

Energy Economics

Organizational matters

- office hours: Wednesday 1:30 - 2:30 pm, 8-110
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- lecture (with integrated exercises): 15 sessions until February 8
- final exam: 90 minutes

Outline

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- 2 Microeconomics
 - Optimal consumption
 - Optimal production
- 3 Oil and gas price caps
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- 4 Electricity markets
 - History and basic structure
 - The power exchange
 - Today's challenges
- 5 Capacity markets
 - Equilibrium
 - Impact of RES and power plant maturity
- 6 Balancing energy market

Recommended literature

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- Schäfer, Altvater, L.: On the functioning of a capacity market with an increasing share of renewable energy. *Journal of Regulatory Economics* 2019, **56**, 59-84. Available at: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11149-019-09389-6>

Power, energy, work

- energy [$\frac{\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2}$, J, Ws, VAs, kWh, MWh]
- power [$\frac{\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^3}$, J/s, W, VA, kW, MW]
- work [$\frac{\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2}$, J, Ws, VAs, kWh, MWh]
- **kinetic energy** of the wind is partially transformed into **mechanical work**
- a generator is used to transform **mechanical work** of the rotor into **electric energy**



Energy demand and supply

energy demand

- energy cannot vanish nor it can be consumed
- Nevertheless, in this lecture you will hear terms like “energy consumption” or “energy consumers”

energy supply

- energy cannot be produced or generated
- Nevertheless, in this lecture you will hear terms like “energy production” or “electricity generation”

⇒ “consumers” and “producers” are technical terms in economics.

Total energy supply

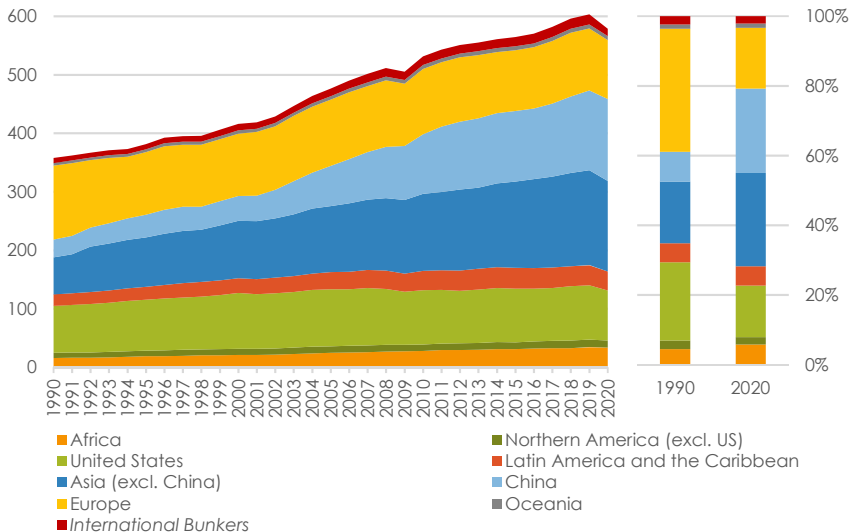


Figure: Total energy supply [EJ] worldwide by region, 1990-2020; source: United Nations (2023).

Energy intensity

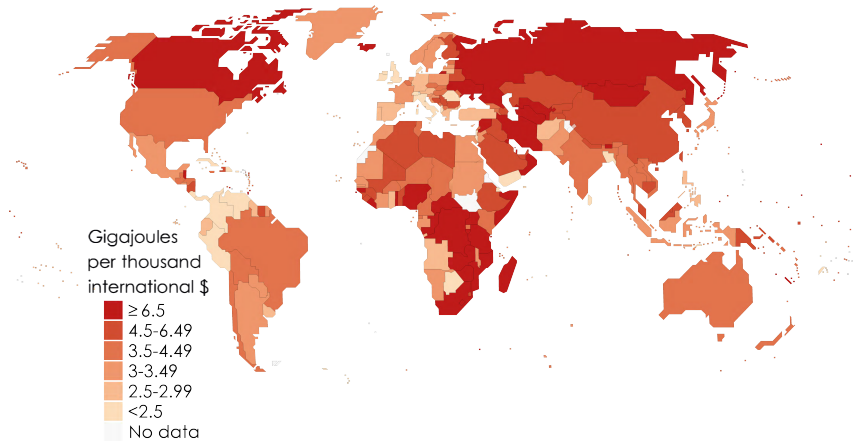


Figure: Energy intensity [MJ/int. \$], 2019; source: United Nations (2023).

Indicators for energy supply

Country	TES	Country	TES per capita	Country	Energy intensity ²
China	140.2	Iceland	988.2	Iceland	18.9
United States	85.5	Qatar	635.2	Trinidad and Tobago	17.7
India	38.2	Bahrain	451.2	New Caledonia	14.1
Russian Federation	31.5	Trinidad and Tobago	405.0	Liberia	14.0
Japan	16.1	United Arab Emirates	391.6	Zimbabwe	13.7
Brazil	11.9	Brunei Darussalam	369.7	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	13.5
Canada	11.9	Kuwait	350.9	Uganda	12.3
Germany	11.6	Gibraltar	320.8	Turkmenistan	11.9
World	578.6	World	73.8	World	4.6

Figure: Total energy supply (TES) [EJ], TES per capita [GJ] and energy intensity [MJ/int. \$] of major countries, 2019; source: United Nations (2023).

Primary production of coal, oil and gas

Coal		Oil		Natural gas	
China	80.5	United States	30.4	United States	33.0
Indonesia	14.3	Russian Federation	21.9	Russian Federation	24.8
Australia	12.3	Saudi Arabia	20.8	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	8.2
India	11.6	Canada	11.0	China	7.7
United States	10.8	Iraq	8.5	Canada	6.5
Russian Federation	9.7	China	8.2	Qatar	6.2
South Africa	5.8	United Arab Emirates	7.5	Australia	5.3
Kazakhstan	1.9	Brazil	6.7	Saudi Arabia	4.8
Others	12.4	Others	60.6	Others	45.3
World	159.4	World	175.6	World	141.8

Figure: Primary production of coal, oil and gas in the major countries, 2019; source: United Nations (2023).

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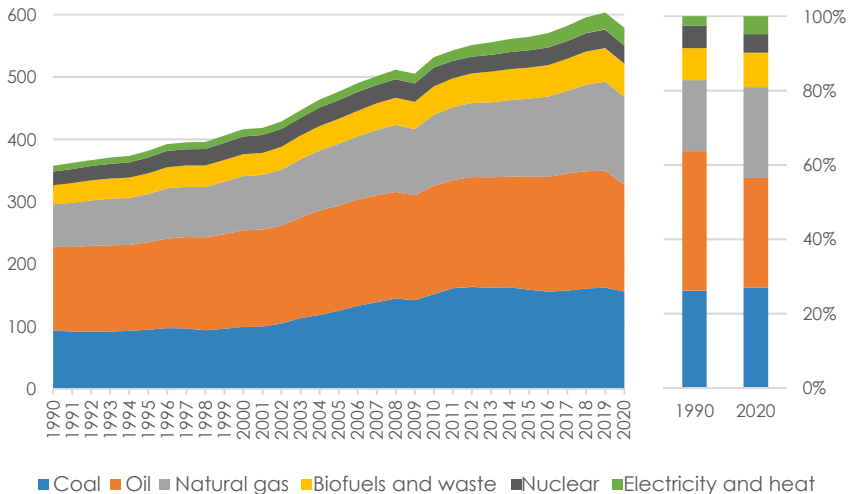


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Total energy consumption

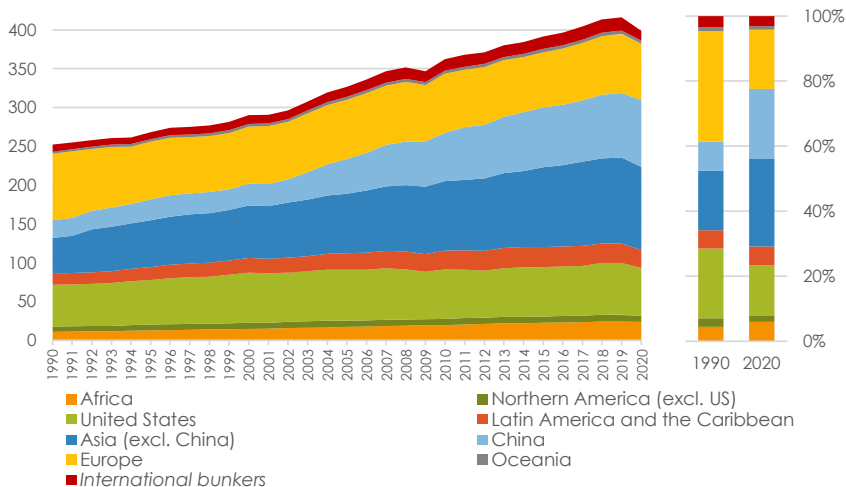


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Total energy supply and consumption

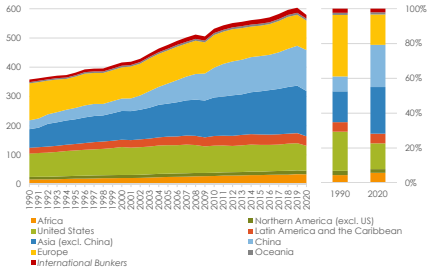


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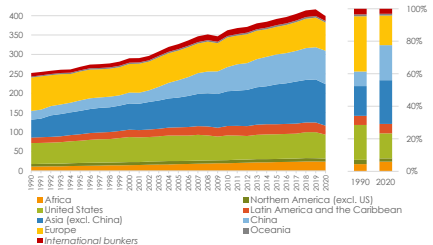


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World energy balance 2019

Energy balance, 2019 (Exajoules)				
World	Primary coal	Coal products	Primary oil	Oil products
Primary production	167.8	0.0	189.3	0.0
Imports	34.7	0.7	100.1	59.8
Exports	-37.0	-0.8	-100.8	-62.4
Stock changes	-3.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3
Total energy supply	162.5	-0.1	188.4	-2.9
Statistical difference	3.4	-0.2	-1.0	-2.4
Transfers	0.0	0.0	9.1	-4.7
Transformation	-126.5	13.3	-197.3	185.1
Electricity plants	-87.9	-2.2	-1.3	-5.8
CHP and heat plants	-14.0	-0.9	0.0	-1.0
Coke ovens	-21.5	23.4	0.0	-0.1
Oil refineries	0.0	0.0	-185.6	184.9
Other transformation	-3.1	-7.0	-10.3	7.0
Energy industries own use	-4.5	-1.3	-0.4	-10.2
Losses	-0.02	-0.1	-0.3	-0.01
Final consumption	28.1	12.0	0.5	169.7
Final energy consumption	25.4	11.5	0.1	141.5
Industry	20.7	11.3	0.1	12.4
Iron and steel	4.0	8.8	0+	0.3
Chemical and petrochemical	0.7	0.9	0.03	2.7
Non-ferrous metals	0.2	0.03	0+	0.3
Non-metallic minerals	1.7	0.1	0+	1.4
Other industries	14.2	1.4	0.03	7.8
Transport ^f	0.1	0+	0+	104.9
of which Road	0.0	0.0	0.0	77.1
of which Aviation	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.5
Households	2.3	0.1	0.0	11.5
Commerce, public services	0.4	0.02	0.0	2.4
Other energy use	1.9	0.05	0+	10.2
Non-energy use	2.7	0.5	0.4	28.2

Natural gas	Biofuels and waste	Nuclear	Electricity	Heat	Total	of which: renewables ^g
145.7	53.2	30.1	22.8	4.0	613.0	78.1
43.2	1.5	0.0	2.6	0+	242.7	1.5
-44.1	-1.1	0.0	-2.6	0-	-248.8	-1.1
-1.5	-0.01	0.0	0.0	0.0	-5.2	0.0
143.2	53.5	30.1	22.8	4.0	601.7	78.4
2.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.0	1.5	23.1
0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	-0.2
-57.7	-11.0	-30.1	73.9	11.9	-138.4	-12.8
-39.9	-4.2	-30.0	66.4	-4.4	-109.3	-6.3
-15.4	-3.3	-0.1	7.5	16.2	-11.1	-2.9
0-	0-	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0
-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.8	0.0
-2.2	-3.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	-19.2	-3.5
-12.9	-0.6	0.0	-8.3	-1.8	-40.0	-0.6
-1.2	-0.01	0.0	-7.2	-0.8	-9.8	-0.01
69.4	41.9	0.0	81.3	13.2	416.1	41.8
61.2	41.9	0.0	81.3	13.2	375.9	41.8
25.9	10.8	0.0	34.6	6.1	121.9	10.3
2.7	0.2	0.0	4.4	0.6	21.0	0.2
6.5	0.1	0.0	4.3	2.7	17.8	0.1
0.5	0.01	0.0	1.7	0.02	2.7	0+
1.9	0.3	0.0	0.8	0.1	6.4	0.1
14.3	10.1	0.0	23.4	2.7	74.0	9.9
5.0	3.9	0.0	1.5	0.0	115.4	3.9
2.1	3.9	0.0	0.2	0.0	83.2	3.9
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.5	0.0
20.2	23.5	0.0	21.9	4.9	84.4	23.8
8.1	1.12	0.0	15.7	1.60	29.3	1.2
2.0	2.6	0.0	7.6	0.6	24.9	2.6
8.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.1	0.0

Figure: World energy balance; source: United Nations (2023).

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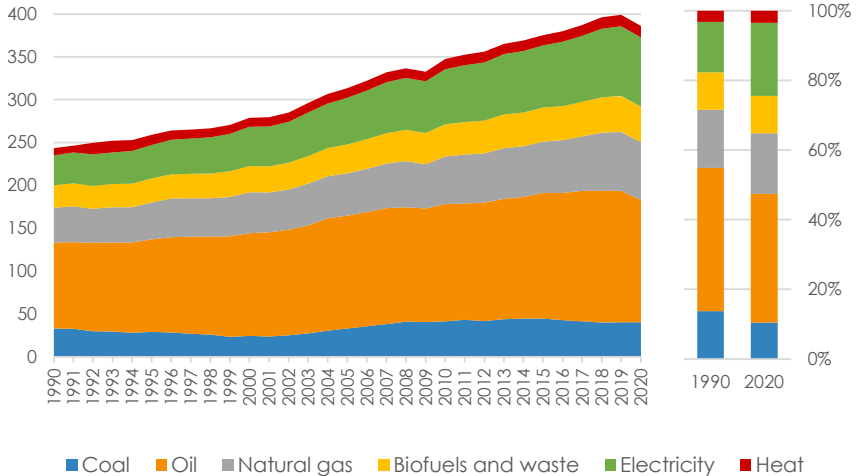


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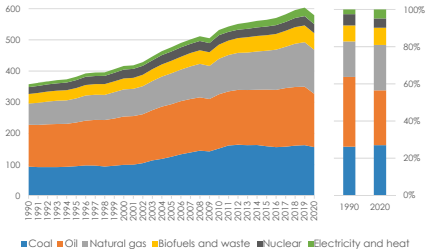


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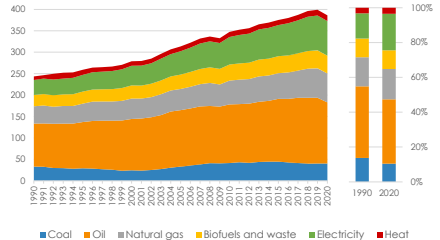


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World electricity generation

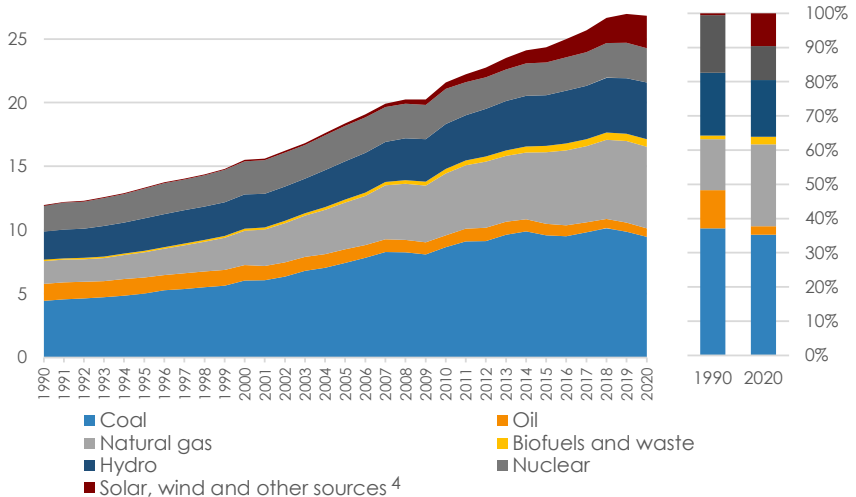


Figure: World electricity generation [PJ] by source, 1990-2020; source: United Nations (2023).

Worldwide RES-based electricity generation

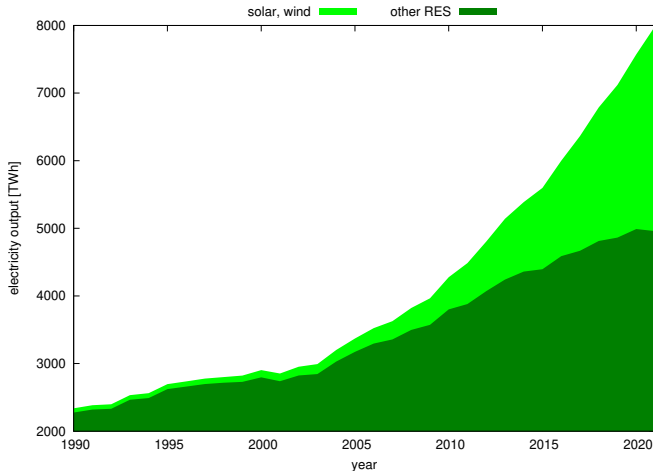


Figure: Stacked area chart illustrating the development of electricity generation based on wind and solar power plants and remaining renewable energy sources from 1990 until 2021; own illustration based on data provided by Enerdata (2023), Working Group on Energy Balances (2018).

Worldwide wind- and solar-based electricity generation

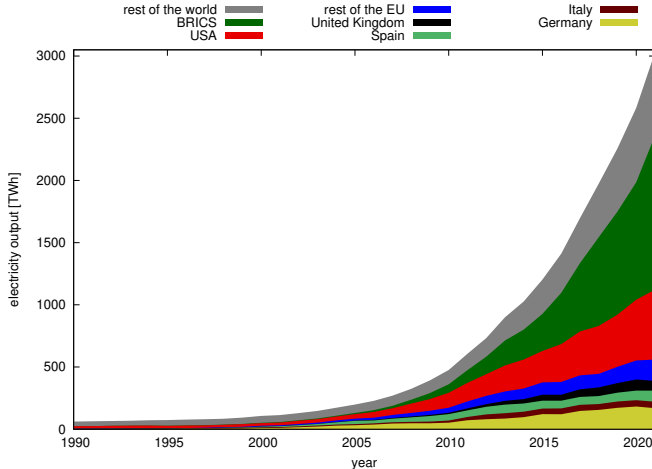


Figure: Stacked area chart illustrating the development of electricity generation based on wind and solar power plants in selected countries and worldwide from 1990 until 2021; own illustration based on data provided by Enerdata (2023), Working Group on Energy Balances (2018).

Consumers' decision

How do consumers decide on consumption?

- Consumers try to

get the “best” what is “affordable”!

- What is the “best”?

→ preferences



- What means “affordable”

→ budget constraint



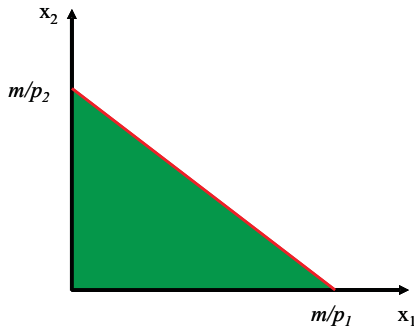
The budget constraint

- consumers pay for consumption with their income m :
$$p_1x_1 + p_2x_2 \leq m$$
- exogenously given prices (p_1, p_2) and the income m determine which bundle of goods (x_1, x_2) the consumer can choose:
it is his **budget**.
- The budget is limited by the **budget constraint** or **budget line**.
$$p_1x_1 + p_2x_2 = m$$

Graphical presentation

The budget line $m = p_1x_1 + p_2x_2$ after rearrangement with respect to x_2 yields

$$x_2 = -\frac{p_1}{p_2} \cdot x_1 + \frac{m}{p_2},$$



Exchange ratio

- Let us have a closer look at the budget line

$$x_2 = - \frac{p_1}{p_2} \cdot x_1 + \frac{m}{p_2}; ,$$

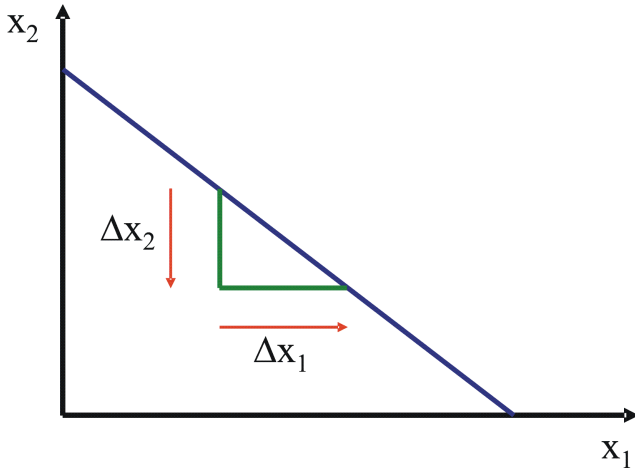
- slope of the budget line $\frac{p_1}{p_2}$

→ necessary reduction of x_2 in order to receive an additional unit x_1 without changing spending

⇒ slope of the budget line: **opportunity costs** of x_1 :

What does the consumption of an additional x_1 cost in units of x_2 ?

Graphical presentation of the exchange ratio



Example

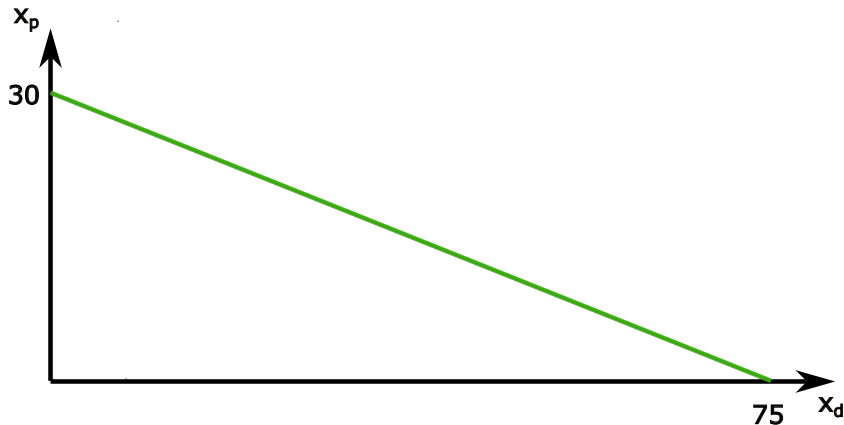
Zohra, a student in Frankfurt, receives 750,- € every month. 150,- € she uses to buy pizza and drinks in her favorite restaurant. The price for one pizza is $p_p=5,-$ € while a drink costs $p_d=2,-$ €.

- Calculate several bundles of pizza and drinks she can afford.
- Calculate the equation for the budget line and draw it.

Example – solution

The budget line $m = p_d x_d + p_p x_p$ after rearrangement with respect to x_p yields

$$x_p = 30 - \frac{2}{5} \cdot x_d ,$$



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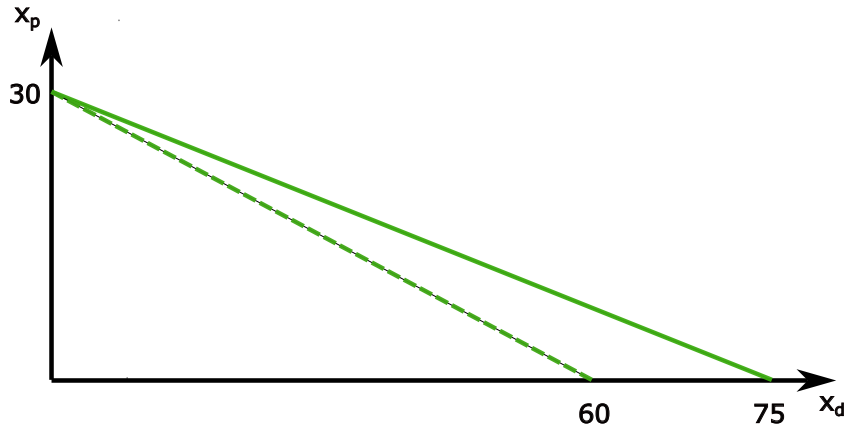
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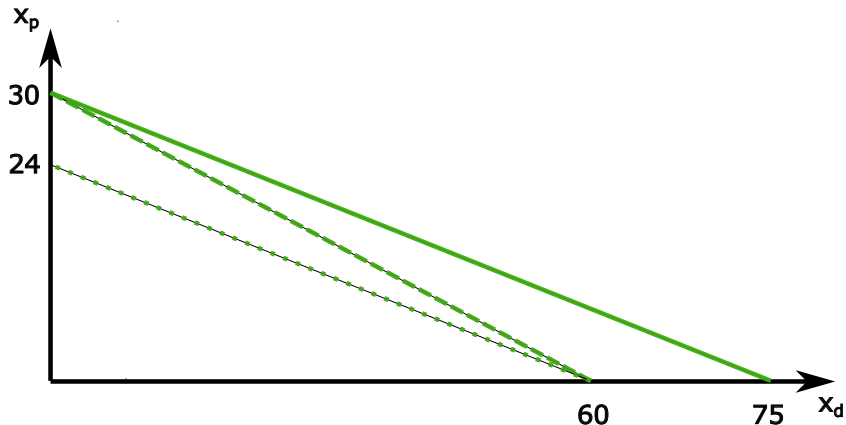
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- The restaurant decides to increase prices for drinks to 2.50 €. What are the consequences?
- Zohra's parents are not happy about her fast food consumption. After some discussion they decide to cut their monthly support to 600,- €. What may be the consequences?
- Since Zohra is quite stubborn, she decides to cut all expenses in the same ratio. Furthermore, she agrees with the restaurant owner that he will decrease the prices for drinks to 2,- €. What are the consequences for her spending?

Example – solution

The budget line $m = p_d x_d + p_p x_p$ after rearrangement with respect to x_p yields

$$x_p = 24 - \frac{2}{5} \cdot x_d ,$$



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How do consumers decide on consumption?

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Preferences

What do preferences describe?

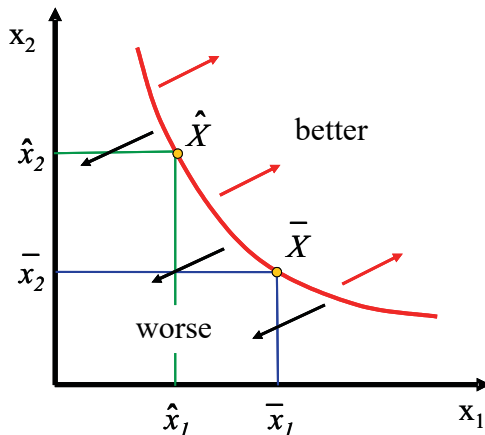
- Consumers can choose between *bundles of goods*.
- The quantities of goods within a bundle of goods *completely* describe all relevant alternatives.
- **preferences** correspond to the consumer's relative appreciation for possible alternatives.

preferences allow to answer e.g. the question

2 wine and half a pizza or

1 wine and a complete pizza?

Indifference curve



Consumers are indifferent between all bundles of goods located on the indifference curve, e.g. $\bar{X} \sim \hat{X}$.

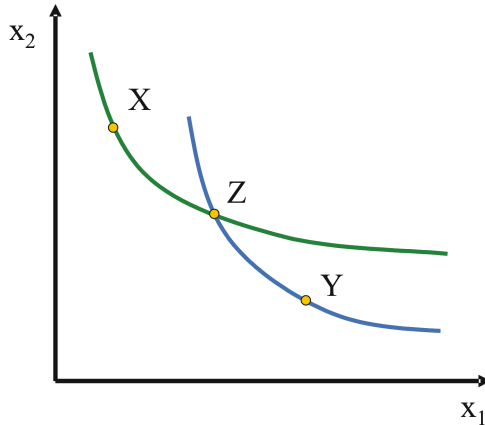
Preferences for different bundles of goods

- indifference curves illustrate which bundles are equally preferred
- a statement about which bundle is “better” or “worse” needs additional assumptions:

In general we expect that “more” is “better” yielding all bundles

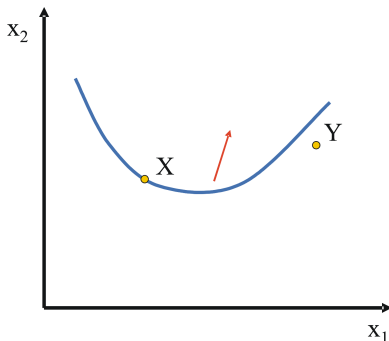
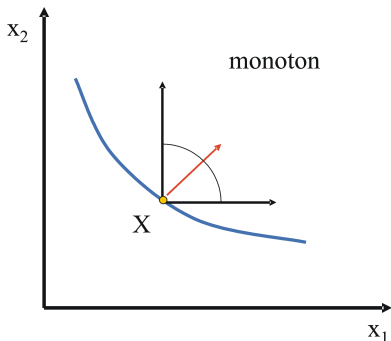
- above the indifference curve are “better”
while all bundles
- below the indifference curve are “worse”.

Several indifference curves



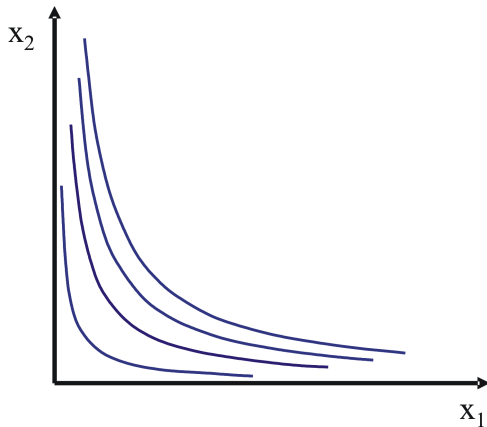
Two indifference curves can **never intersect**.

Monotony



When Y is higher in both quantities it is preferred to X . This only applies for a monotonously decreasing slope like in the left graph.

Usual preferences



Preferences are **monotonous** and **convex**.

Utility and preferences

- every bundle of goods is assigned with a number
- comparison of different bundles possible
- a bundle will be assigned with a higher number if the consumer prefers this bundle over another
- $\Rightarrow X \succ Y \iff u(X) > u(Y)$
- The **utility function** $u(\cdot)$ reflects the consumer's preferences

Utility function

Example:

preferences shall be $A \succ B \succ C$.

\Rightarrow there is an infinite number of utility functions describing this situation

$u_1(A) = 2$	$u_2(A) = 8$	$u_3(A) = 0$
$u_1(B) = 1$	$u_2(B) = 4$	$u_3(B) = -1$
$u_1(C) = 0$	$u_2(C) = 0$	$u_3(C) = -24$

An exemplary utility function:

$$u(x_1, x_2) = x_1 \cdot x_2$$

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