

EXAMPLE 1.6.2 : If we change endowment : $e_1 = (0, 1), e_2 = (1, 0)$, then we get stability. The location of endowment plays role in getting stability (See figure (b)).

THEOREM 1.6.1 (Slutsky Equation) :

$$\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial p_j} = \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial p_j} \Big|_{u=u^0} - x_j \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial m} \Big|_{p=p^0}$$

- The LHS is the total effect and is a slope of demand curve.
- The first term of RHS is the substitution effect and is always negative with respect to the own price.
- $\partial x_i / \partial m$ is the income effect, which is positive for normal goods and negative for inferior goods.
- For normal good, we get a negative sloping demand curve.
- For Giffen good, the negative income effect dominates substitution effect, so that we have positive sloping demand and thus the law of demand is violated.
- When the total effect is positive, they are called gross substitutes (chicken and beef). When it is negative, they are gross complements (coffee and sugar).
- Slutsky matrix is symmetric and negative semidefinite and diagonal elements represent own-price effect. Gross substitutability is very important for stability.

DEFINITION 1.6.2 (Hicksian Stability) : The market for good j is *perfectly stable* if all other prices being constant and the following conditions hold :

- (1) $E_{jj} = dE_j/dp_j < 0$, where $E_j(p)$ is the excess demand function.
- (2) if p_k is flexible for $k \neq j$, p_k adjust in such a way to make $E_k = 0$.
- (3) if p_m is flexible for $m \neq j, k$, p_m adjusts so that $E_m = 0$ and so forth.

Note that $dE_j = \sum_k E_{jk} dp_k$ If there are two goods j, k , $dE_k = 0$ so that $dp_j = dE_j E_{kk} / |D_2|$. Since $E_{kk} < 0$ by the condition (1), the sufficient condition is $|D_2| > 0$.

THEOREM 1.6.3 : If $(-1)^n |D_n| > 0$ where $|D_n|$ is the n -th principal minor of Slutsky matrix, then the economy is Hicksian stable.