

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

1) Draw diagram

$$A: Q_A = 10 - P$$

$$Q = P$$

2) Find equilibrium

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

Consumer A

$$Q = 10 - P$$

$$P = -Q + 10$$

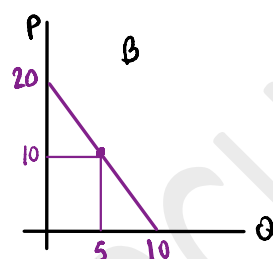
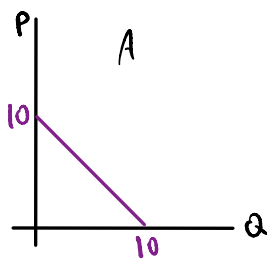
Consumer B

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

$$P = -2Q + 20$$

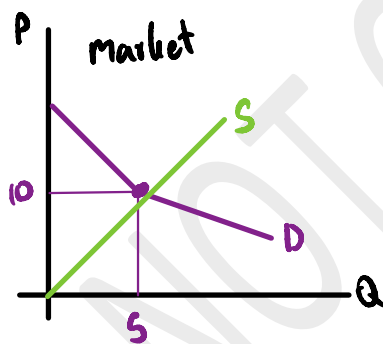
From $P = 10$ to $P = 20$, only B buys.

From $P \leq 10$, both A and B buy.



$$\therefore Q_d = \begin{cases} 10 - \frac{1}{2}P; & P > 10 \\ 20 - \frac{3}{2}P; & P \leq 10 \end{cases}$$

equilibrium



$$Q_d = Q_s; \quad P > 10$$

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

$$\frac{3}{2}P = 10$$

$$P = \frac{20}{3}$$

$$P_1 = 6.67 < 10$$

$$Q_d = Q_s; \quad P \leq 10$$

$$20 - \frac{3}{2}P = P$$

$$\frac{5}{2}P = 20$$

$$P_2 = 8 \leq 10$$

$\therefore$ Equilibrium price is 8.

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