

$q = A K^\alpha L^\beta$  For linearly homogeneous

① Degree of homogeneity  $(\alpha + \beta)$

$q = A L^{1-\alpha} K^\alpha$

②  $MP_L = \beta \cdot AP_L = \beta \frac{q}{L}$ ,  $MP_K = \alpha \cdot AP_K = \alpha \frac{q}{K}$   $MRTS = \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{K}{L}$   
 as  $MP_L$  &  $MP_K$  are +ve  $\alpha, \beta > 0$   $f_{LL} = \beta(\beta-1)AK^\alpha L^{\beta-2}$ ,  $f_{KK} = \alpha(\alpha-1)AK^{\alpha-2}L^\beta$   
 To satisfy Diminish MP's  $0 < \alpha, \beta < 1$

③ Prove that for ~~linearly~~ CRS C-D. Fun<sup>n</sup> MP's are homogeneous of degree zero.

④ Prove that for CRS C-D fun<sup>n</sup> AP's and MP's are fun<sup>n</sup> of R only

⑤ Expansion paths are straight line.  $\frac{\beta}{\alpha} \frac{K}{L} = \frac{w}{r}$  passing through origin. or  $\beta r K - \alpha w L = 0$ .

⑥ C-D. prod<sup>n</sup> fun<sup>n</sup> satisfies Euler's theorem. For CRS, Total  $Kf_K + Lf_L = q$  output will be exhausted according to MPP theory  
 For IRS Total payment would exceed output  
 For DRS  $(\alpha + \beta < 1)$  " " " less than output

⑦ If each input is paid by the amount of its MP the relative share of total product accruing to K is  $\frac{K \cdot MP_K}{q} = \alpha$ ,  $\frac{L \cdot MP_L}{q} = \beta$   
 Thus the exponent of each input variable indicates the relative share of that input in the total product. ( $w_K + w_L = \alpha + \beta$ )

⑧ Sum of output elasticities for K & L equals degree of homogeneity

⑧ Each exponent of each input can be expressed as partial elasticity of output with respect to that input as  
 $\alpha = \frac{MP_K}{AP_K} = \omega_K$ ,  $\beta = \frac{MP_L}{AP_L} = \omega_L$

⑩ Factor intensity =  $\beta/\alpha$ . The higher the ratio the more labor intensive the technique

⑪ Efficiency of Production = A

⑫ Elasticity of substitution =  $\frac{d(K/L)/(K/L)}{d(MRTS)/MRTS} = \frac{d(\frac{\beta}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{K}{L})/(\frac{\beta}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{K}{L})}{d(\frac{\beta}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{K}{L})/(\frac{\beta}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{K}{L})} = 1$   
 (constant elasticity of substitution)

⑬ Although the fun<sup>n</sup> is nonlinear it can be transformed into a linear fun<sup>n</sup>  
 $\log q = \log A + \alpha \log K + \beta \log L$  or  $q' = A' + \alpha K' + \beta L'$

⑭ Both inputs are required to produce as  $f(K, 0) = f(0, L) = 0$

⑮ Show that CRS is not irrelevant with diminishing MP's.  
 $q = A L^{1-\alpha} K^\alpha$   ~~$MP_K = \alpha \cdot \frac{q}{K} = \alpha A L^{1-\alpha} K^{\alpha-1}$~~   ~~$MP_L = (1-\alpha) \frac{q}{L}$~~   $0 < \alpha < 1$   
 ~~$MP_{KK} = -\alpha \cdot \frac{q}{K^2} = -\alpha(\alpha-1) A L^{1-\alpha} K^{\alpha-2}$~~   ~~$MP_{LL} = -\beta(1-\beta) \frac{q}{L^2}$~~

$f_L = MP_L = (1-\alpha) A L^{-\alpha} K^\alpha > 0$       MPs are positive  $\forall \alpha, 1-\alpha > 0$   
 but diminishing  
 $f_K = MP_K = \alpha A K^{\alpha-1} L^{1-\alpha} > 0$   
 $f_{LL} = MP_{LL} = -(1-\alpha)\alpha A L^{-(\alpha+1)} K^\alpha < 0$   
 $f_{KK} = MP_{KK} = -\alpha(1-\alpha) A K^{\alpha-2} L^{1-\alpha} < 0$

(16) C-D prod.<sup>n</sup> fun.<sup>n</sup> is strictly quasiconcave for positive K & L.  
 For CRS  $\rightarrow$   
 $f_{KL} = \alpha A K^{\alpha-1} (1-\alpha) L^{-\alpha}$

Evaluating Hessian determinant of prod.<sup>n</sup> fun.

$$\begin{vmatrix} f_{LL} & -f_{LK} \\ -f_{LK} & f_{KK} \end{vmatrix} = f_{LL} f_{KK} - f_{LK}^2$$

$$= \alpha^2 (1-\alpha)^2 A^2 K^{2(\alpha-1)} L^{-2\alpha} - \alpha^2 (1-\alpha)^2 A^2 K^{2(\alpha-1)} L^{-2\alpha}$$

$$= 0$$

Therefore C-D prod.<sup>n</sup> fun.<sup>n</sup> is concave but has linear subregions in which it is not strictly concave.

$Q = A K^\alpha L^\beta$        $MP_K = A \alpha K^{\alpha-1} L^\beta$        $MP_L = A \beta K^\alpha L^{\beta-1}$   
 $MP_{KL} = A \alpha \beta K^{\alpha-1} L^{\beta-1}$        $MP_{KK} = A \alpha (\alpha-1) K^{\alpha-2} L^\beta$        $MP_{LL} = A \beta (\beta-1) K^\alpha L^{\beta-2}$

$\therefore f_{LL} f_{KK} - f_{LK}^2 = A^2 \alpha \beta (\alpha-1) (\beta-1) K^{2(\alpha-1)} L^{2(\beta-1)} - A^2 \alpha^2 \beta^2 K^{2(\alpha-1)} L^{2(\beta-1)}$   
 $= A^2 K^{2(\alpha-1)} L^{2(\beta-1)} [\alpha \beta (\alpha-1) (\beta-1) - \alpha^2 \beta^2]$   
 For concavity  $\alpha \beta (\alpha-1) (\beta-1) - \alpha^2 \beta^2 > 0$   
 $(\alpha-1) (\beta-1) - \alpha \beta > 0$   
 $\alpha \beta - \beta - \alpha + 1 - \alpha \beta > 0$  or  $-(\alpha+\beta) + 1 > 0 \Rightarrow \alpha+\beta < 1$

$\therefore$  In CRS  $\Rightarrow$  Concave with linear subregion (H&Q 72)  
 DRS  $\Rightarrow$  Strictly concave  
 IRS  $\Rightarrow$  ~~Strictly concave~~ it is negative & the prod.<sup>n</sup> fun.<sup>n</sup> is neither concave nor convex

(17) Convexity of isoquant  
 $Q^0 = A K^\alpha L^\beta$  or  $K = \left(\frac{A}{Q^0}\right)^{1/\alpha} L^{-\beta/\alpha}$   
 $\frac{dK}{dL} = -\left(\frac{A}{Q^0}\right)^{1/\alpha} \frac{\beta}{\alpha} L^{-\frac{\alpha+\beta}{\alpha}}$  ;  $\frac{d^2K}{dL^2} = \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{\alpha+\beta}{\alpha} \left(\frac{A}{Q^0}\right)^{1/\alpha} L^{-\frac{2\alpha+\beta}{\alpha}} > 0$   
 $\therefore$  The isoquants will be of the desired shape for any positive values of  $\alpha$  &  $\beta$