

Law of diminishing marginal utility - 25

Fundamental of economics.

1) Jill will keep buying shoes as long as marginal benefit $\geq$ price.

a) marginal 1st pair: 50 $\rightarrow$ buy
benefit

2nd pair: 40 $\rightarrow$ buy

3rd pair: 30 $\rightarrow$ buy

4th pair: 20 < 29.99 $\rightarrow$ do not buy

Jill will buy 3 pairs per year.

b) Now she buys only if marginal benefit $\geq$ 39.99.

1st pair = 50 $\rightarrow$ buy

2nd pair = 40 $\rightarrow$ buy

3rd pair = 30 $\leq$ 39.99 $\rightarrow$ shop

Jill will buy 2 pairs per year.

2) Joe buys 1

2) Joe's marginal benefit is double Jill's

Joe buys as long as $MB \geq \text{price}$

1st pair = 100 $\rightarrow$ buy

2nd pair = 80 $\rightarrow$ buy

3rd pair = 60 $\rightarrow$ buy

4th pair = 40 $\rightarrow$ buy

5th pair $20 < 29.99 \Rightarrow$ don't buy

Joe will buy 4 pairs of shoes per year