

\$TITLE: M2-3.GMS add a rationing constraint to model M2-2  
\* *MAXIMIZE UTILITY SUBJECT TO A LINEAR BUDGET CONSTRAINT*  
\* *PLUS RATIONING CONSTRAINT ON X1*  
\* *two goods, Cobb-Douglas preferences*

### PARAMETERS

M                   Income  
P1, P2             prices of goods X1 and X2  
S1, S2             util shares of X1 and X2  
RATION             rationing constraint on the quantity of X1;

M = 100;  
P1 = 1;  
P2 = 1;  
S1 = 0.5;  
S2 = 0.5;  
RATION = 100.;

### NONNEGATIVE VARIABLES

X1, X2           Commodity demands  
LAMBDAI          Lagrangean multiplier (marginal utility of income)  
LAMBDA R         Lagrangean multiplier on rationing constraint;

### VARIABLES

U                 Welfare;

**EQUATIONS**

UTILITY            Utility  
 INCOME            Income-expenditure constraint  
 RATION1           Rationing constraint on good X1  
 FOC1, FOC2        First-order conditions for X1 and X2;

UTILITY..         $U = E = 2 * (X1 ** S1) * (X2 ** S2);$

INCOME..         $M = G = P1 * X1 + P2 * X2;$

RATION1..         $RATION = G = X1;$

FOC1..             $LAMBDAI * P1 + LAMBDA R = G = 2 * S1 * X1 ** (S1 - 1) * (X2 ** S2);$

FOC2..             $LAMBDAI * P2 = G = 2 * S2 * X2 ** (S2 - 1) * (X1 ** S1);$

*\* modeled as a non-linear programming problem*

*\* set starting values*

U.L = 100;

X1.L = 50;

X2.L = 50;

LAMBDAI.L = 1;

LAMBDA R.L = 0;

**MODEL** OPTIMIZE /UTILITY, INCOME, RATION1/;

**SOLVE** OPTIMIZE USING NLP MAXIMIZING U;

*\* modeled as a complementarity problem*

**MODEL** COMPLEM /UTILITY.U, INCOME.LAMBDAL, RATION1.LAMBDAR,  
FOC1.X1, FOC2.X2/;

**SOLVE** COMPLEM USING MCP;

*\* try binding rationing constraint at  $X1 \leq RATION = 25$ ;*

RATION = 25;

**SOLVE** OPTIMIZE USING NLP MAXIMIZING U;

**SOLVE** COMPLEM USING MCP;

*\* show that shadow price of rationing constraint increases with income  
\* could lead to a black market in rationing coupons, "scalping" tickets*

M = 200;

**SOLVE** OPTIMIZE USING NLP MAXIMIZING U;

**SOLVE** COMPLEM USING MCP;

*\* illustrate the mpec solver*

*\* suppose we want to enforce the rationing constraint via licenses for  $X1$   
\* consumers are given an allocation of licenses which is RATION*



RATION1.PLIC/;

**OPTION** MPEC = nlpec;

**SOLVE** MPEC USING MPEC MAXIMIZING U;

**SOLVE** COMPLEM2 USING MCP;

M = 200;

**SOLVE** MPEC USING MPEC MAXIMIZING U;

**SOLVE** COMPLEM2 USING MCP;

*\* now use the expenditure function, giving the minimum cost of buying  
 \* one unit of utility:  $COSTU = P1**S1 * P2**S2 = PU$   
 \* where PU is the "price" of utility: the inverse of lambda  
 \* two versions are presented:  
 \* one using Marshallian (uncompensated) demand:  $Xi = F(P1, P2, M)$   
 \* one using Hicksian (compensated) demand:  $Xi = F(P1, P2, U)$*

RATION = 100;

M = 100;

### **NONNEGATIVE VARIABLES**

PU price of utility

M1 income inclusive of the value of rationing allocation;

**EQUATIONS**

COSTU           expenditure function: cost of producing utility = PU  
 DEMANDM1       Marshallian demand for good 1  
 DEMANDM2       Marshallian demand for good 2  
 DEMANDH1       Hicksian demand for good 1  
 DEMANDH2       Hicksian demand for good 2  
 DEMANDU        Demand for utility (indirect utility function)  
 RATION1b       Rationing constraint (same as before)  
 INCOMEb        Income balance equation;

$$\text{COSTU}.. \quad (PLIC+P1)**S1 * P2**S2 =G= PU;$$

$$\text{DEMANDM1}.. \quad X1 =G= S1*M1/(P1+PLIC);$$

$$\text{DEMANDM2}.. \quad X2 =G= S2*M1/P2;$$

$$\text{DEMANDH1}.. \quad X1 =G= S1*PU*U/(P1+PLIC);$$

$$\text{DEMANDH2}.. \quad X2 =G= S2*PU*U/P2;$$

$$\text{DEMANDU}.. \quad U =E= M1/PU;$$

$$\text{RATION1b}.. \quad \text{RATION} =G= X1;$$

$$\text{INCOMEb}.. \quad M1 =E= M + PLIC*\text{RATION};$$

PU.L = 1;

**MODEL** COMPLEM3 /COSTU.U, DEMANDM1.X1, DEMANDM2.X2, DEMANDU.PU,  
RATION1b.PLIC, INCOMEb.M1/;

**MODEL** COMPLEM4 /COSTU.U, DEMANDH1.X1, DEMANDH2.X2, DEMANDU.PU,  
RATION1b.PLIC, INCOMEb.M1/;

**SOLVE** COMPLEM3 USING MCP;

**SOLVE** COMPLEM4 USING MCP;

*\* counterfactuals*

RATION = 25;

**SOLVE** COMPLEM3 USING MCP;

**SOLVE** COMPLEM4 USING MCP;

M = 200;

**SOLVE** COMPLEM3 USING MCP;

**SOLVE** COMPLEM4 USING MCP;

*\*\$exit*

*\* scenario generation*

**SETS** I indexes different values of rationing constraint /I1\*I10/  
J indexes income levels /J1\*J10/;

**PARAMETERS**

RLEVEL(I)  
PCINCOME(J)  
LICENSEP(I,J);

U.L = 50;  
X1.L = 25;  
X2.L = 25;  
PLIC.L = 0.;  
LAMBDAI.L = 1;

*\* the following is to prevent solver failure when evaluating  $X1^{*(S1-1)}$   
\* at  $X1 = 0$  (given  $S1-1 < 0$ )*

X1.LO = 0.01;  
X2.LO = 0.01;

**LOOP**(I,  
**LOOP**(J,

RATION = 110 - 10\***ORD**(I);  
M = 25 + 25\***ORD**(J);



**SOLVE** MPEC USING MPEC MAXIMIZING U;

RLEVEL(I) = RATION;

PCINCOME(J) = M;

LICENSEP(I,J) = PLIC.L;

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**DISPLAY** RLEVEL, PCINCOME, LICENSEP;

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