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Answering the questions and preparing answer sheets

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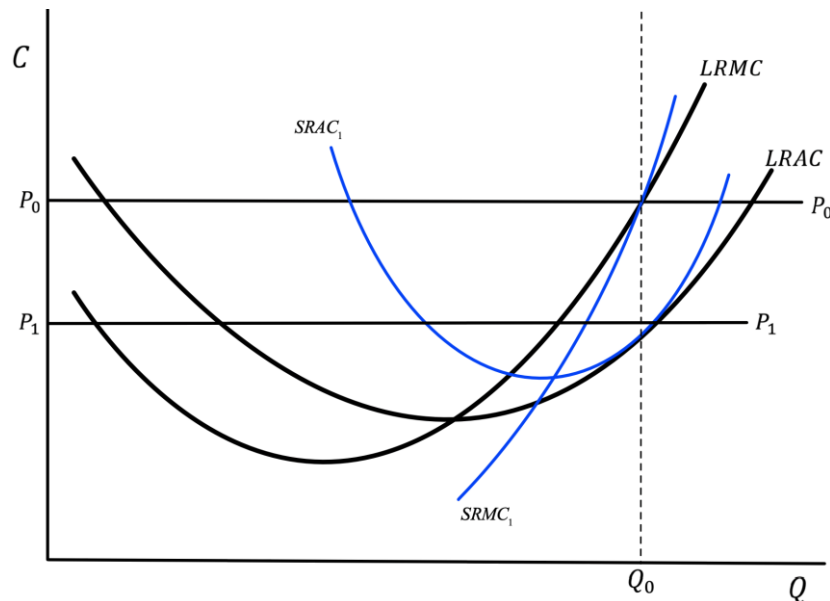
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1.a) Draw a budget line for these two when a consumer has \$40 and indicate all the essential information on the graph, given that Sinovac is displayed on the horizontal axis while Pfizer is on the vertical axis.

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2. In a perfectly competitive market, suppose that every firm is in a long-run equilibrium where each firm receives an excess profit at a market equilibrium price P_0 and produces Q_0 as shown in the graph below.



2.a) If the market equilibrium price decreases to P_1 , in the short run according to the given Short-Run cost curves $SRAC_1$ and $SRMC_1$, find the new Short-Run equilibrium quantity Q_1 and profit of the firm. State the equilibrium conditions.

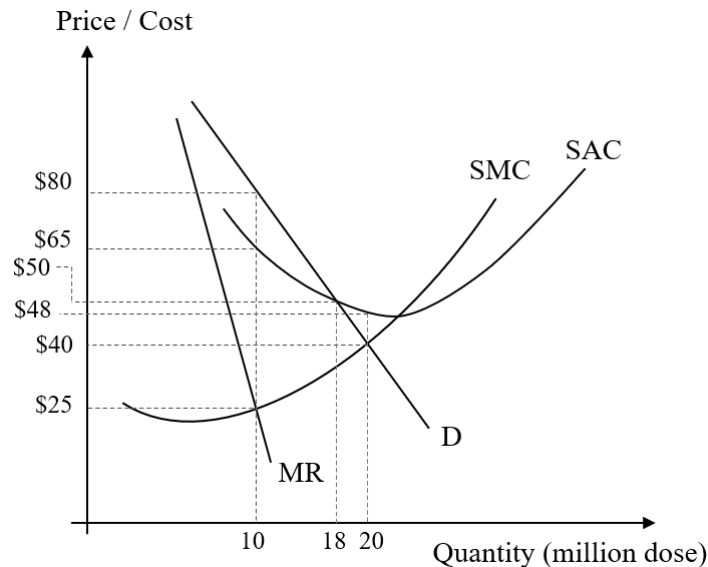
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Assignment 3

Assigned on Nov 9th, 2021. To be submitted on Nov 18th, 2021 before midnight.

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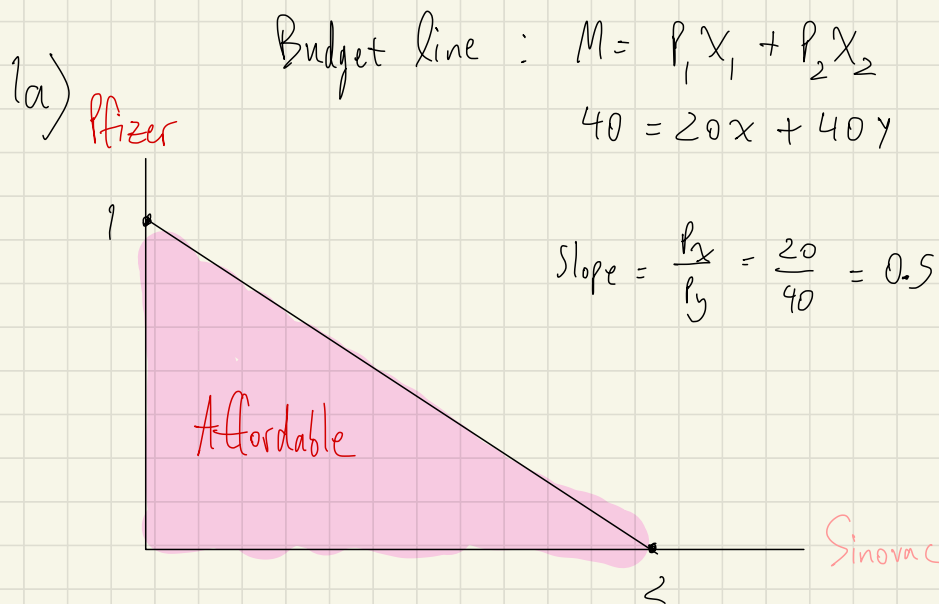


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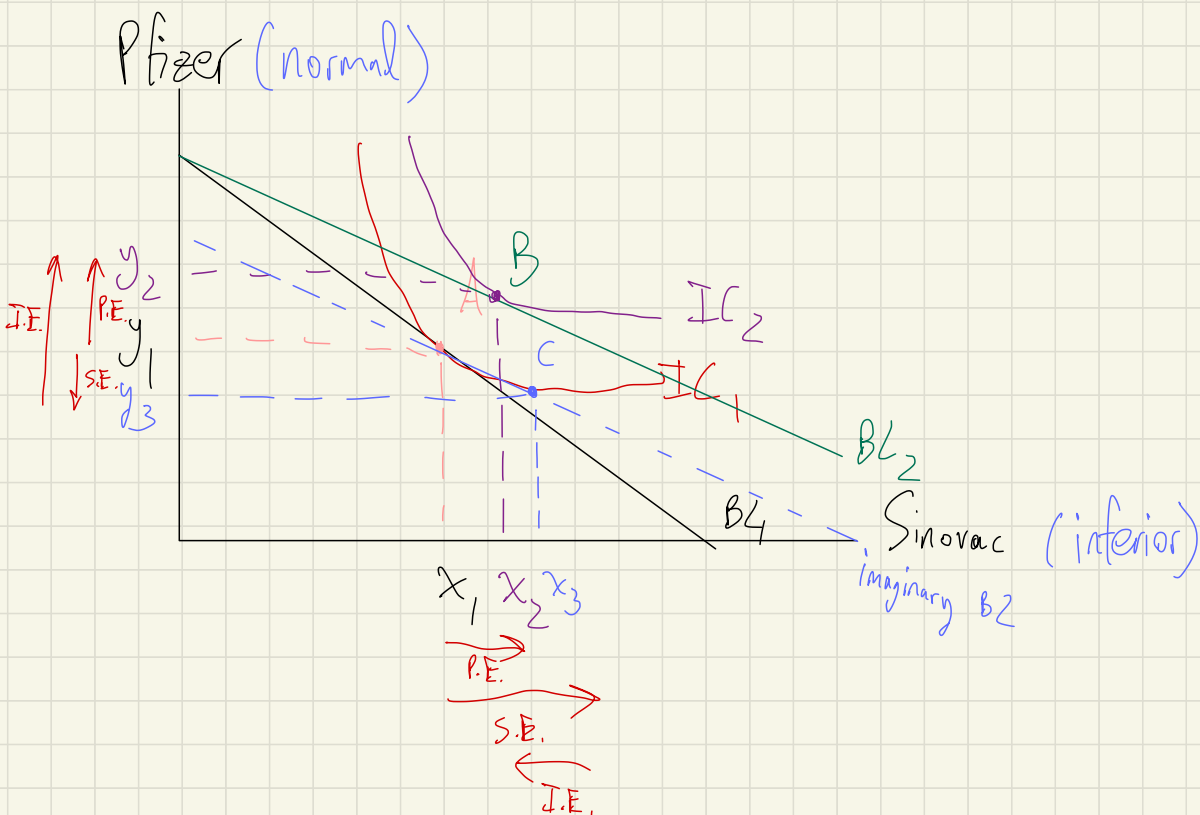
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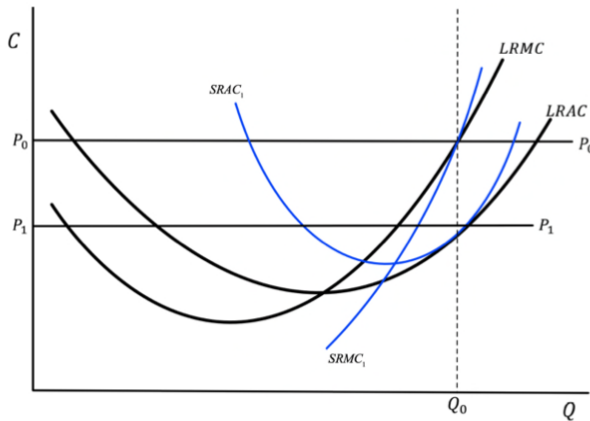


1 b)

Assume that the price of Sinovac ^(Px↓) decrease



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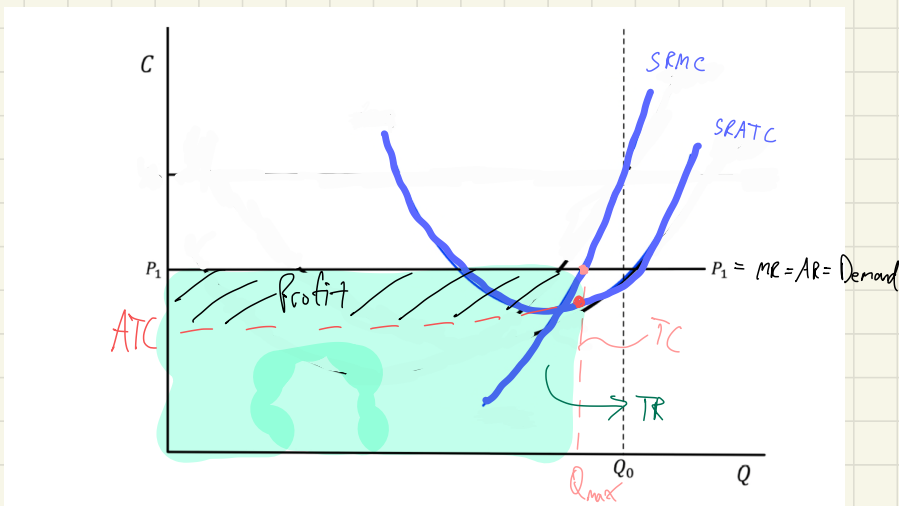
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2a)

$P_0 \rightarrow P_1$

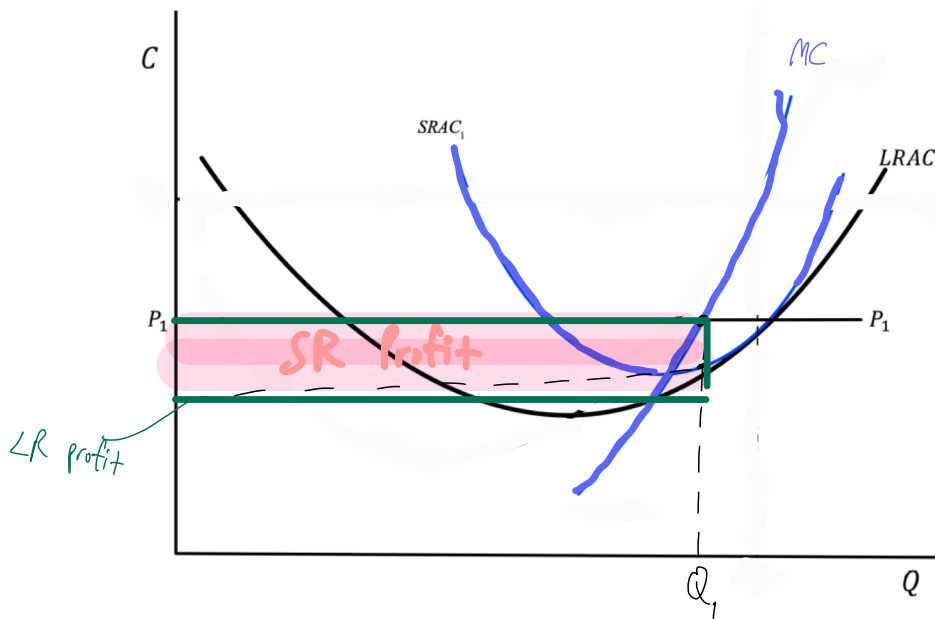


equilibrium condition : $MR = MC$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$P = MC$$

2b)

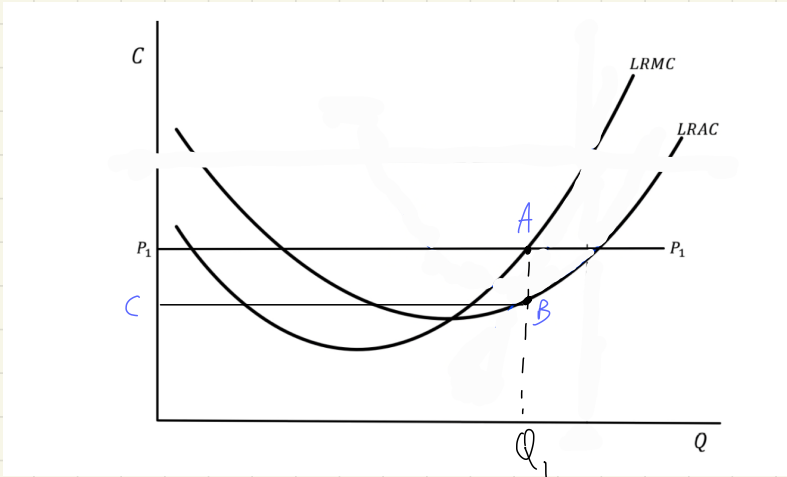


LR profit

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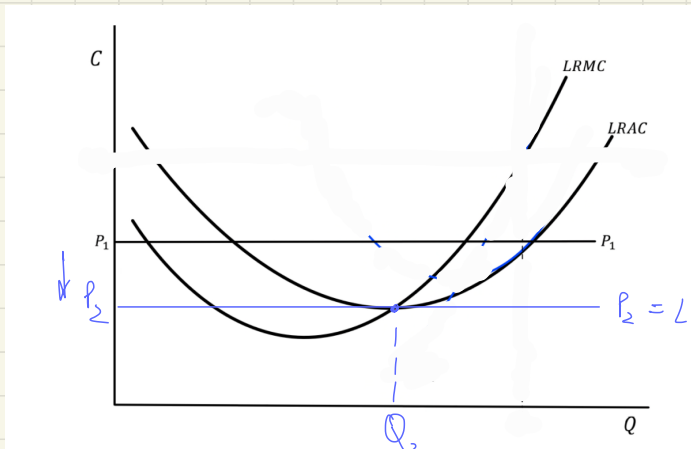
SR profit

2 c)



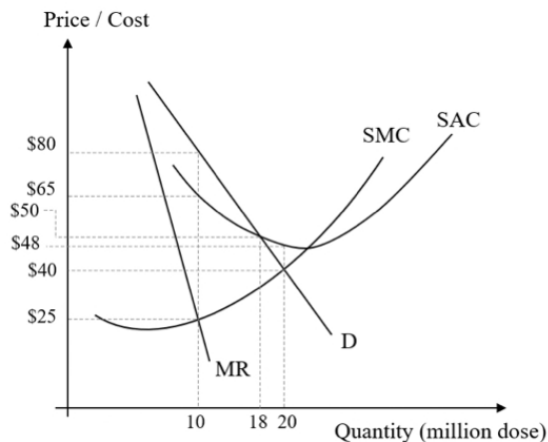
At first, the firm produces at Q_1 , which we can see the profit = $P_1 - AC$

However, the competitors will enter the market so that the market price $\downarrow$ = profit $\downarrow$ = 0 in the future.



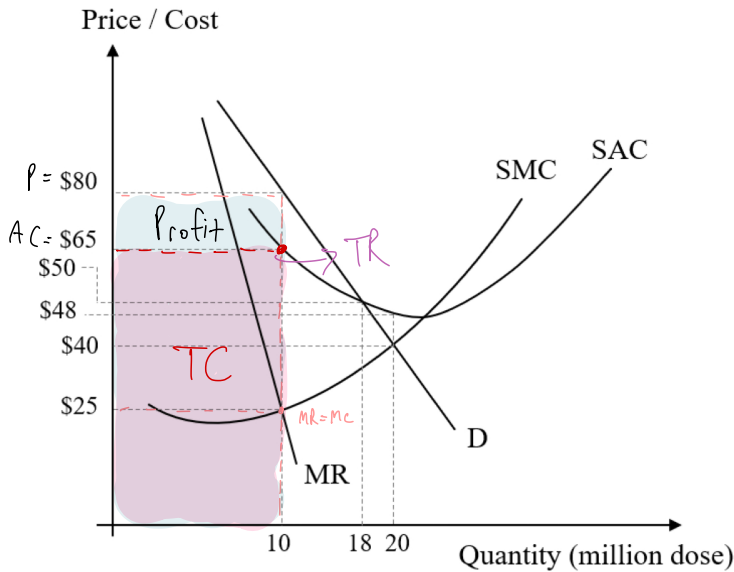
We can see that if there are new sellers entering the market, the equilibrium price will decrease from P_1 to P_2 because the firm cannot sell at price P_1 anymore due to the new competitors.

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3 a)



Maximize Profit condition : $MR = MC$

$$Q = 10 \text{ million dose}$$

$$P = \$80$$

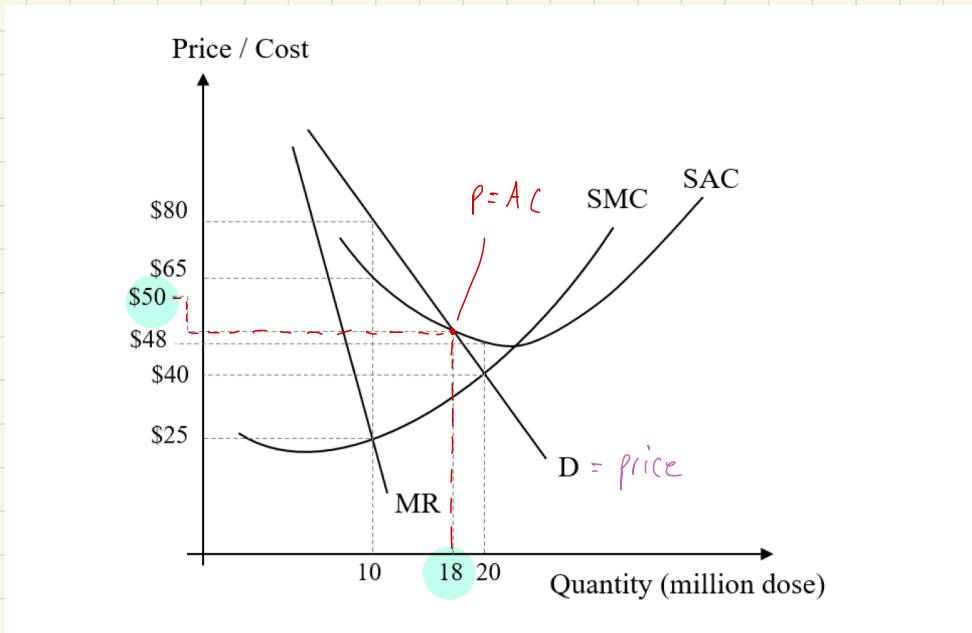
$$TR = P \cdot Q = 80 \cdot 10 = 800$$

$$AC = \$65$$

$$TC = 65 \cdot 10 = 650$$

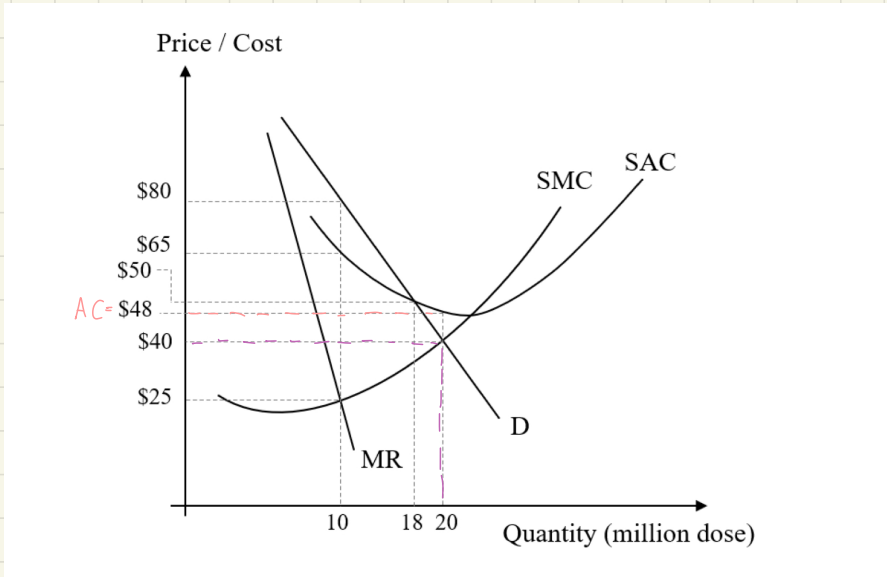
$$3b) \text{ Profit} = (80 - 65) \cdot 10 = 150$$

3c)



Due to the government intervention that they set a fair price ($P = AC$). We can see that they set a fair price (D) $P = \$50$
 $Q = 18$

3d)



$$P = 40$$

$$AC = 48$$

$$; \text{Loss} = (48 - 40) \cdot 20 = 160$$

The government should subsidize in a total of \$160