

Nature of the Goods:

∴ For utility maximization:

$$\text{Max } u = u(x_1, x_2) \quad \text{subject to } M = P_1 x_1 + P_2 x_2 \\ \{x_1, x_2\}$$

on solving, we get the Marshallian demand curves:

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

i) Based on Money Income (M): [Eg: Good 1]

$$\frac{\partial x_1^*}{\partial M} > 0 \Rightarrow \text{Normal Good} \quad [e_{1M} > 0]$$

$$\frac{\partial x_1^*}{\partial M} < 0 \Rightarrow \text{Inferior Good} \quad [e_{1M} < 0]$$

$$\frac{\partial x_1^*}{\partial M} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Necessary Good} \quad [e_{1M} = 0]$$

ii) Based on Own Price (P_1): [Eg: Good 1]

$$\frac{\partial x_1^*}{\partial P_1} < 0 \Rightarrow \text{Normal Good} \quad [\text{Follows the law of demand}] \quad [e_{11} < 0]$$

$$\frac{\partial x_1^*}{\partial P_1} > 0 \Rightarrow \text{Giffen Good} \quad [\text{violates the law of demand}] \quad [e_{11} > 0]$$

$$\frac{\partial x_1^*}{\partial P_1} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{No specific name} \quad [\text{not empirically true}] \quad [e_{11} = 0]$$

iii) Based on Cross Price (P_2): [Eg: Good 1]

$$\frac{\partial x_1^*}{\partial P_2} > 0 \Rightarrow P_2 \uparrow \Rightarrow \{x_2 \downarrow \Rightarrow x_1 \uparrow\} \Rightarrow \text{Goods are substitutes} \quad [e_{12} > 0]$$

$$\frac{\partial x_1^*}{\partial P_2} < 0 \Rightarrow P_2 \uparrow \Rightarrow \{x_2 \downarrow \Rightarrow x_1 \downarrow\} \Rightarrow \text{Goods are complements} \quad [e_{12} < 0]$$

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Denote: e_{12} = Elasticity of Good 1 w.r.t Price of Good 2.

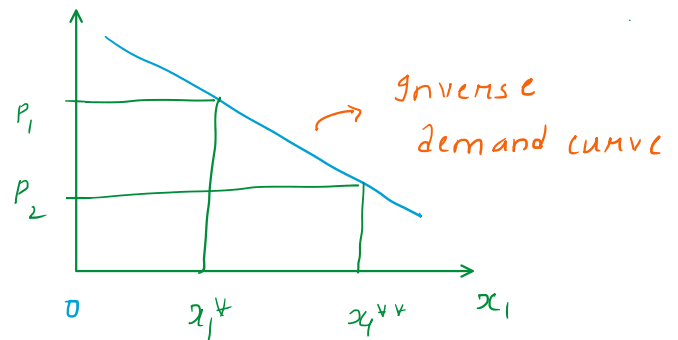
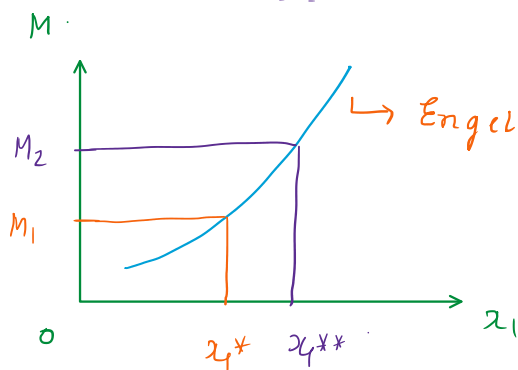
e_{11} = Elasticity of Good 1 w.r.t Price of Good 1

e_{1M} = Elasticity of Good 1 w.r.t Money Income.

$$e_{11} = \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial P_1} \cdot \left(\frac{P_1}{x_1} \right) \quad ; \quad e_{12} = \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial P_2} \cdot \left(\frac{P_2}{x_1} \right) \quad ; \quad e_{1M} = \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial M} \cdot \left(\frac{M}{x_1} \right)$$

Note: sign of e_{11} , e_{12} , e_{1M} depend upon the sign of the derivatives.

We have: $x_1^* = x_1^*(P_1, P_2, M)$ \Rightarrow Suppose the Good is normal.



Engel's curve: Locus of (M, Q) s.t utility is maximized.

Inverse Demand curve: Locus of (P, Q) s.t utility is maximized.

Note: (i) Inferior Good, engel curve is -vely sloped.

(ii) For a Giffen Good, demand curve is positively sloped.

Properties of Marshallian Demand Curves:

Marshallian demand curves: $x_1^* = x_1^*(M, P_1, P_2)$ --- (i)
 $x_2^* = x_2^*(M, P_1, P_2)$

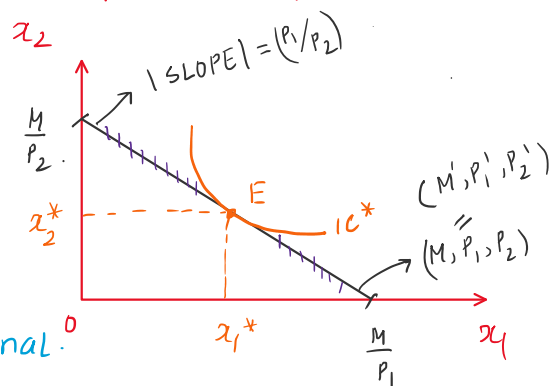
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say, now, $M' = k \cdot M, k > 1$.

$P_1' = k P_1, k > 1$

$P_2' = k P_2, k > 1$.



Initially: $(M, P_1, P_2) \rightarrow (M', P_1', P_2')$: Final.

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

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

$kM = kP_1 x_1 + kP_2 x_2$

$kM = k [P_1 x_1 + P_2 x_2]$

$M = P_1 x_1 + P_2 x_2 \Rightarrow$ same as the old B.L

[B.L remains unchanged]

Indifference curves are constructed from the utility fn:
 $u = u(x_1, x_2)$: IC's also do not change.

\therefore B.L unchanged, IC's unchanged \Rightarrow demand pts also unchanged.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1^* (M, P_1, P_2) = x_1^* (kM, kP_1, kP_2) \\ x_2^* (M, P_1, P_2) = x_2^* (kM, kP_1, kP_2) \end{array} \right.$$

\rightarrow If money income and all prices are changed in the same proportion, then demands are unchanged.

\therefore Demand fns are homogeneous of degree zero in income, prices.

Q. Suppose demand for Good 1 is given by: $x_1^* = P_1^\alpha P_2^\beta M^\gamma$.
What should be restriction on α, β, γ s.t this a valid demand fn.

Suppose P_1, P_2, M are changed in the same prop k .

Initial: (P_1, P_2, M) Final (kP_1, kP_2, kM)

$\hookrightarrow x_1^*$

$\hookrightarrow x_1^{* *}$

\therefore $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 0$

$$\begin{array}{l} \hookrightarrow x_1^* \\ \therefore \text{Initially: } x_1^* = p_1^{-\alpha} p_2^{-\beta} M^\gamma \\ \text{Final: } x_1^{**} = (k p_1)^{-\alpha} (k p_2)^{-\beta} (k M)^\gamma = k^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} p_1^{-\alpha} p_2^{-\beta} M^\gamma \end{array}$$

By property of Marshallian demand:

$$x_1^* = x_1^{**}$$

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