

HW#4 From Problem and Applications of Mankiw book, Chapter 4 The Market Forces of Supply and Demand

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8	8,000	8,000
12	6,000	8,000
16	4,000	8,000
20	2,000	8,000

- a. Draw the demand and supply curves. What is unusual about this supply curve? Why might this be true?
- b. What are the equilibrium price and quantity of tickets?
- c. Your college plans to increase total enrollment next year by 5,000 students. The additional students will have the following demand schedule:

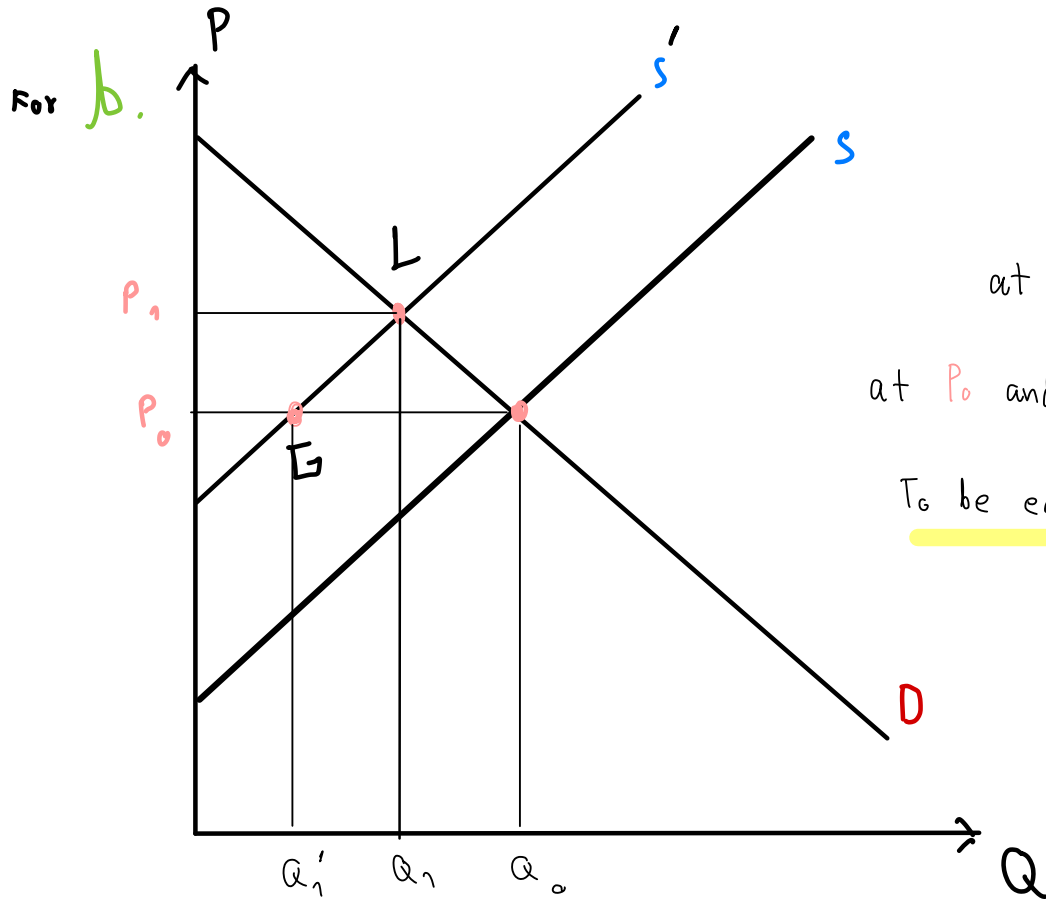
Price	Quantity Demanded
\$4	4,000 tickets
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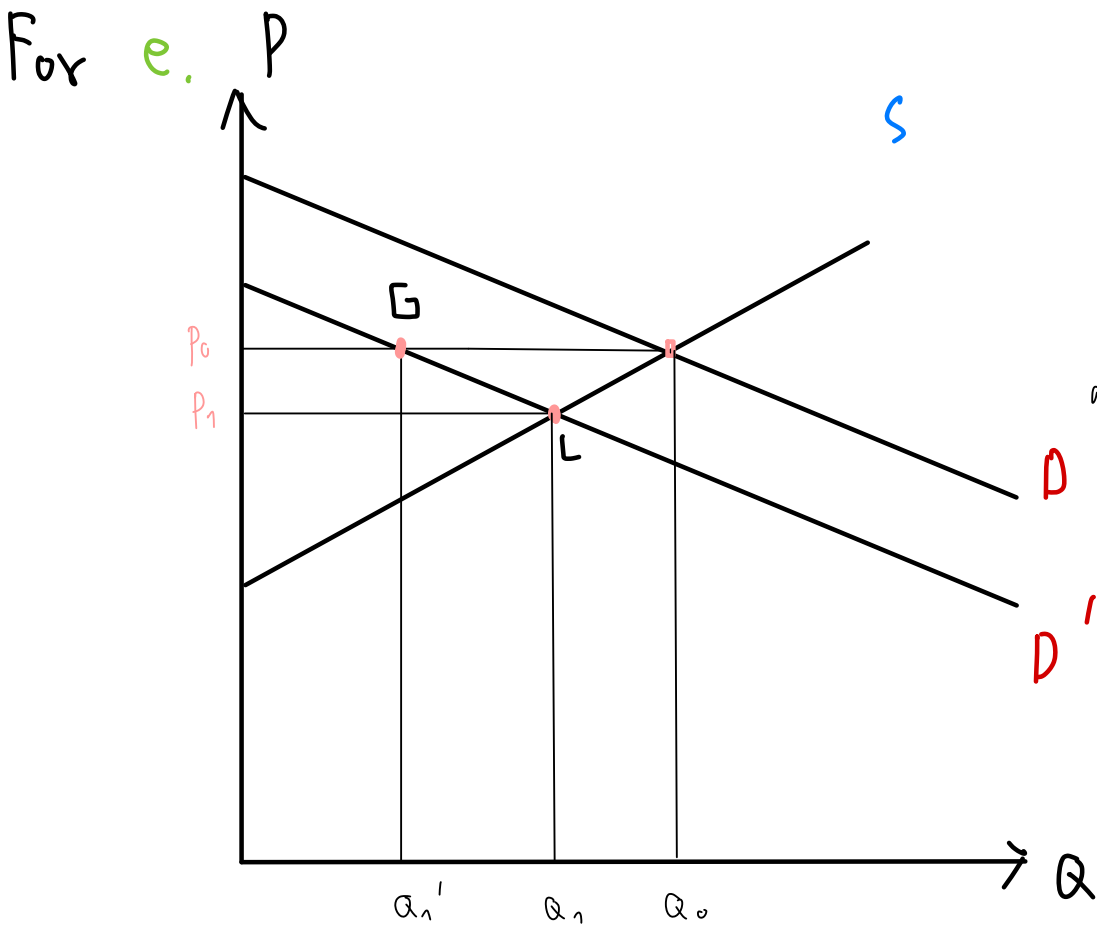
at P_0 and $S \rightarrow S'$, $Q_d > Q_{s'}$ $\rightarrow$ Excess demand [point G (Q_1', P_0)]

To be equilibrium

Price $\uparrow$ until P_1 then $Q_{s'} = Q_d$ [point L (Q_1, P_1)]

$\downarrow$
new equilibrium

$\therefore P \uparrow \& Quantity \downarrow$



people's wealth $\downarrow \rightarrow$ Demand $\downarrow \rightarrow$ Demand curve shift left
Determinant : lower income

at P_0 , $Q_s = Q_d \rightarrow$ Equilibrium $\checkmark$

at P_0 and $D \rightarrow D'$ $\rightarrow$ $Q_s > Q_{d'}$ $\rightarrow$ Excess supply [point G (Q_1', P_0)]

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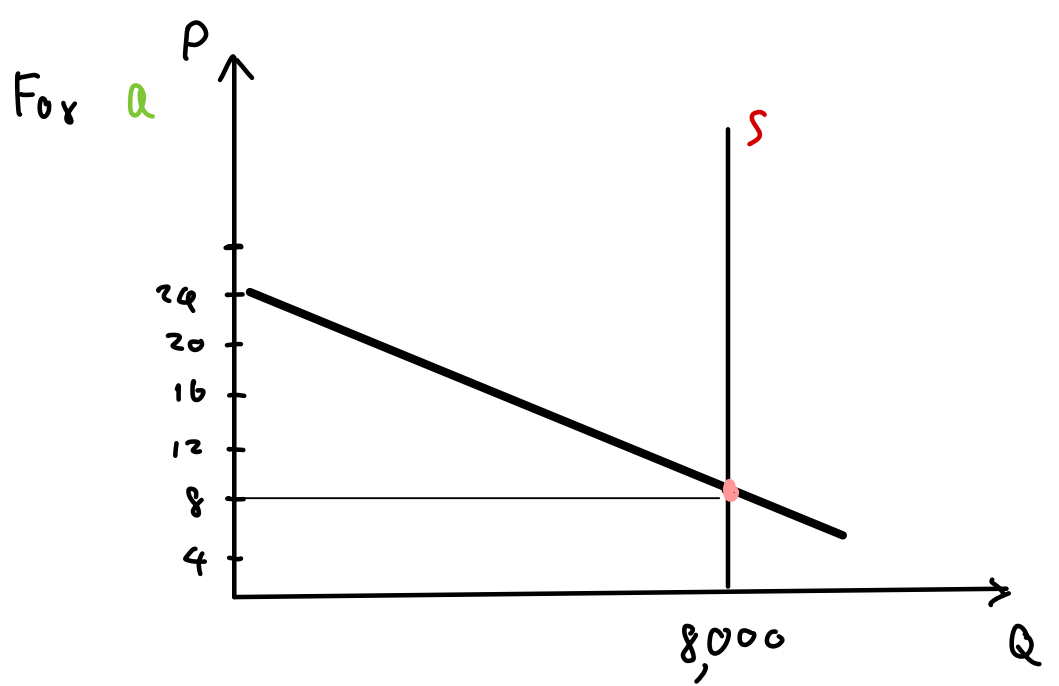
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- Your college plans to increase total enrollment next year by 5,000 students. The additional students will have the following demand schedule:



This supply curve is unusual because there are 8,000 tickets for quantity supplied at every level of price.

The reason of this incident is because there are 8,000 seats available only and the college is willing to sell at 4 \$ at least.

For b. supply curve $\rightarrow x = 8,000$

Demand curve $\rightarrow m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{\Delta P}{\Delta Q}$

$$= \frac{8-4}{8,000-10,000} = \frac{4}{-2,000} = -\frac{1}{500}$$

$$\rightarrow P = -\frac{1}{500}Q + 24 \rightarrow y\text{-intercept}$$

Equilibrium

$$P_s = P_D \rightarrow Q_s = 8,000 \quad \& \quad P = -\frac{Q}{500} + 24$$

$$P = \frac{-8,000}{500} + 24 = 8 \rightarrow P = 8$$

$$\text{then } Q = \frac{(P-24)(500)}{-1} = 8,000$$

∴ Answer $\rightarrow (8,000, 8)$

For c

new demand curve $\rightarrow$

find equation for $0 \leq P < 20$

$$m = \frac{\Delta P}{\Delta Q} = \frac{8-4}{17,000-14,000} = \frac{-4}{3,000} = -\frac{1}{750}$$

$$\text{so } P(x) = \frac{-Q}{750} + b$$

$$\text{find } b \rightarrow 12 = -\frac{8,000}{750} + b$$

$$b = 12 + \frac{8,000}{750} = \frac{17,000}{750} = \frac{68}{3}$$

$$\text{so } P(x) = \frac{-Q}{750} + \frac{68}{3} \text{ for } 0 \leq P < 20$$

Price	Quantity Demanded
\$4	4,000 tickets + 10,000 = 14,000
8	3,000 + 8,000 = 11,000
12	2,000 + 6,000 = 8,000
16	1,000 + 4,000 = 5,000
20	0 + 2,000 = 2,000

Now add the old demand schedule and the demand schedule for the new students to calculate the new demand schedule for the entire college. What will be the new equilibrium price and quantity?

$$P = \begin{cases} -\frac{Q}{500} + 24 & ; 24 \geq P \geq 20, 2,000 \geq Q \geq 0 \\ -\frac{Q}{750} + \frac{68}{3} & ; 20 > P > 0, 17,000 \geq Q \geq 2,000 \end{cases}$$

To be equilibrium

$$P_s = P_D \rightarrow Q_s = 8,000 \text{ then } P = -\frac{Q}{750} + \frac{68}{3}$$

$$P = \frac{-8,000}{750} + \frac{68}{3} = 12$$

equilibrium point $\rightarrow (8,000, 12)$

∴ Answer $(8,000, 12)$

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