

Additional questions for Chapter 2:

1. Let the production function be the CES form: $y = (x_1^p + x_2^p)^{B/p}$. Find the factor demand functions, supply function and profit function. Show that when $B < 1$, this function exhibits decreasing returns to scale.
2. Consider the short-run profit function for the Cobb-Douglas technology: $y = x_1^\alpha x_2^{1-\alpha}$. Find the factor demand functions, supply function and profit function.

3. Consider the problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{x,y} x^2 + y^2 + y - 1 \\ \text{s.t.: } & (x, y) \in \mathcal{D} = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid g(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{x,y} x^2 - y \\ \text{s.t.: } & (x, y) \in \mathcal{D} = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid g(x, y) = 1 - x^2 - y^2 \geq 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

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