

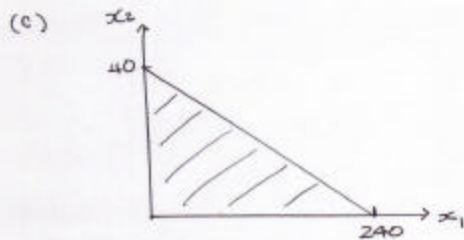
Homework 1 Solution.

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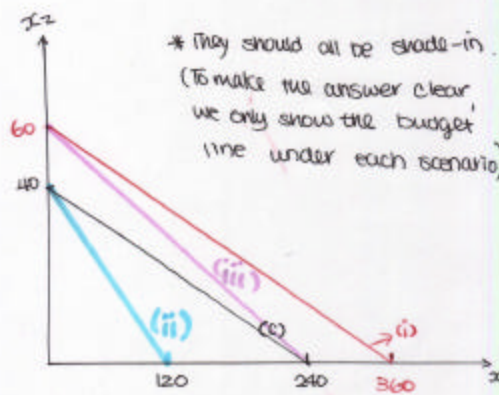
- (1) Given $P_1 = 0.5$
 $P_2 = 3$
 $m = 120$

(a) Budget line: $0.5x_1 + 3x_2 = 120$

(b) Budget set: $0.5x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 120$



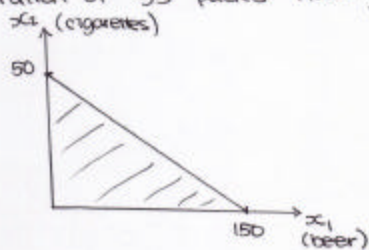
- (d)
- (i) $0.5x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 180$
 - (ii) ~~$0.5x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 120$~~ $x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 120$
 - (iii) $0.5x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 120$



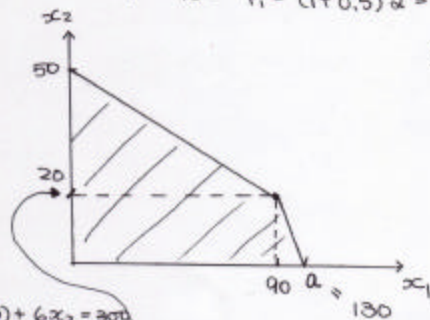
- (e) The opportunity cost of an extra bottle of ice tea is 6 hotdogs

(2) Given $x_1 = \text{beer}$ $P_1 = 2$ $m = 300$
 $x_2 = \text{cigarettes}$ $P_2 = 6$

(a) Since Shirley can afford $(\frac{m}{P_2} = 50)$ packs of cigarettes at most, the ration of 55 packs has NO EFFECT on her budget set.



(b) For $x_1 \leq 90$: $P_1 = 2$
 $x_1 > 90$: $P_1 = (1 + 0.5)2 = 3$



$$\begin{aligned} 2(90) + 6x_2 &= 300 \\ 6x_2 &= 120 \\ x_2 &= 20 \end{aligned}$$

$a =$ maximum bottles of beer affordable under tax.

$$2(90) + 3(a - 90) = 300$$

$$3a - 270 = 120$$

$$3a = 390$$

$$a = 130$$

(c) Not buy beer

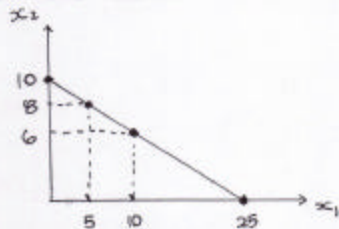
- (3) (a) Preferences are "Rational" if they satisfy all 3 of the following:
- complete
 - transitive
 - reflexive
- (b) Preferences are "well-behaved" if they satisfy all 4 of the following:
- Rational
 - Strong monotonicity
 - strict convexity
 - Local Non-satiation
- (c)
- Not Complete: If A is taller but poorer, and B is shorter but richer, given this preference relation ~~she~~ she will not be able to compare between A and B
 - Transitive: If A is taller and richer than B, and B is taller and richer than C, then it must be true that A is taller and richer than C.

(4) Amy is always willing to substitute 5 apples (x_1) for 2 oranges (x_2).
 Suppose Amy is currently consuming (10, 6), we know that she will be indifferent if she gives up 5 apples but is compensated w/ 2 more oranges.

So examples of $(x_1, x_2) \sim (10, 6)$

$\Rightarrow (5, 8), (0, 10), (10, 6), (15, 4) \dots$

Mathematically, any bundle that satisfy $2x_1 + 5x_2 = 50$ is on the same indifference curve as (10, 6)



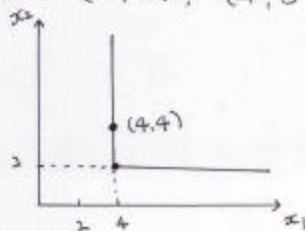
(5) Bob always consume 1 beer (x_1) and $1/2$ bags of chips together (x_2).

\Rightarrow Think of 1 beer & $1/2$ bags of chips as "1 beer+chip combination" he consume.

\Rightarrow Consider (4, 4) \rightarrow Total of 4 beer+chip combination he'll consume. (4 beers go w/ 2 bags of chips, he has 2 bags left-over, it doesn't matter)

\Rightarrow Any (x_1, x_2) that allows Bob to consume 4 beer+chip combination is equally as good as (4, 4)

Ex: (4, 2), (4, 3), (5, 2), (6, 2)



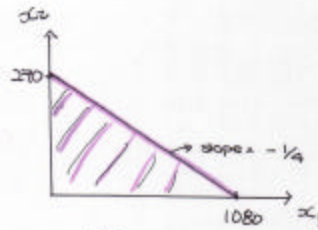
* Mathematically: Any (x_1, x_2) that satisfy $\min\{x_1, 2x_2\} = 4$ is on the same indifference curve as (4, 4)

Extra Credit Question

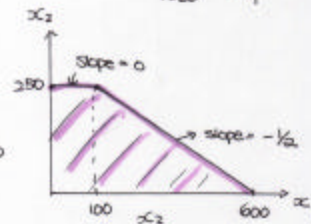
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There are 3 options faced by Stan. First, let's treat them as completely separate.

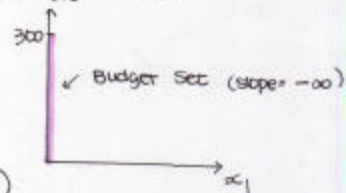
Plan A: Budget set Activation fee
 $0.25x_1 + x_2 \leq 300 - 30$
 $\Rightarrow 0.25x_1 + x_2 \leq 270$



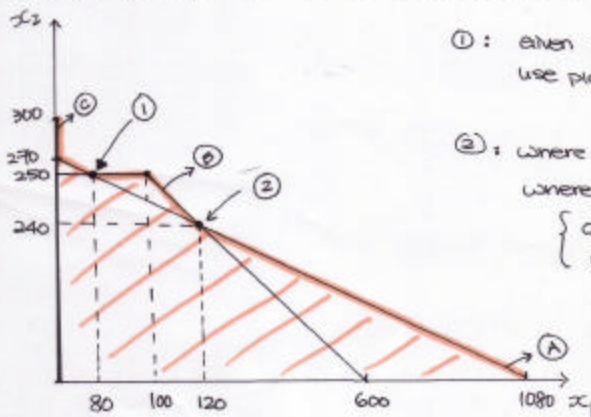
Plan B: Budget set
 For $x_1 \leq 100$: $x_2 \leq 250$
 For $x_1 > 100$: $0.5(x_1 - 100) + x_2 \leq 250$



Plan C: Not enroll in any plan.
 Stan then spend all his income on everything else.
 His budget set: $x_2 \leq 300$



* All feasible bundles for Stan (combine all 3)



①: given $x_2 = 250$
 use plan A: $0.25x_1 + 250 = 270$
 $x_1 = 80$

②: where $x_1 > 100$
 where plan A & B intersect.

$$\begin{cases} 0.25x_1 + x_2 = 270 \\ 0.5(x_1 - 100) + x_2 = 250 \end{cases}$$

 Solve for x_1 and x_2

$x_1 = 120$
 $x_2 = 240$

ANS: