

Topic 3

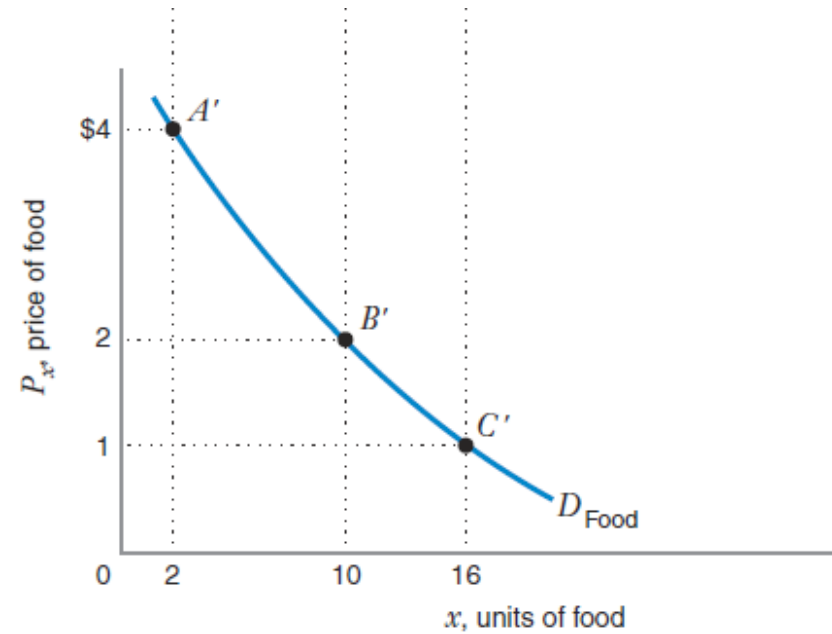
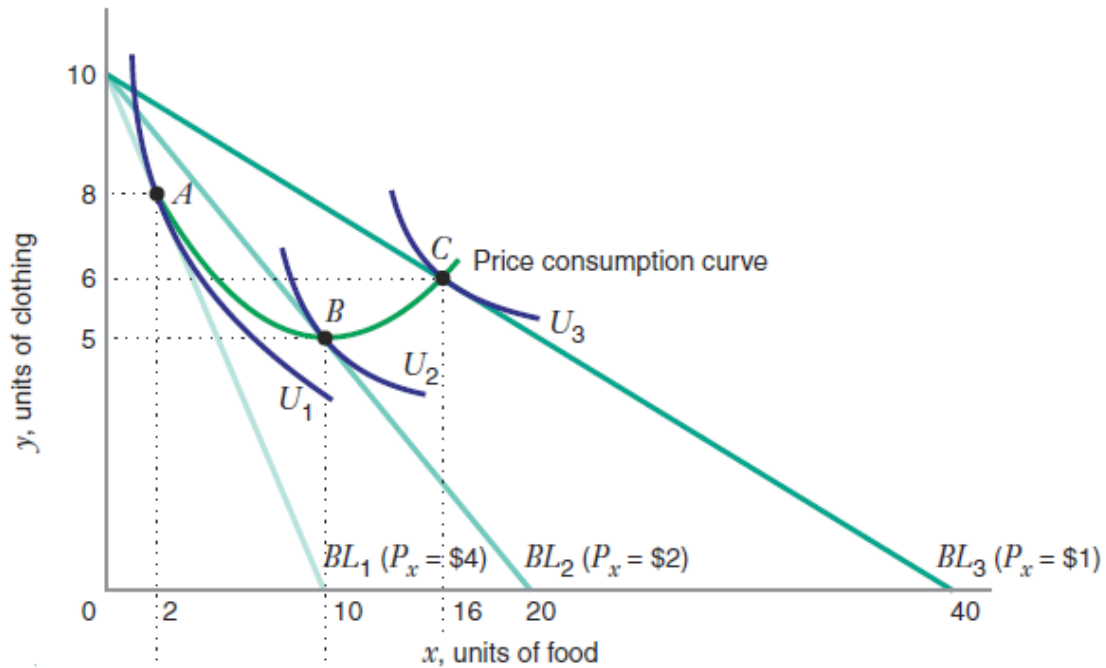
Theory of Demand

Changes in Consumer Equilibrium

The consumer optimum can change due to the followings:

- Change in the price, which can be used to draw
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- Change in the income, which can be used to draw
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Price-Consumption and Demand Curves

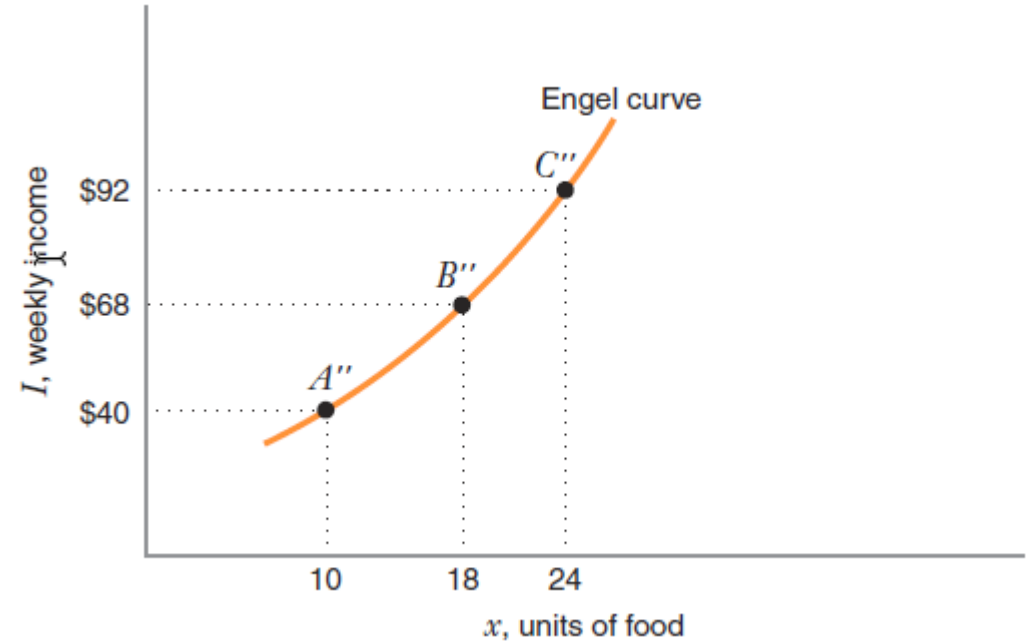
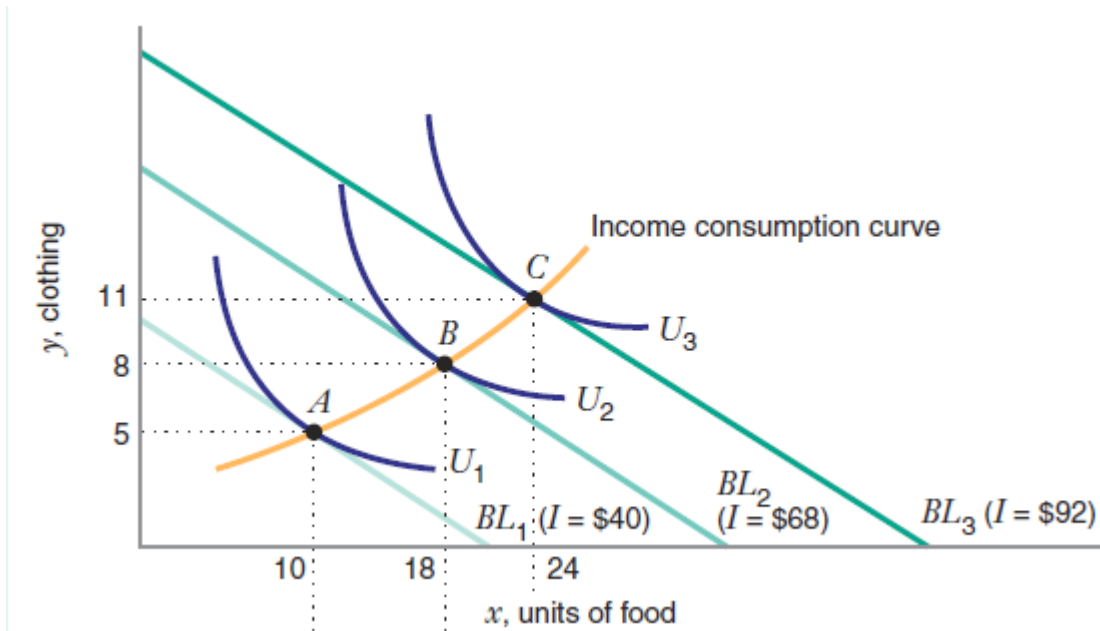


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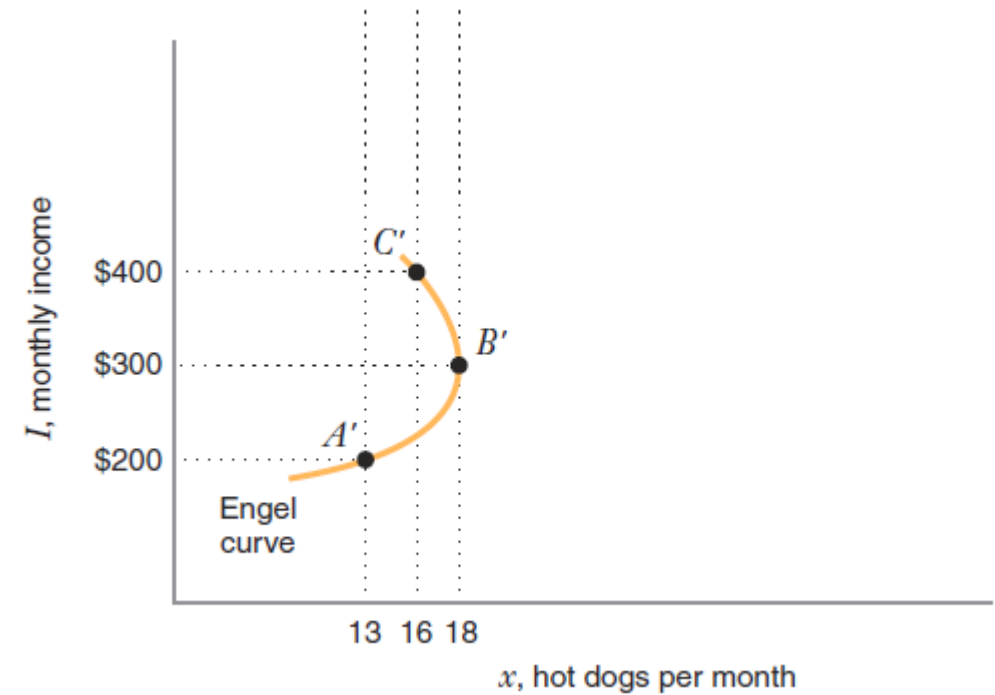
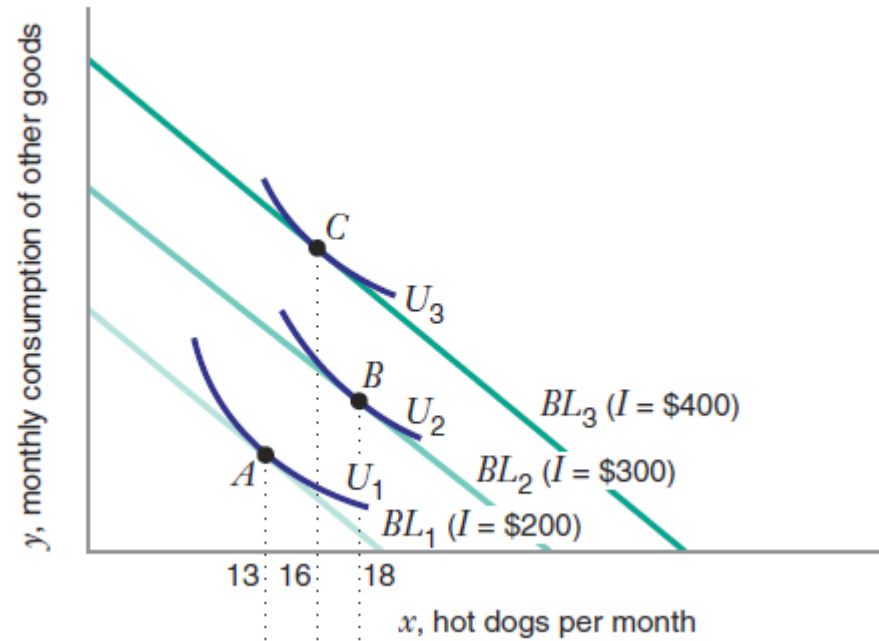
Price-Consumption Curve

Demand Curve

Income-Consumption and Engel Curves



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Income-Consumption Curve

Engel Curve

Decomposition of the Price Effect

- When the price of a good changes, its quantity demanded changes.
- Economists believe that this change in demand is due to **the sum of two effects**:
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- That is, **Total Effect (TE) = SE + IE.**

Decomposition of the Price Effect

- **Substitution Effect**
- **Income Effect**

Decomposition of the Price Effect

Notation

X_A

X_B

X_C

Decomposition of the Price Effect

CASE 1: Suppose X is a normal good and P_x decreases.



- SE and IE work in the same direction.
- **TE: When P_x falls, Q_x rises a lot.**

Decomposition of the Price Effect

CASE 2: Suppose X is a inferior good and P_x decreases.



- SE and IE work in the opposite direction, and $SE > IE$.
- **TE: When P_x falls, Q_x rises a little.**

Decomposition of the Price Effect

CASE 3: Suppose X is a Giffen good and P_x decreases.



- SE and IE work in the opposite direction, but $IE > SE$.
- **TE: When P_x falls, that Q_x falls.**

Identifying the Substitution Effect

We will study two approaches to identify the substitution effect (X_B).

- **Hicksian Method**

- **Slutskian Method**

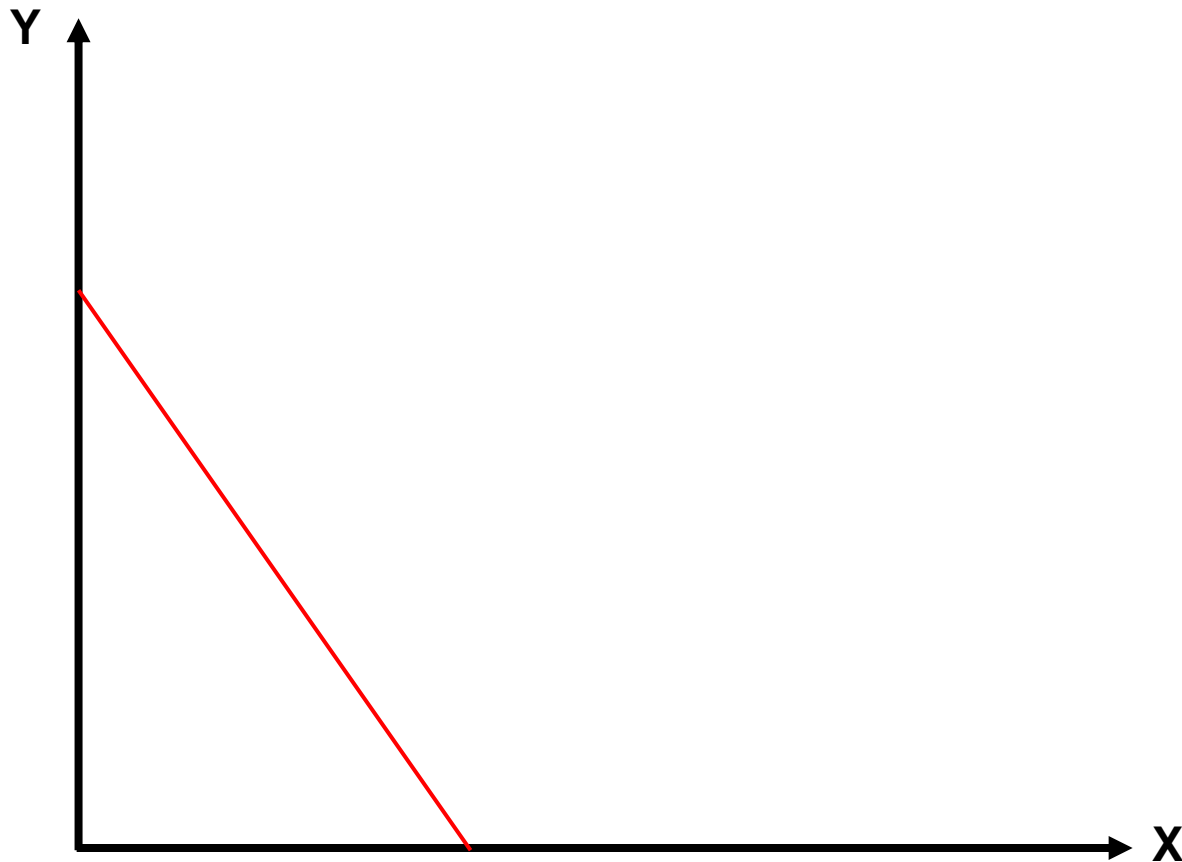
Identifying the Substitution Effect

Hicksian Method

Slutskian Method

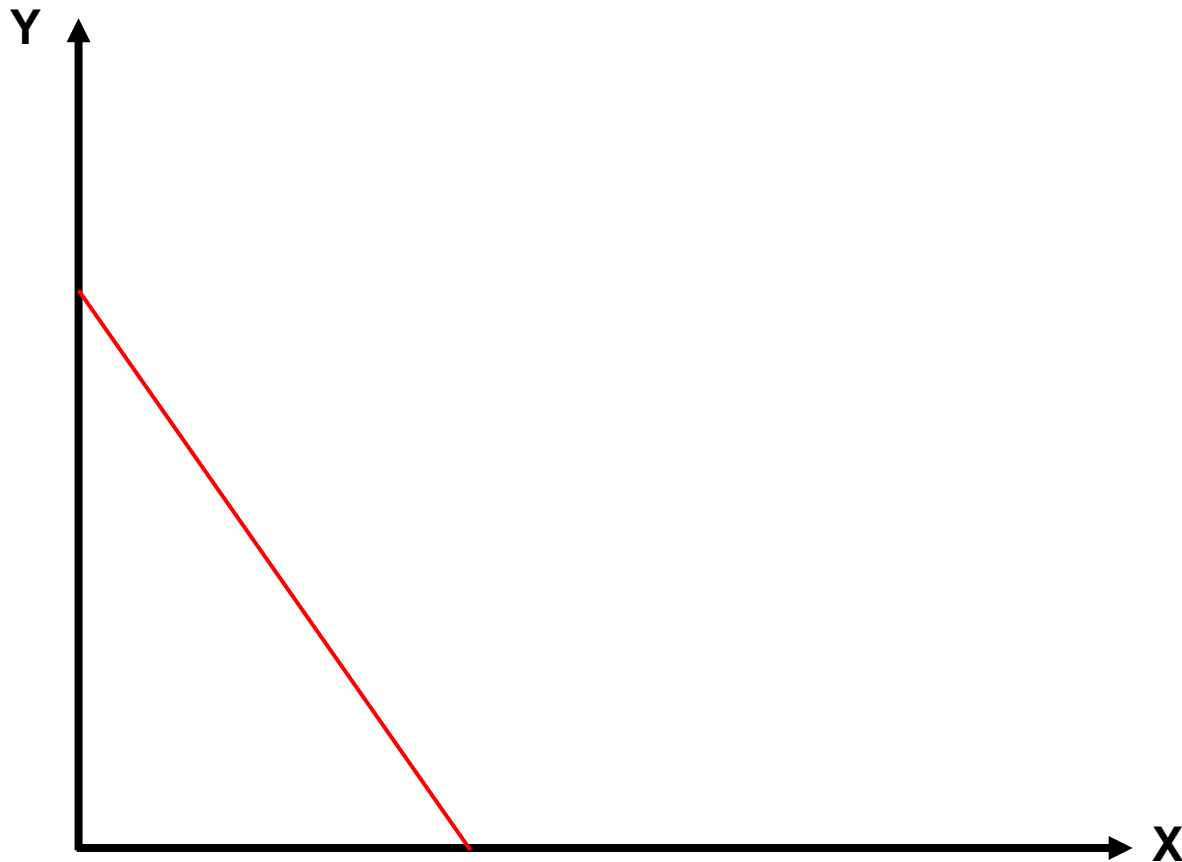
Hicksian Method to identify the SE

Case 1: P_x falls, and X is a normal good.



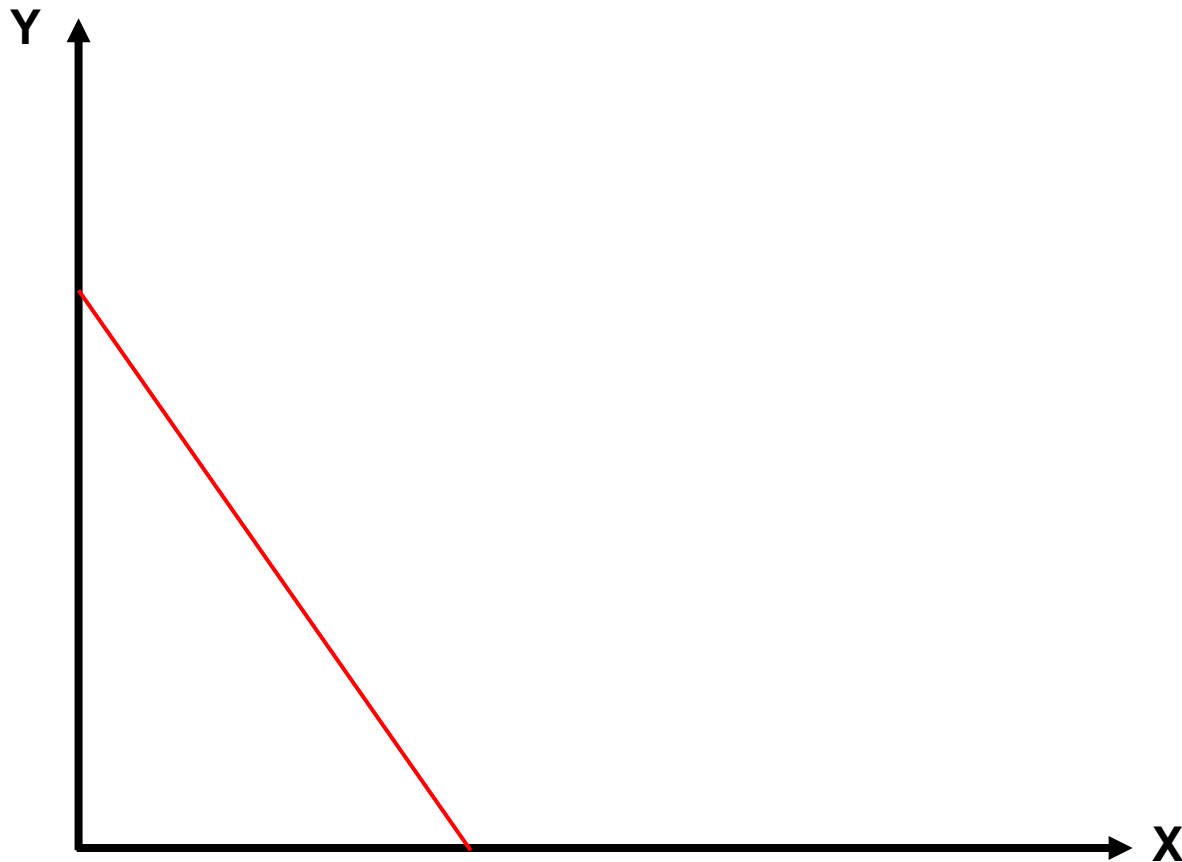
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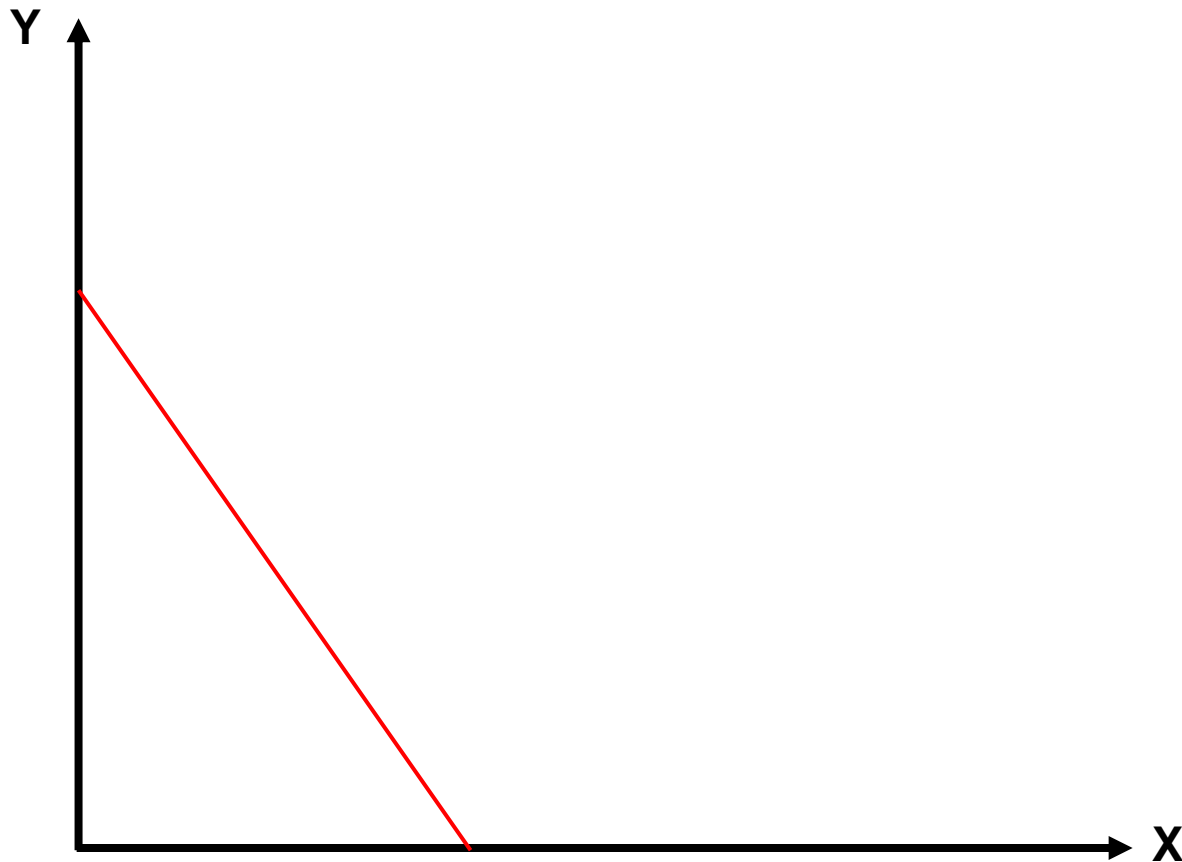
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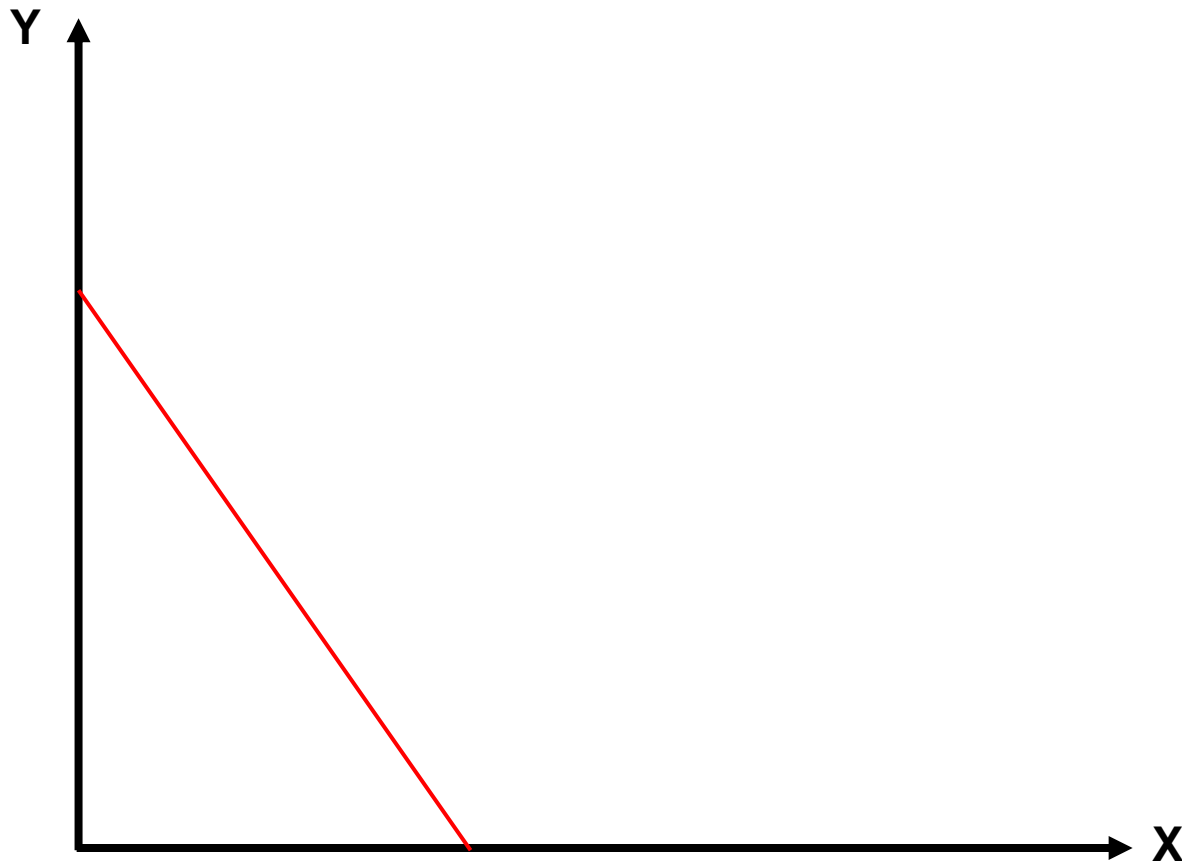
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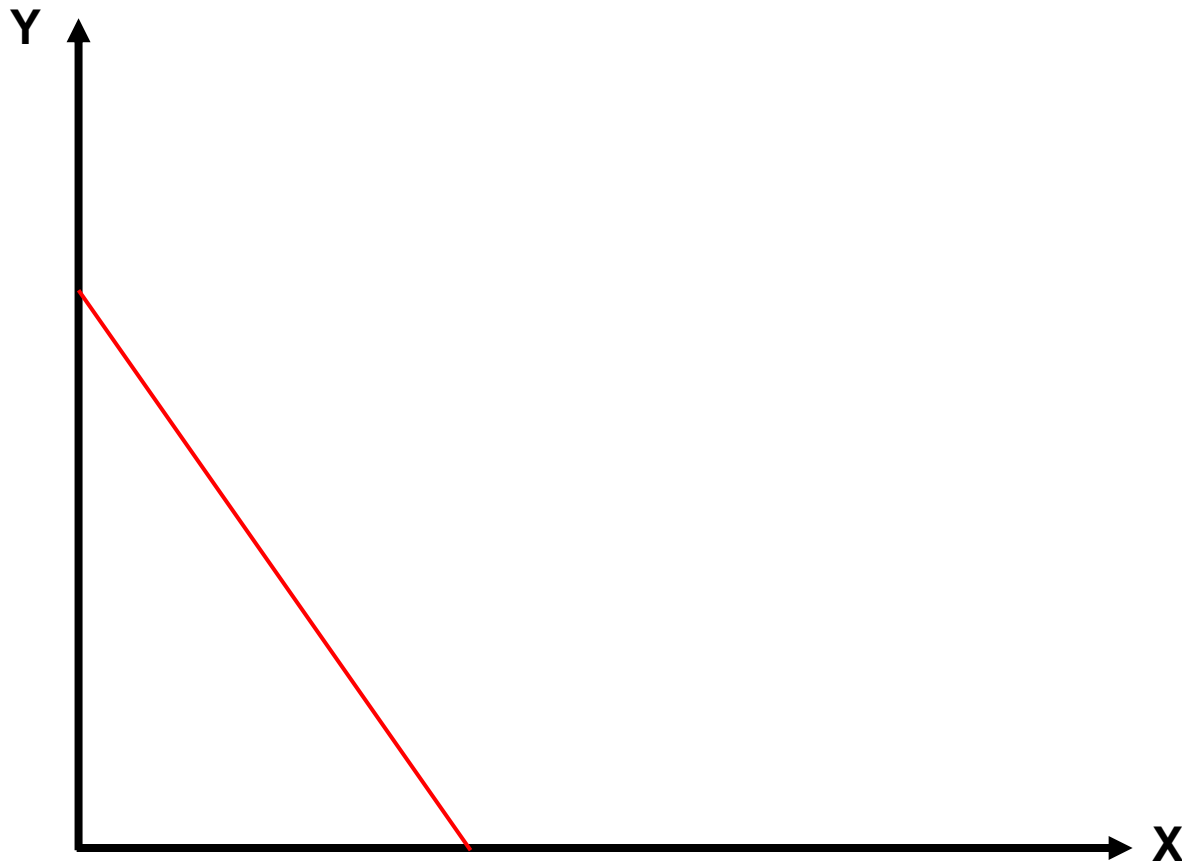
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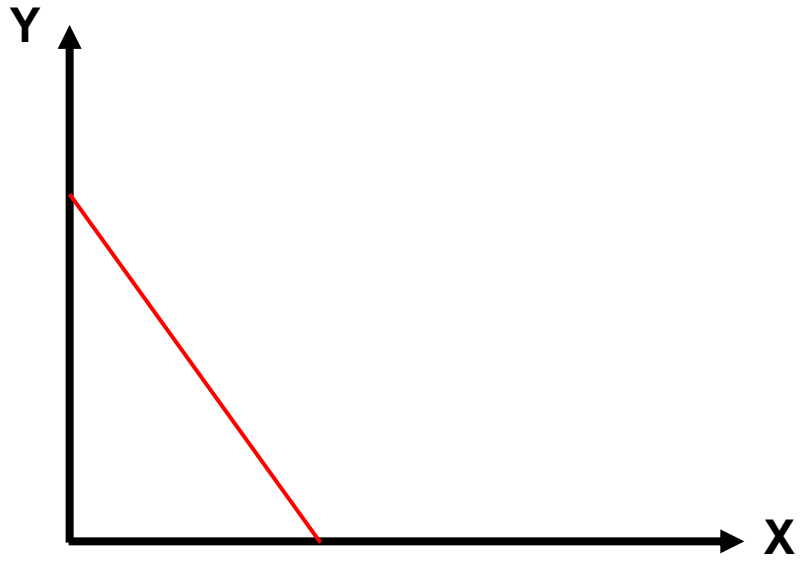
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Compensated Demand and Uncompensated Demand

- Uncompensated Demand (Marshallian Demand)
- Compensated Demand



Decomposition of the Price Effect



LEARNING-BY-DOING EXERCISE 5.4

Finding Income and Substitution Effects Algebraically

In Learning-By-Doing Exercises 4.2 and 5.2, we met a consumer who purchases two goods, food and clothing. He has the utility function $U(x, y) = xy$, where x denotes the amount of food consumed and y the amount of clothing. His marginal utilities are $MU_x = y$ and $MU_y = x$. Now suppose that he has an income of \$72 per week and that the price of clothing is $P_y = \$1$ per unit. Suppose that the price of food is initially $P_{x_1} = \$9$ per unit and that the price subsequently falls to $P_{x_2} = \$4$ per unit.

Problem Find the numerical values of the income and substitution effects on food consumption, and graph the results.