

APEC 5152

Utility, Indirect Utility and Expenditure

Consumption

We'll use Cobb-Douglas preferences, $u = q_1^{\gamma_1} q_2^{\gamma_2} q_3^{\gamma_3}$, where $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3 = 1$. It turns out that using the Cobb-Douglas function doesn't work with the Solve function. Taking a monotonic transformation of the function - a log transformation - however, yields a solution.

The Indirect Utility Function

The lagrangian

```
In[62]:= U = Log[q1^γ1 q2^γ2 q3^γ3] // PowerExpand
L0 = U + λ (wv - p1 q1 - p2 q2 - p3 q3)
Out[62]= γ1 Log[q1] + γ2 Log[q2] + γ3 Log[q3]
Out[63]= (-p1 q1 - p2 q2 - p3 q3 + wv) λ + γ1 Log[q1] + γ2 Log[q2] + γ3 Log[q3]
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The first-order conditions

```
In[3]:= FOC10 = ∂q1 L0
FOC20 = ∂q2 L0
FOC30 = ∂q3 L0
FOCλ0 = ∂λ L0
Out[3]= γ1/q1 - p1 λ
Out[4]= γ2/q2 - p2 λ
Out[5]= γ3/q3 - p3 λ
Out[6]= -p1 q1 - p2 q2 - p3 q3 + wv
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```
In[7]:= MarshSol =
  Solve[{FOC10 == 0, FOC20 == 0, FOC30 == 0, FOCλ0 == 0}, {q1, q2, q3, λ}] /. γ1 + γ2 + γ3 → 1 //
  ExpandAll // FullSimplify
Out[7]= {q1 → wv γ1 / p1, q2 → wv γ2 / p2, q3 → wv γ3 / p3, λ → 1 / wv}
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Substitute the above demand functions into the Cobb-Douglas utility function.

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In[9]:= V[p1_, p2_, p3_, wv_] = Exp[U] /. MarshSol[[1]] // ExpandAll // FullSimplify
Out[9]= (wv γ1 / p1) ^ γ1 (wv γ2 / p2) ^ γ2 (wv γ3 / p3) ^ γ3
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Further simplifying yields: $V[p1, p2, p3, wv] = (\frac{\gamma_1}{p1})^{\gamma_1} (\frac{\gamma_2}{p2})^{\gamma_2} (\frac{\gamma_3}{p3})^{\gamma_3} wv$

Roy's identity in action

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In[57]:= - D(p1) V[p1, p2, p3, wv] / D(wv) V[p1, p2, p3, wv] // ExpandAll // FullSimplify
          - D(p2) V[p1, p2, p3, wv] / D(wv) V[p1, p2, p3, wv] // ExpandAll // FullSimplify
          - D(p3) V[p1, p2, p3, wv] / D(wv) V[p1, p2, p3, wv] // ExpandAll // FullSimplify
Out[57]= wv γ1 / p1 (γ1 + γ2 + γ3)
Out[58]= wv γ2 / p2 (γ1 + γ2 + γ3)
Out[59]= wv γ3 / p3 (γ1 + γ2 + γ3)
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Expenditure Function

The optimization problem is $L = p1 q1 + p2 q2 + p3 q3 + \lambda (u - q1^{\gamma_1} q2^{\gamma_2} q3^{\gamma_3})$

```
In[15]:= L = p1 q1 + p2 q2 + p3 q3 + λ (u - q1^γ1 q2^γ2 q3^γ3);
In[16]:= foc1 = ∂q1 L
          foc2 = ∂q2 L
          foc3 = ∂q3 L
          focλ = ∂λ L
Out[16]= p1 - q1^-1+γ1 q2^γ2 q3^γ3 γ1 λ
Out[17]= p2 - q1^γ1 q2^-1+γ2 q3^γ3 γ2 λ
Out[18]= p3 - q1^γ1 q2^γ2 q3^-1+γ3 γ3 λ
Out[19]= -q1^γ1 q2^γ2 q3^γ3 + u
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The solution gives the system of demands

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In[29]:= Solve[{foc1 == 0, foc2 == 0, foc3 == 0, focλ == 0}, {q1, q2, q3, λ}][[1]] // ExpandAll // FullSimplify
HickSol = % /. γ1 + γ2 + γ3 → 1

Out[29]= {q1 → p1-1+γ1/(γ1+γ2+γ3) p2γ2/(γ1+γ2+γ3) p3γ3/(γ1+γ2+γ3) u1/(γ1+γ2+γ3) γ1γ2+γ3/(γ1+γ2+γ3) γ2-γ2/(γ1+γ2+γ3) γ3-γ3/(γ1+γ2+γ3), q2 → p1γ1/(γ1+γ2+γ3) p2-1+γ2/(γ1+γ2+γ3) p3γ3/(γ1+γ2+γ3) u1/(γ1+γ2+γ3) γ1-γ1/(γ1+γ2+γ3) γ2γ1+γ3/(γ1+γ2+γ3) γ3-γ3/(γ1+γ2+γ3), q3 → p1γ1/(γ1+γ2+γ3) p2γ2/(γ1+γ2+γ3) p3-1+γ2/(γ1+γ2+γ3) u1/(γ1+γ2+γ3) γ1-γ1/(γ1+γ2+γ3) γ2-γ2/(γ1+γ2+γ3) γ3γ1+γ2/(γ1+γ2+γ3), λ → p1γ1/(γ1+γ2+γ3) p2γ2/(γ1+γ2+γ3) p3γ3/(γ1+γ2+γ3) u-1+1/(γ1+γ2+γ3) γ1-γ1/(γ1+γ2+γ3) γ2-γ2/(γ1+γ2+γ3) γ3-γ3/(γ1+γ2+γ3)}

Out[30]= {q1 → p1-1+γ1 p2γ2 p3γ3 uγ1γ2+γ3 γ2-γ2 γ3-γ3, q2 → p1γ1 p2-1+γ2 p3γ3 uγ1-γ1 γ2γ1+γ3 γ3-γ3, q3 → p1γ1 p2γ2 p3-γ1-γ2 uγ1-γ1 γ2-γ2 γ3γ1+γ2, λ → p1γ1 p2γ2 p3γ3 γ1-γ1 γ2-γ2 γ3-γ3}
```

One of the demand functions

$$q1\text{demand} = \left(\frac{p1}{\gamma1}\right)^{\gamma2+\gamma3} \left(\frac{p2}{\gamma2}\right)^{\gamma2} \left(\frac{p3}{\gamma3}\right)^{\gamma3} u$$

The cost function

```
In[35]:= p1 q1 + p2 q2 + p3 q3 /. HickSol // ExpandAll // FullSimplify
Out[35]= p1γ1 p2γ2 p3-γ1-γ2 uγ1-γ1 γ2-γ2 γ3-γ3 (p3γ1+γ2+γ3 (γ1γ1+γ2+γ3 + γ2γ1+γ2+γ3) + p3γ3γ1+γ2+γ3)
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We can further simplify

```
In[37]:= % /. γ1 + γ2 + γ3 → 1 // ExpandAll // FullSimplify
Out[37]= p1γ1 p2γ2 p31-γ1-γ2 uγ1-γ1 γ2-γ2 γ3-γ3 (γ1 + γ2 + γ3)
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So the cost function is:

```
In[60]:= CC = (p1/γ1)γ1 (p2/γ2)γ2 (p3/γ3)γ3 u
Out[60]= u (p1/γ1)γ1 (p2/γ2)γ2 (p3/γ3)γ3
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Applying Shepard's lemma to p1 gives

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In[61]:= ∂p1 CC
Out[61]= u (p1/γ1)-1+γ1 (p2/γ2)γ2 (p3/γ3)γ3
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Since $-1 + \gamma_1 = \gamma_2 + \gamma_3$, this is the same as q1demand

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Mathematica Code that Derives Cost and Value-Added Functions

1. Cobb-Douglas production function, cost minimization problem, setup and first-order conditions

Introduce a three-input (k , l , z) Cobb-Douglas production function, and use it to derive a cost function. We do this by solving a cost minimization problem, with the objective function defined by “cst” and setting up the typical lagrangian, and then taking the first-order conditions.

```
yy =  $\psi k^{\alpha_1} l^{\alpha_2} z^{\alpha_3} (* /. \{ \alpha_1 \rightarrow 0.3, \alpha_2 \rightarrow 0.3, \alpha_3 \rightarrow 0.4 \} *)$  ;
cst = r k + w l + t z;
Lagrangian = cst + λ (y - yy);
fc1 = ∂k Lagrangian;
fc2 = ∂l Lagrangian;
fc3 = ∂z Lagrangian;
fc4 = ∂λ Lagrangian;
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Now solve the system of equations for optimal levels of all inputs (k , l , z) and for the Lagrangian multiplier, $λ$. This yields the factor demand curves, fdk , fdl , fdz . Using // ExpandAll eliminates the exponential type answers.

```
cf = Solve[{fc1 == 0, fc2 == 0, fc3 == 0, fc4 == 0}, {k, l, z, λ}] // ExpandAll // FullSimplify;
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fdk = cf[[1, 1, 2]];
fdl = cf[[1, 2]];
fdz = cf[[1, 3]];

 $r^{-1 + \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}} w^{\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}} y^{\frac{1}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}} t^{\frac{\alpha_3}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}} \psi^{-\frac{1}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}} \alpha_1^{\frac{\alpha_2 + \alpha_3}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}} \alpha_2^{\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}} \alpha_3^{\frac{\alpha_3}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}}$ 
 $l \rightarrow r^{\frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}} w^{-1 + \frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}} y^{\frac{1}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}} t^{\frac{\alpha_3}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}} \psi^{-\frac{1}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}} \alpha_1^{\frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_3}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}} \alpha_2^{\frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_3}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}} \alpha_3^{\frac{\alpha_3}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}}$ 
 $z \rightarrow r^{\frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}} w^{\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}} y^{\frac{1}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}} t^{-\frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}} \psi^{-\frac{1}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}} \alpha_1^{\frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}} \alpha_2^{\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}} \alpha_3^{\frac{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3}}$ 
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■ 1.1 Substitute factor demand curves into cost function to derive producer's cost function

Here, we substitute the factor demand curves derived above into the original objective function - the result is the parameterized version of the cost function associated with the Cobb-Douglas production function.

```

pcost = cst /. cf[[1]] // Simplify
r  $\frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  w  $\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  y  $\frac{1}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  t  $\frac{\alpha_3}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  ψ  $-\frac{1}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  α1-1  $\frac{\alpha_2+\alpha_3}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  α2-1  $\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  α3-1  $\frac{\alpha_3}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  (α1 + α2 + α3)

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■ 1.2 Apply Shepard's lemma to the producer's cost function to derive factor demand curves

```

kshep = ∂r pcost // Simplify
lshep = ∂w pcost // FullSimplify
zshep = ∂t pcost // FullSimplify
r  $-\frac{1+\frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  w  $\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  y  $\frac{1}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  t  $\frac{\alpha_3}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  ψ  $-\frac{1}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  α1-1  $\frac{\alpha_2+\alpha_3}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  α2-1  $\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  α3-1  $\frac{\alpha_3}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$ 
r  $\frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  w  $-\frac{1+\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  y  $\frac{1}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  t  $\frac{\alpha_3}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  ψ  $-\frac{1}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  α1-1  $\frac{\alpha_1+\alpha_3}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  α2-1  $\frac{\alpha_1+\alpha_3}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  α3-1  $\frac{\alpha_3}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$ 
r  $\frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  w  $\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  y  $\frac{1}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  t  $-\frac{1+\frac{\alpha_3}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  ψ  $-\frac{1}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  α1-1  $\frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  α2-1  $\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$  α3-1  $\frac{\alpha_1+\alpha_2}{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3}$ 

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Note that these are identical to the factor demand curves derived above in 1.0. To confirm, subtract one from the other. Notice how I'm storing the first order conditions.

```

kshep - fdk // Simplify
lshep - l /. fdl // Simplify
zshep - z /. fdz // Simplify

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0
0
0

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2. Value-added function, profit maximization problem, setup and first-order conditions

Again, we start with a three-input (k, l, z) Cobb-Douglas production function. Define the revenue from selling output, here "rev", and get the first-order conditions of rev.

```

y = ψ kα1 lα2 zα3 (* /. {α1→0.3, α2→0.3, α3→0.4} *)
rev = p y;
Rent = rev - r k - w l;
(* First order conditions *)
FOCk = ∂k Rent
FOCl = ∂l Rent;
- r + k-1+α1 lα2 p zα3 ψ α1

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Now solve for the factor demand curves.

```

factdem = Solve[{FOCk == 0, FOC1 == 0}, {k, l}] // ExpandAll // FullSimplify;
FDk = factdem[[1, 1]];
FDl = factdem[[1, 2]];

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$$\begin{aligned}
k &\rightarrow p^{-\frac{1}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} r^{-1+\frac{\alpha_1}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} w^{\frac{\alpha_2}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} z^{-\frac{\alpha_3}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} \psi^{-\frac{1}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} \alpha_1^{\frac{-1+\alpha_2}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} \alpha_2^{\frac{-\alpha_2}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} \\
l &\rightarrow p^{-\frac{1}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} r^{\frac{\alpha_1}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} w^{\frac{1-\alpha_1}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} z^{-\frac{\alpha_3}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} \psi^{-\frac{1}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} \alpha_1^{\frac{-\alpha_1}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} \alpha_2^{\frac{-1+\alpha_1}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}}
\end{aligned}$$

■ 2.1 Substitute factor demand curves into net revenue function to derive producer's value-added function

```

vaf = Rent /. factdem[[1]] // PowerExpand // FullSimplify
- p^{-\frac{1}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} r^{\frac{\alpha_1}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} w^{\frac{\alpha_2}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} z^{-\frac{\alpha_3}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} \psi^{-\frac{1}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} \alpha_1^{\frac{-\alpha_1}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} \alpha_2^{\frac{-\alpha_2}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} (-1 + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2)

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■ 2.2 Apply Hotelling's lemma to the value-added function to derive factor demand curves

```

khotel = -D[r, vaf]
lhotel = -D[w, vaf]
p^{-\frac{1}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} r^{-1+\frac{\alpha_1}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} w^{\frac{\alpha_2}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} z^{-\frac{\alpha_3}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} \psi^{-\frac{1}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} \alpha_1^{1-\frac{\alpha_1}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} \alpha_2^{\frac{-\alpha_2}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}}
p^{-\frac{1}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} r^{\frac{\alpha_1}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} w^{-1+\frac{\alpha_2}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} z^{-\frac{\alpha_3}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} \psi^{-\frac{1}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} \alpha_1^{\frac{-\alpha_1}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} \alpha_2^{1-\frac{\alpha_2}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}}

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Now test to see if Hotelling's lemma holds for factor demands

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khotel - FDk // Simplify
lhotel - FDl // Simplify
0
0

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■ 2.3 Apply Hotelling's lemma to derive the supply function for this single-sector model

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D[p, vaf]
p^{-1-\frac{1}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} r^{\frac{\alpha_1}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} w^{\frac{\alpha_2}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} z^{-\frac{\alpha_3}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} \psi^{-\frac{1}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} \alpha_1^{\frac{-\alpha_1}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}} \alpha_2^{\frac{-\alpha_2}{-1+\alpha_1+\alpha_2}}
D[vaf, w] /. {alpha_1 -> 0.2, alpha_2 -> 0.3, alpha_3 -> 0.5}
D[%, w] /. {alpha_1 -> 0.2, alpha_2 -> 0.3, alpha_3 -> 0.5}
D[vaf, p] /. {alpha_1 -> 0.2, alpha_2 -> 0.3, alpha_3 -> 0.5}
D[%, p] /. {alpha_1 -> 0.2, alpha_2 -> 0.3, alpha_3 -> 0.5}
0.0765255 p^2. z^1. psi^2.
r^0.4 w^1.6
0.122441 p^2. z^1. psi^2.
r^0.4 w^2.6
0.255085 p^1. z^1. psi^2.
r^0.4 w^0.6
0.255085 z^1. psi^2.
r^0.4 w^0.6

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rK = 26 460.4 + 51 410.2 + 9930.2 + 151 297.3
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wL = 6902.7 + 44 125.4 + 7798.6 + 242 620.1
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Solve[rK / K == 0.1, K]
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Solve[wL / L == 3257, L]
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239 098.
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301 447.
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{ {K → 2.39098 × 106} }
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{ {L → 92.5535} }
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rK / 2 390 981 // N
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0.1
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