the good.

$$B. \quad u = - \left[ (x_1 - 10)^2 + (x_2 - 20)^2 \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1} = -2(x_1 - 10) \quad (> 0 \text{ if } x_1 < 10) \quad \boxed{(< 0 \text{ if } x_1 > 10)}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2} = -2(x_2 - 20) \quad (> 0 \text{ if } x_2 < 20) \quad \boxed{(< 0 \text{ if } x_2 > 20)}$$

$$\text{At opt: } x_1^* = 10, x_2^* = 20 \quad -$$