

The problem of maximization of C_t for any given expenditure level

$$\int_0^1 P_t(i) C_t(i) di = Z_t \quad (1)$$

can be formalized by means of the Lagrangean

$$L_t = \left[\int_0^1 C_t(i)^{1-\frac{1}{\varepsilon}} di \right]^{\frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon-1}} - \delta_t \left(\int_0^1 P_t(i) C_t(i) di - Z_t \right) \quad (2)$$

For all $i \in [0, 1]$, the associated first-order conditions are

$$C_t(i)^{-\frac{1}{\varepsilon}} C_t^{\frac{1}{\varepsilon}} = \delta_t P_t(i) \quad (3)$$

Thus, for any two goods (i, j) , $C_t(i) = C_t(j) \left(\frac{P_t(i)}{P_t(j)} \right)^{-\varepsilon}$ which can be substituted into the expression for consumption expenditures to yield

$$C_t(i) = \left(\frac{P_t(i)}{P_t} \right)^{-\varepsilon} \frac{Z_t}{P_t} \quad (4)$$

for all $i \in [0, 1]$.

The latter condition can then be substituted into the definition of C_t to obtain

$$\int_0^1 P_t(i) C_t(i) di = P_t C_t \quad (5)$$

Combining the two previous equations yields the demand schedule equation

$$C_t(i) = \left(\frac{P_t(i)}{P_t} \right)^{-\varepsilon} C_t \quad (6)$$