

Group Homework 1

Semester 2/2022 EE320 Introductory mathematical economics

Due date: Feb 3rd 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.

1. Consider the market for good x. Suppose that the market demand equation is given by

$$P_x = 8 - bQ_x^d + cP_y; \quad b > 0 \text{ and } c > 0$$

and the equation for market supply is given by

$$P_x = 20 + dQ_x^s; \quad d > 0$$

where P_x is price of good X, P_y is price of good Y, Q_x^d is quantity demanded for good X and Q_x^s is quantity supplied for good X. Answer the following questions.

- a) What is(are) the endogenous variable(s) in the model? What is(are) the exogenous variable(s) in the model?

- b) Specify condition(s) under which the market equilibrium for good x is guaranteed to exist. What restrictions do we need to place on the values of P_y so that the market equilibrium exists?
 - c) Solve for the equilibrium price (P_x^*) and equilibrium quantity (Q_x^*) of the market for good x .
 - d) Calculate the magnitude of the response of equilibrium quantity to the change in exogenous variable(s).
2. (an old midterm exam question) Consider a market with 10 identical consumers. Each of the consumer's demand function is given by:

$$P = 10 + k_1 P_x + k_2 Y - Q_j^d,$$

where P is the unit price of the product sold in this market, Q_j^d is the amount of quantity demanded by the j -th consumer, P_x is the price of product x , and Y is the level of income. Assume further that the industry is controlled by two producers, each of whom has the following supply function:

$$P = 5 + k_3 W + Q_1^s, \quad \text{and}$$

$$P = 20 + k_4 T + 2Q_2^s,$$

where Q_1^s and Q_2^s are the amount of quantity supplied by the first and second producer, respectively. W is the price of gasoline and T is the level of technology. All the parameters are STRICTLY positive.

Use the information given to answer the following questions:

- a. Is “product x” considered as a *substitute* product or a *complementary* product?
- b. Derive the market demand equation.

Now, I supplement two pieces of information to be used in the remaining parts of this question. That is, I assume that

(i) $0 < (20 + k_4T) < (5 + k_3W)$ and (ii) $10 + k_1P_x + k_2Y > 5 + k_3W$

- c. What does the first condition mean in terms of the relative cost advantages between the two firms? Given your interpretation, derive the market supply equation.
- d. Given (i) and (ii), state the condition under which the market ceases to have only *single* firm that stays active in the business?

Continue with the information given above, but now consider a specific case where the value of coefficients and exogenous variables are given in the following table:

Coefficients	k_1	k_2	k_3	k_4
Value	2	2	3	1

Variables	Y	P_x	w	T
Value	5	10	10	5

- e. Solve for the equilibrium price *and* quantity.

- f. Suppose that the government provides a subsidy of \$5 for each unit of output that the consumers have purchased. Calculate the benefit that consumers and each of the two producers receive under the subsidy program.

3. Consider a simple macroeconomics model given below

$$C = 0.3Y_d - k_1r; \quad k_1 > 0.$$

$$I = 0.5Y - k_2r; \quad k_2 > 0.$$

$$Y_d = Y - T$$

$$G = G_0$$

$$T = T_0$$

$$M^d = k_3Y - k_4r; \quad k_3 > 0 \text{ and } k_4 > 0.$$

$$M^s = M_0$$

where $Y = GDP$, $C = \text{consumption}$, $I = \text{investment}$, $G = \text{government purchase}$, $T = \text{tax}$, $r = \text{interest rate}$, $M^d = \text{money demand}$, and $M^s = \text{money supply}$

- Write the system of linear equations in matrix form with two variables included, namely Y and r .
- Solve for the equilibrium solution (Y^*, r^*)
- Has fiscal policy, for example, the change in government purchase, become *more effective* if both k_1 and k_2 are getting bigger? Show your numerical result, and explain your result with some economic intuitions. (Hint: how do we measure the effectiveness of a policy?)

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b.) $P_x = 8 - bQ_x^d + cP_y$ $\frac{1}{2} \quad 4 \times 2$

$$Q_x^d = \frac{8 - P_x + cP_y}{b}$$

if P_y is positive then product x & y need to be substitute product
so $\frac{c}{b} > 0$

c.) $Q_x^d = Q_x^s$

$$\frac{8 - P_x + cP_y}{b} = \frac{P_x - 20}{d}$$

$$8d - dP_x - cdP_y = bP_x - 20b$$

$$8d - cdP_y + 20b = bP_x + dP_x$$

$$8d - cdP_y + 20b = (b+d)P_x$$

$$\frac{8d - cdP_y + 20b}{(b+d)} = P_x; \quad b+d > 0$$

$$Q_x = \frac{8d - cdP_y - 20b - 20}{(b+d)}$$

$$d$$

d) $\frac{\Delta Q_x^*}{\Delta P_y} = \frac{-20 - 8}{-28} = -28$ *

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- a. Write the system of linear equations in matrix form with two variables included, namely Y and r .

a.) → goods market

$$Y = C + I + G$$

$$Y = 0.3(Y - T) - k_1 r + 0.5Y - k_2 r + G_0$$

$$Y = 0.3Y - 0.3T - k_1 r + 0.5Y - k_2 r + G_0$$

$$Y = \frac{1}{0.2} (-0.3T - k_1 r - k_2 r + G_0)$$

$$Y = -1.5T_0 - 5k_1 r - 5k_2 r + 5G_0$$

$$Y = -1.5T_0 - 5r(k_1 + k_2) + 5G_0$$

$$Y + r(5k_1 + 5k_2) = -1.5T_0 + 5G_0$$

→ Money market

$$M^d = M^s$$

$$k_3 Y - k_4 r = M_0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5k_1 + 5k_2 \\ k_3 & -k_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Y \\ r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1.5T_0 + 5G_0 \\ M_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) $\frac{M^s}{P} = L^d$ | Equilibrium: $Y = -1.5T + SG_0 - S \cdot \left(\frac{k_3 Y}{k_4} \right) \cdot (k_1 + k_2)$

$M^s = M^d$ | $= -1.5T + SG_0 - Sk_1 \left(\frac{k_3 Y - M_0}{k_4} \right) - Sk_2 \left(\frac{k_3 Y - M_0}{k_4} \right)$

$M_0 = k_3 Y - k_4 r$ | $= -1.5T + SG_0 - \frac{Sk_1 k_3 Y + Sk_1 M_0}{k_4} - \frac{Sk_2 k_3 Y + Sk_2 M_0}{k_4}$

$r^* = \frac{k_3 Y - M_0}{k_4}$ | $= -1.5T + SG_0 - \frac{Sk_1 M_0}{k_4} + \frac{Sk_2 M_0}{k_4} - \frac{Sk_1 k_3 Y}{k_4} + \frac{Sk_2 k_3 Y}{k_4}$

$Y + \frac{Sk_1 k_3 Y}{k_4} + \frac{Sk_2 k_3 Y}{k_4} = -1.5T + SG_0 + \frac{Sk_1 M_0}{k_4} + \frac{Sk_2 M_0}{k_4}$

$Y \left(1 + \frac{Sk_1 k_3}{k_4} + \frac{Sk_2 k_3}{k_4} \right) = -1.5T + SG_0 + \frac{Sk_1 M_0}{k_4} + \frac{Sk_2 M_0}{k_4}$

$Y^* = \frac{-1.5T + SG_0 + \frac{Sk_1 M_0}{k_4} + \frac{Sk_2 M_0}{k_4}}{1 + \frac{Sk_1 k_3}{k_4} + \frac{Sk_2 k_3}{k_4}}$

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$$Y^* = \frac{-1.5T k_4 + SG_0 k_4 + Sk_1 M_0 + Sk_2 M_0}{k_4 + Sk_1 k_3 + Sk_2 k_3}$$

$$\frac{\Delta Y^*}{\Delta G_0} = \frac{Sk_2}{k_4 + Sk_1 k_3 + Sk_2 k_3}$$

$\therefore$ If k_1 and k_2 is getting larger, Y^* will fall.
 So, No it hasn't fiscal policy became more effective

4. Let the demand function be $P = 14 - 3Q$ and the supply function be $P = 4 + 2Q$. Suppose that the government imposes tax by \$ t per unit of output. This tax is assumed to impose on consumer. Answer the following questions.
- Find the equilibrium under pre-tax situation. That is, when " t " is set to equal to zero.
 - State the condition that links between consumer's and producer's price
 - Find the equilibrium after tax. (Hint: your solution should be written in terms of " t ".)
 - Calculate the consumers' and producers' burden. Which group is paying more for the tax under the equilibrium?
 - Find the expression of the revenue that the government can collect from the market under the equilibrium.
 - If the government were to collect tax so that total revenue is maximized, what is the appropriate level of unit tax, " t ", that it should impose to the market?

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a)

$$p^d = 14 - 3Q^d \quad p^s = 4 + 2Q^s$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p^d - 14}{-3} &= \frac{p^s - 4}{2} \\ 2p^d - 28 &= -3p^s + 12 \\ 2p^d + 3p^s &= 40 \\ 5p &= 40 \\ p &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p &= 8; \quad p^d = 14 - 3Q^d \\ 8 &= 14 - 3Q^d \\ Q &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{equilibrium} = p = 8, Q = 2 \text{ \#}$$

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b)

$$\begin{aligned} p^d &= 14 - 3Q^d \rightarrow Q^d = \frac{14 - p}{3} ; 0 \leq p \leq 14 \\ p^s &= 4 + 2Q^s \rightarrow Q^s = \frac{p - 4}{2} ; p \geq 4 \end{aligned}$$

c)

$$\begin{aligned} Q^d &= Q^s \\ p^s + t &= p^d \end{aligned}$$

$$4 + 2Q + t = 14 - 3Q$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5Q + t &= 10 \\ 5Q &= 10 - t \\ Q &= 2 - \frac{t}{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p^d &= 14 - 3\left(2 - \frac{t}{5}\right) \\ &= 8 + \frac{3t}{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p^s &= 4 + 2\left(2 - \frac{t}{5}\right) \\ &= 8 - \frac{2t}{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$d) \text{ Tax revenue} = 2t - \frac{t^2}{5}$$

$$\text{Tax burden on Producer} = \frac{2t}{5} \times 2 - \frac{t}{5} = \frac{4t}{5} - \frac{t^2}{25} \text{ \#}$$

$$\text{Tax burden on consumer} = \frac{2t}{5} \times 2 - \frac{t}{5} = \frac{6t}{5} - \frac{3t^2}{25} \text{ \#}$$

The consumer has higher tax burden

e) tax revenue = t per unit $\times$ unit output sold Q

$$Q^* = 2 - \frac{t}{5}$$

$$(t) \left(2 - \frac{t}{5} \right)$$

$$\text{tax revenue} = 2t - \frac{t^2}{5}$$

f) appropriate level = $T(t) = 2t - \frac{t^2}{5}$

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$$T'(t) = 2 - \frac{2t}{5}$$

$$\frac{2t}{5} = 2$$

$$t = 5 \text{ \textit{€}}$$

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