

HW II

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**Example 3.G:** Solve for the market equilibrium using the information in **Example 3.E** and **Example 3.F**. Justify your answer!

2 consumers

1 seller

Find:

$$A: Q_A = 10 - P$$

$$Q = P$$

$$B: Q_B = 10 - \frac{1}{2}P$$

1) Draw Diagram

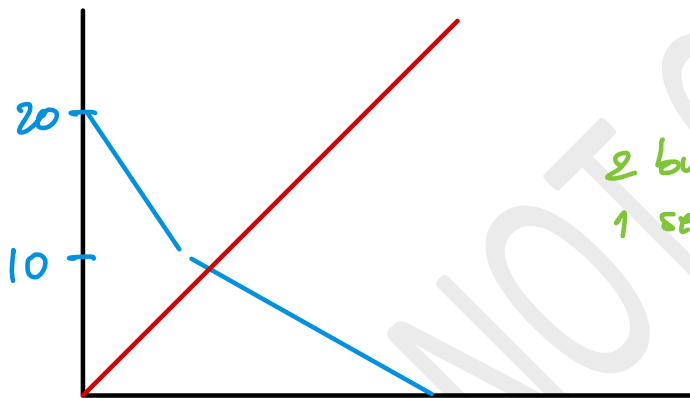
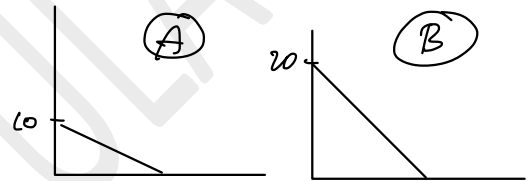
2) find equl

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$$A: P = 10 - Q_A$$

$$B: P = 20 - 2Q_B$$

} Inverse Demand

2 buyers  
1 sellers

$$\rightarrow \text{use } Q_{\text{int}}^D = Q_A^D + Q_B^D$$

$$= 10 - P + 10 - \frac{1}{2}P$$

$$Q_{\text{int}}^D = 20 - \frac{3}{2}P$$

**Example 3.J:** Excess burden formula under linear model & Tax-Revenue-maximizing tax rate

Demand:  $p^d = a - bQ^d$  ;  $a \geq 0, b \leq 0$ .

Supply :  $p^s = c + dQ^s$  ;  $d \geq 0$ .

- Solve for quantity and prices equilibrium when the unit tax is imposed. Analyze the result

$$Q^d = \frac{a-p}{b}$$

$$Q^s = \frac{p-c-t}{d}$$

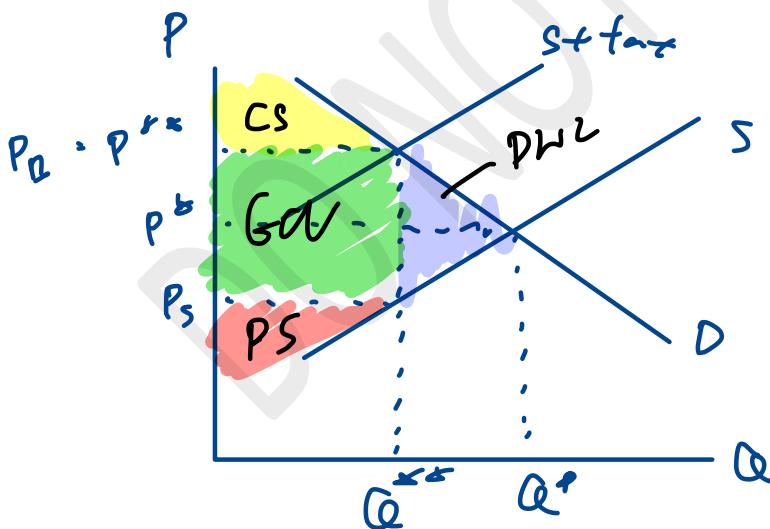
eqbm:  $p^s = p^d$

$$c + dQ^s + t = a - bQ^d$$

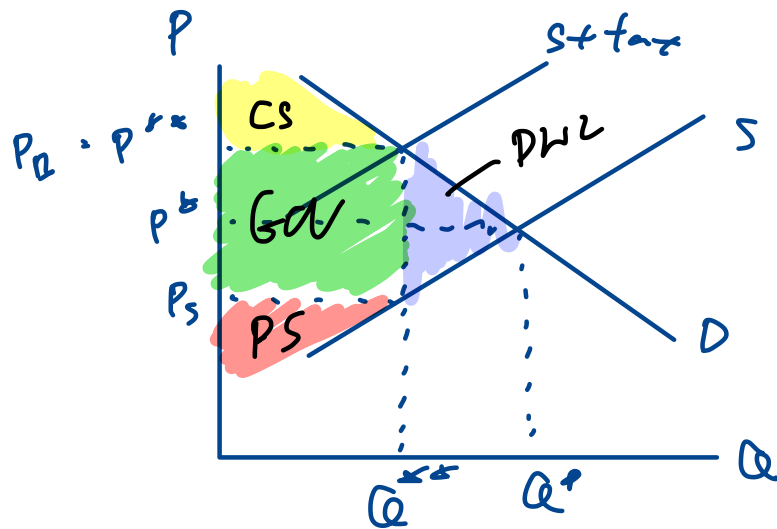
$$Q(c+d+b) = a - c - t$$

$$Q^{*t} = \frac{a-c-t}{d+b}$$

$$p^{*t} = c + t + d \left[ \frac{a-c-t}{d+b} \right]$$



- Derive the excess burden formula for buyers and sellers



Before tax; consumers buy at  $P^e$  which is cheap. While seller can sell at high price

After tax; consumers buy at higher price at  $P^*$  ( $P_c$ ), and producer will receive less of  $P_s$

- Calculate the tax rate that maximizes the tax revenue of government.

$$\frac{\partial \text{tax. rev}}{\partial \tau} = \left[ \frac{a - c - t}{d + b} \right] \times t$$

$$= at - ct - t^2 + d^2t + b^2t$$

$$0 = a - c - 2t - d - b$$

$$2t = a - c - d - b$$

$$t = \frac{a - c - d - b}{2}$$

### Example 3.K Price control and Welfare

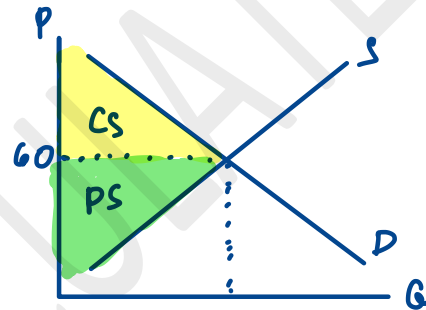
Consider the market for apartment rentals in Chicago. The price of rent is determined by the following system of equations.

$$\text{Demand: } p = -2q_d + 160$$

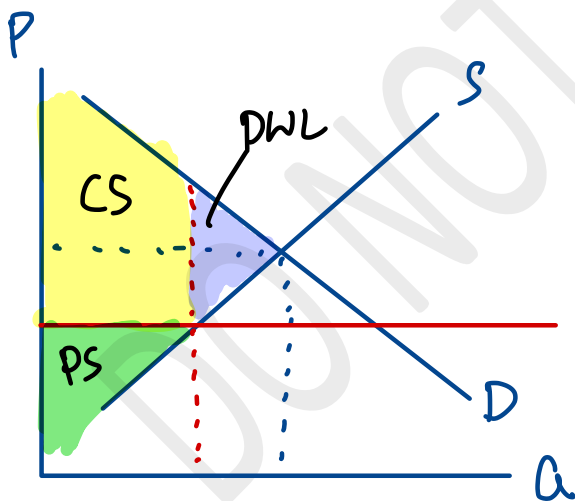
$$\text{Supply: } p = q_s + 10$$

- What is the equilibrium price and quantity in the market for apartment rentals?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{equi : } p^s &= p^d \\ Q^s + 10 &= 2Q^d + 160 \\ 3Q &= 150 \\ Q &= 50 \\ P &= 60 \end{aligned}$$



- Suppose the government tries to control the rent prices through a price ceiling of \$40. Discuss the implication of this policy. Is there any deadweight loss?



the policy is announce to reduce the quantity of renting an apartment.

By having a cheaper price people will demand more of apartment, while the owner of the apartment doesn't want to rent their room out.