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Deciding the optimal point for consumers via the classical theory

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- Consumer reach the optimal point when reaching the maximum utility level.
- Economists use the classical theory to calculate consumers optimal point.
- The cost of each product and the income of the consumer play a role in determining the optimal point.



Classical theory definition



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The classical theory is divided into:

Cardinal utility approach



This approach can be expressed in quantitative terms.

This approach can be expressed in terms of preference scales.



Ordinal utility approach



Optimal point definition



Optimal utility



balance in the budget constraint.



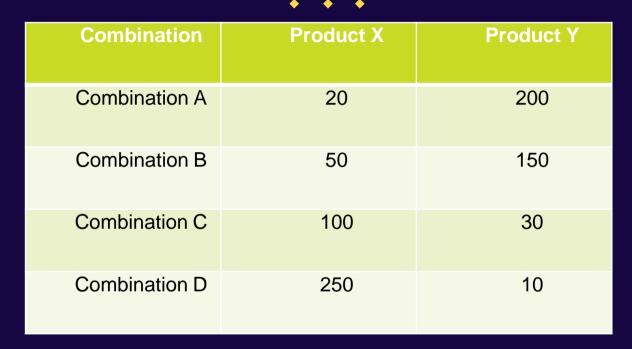
How to reach the optimal point for consumers





- •Consumers often assume, that the more the merrier. Meaning that when choosing between a bundle of (5X and 8Y) or (30X and 10Y), the second option will be preferred as one has more of both products.
- Due to **cost** being involved, there will definitely be a budget constraint, meaning when spending more on product X there will be less for Y.
- Balancing the amount we spend on both products, will maximize the consumers total utility.





When X is increasing its Marginal Rate of Substitution (MRS), Y-is diminishing.





- •There are two ways to calculate the utility level of a consumer, either by the cardinal or the ordinal approach.
- •Budget constraints and limited resources, can keep customers from buying the desired amounts of products.
- •When increasing the MRS of one product, the other will demolish.
- Balancing out the quantities of the products, will result in the optimal utility level.



Thanks!

Any questions?



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