

Commodity / Individual Margin  
 Full Appropriation  
 Integral Optimality  
Flattening / Convexifying Effects

$$MP_i = v_I(0) - v_{-i}(0)$$

We have illustrated that  $\sum_{i=1}^n MP_i \geq v_I(0)$  with strict inequality often.

PTE for  $\{v_i\}$  is a  $[(z_i), p]$  s.t.

$$i) \sum z_i = 0, \quad m_i = -pz_i \quad \forall i$$

$$ii) v_i^*(p) = v_i(z_i) - pz_i \quad \forall i$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n v_i^*(p) = \sum_{i=1}^n [v_i(z_i) - pz_i] = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i(z_i) - p \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n z_i}_{=0} = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i(z_i)$$

We know that PTE are PO  $\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n v_i(z_i) = v_I(0)$

Since  $v_I(0)$  is the total pie,  $\sum_{i=1}^n v_i(z_i) = v_I(0)$  is a way of splitting up the pie.

Under what condition is this division of the pie unique? Answer: when the prices are unique.

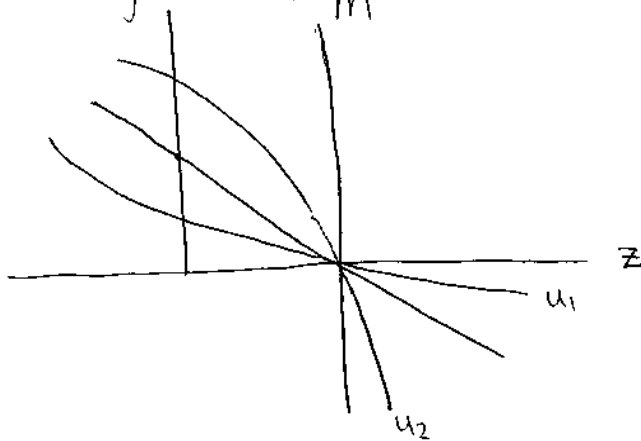
Eg when prices are not unique:



We need only assume differentiability wrt one individual in order for the equilibrium allocation to be unique.

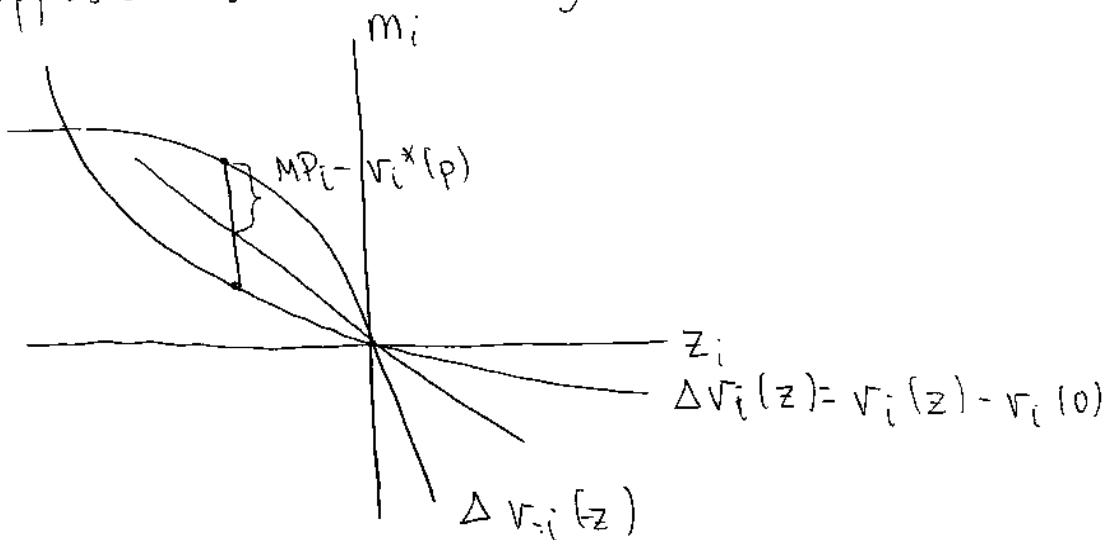
What is the relationship between  $\frac{v_i^*(p)}{\text{reward}}$  and  $\frac{MP_i}{\text{contribution}}$ ?

In general,  $MP_i \geq v_i^*(p) \cdot \forall i.$



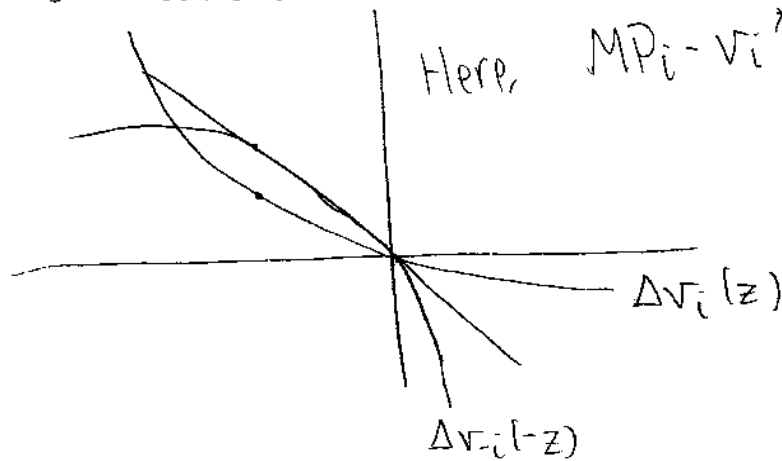
$$MP_i = \max_z \{ v_i(z) + \frac{\Delta v_{-i}(-z)}{v_{-i}(-z) - v_{-i}(0)} \}$$

Suppose  $i$  is trading with  $-i$ .



In a perfectly competitive environment, we will have that  $MP_i = v_i^*(p)$

This would look like:



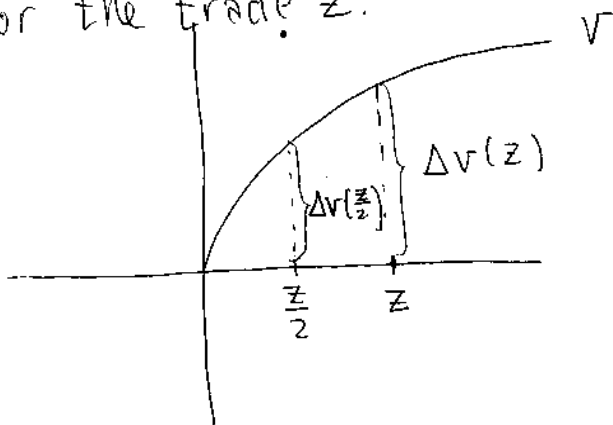
## Flattening Effect of Large Numbers

$v$  is concave

$$\Delta v(z) = v(z) - v(0)$$

$$\Delta v_2(z) = \max \{ \Delta v(z_1) + \Delta v(z_2) ; z_1 + z_2 = z \}$$

maximum amount of money we can extract from 2 people for the trade  $z$ .



Assume  $v(0) = 0$

$$\Delta v_2(z) = 2 \Delta v\left(\frac{z}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta v_k(z) = k \Delta v\left(\frac{z}{k}\right)$$

What is  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Delta v_k(z)$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Delta v_k(z) &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k \Delta v\left(\frac{z}{k}\right) \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{v\left(\frac{1}{k}z\right) - v(0)}{\frac{1}{k}} \\ &= Dv(0; z) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta v_J(z) = v_J(z) - v_I(0)$$

Assume  $v_i$  concave  $\forall i$

$$\Delta v_{kI}(z) = k \Delta v_I\left(\frac{z}{k}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Delta v_{kI}(z) &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{v_I\left(\frac{1}{k}z\right) - v_I(0)}{\frac{1}{k}} \\ &= Dv_I(0; z) \end{aligned}$$

"This quantity  $z$  is very small relative to the scale of the economy.

Let  $\mathcal{E} = [(v_i)]$  be an economy

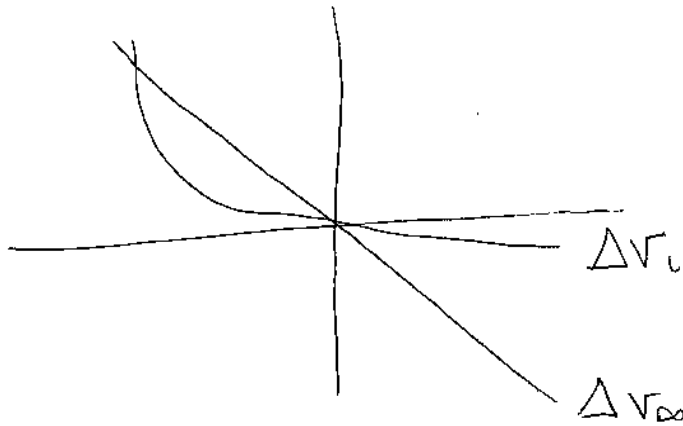
Let  $\mathcal{E}^k = \{\mathcal{E}_1, \dots, \mathcal{E}_k\}$  where  $\mathcal{E}_j = \mathcal{E} \forall j$  be the

$k$ -replica of  $\mathcal{E}$

From  $\mathcal{E}_j$  we can derive  $v_I$ . From  $\mathcal{E}^k$ , we can derive  $v_{kI}$

Here,  $v_{-i} = v_{kI} \setminus i$

We will pretend that  $\Delta V_{kI} \setminus \{0\} - \Delta V_{kI} \rightarrow 0$   
 as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . If we have this assumption, then



where  $\Delta V_\infty \equiv \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Delta V_{kI} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Delta V_{kI} \setminus \{0\}$

Differentiability gives us determinacy

Suppose  $V$  is concave  
 $\Rightarrow D_V(0; \cdot)$  is positively homogeneous and super-additive.

Production  
 $V_{\text{pro}}(z) = -c(z)$  where  $c(z)$  is the money  
 input to produce  $z$ .

Another possibility is that  $c(z) = \begin{cases} 0 & \forall z \in Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}^e \\ \infty & \forall z \notin Y \end{cases}$   
 i.e.  $c(z)$  is an indicator function for the  
 production set.

$$V_{\text{consumer}}(z) = Bz - Az^2 \quad \text{where } z \text{ is a scalar}$$

$$\frac{\partial V_{\text{con}}(z)}{\partial z} = B - 2Az \quad (\text{marginal utility})$$

$$\text{The FOC is } B - 2Az = P \quad (\text{linear demand curve})$$

$$V_{\text{producer}}(z) = -[c(z)] - [Dz^2]$$

$$\frac{\partial c(z)}{\partial z} = 2Dz \quad (\text{marginal cost})$$

$$\text{The FOC is } 2Dz = P$$

## Assignment model

2 groups: buyers and sellers

$$b \in B = \{1, \dots, n\} \quad s \in S = \{1, \dots, m\}$$

If  $b$  and  $s$  get together, there is a "value" for the match:  $V(b, s)$ . Each  $b$  can be matched with exactly one  $s$  and conversely.

The data of an assignment model is  $B$ ,  $S$ , and the matrix of values  $V$

$$V = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} \text{ } \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} B \end{matrix} & \left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{ } \\ \text{ } \\ \text{ } \\ \text{ } \\ \text{ } \\ \text{ } \\ \text{ } \\ \text{ } \\ \text{ } \\ \text{ } \end{matrix} \right. \end{matrix}$$

$V(b, s)$

The economic problem is how optimally to make assignments.

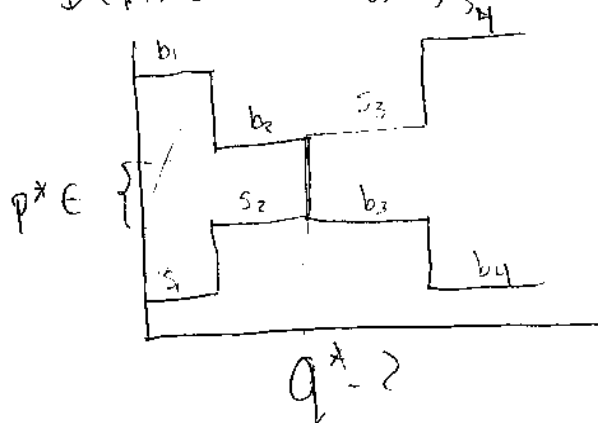
◦ The dual is: given certain matches, how is the surplus split up?

Special case:

Suppose the buyers  $B$  are buyers of a homogeneous commodity where each buyer is characterized completely by her reservation values:  $b_1, \dots, b_n$

The sellers  $S$  are completely characterized by reservation values (or cost of production):  $s_1, \dots, s_m$ .

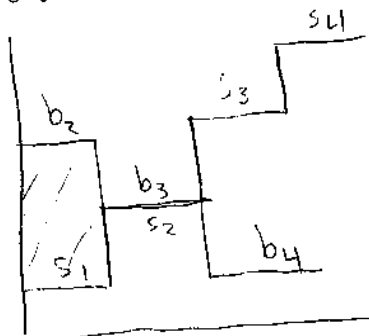
Define  $V(b_i, s_j) = \max\{b_i - s_j, 0\}$



The efficient allocation is  $q^*$  supported by any prices  $p^* \in [s_2, b_3]$

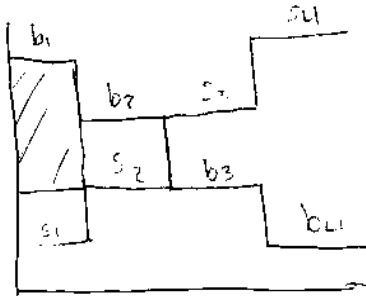
$$V_I(0) = (b_1 - s_1) + (b_2 - s_2)$$

What is  $MP_{b_1}$ ? Full  $b_1$  out of the market



$$V_{-b_1}(0) = (b_2 - s_1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} MP_{b_1} &= V_I(0) - V_{-b_1}(0) = (b_1 - s_1) + (b_2 - s_2) - (b_2 - s_1) \\ &= b_1 - s_2 \end{aligned}$$



The shaded area is  $MP_{b_1}$ .  
Is there a price at which  $b_1$   
will get her marginal  
product?

° Yes. Choose  $p = s_2$ .