

- ① Euler's Theorem.
- ② Elasticity of substitution.
- ③ Elasticity of Demand.
- ④ Application in Economics.

Questions:

① Check degree of homogeneity and verify Euler's theorem for Cobb-Douglas production function.

H.W. ② $q = f(L, K) = 75 [0.3K^{-0.4} + 0.7L^{-0.4}]^{-2.5}$ Verify Euler's theorem.
 ① Find degree of homogeneity = 1
 ② $\frac{\partial q}{\partial L} \cdot L + \frac{\partial q}{\partial K} \cdot K = q$

③ Evaluate the elasticity of substitution for the production fn $z = A x^\alpha y^{1-\alpha}$; A, α const $0 < \alpha < 1$.

H.W. ④ Find elasticity of substitution for $q = [aK^{-b} + (1-a)L^{-b}]^{-\frac{1}{b}}$
 $\frac{MP_L}{MP_K} \Rightarrow \log \Rightarrow d \log (\text{ans } \sigma = \frac{1}{1-b})$

⑤ Total Revenue from sale of x is $R = 100Q - 2Q^2$
 Calculate point elasticity of demand when $MR = 20$.

⑥ A consumer's demand curve for x is $P = 100 - \sqrt{Q}$
 Calculate point elasticity of demand when price of $Q = 60$.

H.W. ⑦ $X_1 = 300 - 0.5P_1^2 + 0.02P_2 + 0.05Y$
 Find income elasticity at $P_1 = 12$
 $P_2 = 10$
 and $Y = 200$.

$$e_m = \frac{dx_1}{dy} \cdot \frac{Y}{X_1} = 0.05 \times \frac{200}{()} = \text{ans} = 0.04$$

⑧ The production fn $q = K^2 - 3KL + 4L^2$

$$e_p = \frac{dQ}{dP} \times \frac{P}{Q}$$

$$\sqrt{Q} = 100 - P$$

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{Q}} \frac{dQ}{dP} = -1$$

$$\frac{dQ}{dP} = -2\sqrt{Q}$$

$$|e_p| = \frac{2\sqrt{Q} \times 100}{\sqrt{Q}} = \frac{200\sqrt{Q}}{\sqrt{Q}} = \frac{200}{1} = 200$$

(8) The production fn $q = K^2 - 3KL + 4L^2$
 Find max amount of capital that can be employed when 7 units of Labour are employed.

$$\frac{200}{\sqrt{20}} = 2$$

$$\frac{200}{\sqrt{60}} = 2$$

(10) If the production fn $U = 8x_1^{1/2} + 20x_2^{1/2}$
 and if $P_1 = 1$ and $P_2 = 5$. Derive the equation of ICC.

Euler's Theorem:

$$z = f(y, x)$$

Let $f_n = z$ be a homogeneous fn of degree 'n'.
 Then Euler's Theorem states that,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \cdot y + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \cdot x = n \cdot z = n f(x, y)$$

Soln 1: Cobb-Douglas Production fn is given by.

$$Q = L^\alpha \cdot K^\beta$$

Let us change 'L' and 'K' by λ proportionally,

$$\text{Then, } (\lambda L)^\alpha (\lambda K)^\beta = \lambda^{\alpha+\beta} (L^\alpha \cdot K^\beta) = \lambda^{\alpha+\beta} Q$$

\therefore The degree of homogeneity is $\frac{(\alpha+\beta)}{1}$.

∴ The degree of homogeneity is ~~not~~ :
 to prove Euler's theorem we have to show.

$$\left[\frac{\partial Q}{\partial L} \cdot L + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial K} \cdot K = (\alpha + \beta) Q \right]$$

Now, $Q = L^\alpha K^\beta$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &: \frac{\partial Q}{\partial L} \cdot L + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial K} \cdot K \\ &= \alpha L^{\alpha-1} \cdot K^\beta \cdot L + L^\alpha \beta K^{\beta-1} \cdot K \\ &= \alpha L^\alpha K^\beta + \beta L^\alpha K^\beta \\ &= (\alpha + \beta) (L^\alpha K^\beta) \\ &= (\alpha + \beta) Q = \text{RHS.} \end{aligned}$$

verified

Elasticity of Substitution, $\sigma = \frac{\text{prop change in } (K/L)}{\text{prop change in } (MRTS_{LK})}$

$$= \frac{\frac{d(K/L)}{K/L}}{\frac{d(MRTS_{LK})}{MRTS_{LK}}}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{d \log(K/L)}{d \log(MRTS_{LK})}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{d \log(K/L)}{d \log(MP_L / MP_K)}$$

soln:
 (2)

→ . . . α . . . 1 - α

. . . 0 . . . 1 . . .

soln.

(3)

$$Z = A x^\alpha y^{1-\alpha}$$

$$z_x = \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x} = A \alpha x^{\alpha-1} y^{1-\alpha}$$

$$z_y = \frac{\partial Z}{\partial y} = A x^\alpha (1-\alpha) y^{-\alpha}$$

$$\delta = \frac{d \log (\sigma/x)}{d \log (\frac{z_x}{z_y})}$$

$$\frac{z_x}{z_y} = \frac{A \alpha x^{\alpha-1} y^{1-\alpha}}{A (1-\alpha) x^\alpha y^{-\alpha}} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \right) \frac{y}{x}$$

$$\log \left(\frac{z_x}{z_y} \right) = \log \left(\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \right) + \log (y/x)$$

Differentiating on both sides.

$$d \log \left(\frac{z_x}{z_y} \right) = 0 + d \log (y/x)$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{d \log (y/x)}{d \log (z_x/z_y)} = 1$$

$$\text{or, } \delta = 1$$

Relation between MR, AR and price.

$$TR = P \cdot Q \Rightarrow AR = P$$

$$MR = \frac{dTR}{dQ} = P + Q \frac{dP}{dQ}$$

$$MR = P \left[1 + \frac{Q}{P} \cdot \frac{dP}{dQ} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow MR = P \left[1 + \frac{Q}{P} \frac{dP}{dQ} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow MR = AR \left[1 - \frac{P}{Q} \frac{dQ}{dP} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow MR = AR \left[1 - \frac{1}{|e_p|} \right]$$

Soln

$$TR = 100Q - 2Q^2$$

$$\Rightarrow AR = P = 100 - 4Q \quad (2)$$

$$MR = \frac{dTR}{dQ} = 100 - 4Q \quad (3)$$

$$Q = 20 \text{ in } (2)$$

$$AR = 100 - 2 \times 20$$

$$AR = 60$$

$$AR = MR = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow 100 - 4Q = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow 4Q = 80$$

$$\boxed{Q = 20} \quad (4)$$

$$|e_p| = \frac{P}{Q} \times \frac{dQ}{dP} = -\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{60}{20} = -\frac{3}{2} = -1.5$$