

Example 3.1 Suppose that demand/supply equation can be given by

$$P^d = 80 - 3Q^d \rightarrow \text{steeper}$$

$$P^s = 10 + 2Q^s \rightarrow \text{flatter}$$

- Find the market equilibrium.

$$P^d, P^s \Rightarrow 80 - 3Q = 10 + 2Q$$

$$70 = 5 \cdot Q$$

$$Q^* = 14 \text{ units}$$

$$P^* = 10 + 2(14) = 10 + 28 = 38 \$$$

- Suppose that government imposes tax on producer equal to \$5 per unit, determine market equilibrium under taxation.

$\rightarrow P^s \Rightarrow$ clear the market: Q^d, Q^s

$$P^s = P^d - 5$$

$$80 - 3Q = 15 + 2Q$$

$$65 = 5 \cdot Q$$

$$Q^* = 13 \text{ units}$$

$$P_{d*} = 41 \$$$

$$P_{s*} = 41 - 5$$

$$P^d = 10 \Rightarrow Q^d = 36$$

$$P^s = 5; \text{ need at least } \$15 \text{ for}$$

Consumer price

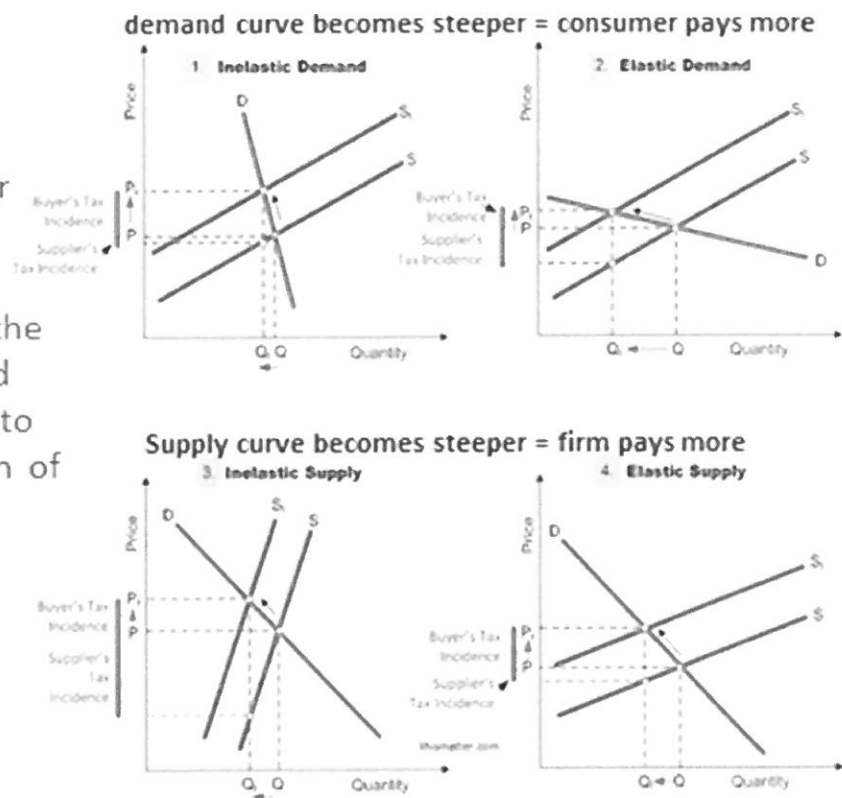
$$TR = 13 \times 5 = 65 \$$$

- How much is the tax revenue that the government can collect in the equilibrium?

- Calculate the tax burden.

Excess burden/Tax incidence:

Main Idea: Whoever cannot adjust themselves instantaneously to the new situation would unfortunately have to bear a larger portion of the tax burden.



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Example 3.J: Excess burden formula under linear model

Demand: $\underline{p^d} = a - bQ^d$; $a \geq 0$, $b \geq 0$, $b \leq 0$ — ①

Supply : $p^s = c + dQ^s$; $d \geq 0$. — ②

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

Impire tax on consumer:

$$p^d = p^s + t$$

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

$$p^s = a - t - bQ^d \quad \text{--- ③} \rightarrow \text{expressed in terms of producer's price}$$

$$\text{②} \mid = \text{③} \quad Q^d = Q^s = Q^*$$

$$a - t - bQ^* = c + dQ^*$$

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

Baseline $t = 0$

$$Q^*(t) = Q^*(t=0) - \frac{t}{b+d}$$

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

$$a > c$$

→ taxation reduces the market size.

- Derive the excess burden formula for buyers and sellers

$$Q^*(t) = Q^*(t=0) - \frac{t}{b+d} = \frac{a-c}{b+d} - \frac{t}{b+d}$$

because

$$; t \uparrow \rightarrow \text{market shrinks}; -\frac{1}{b+d} < 0$$

$\therefore t \uparrow \rightarrow$ market shrinks

'Eqn Q'

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

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

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

$$= \frac{bc + \cancel{dc} + da - \cancel{dc}}{b+d} - \frac{d}{b+d} \cdot t$$

$$p^{s*}(t) = \frac{bc + da}{b+d} - \frac{d}{b+d} \cdot t \quad (+t)$$

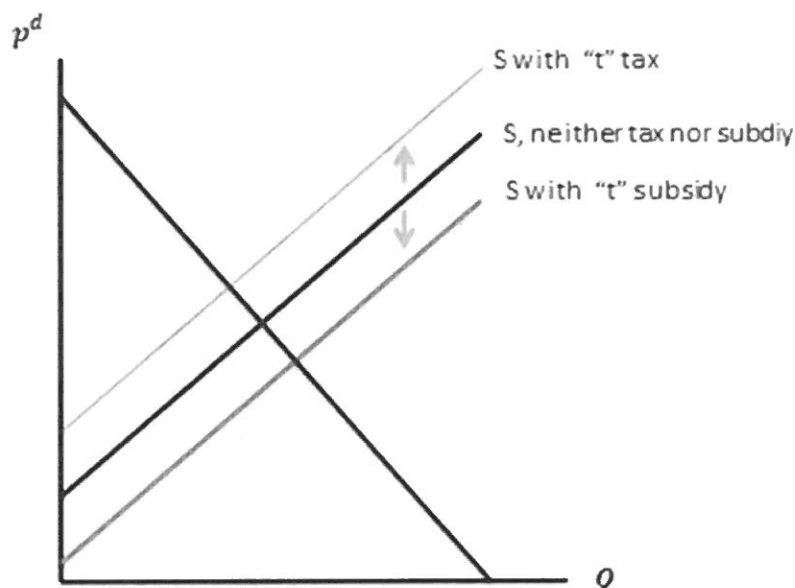
$$\Downarrow p^{s*}(t=0) - \frac{d}{b+d} \cdot t$$

$$p^{dx} = p^{s*} + t = \frac{bc + da}{b+d} + \frac{b}{b+d} \cdot t$$

Unit-subsidy?

- Do we have to start everything from the beginning to derive the implications of subsidy program for market equilibrium?
 - No, the analytical result for the impact of subsidy would have been the same, because we can treat subsidy as a negative tax. “ t ” is negative number!
 - The burden concept would be changed into the benefit received, i.e. who’s getting more benefit.

Tax v.s. Subsidy (unit-based)

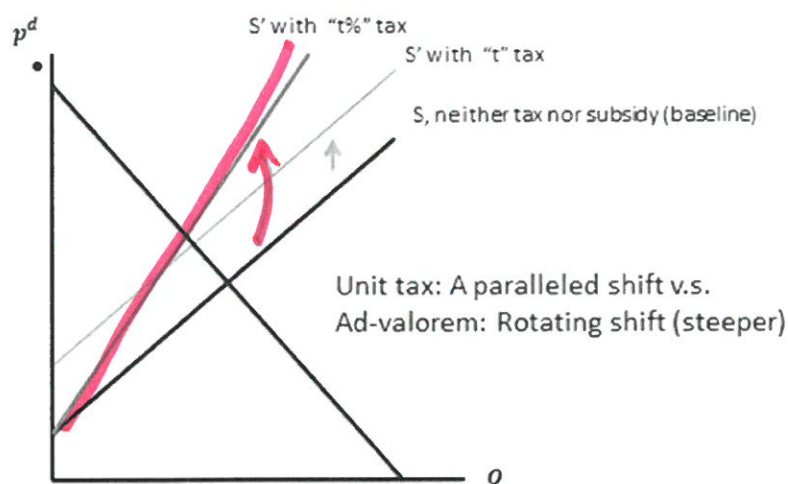


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Ad-valorem tax

- Tax by $t\%$ of price!. An example is the value-added tax.
- *Most* Ad-valorem taxes are imposed at the point of purchase, i.e. imposing on consumers
- If the tax is imposed on consumer, it would be that: $p^d = p^s \left(1 + \frac{t}{100}\right)$.

Unit tax v.s. Ad-valorem tax



Burden Producer (BP)

$$Q^*(t) = \frac{a-c}{b+d} - \frac{t}{b+d}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d \cdot t}{b+d}$$

also Burden Consumer (BC)

$$P^S_* = \frac{bQ + da}{b+d}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b}{d+b} \cdot t$$

↑ slope supply

$$P^D_* = \frac{bc + da}{b+d}$$

$$+ \frac{b}{b+d} \cdot t$$

↑ slope demand curve.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BP}{BC} = - \frac{d \cdot \frac{P^*_D}{Q^*}}{b \cdot \frac{P^*_S}{Q^*}}$$

$$\left| \frac{b}{b+d} \cdot t \right| + \left| \frac{-dt}{b+d} \right| =$$

$$\frac{BP}{BC} = \frac{|\epsilon^d|}{|\epsilon^s|}$$

$$\epsilon^s = \frac{dQ}{dP} \cdot \frac{P}{Q} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{P}{Q} \cdot \epsilon^d = \frac{dQ}{dP} \cdot \frac{P}{Q} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{P}{Q}$$