

Assumptions about how preference relations works.

- a. Completeness. b. Reflexive. c. Transitive. d. Non-Satiety (more is better)

Strict convexity strictly means that average is preferred to extreme.

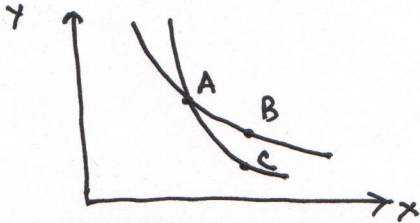
Utility function:  $U = U(X, Y)$ . utility function reflects the ordering of bundles by the consumer. Utility function is not unique. It is unique upto a positive monotonic transformation.

$$U = U(x, y)$$

Indifference curve: Locus of all combination of two goods along which consumer is indifferent.

Properties of Indifference curve.

- a. No two indifference curve can intersect each other.



- b. Indifference curve is downward sloping from left to right.

$$U = U(x, y) = \text{constant}$$

$$dU = U_x \cdot dx + U_y \cdot dy = 0$$

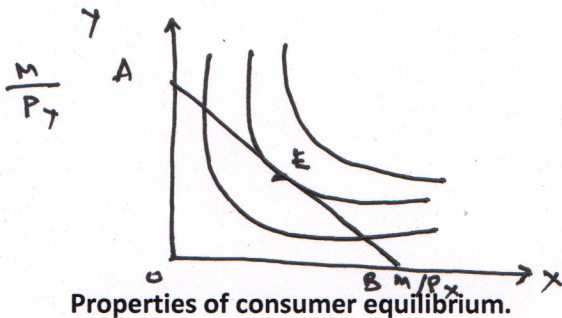
$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{U_x}{U_y} \quad U_x > 0 ; U_y > 0$$

- c. Indifference curve is convex to the origin. Strict convexity axiom.

- d. Indifference curves away from origin indicate higher level of utility.

$$MRS = \frac{U_x}{U_y}$$

Equilibrium of the consumer.



Equilibrium condition:

$$\frac{U_x}{U_y} = \frac{P_x}{P_y}$$

Properties of consumer equilibrium.

- a. Consumer's equilibrium is unique. The demand function is a single valued function.

- b. Demand functions are homogeneous of degree in prices and income.

Equilibrium condition derivation by Lagrangian multiplier method.