

1. (a) Show that Euler's Theorem holds for a *constant returns to scale* (CRTS) production function $F(x_1, x_2)$ with two factors of production x_1 and x_2 .

$$F(\lambda x_1, \lambda x_2) = \lambda F(x_1, x_2) \quad (\text{CRTS})$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial(\lambda x_1)} \frac{\partial(\lambda x_1)}{\lambda} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial(\lambda x_2)} \frac{\partial(\lambda x_2)}{\lambda} = F(x_1, x_2) \quad (\text{Diff. wrt } \lambda)$$

$$F_{x_1} x_1 + F_{x_2} x_2 = F(x_1, x_2)$$

- (b) Interpret the results keeping in mind that the factors are paid their marginal products.

The output produced, $F(x_1, x_2)$, is exhausted by the total factor payments $F_{x_1} x_1$ and $F_{x_2} x_2$. (Recall that each factor x_i is paid F_{x_i} per unit of the factor used in the production process.)

2. Show that the Euler's theorem hold for a Cobb-Douglas production function $Y = F(x_1, x_2) = (x_1)^{\frac{1}{4}}(x_2)^{\frac{3}{4}}$. *Hint: You have to show that $F_{x_1} x_1 + F_{x_2} x_2 = F(x_1, x_2)$*

$$F_{x_1} = \frac{1}{4}(x_1)^{-\frac{3}{4}}(x_2)^{\frac{3}{4}}, \quad F_{x_2} = \frac{3}{4}(x_1)^{\frac{1}{4}}(x_2)^{-\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{x_1} x_1 + F_{x_2} x_2 &= \left(\frac{1}{4}(x_1)^{-\frac{3}{4}}(x_2)^{\frac{3}{4}} \right) x_1 + \left(\frac{3}{4}(x_1)^{\frac{1}{4}}(x_2)^{-\frac{1}{4}} \right) x_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(x_1)^{\frac{1}{4}}(x_2)^{\frac{3}{4}} + \frac{3}{4}(x_1)^{\frac{1}{4}}(x_2)^{\frac{3}{4}} \\ &= (x_1)^{\frac{1}{4}}(x_2)^{\frac{3}{4}} \\ &= F(x_1, x_2) \end{aligned}$$