

Math Notes

Cobb-Douglas $u = c^{0,5} d^{0,5}$ $\sigma_{cd} = 1$ $E_{cpd} = 0$

CES gross comple $u = (c^{-1/3} + d^{-1/3})^{-3}$

$$\sigma_{cd} = 0,75 \quad E_{cpd} \begin{cases} = -0,125 & \text{initial} \\ = -0,115 & \text{post} \end{cases}$$

CES gross subs $u = (b^{0,5} + w^{0,5})^2$

$$\sigma_{bw} = 2 \quad E_{bpw} \begin{cases} = 0,5 & \text{initial} \\ = 0,667 & \text{post} \end{cases}$$

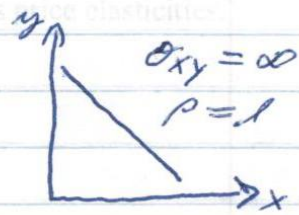
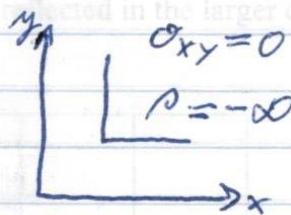
gross own price elasticity

$$E_{xp} = e_{xp} - k_x \pi_x = k_x (\sigma_{xx} - \pi_x)$$

gross cross price elasticity

$$E_{xq} = e_{xq} - k_y \pi_x = k_y (\sigma_{xy} - \pi_x)$$

$$k_x \sigma_{xx} + k_y \sigma_{xy} = 0$$
$$\sigma_{xx} = \frac{-k_y}{k_x} \sigma_{xy}$$



Cobb-Douglas yields constant shares

CES (or any other homothetic utility fn) yields unit income elasticity

$$u = k (ax^\rho + by^\rho)^{1/\rho}$$

$$\sigma_{xy} = \frac{1}{1-\rho}$$

where $-\infty \leq \rho \leq 1$

so that: $0 \leq \sigma_{xy} < \infty$