

Welfare:

Say we have price and wealth change from (p^0, w^0) to (p', w')

$$CV = e(p', u') - e(p', u^0)$$

where $u^0 = v(p^0, w^0)$
 $u' = v(p', w')$

$$EV = e(p^0, u') - e(p^0, u^0)$$

Special case: Only price of good 1 changes while other prices and wealth unchanged.

$$CV = e(p', u') - e(p', u^0)$$

$$= e(p^0, u^0) - e(p', u^0)$$

since $e(p', u') = e(p^0, u^0) = W$.

$$= \int_{p_i'}^{p_i^0} \underbrace{h_1(t, p_{-1}, u^0)}_V dt.$$

$$EV = \int_{p_i'}^{p_i^0} h_1(t, \underbrace{p_{-1}}_{(p_2, p_3, \dots, p_n)}, u') dt$$

Remark: When price or wealth change makes you worse off, both CV and EV < 0.

Proposition: If x_1 is normal good, i.e. $\frac{\partial x_1}{\partial w} \geq 0$ then if only p_1 changes
 $EV \geq CV$.

Proof: Suppose WLOG $p_1' > p_1^0$.

It suffices to show that $\underbrace{h_1(t, p_{-1}, u') \geq h_1(t, p_{-1}, u^0)}_{\text{for all } t}$.

Since we have $p_1' > p_1^0$, $u^0 \geq u'$

Since $h_1(p, w) = x_1(p, e(p, w))$

$$\frac{\partial h_1(p, w)}{\partial w} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial x_1(p, e(p, w))}{\partial w}}_{\geq 0} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\partial e(p, w)}{\partial w}}_{> 0} \geq 0$$

$h_1(t, p_{-1}, u') \leq h_1(t, p_{-1}, u^0)$ for all t , since $\underline{u^0 \geq u'}$.

$$\int_{p_i^0}^{p_i'} \underbrace{h_1(t, p_{-1}, u')}_{\text{smaller}} dt \leq \int_{p_i^0}^{p_i'} \underbrace{h_1(t, p_{-1}, u^0)}_{\text{larger}} dt$$

$$EV = - \int_{P_i^0}^{P_i^1} \underbrace{h_i(t, p_{-i}, u^1)} dt \approx - \int_{P_i^0}^{P_i^1} \underbrace{h_i(t, p_{-i}, u^0)} dt = CV$$

Remark: If $\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial w} = 0$, then $CV = EV$ when P_i changes.

e.g. quasi-linear utility $u(x_1, x_2) = x_1 + f(x_2)$