

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? t^*

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{a} \quad 60 &= 350t - 500t^2 \\ -500t^2 + 350t - 60 &= 0 \\ -10(50t^2 - 35t + 6) &= 0 \\ (5t - 2)(10t - 3) &= 0 \\ t &= \frac{2}{5}, \frac{3}{10} \quad \# \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{b} \quad -500t^2 + 350t - 61.25 &= 0 \\ t &= 0.35 \quad \# \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{c} \quad \frac{dR}{dt} &= 0 \\ 350 - 1000t &= 0 \\ -1000t &= -350 \\ t &= 0.35 \quad \# \end{aligned}$$