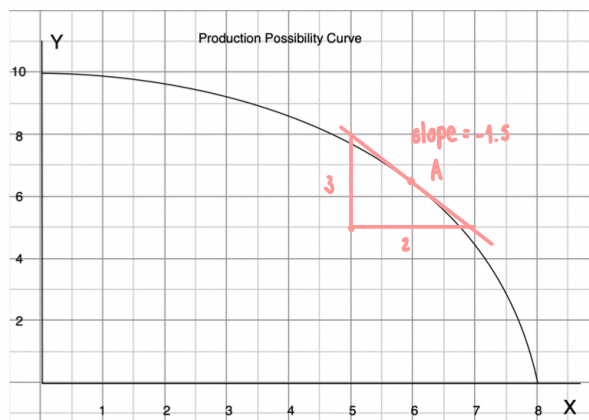


HW#4 Due Jan 27, 2022

HW Nonlinear PPC



a) Find the opportunity cost of each additional unit of y in terms of units of x

y	x	Opp. Cost of y
0	8	0.1
1	7.9	0.2
2	7.7	0.3
3	7.4	0.3
4	7.1	0.4
5	6.7	0.4
6	6.2	0.5
7	5.6	0.6
8	4.9	0.9
9	3.3	1.4
10	0	3.3

X	Y	Opp. cost of x
0	10	0.1
1	9.9	0.3
2	9.6	0.4
3	9.2	0.7
4	8.5	0.8
5	7.9	1.2
6	6.5	2
7	4.5	

- b) Is the opportunity cost of y increasing? **Yes**
 c) Compute the opportunity cost per unit of y when $x = 6$.
 d) At $x = 6$, approximate how much more x can be produced if we have y less by 0.2 units.

c) The opportunity cost per unit of y when $x=6$

At point A slope = -1.5

$$\Delta Y = \text{slope} \cdot \Delta X$$

$$1 = -1.5 \cdot \Delta X$$

$$\Delta X = -0.67$$

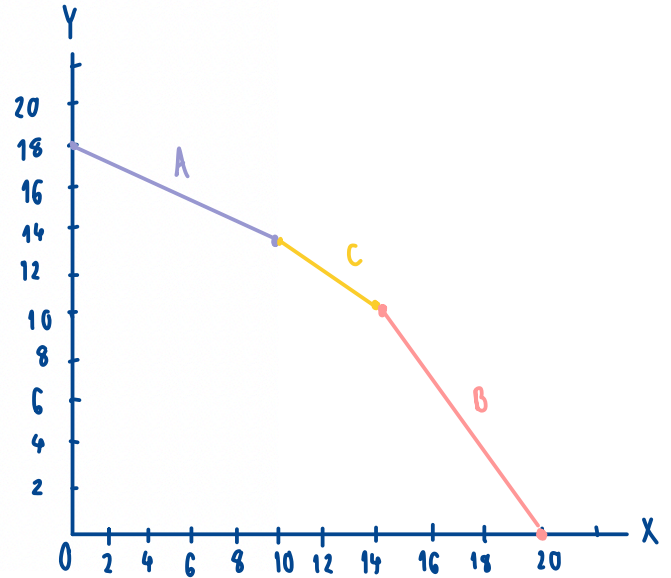
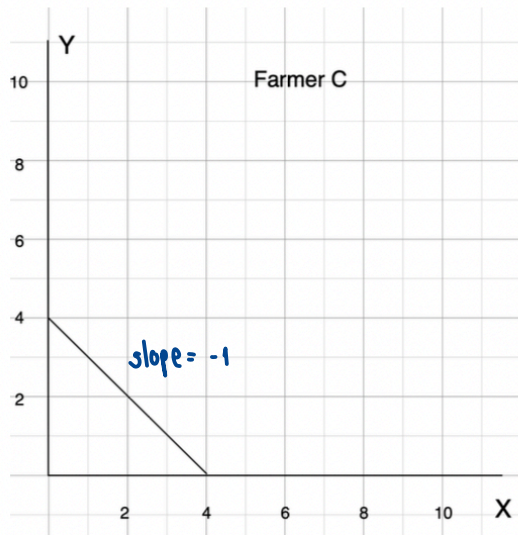
d) $\Delta Y = \text{slope} \Delta X$

$$0.2 = -1.5 \cdot \Delta X$$

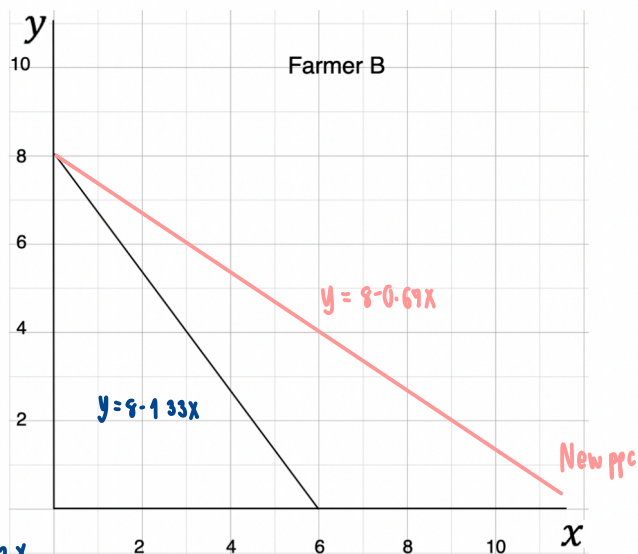
$$\Delta X = -0.13$$

So, if we have 0.2 units less y we'll have 0.13 units more x

HW Farmer C has the PPC given below. Find the PPC of all three farmers A, B and C combined.



HW. If a new fertilizer is found to double the output of rice (x) for any level of production of fish (y), how will PPC of farmer B change? Does the opportunity cost of x increase? Does the opportunity cost of y increase?



- The opportunity cost of x decrease.
- The opportunity cost of y increase.

$$y = 8 - 1.33x$$

$$y = 8 - 0.67x$$

$$x = 6.02 - 0.75y$$

$$x = 11.94 - 1.69y$$

X	y	opp. cost
0	8	1.33
1	6.67	1.33
2	5.34	1.33
3	4.01	1.33
⋮	⋮	⋮

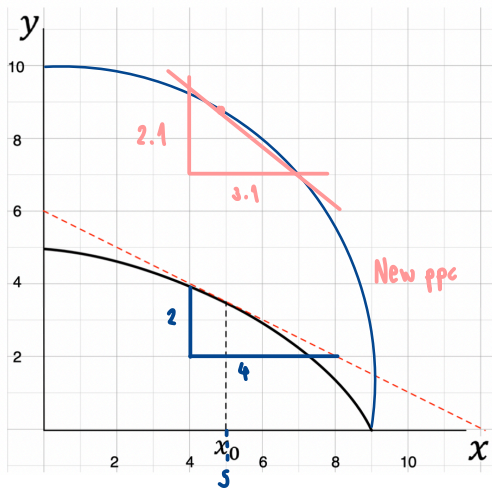
X	y	opp. cost
0	8	0.67
1	7.33	0.67
2	6.66	0.67
3	5.99	0.67
⋮	⋮	⋮

y	x	opp. cost
0	6	0.75
1	5.25	0.75
2	4.5	0.75
3	3.75	0.75
⋮	⋮	⋮

y	x	opp. cost
0	12	1.5
1	10.51	1.5
2	9.02	1.5
3	7.53	1.5
⋮	⋮	⋮

HW. Given the PPC below,

- What is the opportunity cost of x at $x_0 = 5$?
- Suppose the technology of producing y improves so that the economy can double the output of y for any output level of x . Draw the new PPC.
- What is the opportunity cost of x at $x_0 = 5$ for the new PPC?



$$c) \frac{2.1}{3.1} = 0.68$$

$$\text{Opp. cost} = 0.68$$