

## 6.1

Johannes Jacobus (JJ) receives utility from two goods, mampoer (liquor) ( $m$ ) and steak ( $s$ )

$$U(m, s) = m \cdot s.$$

- a. Prove that an increase in the price of mampoer will not influence JJ's consumption of steak.
- b. Show also that  $\partial m / \partial p_s = 0$ .
- c. Use the Slutsky equation and the symmetry of net substitution effects to prove that the income effects involved with the derivatives in parts (a) and (b) are identical.
- d. Prove part (c) explicitly using the Marshallian demand functions for  $m$  and  $s$ .

## 6.6

Example 6.3 computes the demand functions implied by the three-good CES utility function

$$U(x, y, z) = -\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y} - \frac{1}{z}.$$

- a. Use the demand function for  $x$  in Equation 6.32 to determine whether  $x$  and  $y$  or  $x$  and  $z$  are gross substitutes or gross complements.
- b. How would you determine whether  $x$  and  $y$  or  $x$  and  $z$  are net substitutes or net complements?

## 6.8 Separable utility

A utility function is called separable if it can be written as

$$U(x, y) = U_1(x) + U_2(y),$$

where  $U'_i > 0$ ,  $U''_i < 0$ , and  $U_1$ ,  $U_2$  need not be the same function.

- a. What does separability assume about the cross-partial derivative  $U_{xy}$ ? Give an intuitive discussion of what word this condition means and in what situations it might be plausible.
- b. Show that if utility is separable then neither good can be inferior.
- c. Does the assumption of separability allow you to conclude definitively whether  $x$  and  $y$  are gross substitutes or gross complements? Explain.
- d. Use the Cobb–Douglas utility function to show that separability is not invariant with respect to monotonic transformations.