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MC CURVE

$$MC' = \frac{\Delta TC}{\Delta Q} = \frac{\Delta (FC' + VC)}{\Delta Q} = \frac{\Delta FC' + \Delta VC}{\Delta Q} = \frac{\Delta FC'}{\Delta Q} + \frac{\Delta VC}{\Delta Q} = \frac{\Delta VC}{\Delta Q}$$

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

$\downarrow$ $\downarrow$

= SLOPE OF
TC CURVE = SLOPE OF
VC CURVE

Q: WHY IS AC CURVE U-SHAPED?

A: YOU MUST LOOK AT THE COMPONENT OF AC!

$$AC = AFC + AVC$$

$$= \frac{TC}{Q} = \frac{FC}{Q} + \frac{VC}{Q}$$

~~OBSERVATION #1:~~ FROM $Q=0$ TO $Q=Q_3$:

$$AFC + AVC = AC$$

(SPREADING EFFECT) (WIG 9)

Q 3 why AVC IS FALLING?

$$A: \quad A_{\text{vcf}} = \frac{v_d}{Q} = \frac{w \cdot L}{Q} = w \cdot \frac{L}{Q} = w \cdot \frac{1}{A_P}$$

$$\left[\frac{Q}{L} = AP \right]$$

↓
OUTPUT
WORKER

$$A_{vd} = \bar{w} \cdot \frac{1}{A_{p_L}}$$

GDHEN $\bar{w}$, AS $AP_L \uparrow$, $AVC \downarrow$, VICE VERSA.

WHEN $MP > AP \rightarrow AP \uparrow \rightarrow AVC \downarrow$
(SPECIALIZATION)

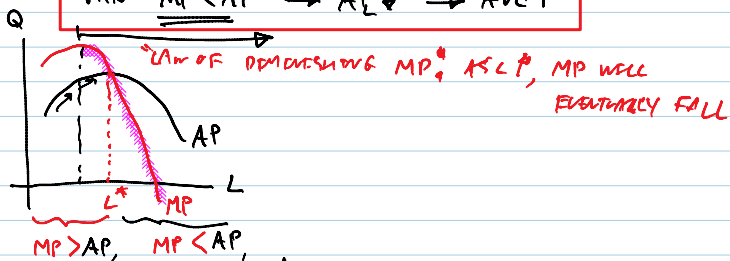
OBSERVATION 2 : FROM $Q=Q_3$ TO $Q=Q_4$:

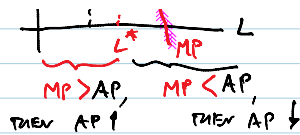
$AFC + AVC = AC$
 $(\downarrow) \quad (\uparrow) \quad (\downarrow)$
 SPREADING EFFECT DEMAND AND RETURN EFFECT
 REASON $\downarrow AFC$ $>$ $\uparrow AVC$
 is STRONGER
 OR
 DOMINATES

Q: WHY AND IS RISING?

 $A:$

WHEN $MP < AP \rightarrow AP \downarrow \rightarrow AVC \uparrow$



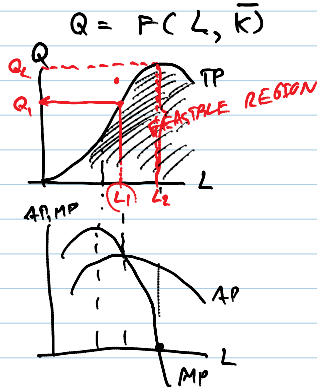


OBSERVATION 3: BEYOND $Q = Q_4$:

$$\begin{matrix} AFC & + & AVC & = & AC & \text{[BAD NEWS]} \\ (\downarrow) & & (\uparrow) & & (\uparrow) \end{matrix}$$

REASON: DIMINISHING RETURN EFFECT DOMINATES SPREADING EFFECT
($\uparrow$ AVC) ($\downarrow$ AFC)

SUMMARY SO FAR, ...



BRIDGE

PRODUCTION	COSTS
• TP OR Q	• $TC = FC + VC$
• $AP_L = \frac{Q}{L}$	• $AC = AFC + AVC$ — (I)
• $MP_L = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta L}$	• $MC = \frac{\Delta TC}{\Delta Q}$ — (II)
$AVC = \frac{\bar{w}}{AP}$ ∴ AVC AND AP ARE INVERSELY RELATED	

THE RELATIONSHIP
• HOW ABOUT MP & MC?

$$MC = \frac{\Delta TC}{\Delta Q} \text{ OR } = \frac{\Delta VC}{\Delta Q}$$

$$MC = \frac{\Delta VC}{\Delta Q} = \frac{\Delta(\bar{w} \cdot L)}{\Delta Q}$$

$$= \bar{w} \cdot \frac{\Delta L}{\Delta Q}$$

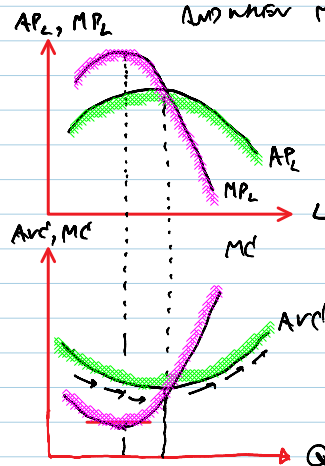
$$= \bar{w} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta L}} = \bar{w} \cdot \frac{1}{MP_L}$$

$$\left[\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta L} = MP_L \right]$$

$MC = \frac{\bar{w}}{MP_L}$

INTERPRETATION? $\Rightarrow$ GIVEN $\bar{w}$, WHEN MP_L IS RISING ($\uparrow$), MC IS FALLING ($\downarrow$)
AND WHEN MP_L IS FALLING ($\downarrow$), MC IS RISING ($\uparrow$).

- AVC IS A MIRROR IMAGE OF AP.
- MC IS A MIRROR IMAGE OF MP.



PRODUCTION

$$AVC = \frac{\bar{w}}{AP} \text{ — (I)}$$

$$MC = \frac{\bar{w}}{MP} \text{ — (II)}$$

COSTS

AP, MP

III RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MC AND AVC

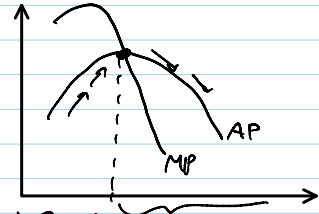
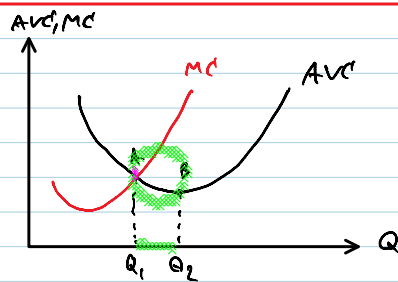
- MC CUTS FROM BELOW AT THE BOTTOM OF AVC.

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

- MC CUTS FROM BELOW AT THE BOTTOM OF AVC .
- WHEN $MC < AVC$, AVC IS FALLING.
- WHEN $MC > AVC$, AVC IS RISING.

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

$$AVC = \frac{VC}{Q}$$



PROOF:

$$AVC = \frac{VC}{Q}$$

$$VC = AVC \cdot Q$$

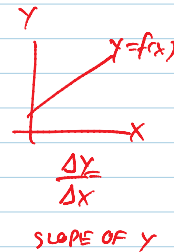
$$\frac{dVC}{dQ} = \frac{d(AVC \cdot Q)}{dQ}$$

$$MC = AVC \cdot \frac{dQ}{dQ} + Q \cdot \frac{dAVC}{dQ}$$

$$MC = AVC + Q \cdot \frac{dAVC}{dQ}$$

$$MC - AVC = Q \cdot \frac{dAVC}{dQ}$$

$$MC - AVC = Q \cdot \text{SLOPE OF } AVC$$



IF $MC - AVC < 0$, THEN SLOPE OF AVC MUST BE NEGATIVE.
OR
 $MC < AVC$ ($\equiv$ AVC IS FALLING)

IF $MC - AVC > 0$, THEN SLOPE OF AVC MUST BE POSITIVE.
OR
 $MC > AVC$ ($\equiv$ AVC IS RISING)

SUMMARY

$$AVC = \frac{VC}{AP} \quad \text{--- (I)}$$

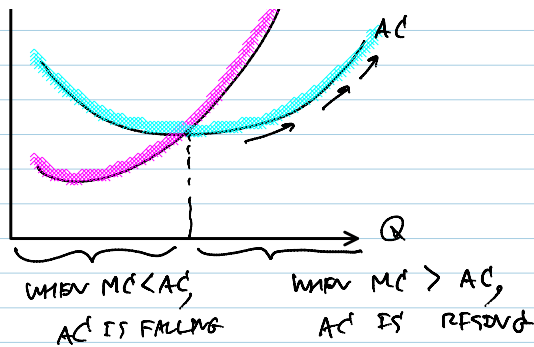
$$MC = \frac{VC}{MP} \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

$$MC \text{ \& \& } AVC \quad \text{--- (III)} \rightarrow \text{TO EXPLAIN } MC, AVC$$

IV

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MC AND AC





PRODUCTION & COST & REVENUE

• TOTAL REVENUE (TR) = PRICE (P) $\times$ QUANTITY (Q)

• AVERAGE REVENUE (AR) = $\frac{TR}{Q}$

EX $P = 40$ BAHT/COOKIE

$Q = 100$ COOKIES/DAY

$TR = 40 \times 100 = 4000$ BAHT/DAY

$AR = \frac{TR}{Q} = \frac{4000}{100} = 40$ BAHT/COOKIES

ON AVERAGE, EACH COOKIE GENERATES 40 BAHT/COOKIE.

• MARGINAL REVENUE (MR) = $\frac{\Delta TR}{\Delta Q}$ CHANGE IN TOTAL REVENUE
(BAHT/DAY) CHANGE IN OUTPUT SOLD.

Q	P	TR	AR = TR/Q	MR = $\Delta TR / \Delta Q$
1	40	40	$40/1 = 40$	40
2	40	80	$80/2 = 40$	40
3	40	120	$120/3 = 40$	40
4	40	160	$160/4 = 40$	40
5	40	200	$200/5 = 40$	40

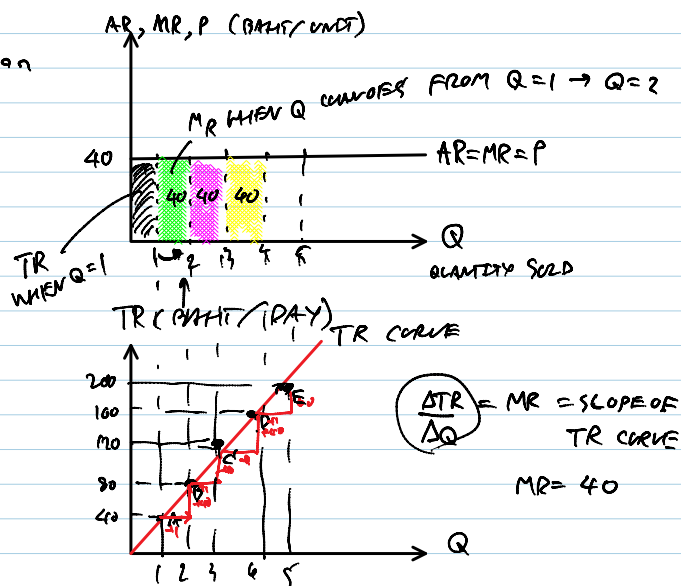
WHEN
P IS
CONSTANT.

OBSERVE THAT $P = AR = MR$ *

IT'S TRUE

WHEN PRICE IS CONSTANT

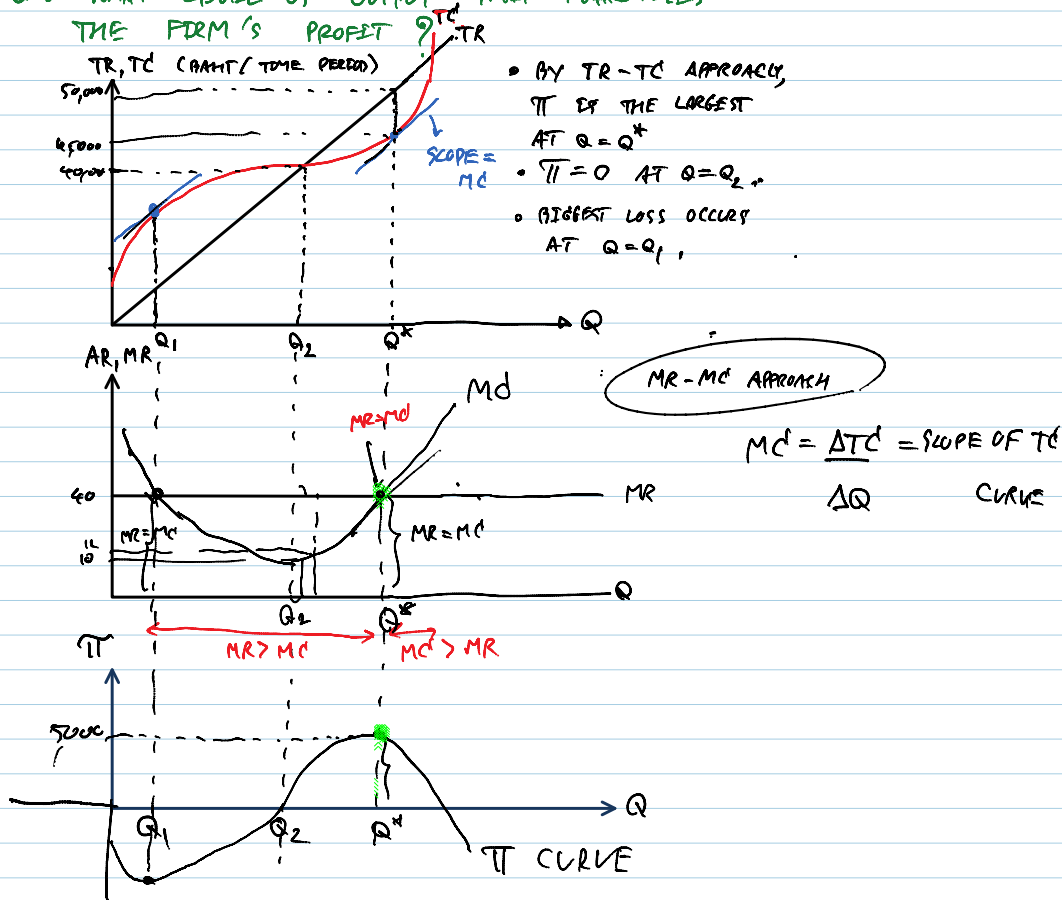
GRAPHICALLY, ...



NOW WE ARE READY TO TALK ABOUT
PROFIT MAXIMIZATION.

$$\pi(Q) = TR(Q) - TC(Q)$$

Q: WHAT LEVEL OF OUTPUT THAT MAXIMIZES THE FIRM'S PROFIT?



TO MAXIMIZE PROFIT, THE FIRM MUST PRODUCE WHERE $MR(Q^*) = MC'(Q^*)$ ASSOCIATED W/ THE REQUIREMENT THAT MC' MUST BE ON RISING PART.

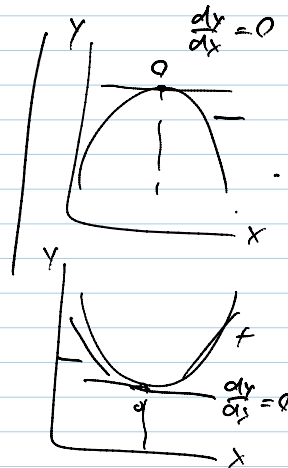
IN CALCULUS:

TO MAX π , WE HAVE TO FIND 1ST ORDER CONDITION:

$$\frac{d\pi}{dQ} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\pi}{dQ} &= \frac{d(TR(Q) - TC(Q))}{dQ} = 0 \\ &= \frac{dTR(Q)}{dQ} - \frac{dTC(Q)}{dQ} = 0 \\ &= MR(Q) - MC'(Q) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$MR(Q^*) = MC'(Q^*)_{\text{Rising}}$$



2ND ORDER CONDITION: (TO ENSURE THAT WHAT WE GET IS A MAX)

$$\frac{d^2\pi}{dQ^2} = d\left(\frac{d\pi}{dQ}\right)$$

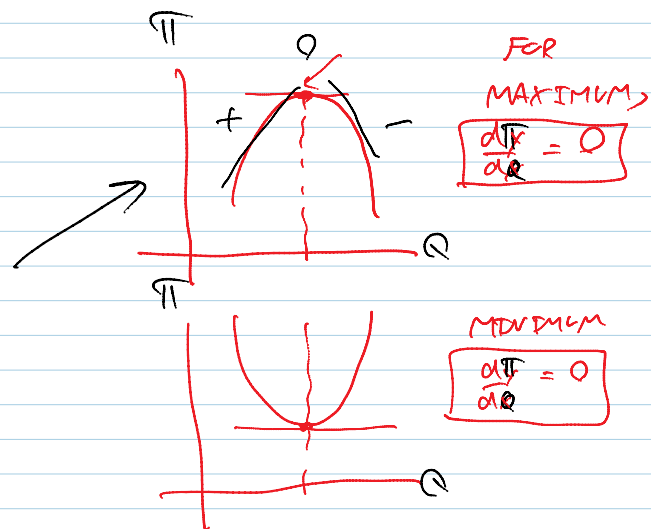
MAX π , NOT MIN π

$$= \frac{d}{dQ} (MR(Q) - MC(Q))$$

$$= \frac{dMR(Q)}{dQ} - \frac{dMC(Q)}{dQ}$$

$$= - \frac{dMC(Q)}{dQ} < 0$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{dMC(Q)}{dQ} > 0}$$



SCOPE OF MC CURVE MUST BE POSITIVE

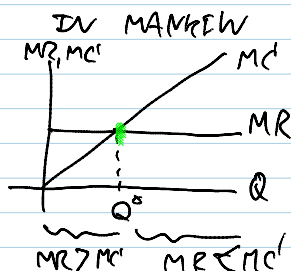
OR

SCOPE OF MC CURVE MUST BE ON RISING PART.

CONCLUSION

TO MAXIMIZE π , THE FIRM MUST PRODUCE AT THE LEVEL OF OUTPUT (Q) WHERE MR IS EQUAL TO MC WITH THE REQUIREMENT THAT MC MUST BE ON RISING PART.

NOTE



PROFIT MAXIMIZATION RULE

SO FAR

PRODUCTION & COSTS & REVENUE

→ TP TC, FC, VC TR
→ AP AC, AFC, AVC AR
→ MP MC MR

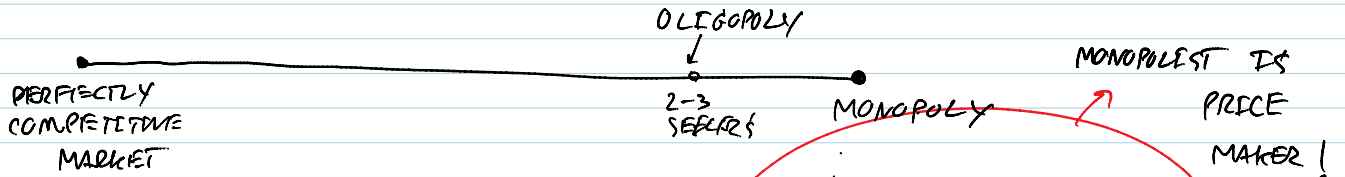
PROFIT MAXIMIZATION

MR = MC

π MAXIMIZATION RULE

WE ARE IN THE SHORT RUN.

NEWTOPIC : PERFECTLY COMPETITIVE MKT



- LARGE NUMBER OF BUYERS AND SELLERS (A CONSUMER IS ATOMIC) — (1)
- PRODUCT IS NON-DIFFERENTIATED, (OR HOMOGENEOUS PRODUCTS) — (2)
i.e., CONSUMERS SEE NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BUYING FROM SHOP A OR SHOP B. — (3)
- FREE TO ENTER OR EXIT (FOR SELLERS) — (4)
- PERFECT INFORMATION — (4)

- SINGLE SELLER (MONOPOLIST)
- LARGE NUMBER OF BUYERS
- SELLING THE GOOD W/ NO CLOSE SUBSTITUTE

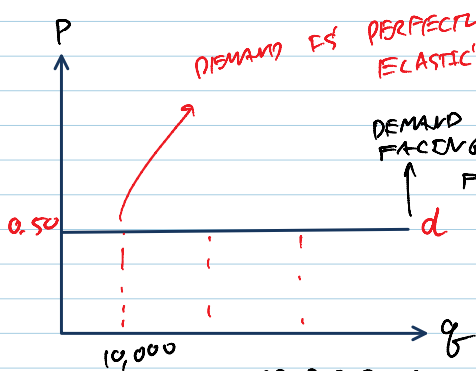
• BARRIER TO ENTRY

WITH (1) & (2), IT IMPLIES THAT BUYERS & SELLERS ARE PRICE TAKERS.

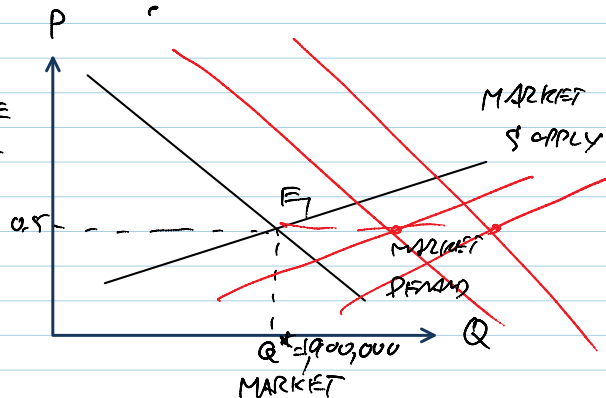
PERFECTLY COMPETITIVE MARKET

Q: WHAT LEVEL OF OUTPUT A COMPETITIVE FIRM SHOULD PRODUCE IN ORDER TO MAX π ?

Q: SHOULD IT STOP OR CONTINUE TO PRODUCE WHEN IT FACES LOSSES?



A COMPETITIVE FIRM
OR
A PRICE TAKING FIRM
OR
A PROFIT MAXIMISING FIRM



SHOULD THE FIRM PRODUCE IF IT FACES LOSS?

CONCEPT: PROFIT WHEN CONTINUE TO PRODUCE ($\pi_f > 0$)

Vs,

PROFIT WHEN STOP PRODUCING ($\pi_{q=0}$)

SHUT DOWN : STOPS PRODUCING "TEMPORARILY"
(AND WAIT UNTIL MARKET CONDITION IMPROVES)

NOTE : SHUT DOWN IS A DECISION IN THE SHORT RUN

THE MANAGER SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRODUCE IF

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_{q>0} & \geq & \pi_{q=0} (= \text{SHUT DOWN}) \\ \cancel{TR - FC - VC} & \geq & \cancel{-FC} \end{array}$$

$$TR - VC \geq 0$$

$$TR \geq VC \quad [\text{SHUT DOWN RULE}]$$

- CONTINUE TO PRODUCE IF REVENUE GENERATED (TR) CAN COVER THE VARIABLE COST (VC)

EX: PAYMENT TO RAW MATERIALS
PAYMENT TO THE WORKERS

- FIXED COST IS "IRRELEVANT" TO THIS DECISION.

NOTE : • FIXED COST

- SUNK COST : COSTS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMMITTED OR PAID AND CANNOT BE RECOVERED.

"DON'T CRY OVER SPLIT MILK"

EX: WTP = 150 BAHT TO WATCH A MOVIE
COST = 100 BAHT / TICKET

GO BACK HOME

WTP = 150

COST = 100

BUY ANOTHER TICKET

WTP = 150

COST = 100

$$WTP = 150$$

$$COST = 100 + 10Q$$

SINCE $COST > REVENUE$

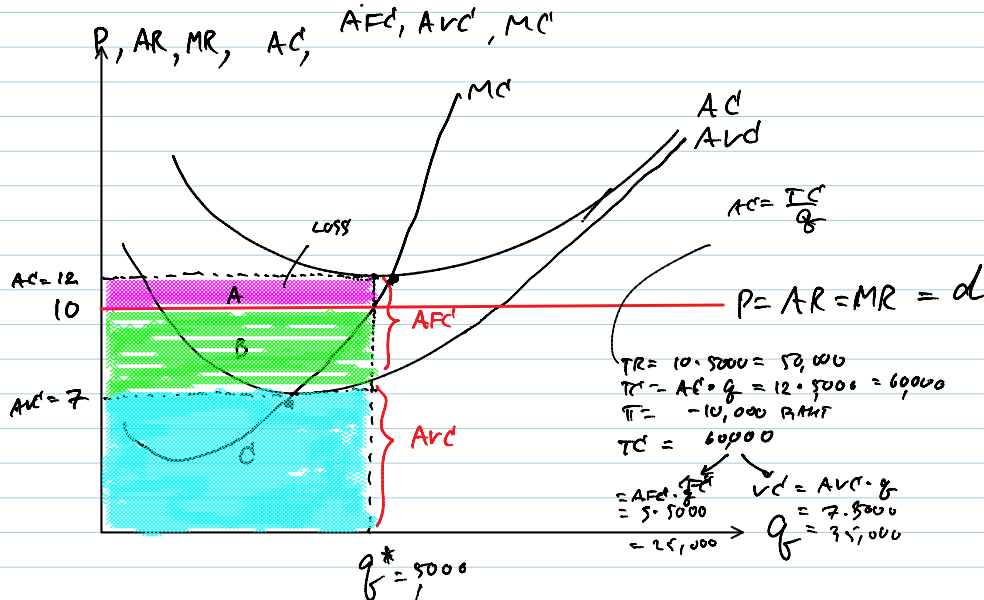
THEN GO HOME

$$WTP = 150$$

$$COST = 100$$

$$R > C$$

OTHER, BUT ANOTHER
TEAM



$$TR = B + C$$

$$TC = A + B + C$$

$$\pi = (B + C) - (A + B + C) = -A$$

$$\begin{aligned} FC &= A + B \\ VC &= C \end{aligned}$$

π WHEN CONTINUE TO PRODUCE VS
($\pi > 0$)

$$= -A$$

^^

π WHEN SHUT DOWN

$$= -A - B$$

^^

LOSS WHEN CONTINUE TO PRODUCE < LOSS WHEN SHUT DOWN

SO, THE FIRM SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRODUCE!

• YOU CAN SEE THAT THE MANAGER CAN USEFULLY

HIS $TR (= B + C)$ TO

① PAY TO VARIABLE COSTS (C)

② PAY SOME PART OF FIXED COSTS (B)

COVER VC
PARTIALLY
FC COVER

* ANOTHER VERSION OF SHUT DOWN RULE:

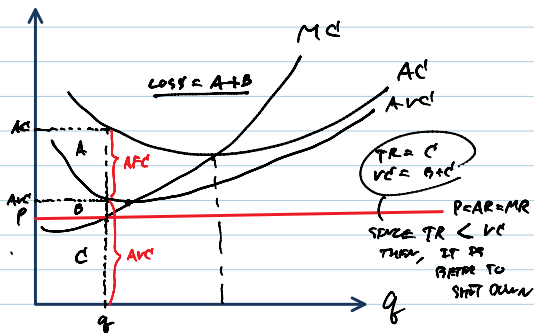
SHUT DOWN IF $TR < VC$

$$\frac{P \cdot Q}{Q} < \frac{VC}{Q}$$

SHUT DOWN IF

$$P < AVC$$

(PRICE / UNIT) (VC / UNIT)

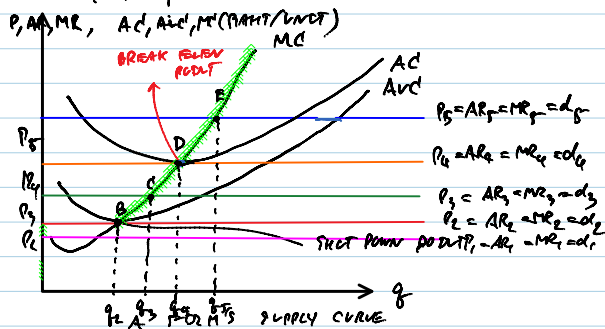


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SO FAR, • CHARACTERISTICS OF PERFECTLY COMPETITIVE MKT

- PROFIT MAXIMIZING CONDITION
($\Rightarrow$ WHICH q DELIVERS HIGHEST POSSIBLE PROFITS)
- SHOULD THE FIRM PRODUCE IF IT EXPERIENCES LOSS?
(SHUT DOWN RULE/CONDITION)

NOW, A FIRM'S SUPPLY CURVE: THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PRICE OF THE GOOD AND AMOUNT THAT THE FIRM IS WILLING TO SELL.



• A SHORT RUN SUPPLY CURVE FOR A PRICE TAKING FIRM

IS A PART OF MC CURVE STARTING FROM

POINT B (SHUT DOWN POINT)

- POINT B IS CALLED "SHUT DOWN POINT" WHERE $P = \text{MINIMUM OF AVC}$.
- POINT D IS CALLED "BREAK EVEN POINT" WHERE $P = \text{MINIMUM OF AC (OR ATC)}$

PERFECTLY COMPETITIVE MARKET IN

THE LONG RUN.

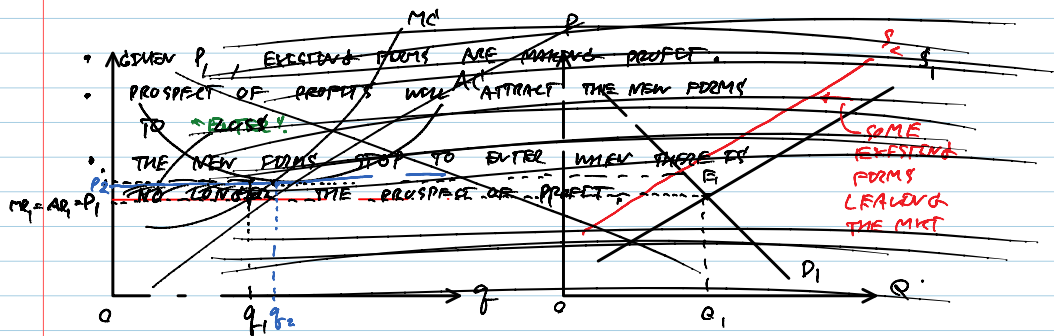
- IN THE LONG RUN, THERE IS ONLY VARIABLE INPUTS. (NO FIXED INPUTS)

$$Q = F(L, K)$$

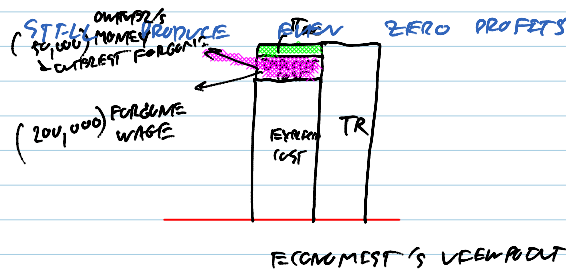
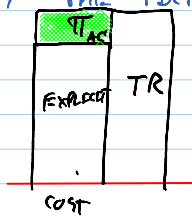
BOTH L AND K ARE VARIABLE INPUTS.

• IF A FIRM FACES LOSSES, IT MIGHT DECIDE ~~IF~~ IT WANTS TO "EXIT"

- $P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots$
- P_1 P_2
- P_0 P_0
- g



- WHY THE FIRMS ^{OWNERS} ^{STILL} ^{PRODUCE} ^{FOR} ^{THE} ^{MARKET} ^{IF} ^{THEY} ^{ARE} ^{NOT} ^{PROFITING}?

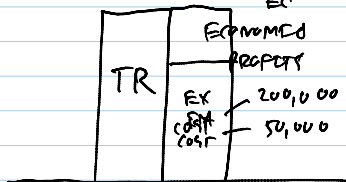

$$\pi_E = TR - TC \text{ (both explicit and implicit costs are taken into A/C)}$$

$$T_{IAC} = T_R - T_C$$

IN GENERAL,

• INCLUDE
ONLY
EXPLICIT
COSTS

< π_{AC}
ACCOUNTING
PROFIT



$$\Rightarrow TR = TC$$

WHEN REVENUE GENERATED IS ENOUGH TO PAY ALL ECONOMIC COST, BOTH IMPLICIT AND EXPLICIT COST, IT IS SENSIBLE FOR A FIRM TO STAY IN THE MARKET

