

# Consultant for the Journal of Important Stuff

(A)

a) First-order conditions:

$$S_E = 310 - 4E - A = 0 \quad 1.$$

$$S_A = 100 - A - E = 0 \quad 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} A + 4E &= 310 \\ A + E &= 100 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A \\ E \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 310 \\ 100 \end{bmatrix} \quad 2$$

Call this matrix  $M$ .

Using Cramer's Rule, we know

$$A^* = \frac{|M_1|}{|M|} \quad \text{and} \quad E^* = \frac{|M_2|}{|M|}$$

$$|M| = 1 - 4 = -3 \quad 1$$

$$M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 310 & 4 \\ 100 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 310 \\ 1 & 100 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|M_1| = 310 - 400 = -90 \quad \frac{1}{2}$$

$$|M_2| = 100 - 310 = -210 \quad \frac{1}{2}$$

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$$A^* = \frac{-90}{-3} = 30 \quad \frac{1}{2}$$

$$E^* = \frac{-210}{-3} = 70 \quad \frac{1}{2}$$

b.)  
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$$H = \begin{bmatrix} S_{EE} & S_{EA} \\ S_{AE} & S_{AA} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} S_{EE} = -4 & S_{EA} = -1 \\ S_{AA} = -1 & S_{AE} = -1 \end{matrix} \quad 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow H = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$LPM_1 = -4 \quad 1.$$

$$LPM_2 = |H| = 4 - 1 = 3 \quad \frac{1}{2}$$

The alternation of the signs of the LPM's, with the first negative, indicates that the Hessian is negative definite. 1  
or d.f of second order.

Therefore, the solution is a local maximum. 1