

Revision for midterm 1

1. Cost Minimization

The technology of the firm can be represented by the function:

$$F(X_1, X_2) = \ln X_1 + \ln X_2$$

Prices of X_1, X_2 are W_1, W_2 respectively. Assume an interior solution.

- a. Set up the minimization problem
- b. Find the TRS and interpret
- c. Find the firm conditional factor demand functions
- d. Calculate the cost function $C(W_1, W_2, Y)$

2. Profit Maximization

A firm has the following production function:

$$F(X_1, X_2) = (X_1^a + X_2^a)$$

Prices of X_1, X_2 are W_1, W_2 respectively. Assume an interior solution.

- a. Write the maximization problem for the firm
- b. Solve for the factor demand
- c. Find the supply function for the firm $Y(W_1, W_2, Y)$
- d. Find the profit function for the firm $\pi(W_1, W_2, Y)$

3. Kuhn-Tucker conditions

Consider the following minimization problem with inequality constraint. Solve using the Kuhn-tucker conditions.

Minimize :

$$C = (X_1 - 4)^2 + (X_2 - 4)^2$$

Subject to:

$$\begin{aligned} 2X_1 + 3X_2 &\geq 6 \\ -3X_1 - 2X_2 &\geq -12 \\ X_1, X_2 &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

4. From additional questions-ch8

Obtaining a simple Slutsky matrix.

For the demand function defined by the two component functions ($L = 2$),

$$\hat{x}_1(p_1, p_2, w) = [(w + 5p_1) / (3p_1)] - 5 \text{ and } \hat{x}_2(p_1, p_2, w) = 2(w + 5p_1) / (3p_2),$$

provide the complete Slutsky matrix. Show your work and simplify the elements.

5. From additional questions-ch7

Consider the utility function $z = \ln(Ax_1^a x_2^{1-a})$, solve for the Marshallian demand functions.

6. Consider $C(w, y) = AW_1^a W_2^B y$. Find the conditional input demands.