

Exercise 2B. Consider a function that relates tax revenues R , in billions of dollars, to the average tax rate t such that $R = 350t - 500t^2$.

(a) What tax rate(s) is consistent with raising tax revenues equal to \$60 billion?

(b) What tax rate(s) is consistent with raising tax revenues equal to \$61.25 billion?

(c) What tax rate is consistent with the maximum tax revenue?

$$\begin{aligned} a) \quad 20 &= 350t - 500t^2 \\ t &= 0.3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b) \quad 61.25 &= 350t - 500t^2 \\ t &= 0.3052 \end{aligned}$$

$$c) \quad R = -500t^2 + 350t$$

$$-\frac{b}{2a} = \frac{-350}{2(-500)} = \frac{7}{20}$$

$$R\left(\frac{7}{20}\right) = -500\left(\frac{7}{20}\right)^2 + 350\left(\frac{7}{20}\right)$$

$$= \frac{245}{4}$$

$$= 61.25$$