

Example 3.G: Solve for the market equilibrium using the information in **Example 3.E** and **Example 3.F**. Justify your answer!

2 consumers

$$A: Q_A = 10 - P$$

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

1 sellers

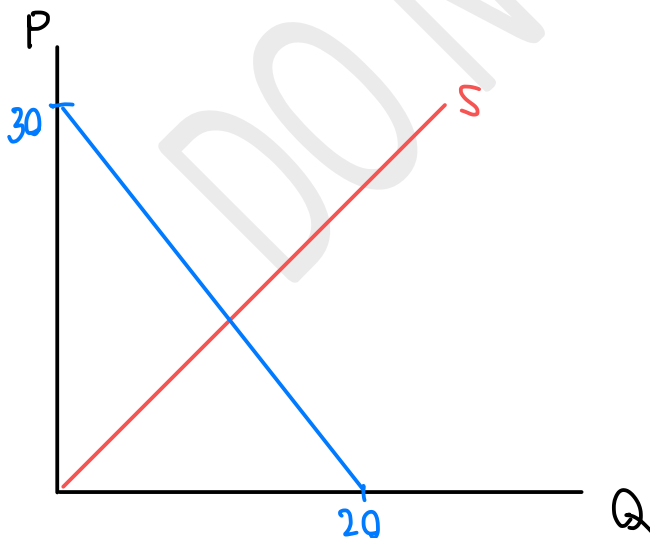
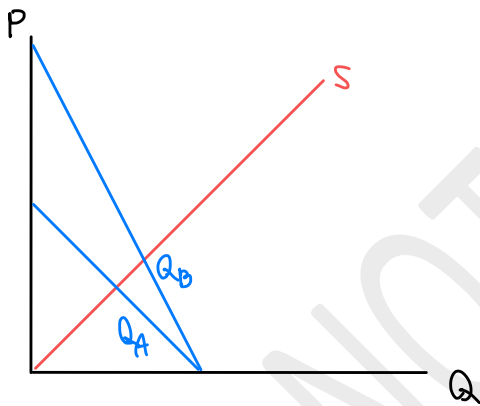
$$Q = P$$

1. Draw diagram

2. Find eq

$$A: P = 10 - Q_A$$

$$B: P = 20 - 2Q_B$$



$$Q_{\text{net}}^D = Q_A^D + Q_B^D$$

$$= 10 - P + 20 - \frac{1}{2}P$$

$$Q = 30 - \frac{3}{2}P$$

$$\therefore \text{At Eq } P = 12 //$$

Example 3.J: Excess burden *formula under linear model* & *Tax-Revenue-maximizing tax rate*

$$\text{Demand: } p^d = a - bQ^d \quad ; \quad a \geq 0, \quad b \leq 0.$$

$$\text{Supply : } p^s = c + dQ^s \quad ; \quad d \geq 0.$$

- Solve for quantity and prices equilibrium when the unit tax is imposed. Analyze the result

$$p^s = p^d - t \quad ; \quad \text{tax on producer}$$

$$p^d = p^s + t \quad ; \quad \text{tax on consumer}$$

$$p^s + t = a - bQ^d \rightarrow \boxed{p^s = a - t - bQ^d}$$

$$p^s = c + dQ^s$$

$$\text{At Eq; } Q^d = Q^s$$

$$p^s = p^d \rightarrow a - t - bQ = c + dQ$$

$$a - t - c = (b + d)Q$$

$$Q = \frac{a - c}{b + d} - \frac{t}{b + d}$$

$$\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t} = Q_{\text{after tax}} - Q_{\text{before tax}} = \frac{-t}{b + d} \quad \therefore \text{when } t \uparrow, Q \downarrow //$$

- Derive the excess burden formula for buyers and sellers

$$t = 0 \rightarrow t > 0 \rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} |\Delta p^S| &= \frac{dt}{b+d} \\ |\Delta p^D| &= \frac{bt}{b+d} \end{aligned} \right\} = t$$

$$\left| \frac{\Delta p^S}{\Delta t} \right| = \frac{d}{b+d} = \frac{\varepsilon^d}{\varepsilon^d + \varepsilon^s}$$

$$\left| \frac{\Delta p^D}{\Delta t} \right| = \frac{b}{b+d} = \frac{\varepsilon^s}{\varepsilon^s + \varepsilon^d}$$

∴ for buyers $\varepsilon^d \uparrow \rightarrow$ burden fell, $\varepsilon^d \downarrow \rightarrow$ burden rise

∴ for sellers $\varepsilon^s \uparrow \rightarrow$ burden fell, $\varepsilon^s \downarrow \rightarrow$ burden rise //

- Calculate the tax rate that maximizes the tax revenue of government.

$$T = tQ$$

$$T = t \cdot \left(\frac{a-c}{b+d} - \frac{t}{b+d} \right)$$

$$T(t) = \left(\frac{a-c}{b+d} \right)t - \frac{t^2}{b+d}$$

$$T'(t) = \frac{-\left(\frac{a-c}{b+d}\right)}{2\left(-\frac{1}{b+d}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{a-c}{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{tax rate} = \frac{a-c}{2} //$$

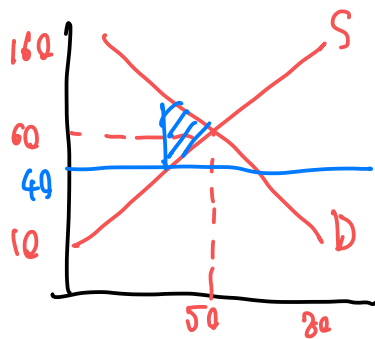
Example 3.K Price control and Welfare

Consider the market for apartment rentals in Chicago. The price of rent is determined by the following system of equations.

$$\text{Demand: } p = -2q_d + 160$$

$$\text{Supply: } p = q_s + 10$$

- What is the equilibrium price and quantity in the market for apartment rentals?



$$q^d = q^s = q^*$$

$$-2q^* + 160 = q^* + 10$$

$$150 = 3q^*$$

$$\therefore q^* = 50 \text{ units, } P = 60 //$$

- Suppose the government tries to control the rent prices through a price ceiling of \$40. Discuss the implication of this policy. Is there any deadweight loss?

$$\text{ceiling} = 40$$

$$\text{Demand: } 40 = -2q_d + 160 \quad q_d = 60$$

$$\text{Supply: } 40 = q_s + 10 \quad q_s = 30$$

\therefore implication of this policy will generate an excess demand and there will be a DWL as well //