

HW#6 Due March 4, 2021

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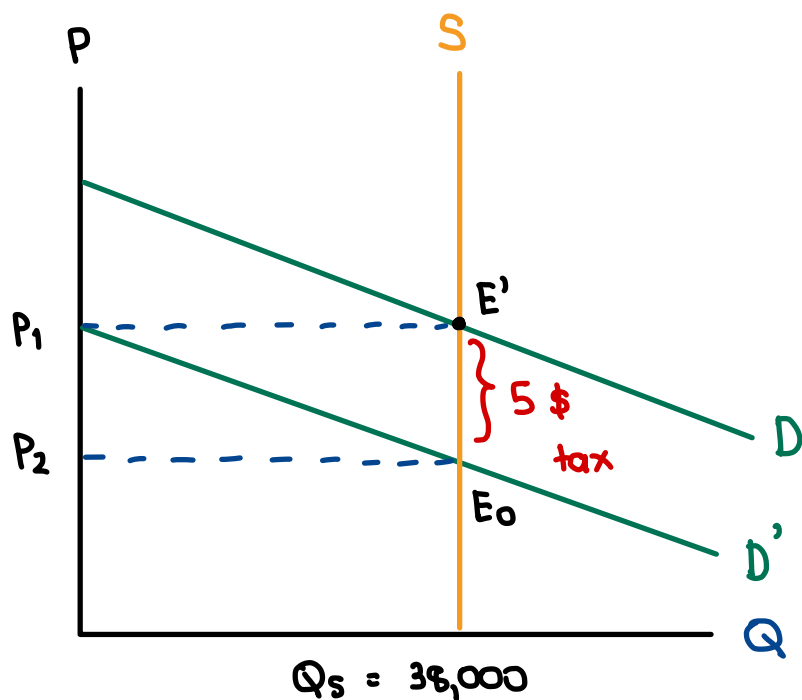
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The supply curve of this case is inelastic, so the supply Q_s cannot change so the supplier have taken the whole tax burden. Therefore, the supplier will need to reduce the price, so they can sell the ticket.

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10) a) $Q^S = Q^D$ $Q_E = 300 - 100$, 2(200)
 $2P = 300 - P$ = 200

$$3P = 300$$

$$P = \underline{\underline{100}}$$

$$\therefore \underline{\underline{P = 100}} , \underline{\underline{Q_E = 200}} \#$$

b) 90\$ is (P MAX)

$$\text{Quantity demand} = Q_D = 300 - 90 \\ = \underline{\underline{210}}$$

$$\text{Quantity supplied} = Q_S = 2P = 2(90) \\ = \underline{\underline{180}}$$

$Q_D > Q_S$ Excess demand \rightarrow shortage develop

$$\text{Size of shortage} = 210 - 180 = \underline{\underline{30}}$$

$$c) 90\$ = (P_{min})$$

When the price is set (90\$) which is below the equilibrium price which is 100\$. This will make the mechanism continue going and ignore the new price (90\$). $Price = 100\$$ Q_D and $Q_S = 200$ units
So it's neither surplus or shortage.

New Equilibrium

$$d) Q_S = Q_D$$

$$Q_D = 300 - P$$

$$2P - 60 = 300 - P$$

$$= 300 - 120$$

$$3P = 360$$

$$= 180$$

$$P = 120$$

Equilibrium price = 120, Equilibrium quantity = 180

So neither surplus or shortage will develop.