

Constrained optimization

$$\mathcal{L} = u(x, y) + \lambda (I - P_x x - P_y y)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u(x, y)}{\partial x} - \lambda P_x = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial u(x, y)}{\partial y} - \lambda P_y = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \lambda} = (I - P_x x - P_y y) = 0$$

$$\frac{MU_x}{MU_y} = \frac{\frac{\partial u(x, y)}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial u(x, y)}{\partial y}} = \frac{P_x}{P_y}$$

$$\text{Ex: } u(x, y) = x^\alpha y^\beta$$

$$\mathcal{L} = x^\alpha y^\beta + \lambda (I - p_x x - p_y y)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x} = \alpha x^{\alpha-1} y^\beta - \lambda p_x = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y} = \beta x^\alpha y^{\beta-1} - \lambda p_y = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \lambda} = (I - p_x x - p_y y) = 0$$

$$\frac{\alpha y}{\beta x} = \frac{p_x}{p_y}$$

$$\text{if } \alpha + \beta = 1 \Rightarrow \beta = 1 - \alpha$$

$$p_y y = \frac{1 - \alpha}{\alpha} p_x x$$

$$I = p_x x + p_y y = p_x x + \left(\frac{1 - \alpha}{\alpha} p_x x \right) = \frac{1}{\alpha} p_x x$$

$$\Rightarrow x^* = \alpha \frac{I}{p_x} \quad \& \quad y^* = (1 - \alpha) \frac{I}{p_y}$$