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12. Five consumers have the following marginal utility of apples and pears:

	Marginal Utility of Apples $\rightarrow 1\$/$	Marginal Utility of Pears $\rightarrow 2\$/$
Claire	$6/1 = 6$	$12/2 = 6$
Phil	$6/1 = 6$	$6/2 = 3$
Haley	$6/1 = 6$	$3/2 = 1.5$
Alex	$3/1 = 3$	$6/2 = 3$
Luke	$3/1 = 3$	$12/2 = 6$

Optimization

Each person should change:

Phil should spend all of his budget on apples

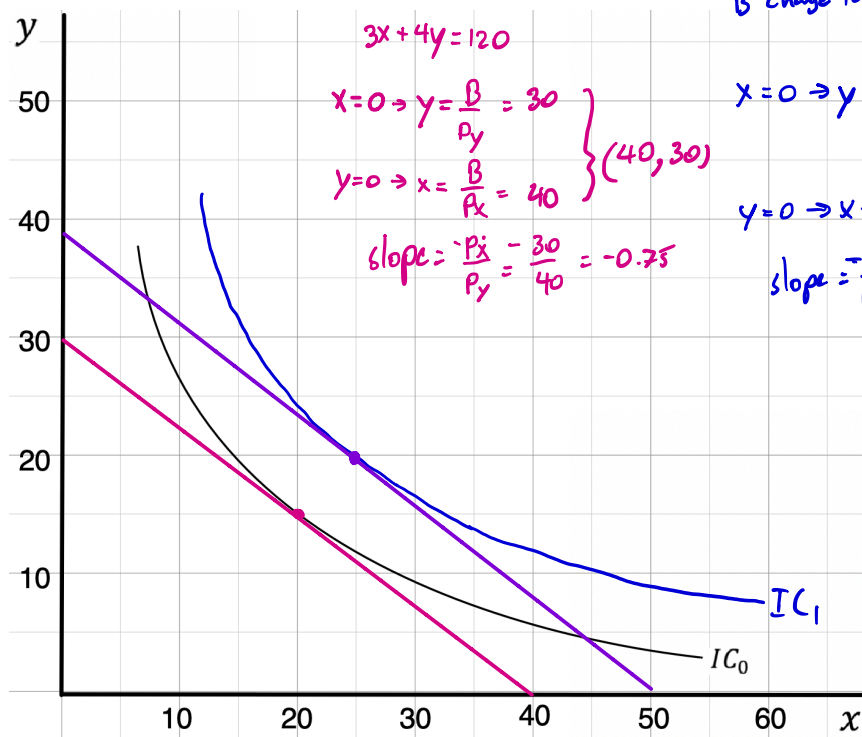
Haley " \rightarrow pears

Alex " \rightarrow apples or pears

Luke " \rightarrow pears

The price of an apple is \$1, and the price of a pear is \$2. Which, if any, of these consumers are optimizing their choices of fruit? For those who are not, how should they change their spending?

#2 Given the price of $x = 3$, price of $y = 4$, and budget = 120



B change to 150

$$x=0 \rightarrow y = \frac{B}{P_y} = \frac{150}{4} = 37.5$$

$$y=0 \rightarrow x = \frac{B}{P_x} = \frac{150}{3} = 50$$

$$\text{slope} = \frac{-P_x}{P_y} = \frac{-3}{4} = -0.75$$

A) Draw the budget line and find the equilibrium with the given indifference curve IC in the diagram below.

B) If the income increases from 120 to 150, where will be the new equilibrium so that the change in the consumption of x be such that the Income Elasticity of x is equal to 1.

C) With the change of equilibrium you found in (B), what will be the Income Elasticity of y?

③ Firstly, $IC_0 \Rightarrow 3x + 4y = 120$

(new IC), $IC_1 \Rightarrow 3x + 4y = 150$

$$n_x^I = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{y \cdot \Delta x}{x \cdot \Delta I} = \frac{\frac{x-20}{20}}{\frac{150-120}{120}} = 1$$

$$= \frac{x-20}{20} \cdot \frac{120}{20} = \frac{4x-80}{20} = 1 \Rightarrow 4x = 100$$
$$x = 25$$

\therefore The equilibrium point change from $(20, 15)$ to $(25, 18.75)$ ✖

$$\textcircled{C} \quad n_y^I = \frac{y \cdot \Delta y}{x \cdot \Delta I} = \frac{18.75 - 15}{15} \bigg/ \frac{150 - 120}{120}$$
$$= \frac{3.75}{15} \cdot \frac{4}{1} = \frac{15}{15} = 1 \quad \text{✖}$$