

Group Homework 3 & 4

Semester 2/2022 EE320 Introductory mathematical economics

Due date: Feb 25th 2022 (before midnight /B.E. moodle).

Note: Late homework will not be accepted. Use the format of filename as required; this will cost you two points if you don't follow the instruction.

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where $Q(L)$ is the output level, and L is the number of workers

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$$\textcircled{a} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 10x + 7 \Rightarrow (3x-7)(x-1) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{7}{3}, 1 > 0$$

$\textcircled{b}$ from previous

$$\frac{d^2y}{d^2x} = 6x - 10$$

$$x = \frac{7}{3}; 6\left(\frac{7}{3}\right) - 10 = 4 > 0$$

this concave at $x = \frac{7}{3}$ min. point

$$x = 1; 6(1) - 10 = 4 < 0$$

this concave at $x = 1$ max. point

$\therefore$ No, it is not concave and convex

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$$MP_L = AP_L$$

a) $\frac{Q}{L}$
Average Product of Labor
 $\cdot \frac{Q}{L}$

$\frac{dQ}{dL}$
Marginal Product of Labor
 $\cdot \frac{dQ}{dL}$

$$Q = 6L^2 - L^3$$

$$AP_L = \frac{Q}{L}$$

$$= \frac{6L^2 - L^3}{L}$$

$$= 6L - L^2$$

$$MP_L = \frac{dQ}{dL}$$

$$= 12L - 3L^2$$

c) MP_L cross AP_L

$$MP_L = AP_L$$

$$12L - 3L^2 = 6L - L^2$$

$$12L - 6L = 3L^2 - L^2$$

$$6L = 2L^2$$

$$0 = 2L(L - 3)$$

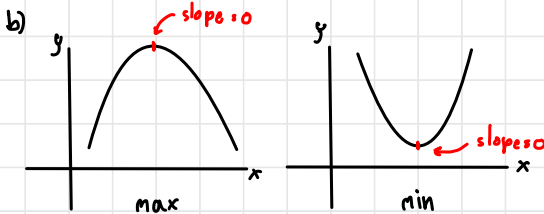
$$0 = L(L - 3)$$

$$\therefore L = 0, 3$$

$$L = 3$$

MP_L will intercept AP_L at $L = 3$

so it's the point that are maximum point (from question b) *



$$AP_L = 6L - L^2$$

$$\frac{dAP_L}{dL} = 6 - 2L$$

$$0 = 6 - 2L - \text{find Max/Min}$$

$$L = 3$$

$$d) \quad MAP = \frac{dTR}{dL} = MPL \cdot MR$$

$$\text{step 1} \quad \text{find MP} \quad Q = 100 - 2P$$

$$TR = P \cdot Q \quad P = 50 - 0.5Q$$

$$TR = (50 - 0.5Q) \cdot Q$$

$$= 50Q - 0.5Q^2$$

$$\text{step 2} \quad MR = \frac{dTR}{dQ}$$

$$= 50 - Q$$

$$\text{step 3} \quad MAP = MPL \cdot MR$$

$$= (12L - 3L^2) \cdot (50 - Q)$$

$$Q = 6L^2 - L^3$$

$$= (12L - 3L^2) \cdot (50 - 6L^2 + L^3) *$$

3. Suppose a monopolist faces with the market demand equation given by,

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where P is the unit price and Q is the amount of quantity purchased. The monopolist is running the firm using the cost function given as follow,

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Consider the following questions.

- Determine the level of revenue-maximizing output, and calculate the value of the elasticity of demand at that level of output?
- Construct the profit function.
- Determine the profit-maximizing level of output. Confirm your result that the proposed solution is correct.
- Discuss the effect that would likely be happening if the government imposes a lump-sum tax on the monopolist.

4. The swimming pool maintenance sector consists of 100 identical firms, each having short-run total costs given by $STC = 0.5q^2 + 10q + 5$, where q is the number of swimming pools serviced per day.

- What is the short-run supply curve for each pool maintenance firm? What is the short-run supply curve for the market as a whole?
- Suppose the demand for the maintenance of swimming pools is given by $Q = 1100 - 50P$. What will be the equilibrium in this marketplace? What will *each* firm's total short-run profits be?

3. Suppose a monopolist faces with the market demand equation given by,

$$P = 40 + \frac{105}{Q} - \frac{3}{2}Q^2 \quad 40 + \frac{105}{2.93} - \frac{3}{2}(0.93)^2 \quad 40 + 35.23 - 13.32 = 61.91$$

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b) Profit function $\pi = TR - TC$

$$\begin{aligned} P &= 40 + \frac{105}{Q} - \frac{3}{2}Q^2 \\ C(Q) &= 6Q^3 - 81Q^2 - 175Q + 10 \\ \pi &= TR - TC \\ &= P \cdot Q - TC \\ &= \left[40 + \frac{105}{Q} - \frac{3}{2}Q^2 \right] Q - [6Q^3 - 81Q^2 - 175Q + 10] \\ &= -75Q^3 - 972Q^2 - 2020Q + 910 \end{aligned}$$

c) $\pi = TR - TC$

$$\begin{aligned} &= P \cdot Q - TC \\ &= \left[40 + \frac{105}{Q} - \frac{3}{2}Q^2 \right] Q - [6Q^3 - 81Q^2 - 175Q + 10] \\ &= 40Q + 105 - \frac{3}{2}Q^3 - 6Q^3 + 81Q^2 + 175Q + 10 \\ \text{Max Profit} \\ \frac{d\pi}{dQ} &= 40 + \frac{105}{Q^2} - 18Q^2 + 162Q + 175 \\ &= -13.5Q^2 + 162Q + 215 = 0 \\ &= 13.5Q^2 - 162Q - 215 = 0 \\ Q &= \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \\ &= \frac{162 \pm \sqrt{162^2 - 4(13.5)(-215)}}{2(13.5)} \\ &= -1.21, 13.21 \end{aligned}$$

second order Condition

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2\pi}{dQ^2} &= 4Q - 36Q + 162 \\ &= -27(13.21) + 162 < 0 \end{aligned}$$



$$a) TR = P \cdot Q$$

$$= \left[40 + \frac{105}{Q} - \frac{3}{2}Q^2 \right] \cdot Q$$

$$TR = 40Q + 105 - \frac{3}{2}Q^3$$

$$\frac{dTR}{dQ} = 40Q - \frac{9}{2}Q^2 = 0$$

$$40 = \frac{9}{2}Q^2$$

$$\frac{80}{9} = Q^2$$

$$Q = \sqrt{\frac{80}{9}} = 2.93$$

Q=2.93 for Max TR

elasticity	Demand
$= \frac{dQ}{dP} \cdot \frac{P}{Q}$	

d) lumpsum tax $\pi = TR - TC - [Tax]$

$$\frac{d\pi}{dQ} = \frac{d}{dQ} [TR - TC - Tax] = 0 - Tax$$

$$\frac{dTR}{dQ} - \frac{dTC}{dQ} - \frac{dTax}{dQ} = 0$$

$$MR - MC = 0 = 0$$

$$MR = MC$$

$$\pi = TR - TC - \text{with out tax}$$

$$\frac{d\pi}{dQ} = \frac{d}{dQ} [TR - TC] = 0$$

$$MR = MC$$

Produce at $MR = MC$

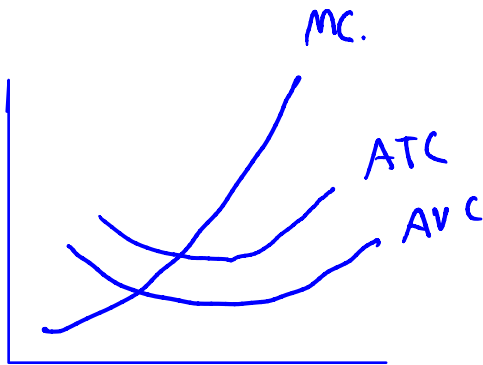
$\therefore$ not effective

- c. Suppose the government imposed a €3 tax on chemicals per pool maintained. How would this tax change the market equilibrium?
- d. How would the burden of this tax be shared between owners of swimming pools and the firms that offer pool maintenance services?
- e. Calculate the total loss of producer surplus as a result of the new tax. Show that this loss equals the change in total short-run profits in this industry.

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$$STC = 0.5Q^2 + 10Q + 5$$

$$MC = \frac{\Delta TC}{\Delta Q}$$

$$= \frac{dTC}{dQ}$$

$$MC = 1Q + 10$$

$$\text{Supply } P = MC$$

$$P = Q + 10$$

$$Q = -10 + P \rightarrow \text{supply curve}$$

Market supply

$$Q_m = \sum_{i=1}^n Q_{mi}$$

$$n = 100$$

$$Q_m = 100(P - 10)$$

$$Q_m^s = 100P - 1000$$

b. Suppose the demand for the maintenance of swimming pools is given by $Q = 1100 - 50P$. What will be the equilibrium in this marketplace? What will each firm's total short-run profits be?

$$Q_m^s = Q_m^d$$

$$100P - 1000 = 1100 - 50P$$

$$150P = 2100$$

$$P = 14$$

substitute $P = 14$ in Q_m^d

$$Q_m = 400$$

$\therefore$ Market price is 14 units
market quantity 400 units by 100 firms.

$$Q \text{ of 1 firm} = \frac{400}{100} = 4 \text{ unit}$$

short-run profit

$$\pi = TR - TC$$

$$= P \cdot Q - (0.5(4)^2 + 10(4) + 5)$$

$$\pi = 3$$

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imposed a €3 tax producers

$$STC = 0.5Q^2 + 10Q + 5 + 3Q$$
$$= 0.5Q^2 + 13Q + 5$$

$$MC = \frac{dSTC}{dQ} = 1Q + 13$$

$$MC = P = Q + 13$$

$$Q = -13 + P \rightarrow \text{firm's supply}$$

Market supply

$$Q_s = 100(-13 + P)$$

$$Q_s = -1300 + 100P$$

new equilibrium

$$Q_D = Q_s^{\text{new}}$$

$$1100 - 50P = -1300 + 100P$$

$$P = 16$$

substitute $P=16$ in new market supply equation

$$Q_s^{\text{new}} = -1300 + 100(16)$$

$$Q = 300$$

$\therefore$ new price equilibrium € 16

new quantity equilibrium = 300 units

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pools and the firms that offer pool maintenance services?

4th consumer burden

$$= \tilde{p} - p^0$$

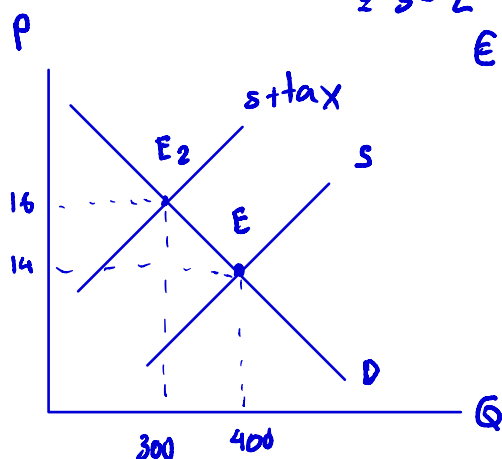
$$= 16 - 14$$

$$= \text{€ } 2 \text{ per unit} \rightarrow \frac{2}{3} \times 100 = 66.67\%$$

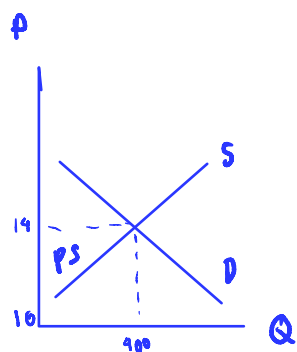
producer burden = tax - consumer pay

$$= 3 - 2$$

$$\text{€ } 1 \text{ per unit} \rightarrow \frac{1}{3} \times 100 = 33.34\%$$



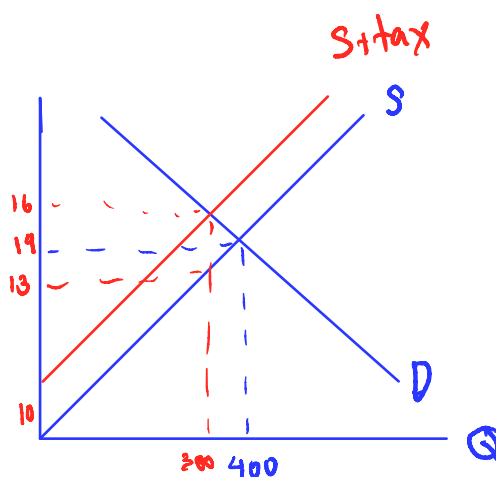
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$$Q_s = -10 + P$$

$$Q = 0; P = 10$$

$$\text{Producer Surplus} = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height} \\ = 800 \text{ units}$$



$$\text{new PS} = \frac{1}{2} \times 3 \times 300$$

$$= 450 \text{ unit}$$

change in PS

$$= -350 \text{ units}$$

Change in total short-run profit

$$q = \frac{300}{100 \text{ firms}} = 3 \text{ units}$$

$$\text{new } \pi = PQ - (TC + \text{tax})$$

$$= 16Q - (0.5Q^2 + 13Q + 5)$$

$$= -0.5$$

$$\text{before tax profit} = 3$$

$$\text{change in short-run profit} = -0.5 - 3 \\ = -3.5$$

$$\text{total profit} = -350$$

$\therefore$ Total profit decreased £350