

Ex. 1.54)

$$u(\vec{x}) = A \prod_{i=1}^m x_i^{\alpha_i}, \quad A > 0, \quad \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i = 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow u(\vec{x}) = A x_1^{\alpha_1} x_2^{\alpha_2} \dots x_m^{\alpha_m}.$$

a) Marshallian demand:

$$\max_{\{x_i\}} u(\vec{x}) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \vec{p}\vec{x} = y.$$

$$L = u(\vec{x}) + \lambda [y - \vec{p}\vec{x}]$$

$$L_j = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} - \lambda p_j = 0, \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, m.$$

$$\text{where } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\alpha_j A \prod_{i=1}^m x_i^{\alpha_i}}{x_j}$$

Note that $\lim_{x_j \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} = +\infty$. Hence, $x_j^* > 0, \forall j$.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\alpha_j u(\vec{x}^*)}{x_j^*} = \lambda p_j, \quad \forall j.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{\alpha_j u(\vec{x}^*)}{x_j^*}}{\frac{\alpha_k u(\vec{x}^*)}{x_k^*}} = \frac{p_k}{p_j}, \quad \forall j, k.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\alpha_j x_k^*}{\alpha_k x_j^*} = \frac{p_k}{p_j} \Rightarrow x_j^* = \left(\frac{\alpha_j}{\alpha_k} \right) \left(\frac{p_k}{p_j} \right) x_k^*.$$

inserting in the budget constraint:

$$p_1 x_1^* + \frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1} p_1 x_1^* + \frac{\alpha_3}{\alpha_1} p_1 x_1^* + \dots + \frac{\alpha_n}{\alpha_1} p_1 x_1^* = y$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1^* = \frac{y}{\frac{p_1}{\alpha_1} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i} = \frac{\alpha_1 y}{p_1}$$

And similarly for all x_j^* :

$$x_j(\vec{p}, y) = \alpha_j \frac{y}{p_j} \quad : \quad \text{This is the Marshallian demand.}$$

b) indirect utility fctn:

$$v(\vec{p}, y) = u(\vec{x}(\vec{p}, y))$$

$$= A \left(\frac{\alpha_1 y}{p_1} \right)^{\alpha_1} \left(\frac{\alpha_2 y}{p_2} \right)^{\alpha_2} \dots \left(\frac{\alpha_n y}{p_n} \right)^{\alpha_n}$$

$$= A y^n \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\alpha_i}{p_i} \right)^{\alpha_i} \quad : \quad \text{This is the indirect utility fctn.}$$

c) The expenditure fctn:

$$v(\vec{p}, e(\vec{p}, u)) = u$$

$$\Rightarrow A e(\vec{p}, u) \prod_i \left(\frac{L_i}{p_i} \right)^{\alpha_i} = u$$

$$\Rightarrow e(\vec{p}, u) = \frac{u}{A} \prod_i \left(\frac{p_i}{L_i} \right)^{\alpha_i}$$

d) The Hicksian demand:

By Shephard's Lemma, we have

$$h_j^u(\vec{p}, u) = \frac{\partial e}{\partial p_j}$$

$$= \frac{u}{A} \left[\prod_i \left(\frac{p_i}{L_i} \right)^{\alpha_i} \right] \frac{L_j}{p_j}$$