

Section 13.7 Exercise 3

(a)  $Q = a \ln(L+1)$   
 P price of commodity  
 L units of labor  
 w wage rate

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(L) &= P Q - wL \\ &= P(a \ln(L+1)) - wL \\ &= aP \ln(L+1) - wL \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi'(L) &= aP \frac{1}{L+1} (1) - w \\ &= aP(L+1)^{-1} - w \end{aligned}$$

Solve for L  $aP \left( \frac{1}{L+1} \right) - w = 0$

$$\frac{aP}{L+1} = w$$

$$aP = wL + w$$

$$\frac{aP - w}{w} = L$$

$$\boxed{\frac{aP}{w} - 1 = L^*}$$

↳ maximizes profits

$L^*$  depends on  $a, P, w$  parameters.

$$\begin{aligned} \pi''(L) &= aP (-1)(L+1)^{-2} \\ &= -\frac{aP}{(L+1)^2} < 0 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Verify the envelope theorem!

$$\pi(L^*, P, w, a) = \pi^*(P, w, a)$$

↑ original profit function      ↑ parameters      ↑ optimal profits

explicitly recognize that profits depend on  $a, P, w$ .

Envelope Theorem

$$\frac{\partial \pi^*}{\partial P} = \frac{\partial \pi(L^*, P, w, a)}{\partial P} = \frac{\partial \pi(L, P, w, a)}{\partial P} \Big|_{L=L^*}$$

equal?

$$\pi(L) = aP \ln(L+1) - wL$$

$$L^* = \frac{aP}{w} - 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^* &= aP \ln(L^*+1) - wL^* \\ &= aP \ln\left(\frac{aP}{w} - 1 + 1\right) - w\left(\frac{aP}{w} - 1\right) \\ &= aP \ln\left(\frac{aP}{w}\right) - aP + w \\ &= aP \ln aP - aP \ln w + aP + w \\ &= aP \ln a + aP \ln P - aP \ln w - aP + w \end{aligned}$$

deriv wrt P

$$\frac{\partial \pi^*}{\partial P} = aP \left( \frac{1}{L^*+1} \right) \left( \frac{\partial L^*}{\partial P} \right) + a \ln(L^*+1) - w \left( \frac{\partial L^*}{\partial P} \right)$$

$$= \left[ ap \left( \frac{1}{L^*+1} \right) - w \right] \left( \frac{\partial L^*}{\partial p} \right) + a \ln(L^*+1)$$

$$= 0 \text{ (first-order conditions)}$$

$$= a \ln(L^*+1)$$

$$= Q^* \text{ (optimal quantity produced)}$$

$$\pi(L) = ap \ln(L+1) - wL$$

$$\frac{\partial \pi}{\partial p} = a \ln(L+1)$$

no  $L^*$  here, because we are looking at original profit function

$$\left. \frac{\partial \pi}{\partial p} \right|_{L=L^*} = a \ln(L^*+1) = Q^*$$

### Sec 13.7 Example 3 & Exercise 4

$$\frac{\partial \pi^*}{\partial p} = Q^*$$

$$\frac{\partial \pi^*}{\partial w} = -L^*$$

$$\frac{\partial \pi^*}{\partial r} = -K^*$$

$$\frac{\partial Q^*}{\partial r} = ? = - \frac{\partial K^*}{\partial p}$$

$$\frac{\partial Q^*}{\partial w} = ? = - \frac{\partial L^*}{\partial p}$$

$$\frac{\partial L^*}{\partial r} = ? = \frac{\partial K^*}{\partial w}$$

Young's Theorem:  $z = f(x, y) \Rightarrow z''_{xy} = z''_{yx}$

$$\left( \frac{\partial \pi^*}{\partial p} = Q^* \right) \Rightarrow \left( \frac{\partial^2 \pi^*}{\partial r \partial p} \right) = \left( \frac{\partial Q^*}{\partial r} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial Q^*}{\partial r} = - \frac{\partial K^*}{\partial p}$$

Take deriv. wrt r.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left( \frac{\partial \pi^*}{\partial r} \right)$$

$\rightarrow = -K^*$  from Example 3

Ch 8 functions of one variable

$$\max/\min f(x)$$

$$x \in D$$

unconstrained opt.

Ch 13

... two variables or more

$$\max/\min f(x, y)$$

$$(x, y) \in S$$

Ch 14  
Constrained opt.

... two or more variables

$$\max/\min f(x, y)$$

$$\text{subject to } g(x, y) = C$$

equality constraint

$$\max/\min f(x, y)$$

$$\text{subject to } g(x, y) \leq C$$

inequality constraint

Section 14.1 Example 1 substitution method works

2 could also work but have to choose carefully

Section 14.3 Example 1 no way that you could use subst method

Section 14.1 Example 2  $\lambda$  is not something out of nowhere

$\Rightarrow$  may have some meaning / interpretation

Section 14.1 Example 3  $\rightarrow$  general version of Example 1

$$U(x, y) = xy$$

$$\text{subject to } 2x + y = 100$$

$$U(x, y) = Ax^a y^b$$

$$\text{subject to } px + qy = m$$

$$\text{Take } A=1, a=1, b=1$$

$$p=2, q=1, m=100.$$

$$x^* = \frac{a}{a+b} \frac{m}{p} \propto \frac{a}{a+b} < 1$$

$$y^* = \frac{b}{a+b} \frac{m}{q} \propto \frac{b}{a+b} < 1$$

$$px^* = \frac{a}{a+b} m$$

How much is the bill for buying  $x^*$

$$qy^* = \frac{b}{a+b} m$$

how much is the bill for buying  $y^*$

Section 14.1 Ex 9  
Section 14.2 Ex 5

$$U(x,y) = \alpha \ln(x-a) + \beta \ln(y-b)$$

$$\text{alg.} = \ln(x-a)^\alpha + \ln(y-b)^\beta$$

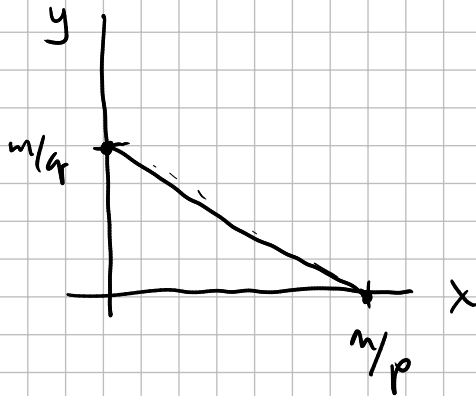
$$U(x,y) = \ln(x-a)^\alpha (y-b)^\beta$$

$$\text{exp } U(x,y) = (x-a)^\alpha (y-b)^\beta$$

Section 14.1 Example 1

$$\frac{MU_x}{MU_y} = \frac{p_x}{p_y} \sim \frac{MU_x}{p_x} = \frac{MU_y}{p_y}$$

$px + qy = m$  (line)



$$U(x,y)$$

$$U(x,y) = \underline{\underline{1}}$$