

\$TITLE: M2-2.GMS: consumer choice, modeled as an NLP and a MCP

\* maximize utility subject to a linear budget constraint

\* two goods, Cobb-Douglas preferences

### \$ONTEXT

*This program introduces economic students to GAMS and GAMS solvers. The problem itself is known and loved by all econ students from undergraduate intermediate micro economics on up:*

*Maximizing utility with two goods and a linear budget constraint.*

*Four versions are considered*

*OPTIMIZE: direct constrained optimization using the NLP (non-linear programming) solver*

*COMPLEM: uses the first-order conditions (FOC) to create a square system of  $n$  inequalities in  $n$  unknowns, solved using the MCP (mixed complementarity problem) solver*

*COMPLEM2: instead of the utility function and FOC, uses the expenditure function and Marshallian demand functions, solved as an MCP*

*COMPLEM3: instead of the utility function and FOC, uses the expenditure function and Hicksian demand functions, solved as an MCP*

### \$OFFTEXT

### PARAMETERS

M                   Income  
P1, P2             prices of goods X1 and X2  
S1, S2             utility shares of X1 and X2;

$M = 100;$   
 $P1 = 1;$   
 $P2 = 1;$   
 $S1 = 0.5;$   
 $S2 = 0.5;$

### NONNEGATIVE VARIABLES

$X1, X2$  Commodity demands  
 $LAMBDA$  Lagrangean multiplier (marginal utility of income);

### VARIABLES

$U$  Welfare;

### EQUATIONS

$UTILITY$  Utility  
 $INCOME$  Income-expenditure constraint  
 $FOC1, FOC2$  First-order conditions for  $X1$  and  $X2$ ;

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

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

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FOC1..      LAMBDA*P1 =G= 2*S1*X1**(S1-1)*(X2**S2);
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FOC2..      LAMBDA*P2 =G= 2*S2*X2**(S2-1)*(X1**S1);
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* set starting values
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U.L = 100;
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X1.L = 50;
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X2.L = 50;
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LAMBDA.L = 1;
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* modeled as a non-linear programming problem
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MODEL OPTIMIZE /UTILITY, INCOME/;
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SOLVE OPTIMIZE USING NLP MAXIMIZING U;
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* modeled as a complementarity problem
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MODEL COMPLEM /UTILITY.U, INCOME.LAMBDA, FOC1.X1, FOC2.X2/;
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SOLVE COMPLEM USING MCP;
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* counterfactuals
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P1 = 2;
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SOLVE OPTIMIZE USING NLP MAXIMZING U;
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**SOLVE** COMPLEM USING MCP;

P1 = 1;  
M = 200;

**SOLVE** OPTIMIZE USING NLP MAXIMZING U;  
**SOLVE** COMPLEM 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:  $X_i = F_i(P1, P2, M)$   
\* one using Hicksian (compensated) demand:  $X_i = F_i(P1, P2, U)$*

P1 = 1;  
M = 100;

### **NONNEGATIVE VARIABLES**

PU            price of utility;

### **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);

COSTU..  $P1^{**}S1 * P2^{**}S2 =G= PU;$

DEMANDM1..  $X1 =G= S1*M/P1;$

DEMANDM2..  $X2 =G= S2*M/P2;$

DEMANDH1..  $X1 =G= S1*PU*U/P1;$

DEMANDH2..  $X2 =G= S2*PU*U/P2;$

DEMANDU..  $U =E= M/PU;$

PU.L = 1;

**MODEL** COMPLEM2 marshall /COSTU.U, DEMANDM1.X1, DEMANDM2.X2, DEMANDU.PU/;

**MODEL** COMPLEM3 hicks /COSTU.U, DEMANDH1.X1, DEMANDH2.X2, DEMANDU.PU/;

**SOLVE** COMPLEM2 USING MCP;

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\* *counterfactuals*

P1 = 2;

**SOLVE** COMPLEM2 USING MCP;

**SOLVE** COMPLEM3 USING MCP;

P1 = 1;

M = 200;

**SOLVE** COMPLEM2 USING MCP;

**SOLVE** COMPLEM3 USING MCP;