

7. A consumer's utility function is given by  $U = XY$ , where  $MU_X = Y$  and  $MU_Y = X$ .
- What is the utility derived from 1 unit of  $X$  and 2 units of  $Y$ ? What is the utility derived from 2 units of  $X$  and 1 unit of  $Y$ ? What is the utility derived from 5 units of  $X$  and 2 units of  $Y$ ?
  - How does the consumer rank the following bundles?

<b>Bundle</b>	<b>Quantity of X</b>	<b>Quantity of Y</b>
<i>A</i>	2	2
<i>B</i>	10	0
<i>C</i>	1	5
<i>D</i>	3	2
<i>E</i>	2	3

- Graph an indifference curve that shows the bundles of  $X$  and  $Y$  for which  $U = 6$  and  $U = 8$ . Is the “more is better” assumption satisfied for  $X$  and  $Y$ ?
- What are  $MU_X$  and  $MU_Y$  for the following bundles?

<b>Bundle</b>	<b>Quantity of X</b>	<b>Quantity of Y</b>
<i>F</i>	1	2
<i>G</i>	2	2
<i>H</i>	1	3

- Does  $MU_X$  diminish, stay constant, or increase as  $X$  increases? (*Hint*: You must keep the values of all other variables fixed.)
- Given the utility function in this problem, show that the marginal utilities are as given using calculus.
- Relate the shape of the consumer's indifference curves to his or her marginal rate of substitution.
- Suppose that the price of good  $X$  is \$2, the price of good  $Y$  is \$4, and the consumer's income is \$80. Use a Lagrangian to solve the constrained utility-maximization problem for the consumer.