

This review sheet is intended to cover everything that could be on the exam; however, it is possible that I will have accidentally left something off. You are still responsible for everything in the chapters covered except anything that I explicitly say you are not responsible for. Therefore, if I left something off of this sheet, it can still be on the exam. There will be no multiple-choice questions. Most of the questions will be like the ones in the homework assignments, and possibly a few definition questions, but I am more likely to ask questions that make you use the definitions rather than recite them. I will probably ask one of the questions from the book at the end of the chapters.

The review session will probably be Thursday 5/3.

Sections 9.2 and 9.3: The **minor**  $M_{ij}$  is the determinant of  $A$  after you get rid of row  $i$  and column  $j$ . The **cofactor**  $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$ . You can do the **cofactor expansion** by doing either of these:

*In other words, you can choose any row or any column and or expand by it. That means multiplying every element in the row or column by its corresponding cofactor. The **matrix of minors** is just a matrix where each entry is the minors of  $A$ . The **adjoint** of the matrix  $A$  is just the transpose of the **matrix of the cofactors**.*

$$|A| = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} C_{ij} \quad |A| = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} C_{ij}$$

Therefore, we get  $A^{-1} = \text{adj}(A)/|A|$ . Other important facts are  $|A| = 1/|A^{-1}|$ ,  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$  providing  $A^{-1}$  and  $B^{-1}$  exist.  $(A^{-1})^{-1} = A$ . If  $A$  is a diagonal matrix, then every entry in  $A^{-1}$  equals  $1/a_{ii}$  where  $a_{ii}$  are the corresponding entries in the original matrix  $A$ .

Section 9.4: **Cramer's Rule** is simple. If you have a matrix equation  $Ax=b$ , then  $x_i = |A_i|/|A|$  where  $A_i$  is  $A$  with column  $i$  replaced by the vector  $b$ . Note that **Open Leontief Input-Output Matrix** is one case where Cramer's Rule can be used (but ironically the book does not) providing that you realize the equation is really  $(I-A)x=b$ . *Note, that unless there are strange values for  $A$  (like a column of  $A$  adding to more than 1), then  $(I-A)^{-1}$  will only have positive values.* Do not worry about the **Closed Leontief Input Output Matrix** is done just like the open one except then you multiply the transposes of the two input vectors,  $e^T$  (employees) and  $k^T$  (capital) by your final  $x$  to find out how much labor and capital you need to produce what is desired. Then check to see if you have enough. Do not worry about what to do if you do not have enough labor or capital. To do that well you need to maximize output subject to constraints and that is taught in ECON 477.

Section 11.1: **Partial derivatives** are basically the same as regular derivatives except there are more than one independent variable. So, for example,  $w=f(x,y,z)$ . You treat the other variables as constants. To signify partial derivative, you use  $\partial$  instead of  $d$ . If you want to take the derivative using the ' notation, you must put a subscript. For example  $\partial f/\partial x \equiv f'_x \equiv f'_x$ . *The interpretation of the partial derivative is that is the slope in the one direction. (See the diagrams on Page 395.)* An **additively separate** function is one where all terms have only one of the independent variables. Note that the marginal product function (and really any marginal function) is the derivative with respect to that input. For example,  $\text{MPL} =$

$\partial \text{TP}/\partial L$  and  $\text{MPK} = \partial \text{TP}/\partial K$ . A **Cobb-Douglas** function is of the form  $y = a \cdot x_1^{\alpha_1} x_2^{\alpha_2} \dots x_n^{\alpha_n}$

The **constant elasticity of substitution (CES)** is of the form  $y = a \left[ \delta x_1^{-r} + (1-\delta)x_2^{-r} \right]^{-1/r}$

If  $f$  is a function of  $x$  and  $y$  which in turn are functions of  $t$ ,  $f(x(t),y(t))$ , then  $\frac{df}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$

Basically that is the chain rule from earlier in the semester (the derivative of  $f(g(x))$ ) but written slightly different because of the partial derivatives and full derivatives.

Section 11.2: **Second-order partial derivatives** are basically the first-order partial derivatives again except that you can now have **cross-partial derivatives** which is where the first derivative is with respect to one variable and the second is with respect to a second variable. The **gradient vector**  $\nabla f$  is the vector of the first partial derivatives i.e.,  $[f_1' \ f_2' \ \dots \ f_n']^T$  (Note the transpose.) The **Hessian matrix** is signified by **H** or  $\nabla^2$  or as your book does it  $\nabla_2$  is the matrix of all  $n^2$  second-order partial derivatives where element  $a_{ij}$  is  $f_{ij}''$ . **Young's theorem** says that  $f_{ij}'' = f_{ji}''$  if all first and second derivatives are continuous (which is the case in 99.9% of economics). Note that if  $f(\mathbf{x})$  is additively separate, the **H** is diagonal.

11.3: The **first-order total derivative** is where you use the normal  $d$  and you do all derivatives. For example, if  $y = f(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  then  $dy = f_1' dx_1 + f_2' dx_2 + f_3' dx_3$ . If you have  $F(x, y) = 0$  then  $dy/dx = -F_x'/F_y'$ . That is called **implicit differentiation** and uses the **implicit function theorem**. It can be extended to multiple variables. **Level curves, a.k.a., isobars** are lines where the function equals a constant. The most common ones in economics are **indifference curves** and **isoquants**. The slope of them can be found by subtracting the constant from  $F(x, y) = c$  from both sides and then using the implicit function theorem. The **MRTS<sub>LK</sub>** is the negative of the slope of the isoquant =  $-\Delta K/\Delta L = MPL/MPK$ . Similarly, the **MRS<sub>XY</sub>** =  $-\Delta Y/\Delta X = MU_X/MU_Y$ . Notice that in both cases the equations look upside down. Note that a **positive monotonic transformation T** of a function  $F$  will yield the same isobar map. The transformation must have  $T(F) > 0$  and  $T' > 0$ . We can use that to show all Cobb-Douglas functions which have the same ratio of  $a$  to  $b$ , will have the same isobar map, thus will result in the same optimal point. Let  $\tilde{u} = (1/A^k) * U^k$  where  $k = 1/(a+b)$  and  $U(x_1, x_2) = Ax_1^a x_2^b$ .

Non-graded Assignment #9A to be reviewed with Assignment #9.

1) (15 points) Suppose a utility function of xylophones (X) and yams (Y) is given by  $U(X, Y) = 8X^{3/8}Y^{1/4}$ . Remembering that an indifference curve is given by the equation  $U(X, Y) = c$ , set this up so that you can use the implicit function theorem. Find the slope of the indifference curve at a point assuming that xylophones are on the horizontal axis. (Where else would they be?) Show all work and state how you did it. Do not do a monotonic transformation.

2) (25 points) Suppose a production function is given by  $Q(L, K, H) = 24L^{1/3}K^{1/4}H^{1/4}$  where  $H$  is human capital. Use the implicit function to find  $\partial L/\partial H$  along an isoquant, assuming that  $K$  is constant. What does that mean? Do not take a monotonic transformation of the function.

3) (15 points) In Question #2, what monotonic transformation could you have done if you were trying to find the slope of the isoquant? Prove that your transformation is a legitimate one. Then find  $\partial L/\partial H$  along an isoquant, assuming that  $K$  is constant. Is it the same answer?

4) (20 points each) For each of the following utility functions, do a monotonic transformation of the function. Prove your transformation is a legitimate one. Then, set it up to use the implicit function theorem to find the slope as a function of the X-axis variable.

A)  $U(F, H) = 5F^{1/4}H^{2/3}$

B)  $U(M, N) = 4M^{1/2}N^{1/3}$