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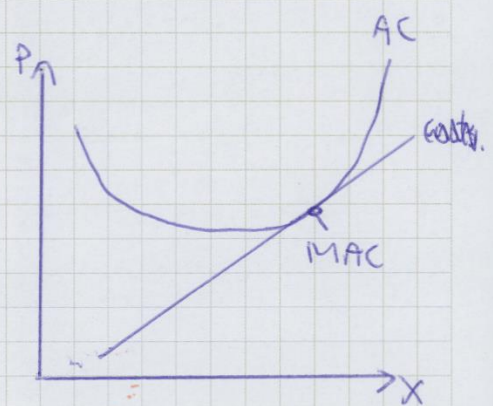
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① a)  $X = 80 - 5P$   
 $5P = 80 - X$   
 $P = 16 - \frac{1}{5}X \Rightarrow$  Market demand

In a perfectly competitive market, firms will produce at minimum average cost (MAC).

Units produced	costs	Average costs
1	10	10
2	18	9
3	24	8
4	28	7
5	30	6
6	42	7
7	56	8
8	72	9
9	90	10
10	110	11



In the long run equilibrium,  $P = MAC$

$P = 6$  in the long run equilibrium

b) Plugging in the demand function:

$$6 = 16 - \frac{1}{5}X \quad X = 10 \cdot 5$$

$$\frac{1}{5}X = 16 - 6 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{5}X = 10$$

$X = 50$  in the long run equilibrium







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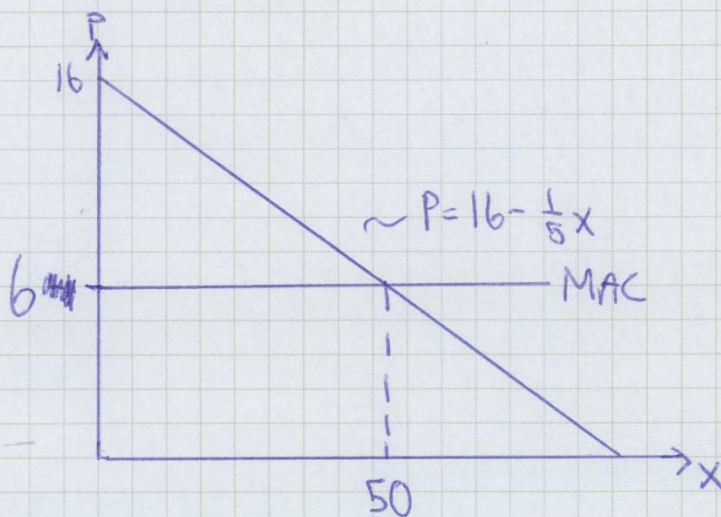
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c) Finding the number of firms in the long run equilibrium:

$x=50$ , when each firm produces 5 units

$$\frac{50}{5} = \underline{\underline{10 \text{ firms}}}$$

Graphically:









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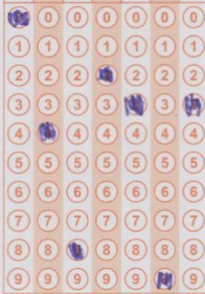
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Task 2)

Monopoly market

Marginal costs = 0

$P = 0$

2nd degree price discrimination

a) Type 1:  $P = 20 - 4x$

Type 2:  $P = 20 - 2x$

consumer surplus type 1

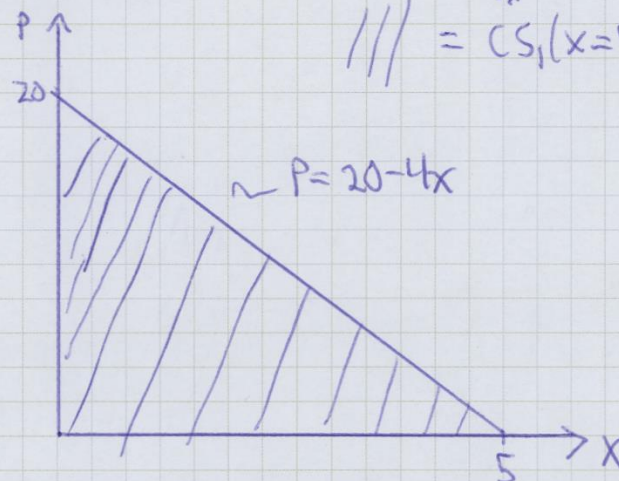
Type 1:  $\rightarrow$   
 $P = 0$

$$0 = 20 - 4x$$

$$\frac{4x}{4} = \frac{20}{4}$$

$$x = 5$$

$$x_1 = 5$$



The firm will maximize profits and set

$$F_1 = CS_1(x=5)$$

$$CS_1(x=5) = \frac{(P_{\max} - P) \cdot x_1}{2} = \frac{(20 - 0) \cdot 5}{2} = 50$$

$$F_1 = 50$$

For type 1:  $(x_1, F_1) = 5, 50$







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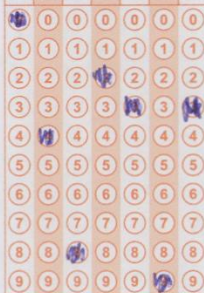
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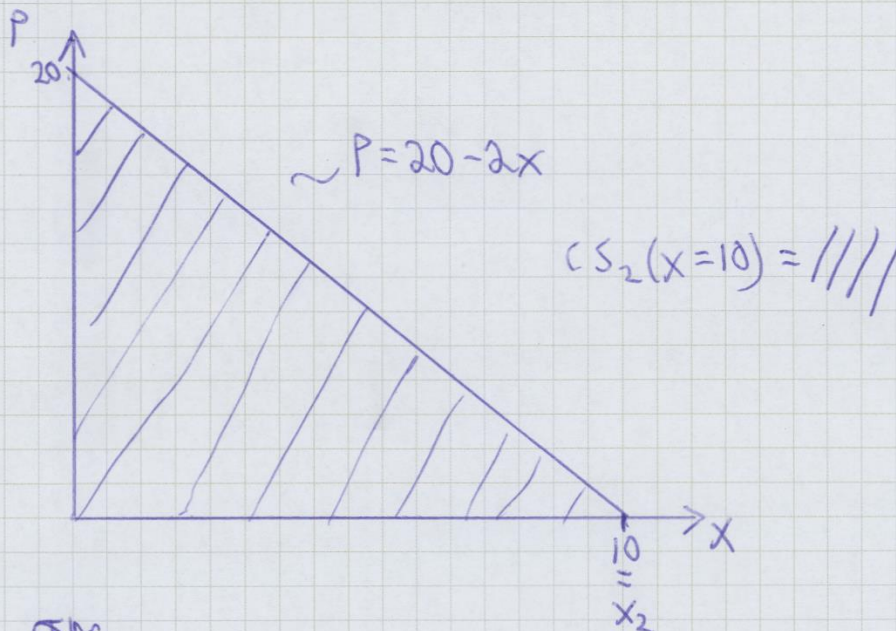
Type 2:

$$P = 20 - 2x$$

$$P = 0$$

$$0 = 20 - 2x$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{20}{2} \Rightarrow \underline{x_2 = 10}$$



Ans

The firm will maximize profits and set  $F_2 = x_2$

$$CS_2(x=10) = \frac{(P_{\max} - P) \cdot x_2}{2}$$

$$CS_2(x=10) = \frac{(20 - 0) \cdot 10}{2} = 100$$

$$F_2 = 100$$

For type 2:  $F_2 = 100$ ,  $x_2 = 10$







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### Task 2b

When consumers get to choose their own package, they will seek for the package giving them the highest consumer surplus as possible

In task a), the fee ( $F$ ) was set equal to the entire CS in both packages. Now, we will see what the consumers choose to do if they can choose by themselves.

Type 1: Buying package 2i?

$P = 20 - 2 \cdot 10 = -20$ , No. Their willingness to pay is not high enough.

Buying pack 1:

$$\text{Net CS: } CS_1(x=5) - F_1 = 50 - 50 = \underline{0}$$

$0 > -20 \Rightarrow$  Type 1 will stick with package 1

Type 2: Has two options:

Buy the package designed for them:

$$\text{Net } CS_2(x=10) - F_2 = 100 - 100 = \underline{0}$$

Or buy the package 1?







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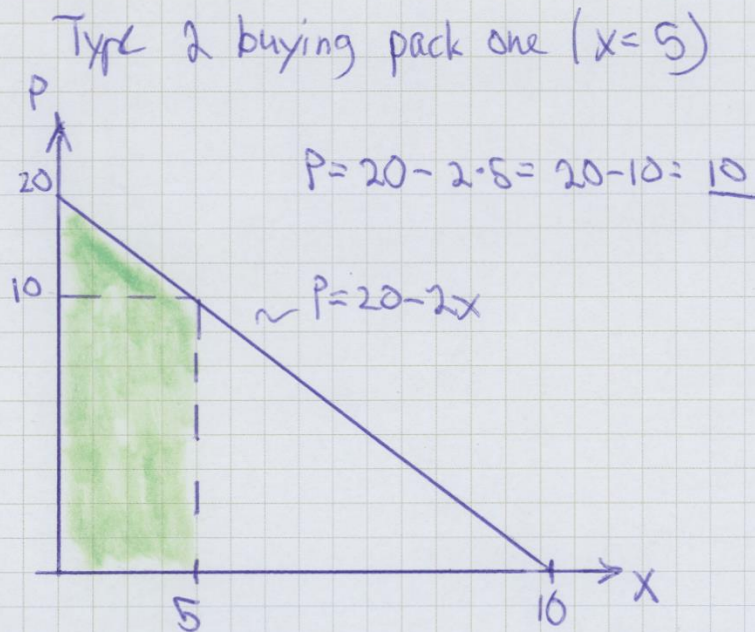
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$$CS_2(x=5) = \frac{(20-10) \cdot 5}{2} + 10 \cdot 5$$

$$CS_2(x=5) = \frac{10 \cdot 5}{2} + 50 = 75$$

$$\text{Net } CS_2(x=5) = 75 - F_1 = 75 - 50 = \underline{\underline{25}}$$

Type 2, consumers will receive a net CS of 25 if buying package 1 ( $x=5$ )

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} CS_2(x=10) = 0 \\ CS_2(x=5) = 25 \end{array} \right\} 25 > 0,$$

If the consumers get to choose the package, all the consumers will sign up for package 1 and package 2 will not be sold in the market







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The two packages are so-called not incentive compatible

In order to make the type 2 consumers sign up for plan 2, the firm will have to lower their

$F_2$ .

$$CS_2(x=5) - F_1 \leq CS_2(x=10) - F_2$$

$\Downarrow$

Incentive compatibility constraint

$$F_2 \geq CS_2(x=10) - CS_2(x=5) + F_1$$

~~$$F_2 \geq 100 - 75 + 50$$~~

~~$$F_2 \geq 100 - 75 + 50$$~~

~~$$F_2 \geq 75$$~~ 
$$F_2 \leq 75$$

if  $F_2$  gets lowered to 75:

Net  $CS_2$  by buying package #2:

$$CS_2(x=10) - F_2 \Rightarrow 100 - 75 = \underline{25}$$

The two packages are now incentive compatible.

$$\underline{X_1 = 5, F_1 = 50}$$

$$\underline{X_2 = 10, F_2 = 75}$$







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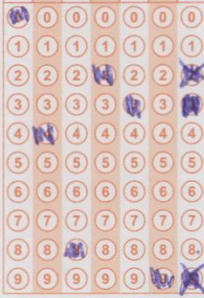
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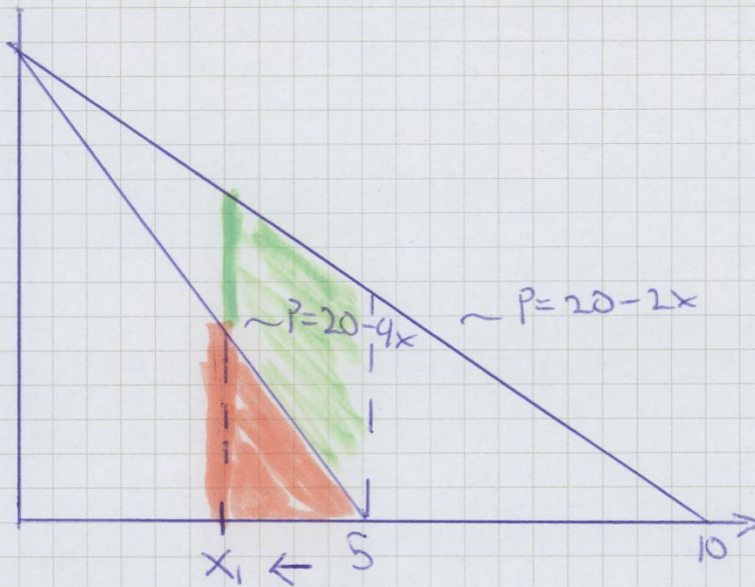


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To increase profits even more, the firm can do one more thing.

~~Increase  $x_1$~~

Reduce  $x_1$ ,  $\Rightarrow$  Make  $x_1$  less attractive for type 2, and then increase  $F_2$ .



= Reduction in  $F_1$

= Increase in  $F_2$

>  $\Rightarrow$  Higher profits, and the 2 packages are still incentive compatible.







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Task 3

$$P = 30 - 2X \quad X = X_A + X_B$$

Cournot competition, with equal marginal costs.

a)  $P = 30 - 2(X_A + X_B)$

$$P = 30 - 2X_A - 2X_B$$

Max Total revenue of firm A:

$$R_A = (30 - 2X_A - 2X_B) X_A = \text{~~41X_A~~}$$

$$R_A = 30X_A - 2X_A^2 - 2X_B X_A = \text{~~41X_A~~}$$

$$R_A = 30X_A - 2X_A^2 - 2X_B X_A = 0$$

Finding the marginal revenue of  $X_A$

$$R'_A = 30 - 4X_A - 2X_B = 0$$

Setting marginal revenue = marginal cost

$$30 - 4X_A - 2X_B = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 4X_A = 26 - 2X_B$$

$$\underline{X_A = \frac{13}{2} - \frac{1}{2} X_B} \Rightarrow X_A \text{'s best response function}$$







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Finding  $x_B$ 's best response = (Expecting the same as for  $x_A$ )  
due to equal  $c$  coefficients

$$P = 30 - 2x_A - 2x_B$$

$$R_B = (30 - 2x_A - 2x_B) x_B$$

~~$$R_B = 30x_B - 2x_Ax_B - 2x_B^2$$~~

$$R_B = 30x_B - 2x_Ax_B - 2x_B^2$$

$$R'_B = 30 - 2x_A - 4x_B$$

$$MR = c$$

$$30 - 2x_A - 4x_B = 4$$

$$4x_B = 26 - 2x_A$$

$$x_B = \frac{13}{2} - \frac{1}{2}x_A \Rightarrow B's \text{ best response function}$$

$$x_A = 6,5 - \frac{1}{2}x_B$$

$$x_B = 6,5 - \frac{1}{2}x_A$$

Solving for  $x_A$

$$x_A = 6,5 - \frac{1}{2} \left( 6,5 - \frac{1}{2}x_A \right)$$

$$x_A = 6,5 - 3,25 + \frac{1}{4}x_A$$

$$\frac{3}{4}x_A = 6,5 - 3,25$$

$$\frac{3}{4}x_A = 3,25$$

$$x_A = 3,25 \cdot \frac{4}{3} \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{4,33}}$$

Solving for  $x_B$ :

$$x_B = 6,5 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 4,33$$

$$\underline{\underline{x_B = 4,33}}$$







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In equilibrium, each firm will produce  
4,33 units

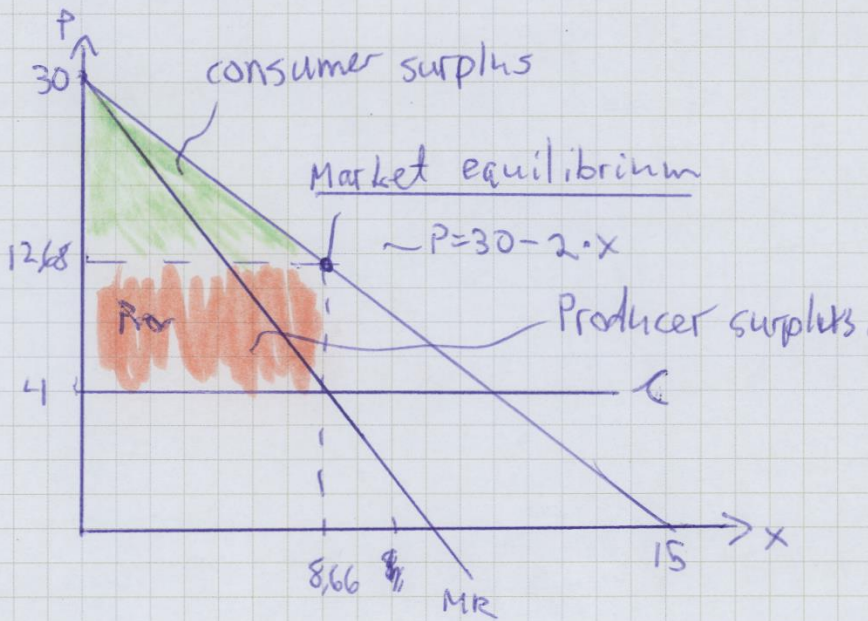
Task 3b)  $x_n + x_0 = X$

$4,33 + 4,33 = 8,66$

Finding the price

$P = 30 - 2 \cdot 8,66$

$P = 12,68$









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Task 4

H = High price

L = Low price

2 firms, 1 and 2

1) Possible outcomes:

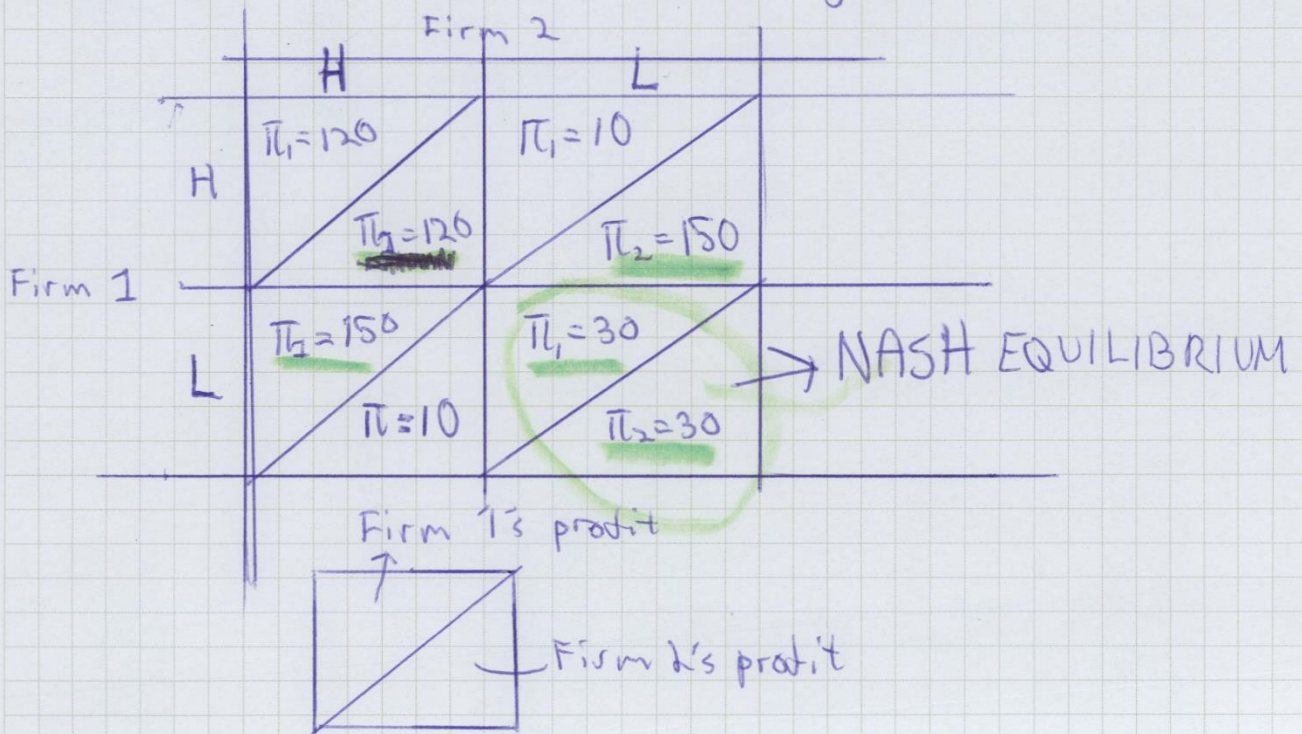
1) Firm 1 chooses H, firm 2 chooses H:  $\pi_1 = 120$   $\pi_2 = 120$

2) Firm 1 chooses L, firm 2 chooses L:  $\pi_1 = 30$   $\pi_2 = 30$

3) Firm 1 chooses H, firm 2 chooses L:  $\pi_1 = 10$   $\pi_2 = 150$

4) Firm 1 chooses L, firm 2 chooses H:  $\pi_1 = 150$   $\pi_2 = 10$

We can draw this as a one-time game:









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Interpretations from the game:

- If firm 1 choose H, firm 2 will choose  
low to set a low price. ( $\pi_2 = 150 > \bar{\pi}_2 = 120$ )

- If firm 1 choose L, firm 2 will set

a low price. ( $\pi_2 = 30 > \bar{\pi}_2 = 10$ )

- If firm 2 choose H, firm 1 will set price low  
( $\pi_1 = 150 > \bar{\pi}_1 = 120$ )

- If firm 2 choose L, firm 1 will set a low price  
( $\pi_1 = 30 > \bar{\pi}_1 = 10$ )

Our Nash equilibrium in this game is when both players  
choose the same strategy.

The Nash equilibrium is when both players choose to  
set a low price.

~~In the Nash equilibrium both players choose to~~

In the Nash equilibrium, each firm gets a profit of 30

Another thought on why the Nash equilibrium is 30:

is that both players show a dominant strategy throughout  
the entire game.  $\Rightarrow$  Each player will choose to set a  
low price, regardless of the strategy of the other player







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A Nash equilibrium is a situation, where ~~each~~<sup>no</sup> player can get better ~~at~~ by changing its strategy, given the strategy of the other players.

### Task 3b Infimte game.

If the firms choose to collude ~~through~~ by setting prices H, each firm will make a higher profit than in the Nash equilibrium. ( $120 > 30$ )

The challenge by choosing to collude is the reward each firm can get by "cheating" and set its price low, while the other player sets its price high.

By cheating, a firm will rather set its price low, when the other is producing at high ( $\pi_i = 150 > \pi_i = 120$ )

~~In a possible infinite game~~

In a possible infinite game by colluding for each firm  
 $\pi^R =$  Duopoly (colluding)

$\pi^C =$  One firm cheats for 1 period

$\pi^L =$  Nash equilibrium outcome ~~after~~ forever after period 1  
 if one firm cheats,  $\pi^L =$  Low price







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$$\left. \begin{aligned} \pi^D &= 120 \\ \pi^C &= 150 \\ \pi^L &= 30 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

collusion is ~~likely~~

By colluding forever:

$$\pi^D + \pi^D \cdot \delta + \pi^D \cdot \delta^2 + \pi^D \cdot \delta^3 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi^D \cdot \frac{1}{1-\delta} + \dots$$

If one firm cheats: in period 1, period 2  $\rightarrow \infty$  will be  $\pi^L$

$$\pi^C + \pi^L \cdot \delta + \pi^L \cdot \delta^2 + \pi^L \cdot \delta^3 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi^C + \pi^L \cdot \frac{\delta}{1-\delta}$$

Collusion is ~~likely~~

Collusion is likely to happen if:

$$(1-\delta) \cdot \left( \pi^D \cdot \frac{1}{1-\delta} \right) > \pi^C + \pi^L \cdot \frac{\delta}{1-\delta}$$

$$\pi^D > \pi^C (1-\delta) + \pi^L \cdot \frac{\delta}{1-\delta} (1-\delta)$$

$$\pi^D > \pi^C - \pi^C \delta + \pi^L \delta$$

$$\pi^C \delta - \pi^L \delta > \pi^C - \pi^D \Rightarrow \delta > \frac{\pi^C - \pi^D}{\pi^C - \pi^L} \Rightarrow \frac{150 - 120}{150 - 30}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\delta > 0,25}$$







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$$d > 0,25, \dots$$

$$\underline{0,25 < 0,4 \Rightarrow \text{Yes}} \quad \text{WALIS}$$

By colluding each firm are better off by colluding forever when  $d = 0,4$ , and the probability of colluding is likely to happen under the condition that the firms ~~talk~~ talk to each other. Since their dominant strategy in the game was to set a low price. This is something we call tacit collusion. Firms don't have to explicitly talk ~~being~~ ~~but in the case of dominant strategies~~ ~~if find it important that the firms~~ talk. But signal to collude







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### Task 5

$$P = 130 - 25x \Rightarrow \text{Marginal willingness to pay (MWTP)}$$

$$\text{Marginal cost (MC)} \Rightarrow 10 + 5x$$

$$\text{External cost (total)} = 5x^2$$

a) Finding  $x$  in market equilibrium:

Under perfect competition, Market equilibrium is given by

$$MWTP = MC$$

$$130 - 25x = 10 + 5x$$

$$120 = 30x$$

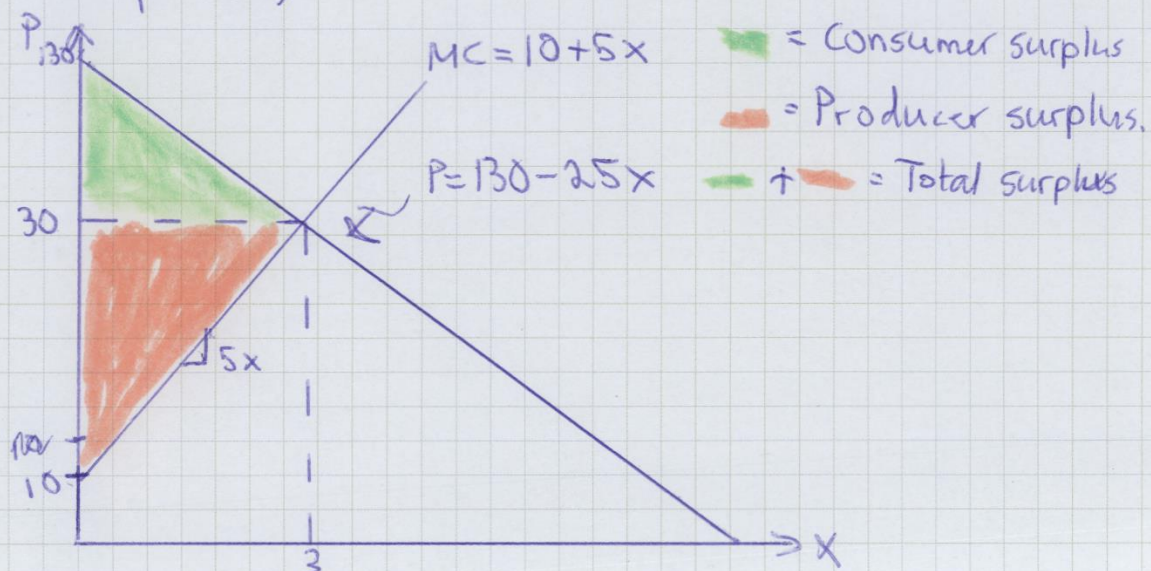
$$x = \frac{120}{30} \Rightarrow \underline{x^* = 4}$$

$$P = 130 - 25x$$

$$P = 130 - 25 \cdot 4$$

$$P = 30$$

Graphically:









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### Task 5b

Social efficient outcome of X

$$\Rightarrow MC + MEC = MSC$$

$\downarrow$  Marginal cost       $\downarrow$  Marginal external cost       $\downarrow$  Marginal social cost

Taking the derivative of externality cost with respect to x:

$$5x^2 \Rightarrow 10x$$

$$MC + MEC = 10 + 5x + 10x$$

$$\underline{MSC = 10 + 15x}$$

Negative externalities, are external costs that is socially inefficient. An example of a negative externality is pollution.

A firm that release a lot of emission when producing, is something a firm <sup>not</sup> necessarily <sup>not</sup> will consider, but it will affect the society in terms of an increase in emission  $\Rightarrow$  Bad for the environment.

This causes an increase in the supply curve  $\Rightarrow$  which will reduce the amount of X produced, and lead to higher prices, and cause an efficiency loss.







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The optimal solution will now be:  
Marginal willingness to pay = Marginal social cost

$$MWTP = MSC$$

$$P = 130 - 25x$$

$$MSC = 10 + 15x$$

$$130 - 25x = 10 + 15x$$

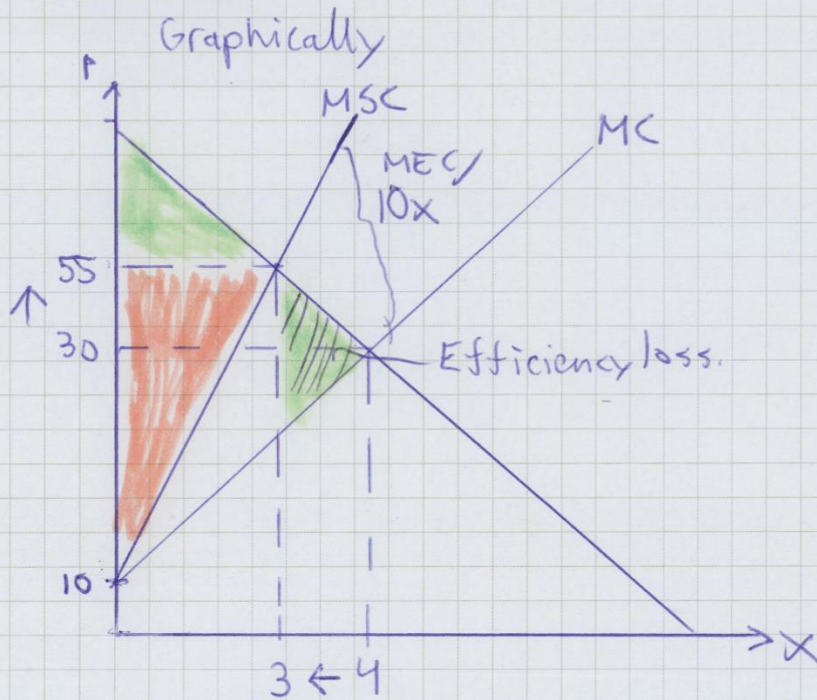
$$120 = 15x + 25x$$

$$120 = 40x$$

$$x^* = \frac{120}{40}$$

$$P = 130 - 25 \cdot 3 \quad P = 55$$

$$\underline{x^* = 3}$$



Socially efficient output of  $x=3$

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### Task 5c

Want to find a tax that will realize the socially efficient output of  $x^*=3$

Profit function: for the firm  $t \cdot x = \text{tax revenue for the government}$

$$\pi = P(x) - c(x) - t \cdot x$$

margin  $\downarrow$  Total revenue  
 $\downarrow$  costs  $\downarrow$  tax revenue

$$\text{Max}_x \pi = P - c'(x) - t = 0$$

$t = P - c'(x)$ , from the graph, the difference between price and  $MC = MEC$

To achieve socially efficient output:

$$t = MEC$$

$$t = 10 \cdot x$$

The socially efficient output of  $x=3$

$$t = 10 \cdot 3$$

$$\underline{t = 30}$$

with a tax = 30, we are able to internalize the efficiency loss and achieve realize a socially efficient output







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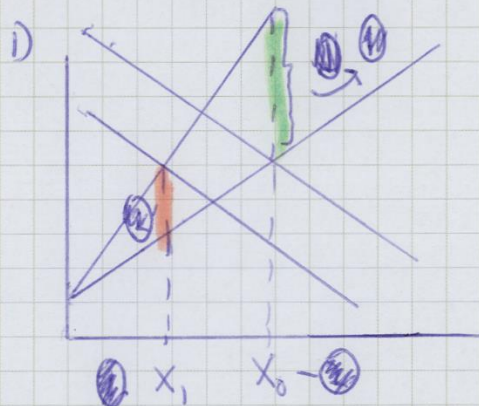
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A challenge with the introduction of a tax, that the government faces, is the ability to set the correct tax when we are dealing with a marginal externality that is increasing

in  $x$ . Two cases:



- Tax rate when  $x$  is big
- Tax rate when  $x$  is low.

① When  $x$  is low, the tax is low, but when  $x$  is large, the government will have to set a very high tax.

→ Incentives for new firms to enter the market can be gone.

→ Firms must have the ability to pay the costs.

⇒ Can result in some firms going out of the market

② The optimal  $t$ , set by the government depends on market demand. Market demand is difficult to forecast.

And it can lead to the government setting the optimal tax either too low, or too high.

Another tool the government could use is quotas. This would lead to give the government control of the output, ( $x$ ).

~~By issuing a certain amount of quotas for~~







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Task 6

A public good is what we call non-rivalrous and non-excludable

- Non rivalrous goods mean that by consuming a good, it doesn't affect anyone else's chances for consuming it.
- Non-excludable goods mean that by consuming a good, it doesn't prevent anyone else from ~~using~~ consuming it too.

~~A non-rivalrous good can for example be water~~

An example of a public good can be national defence. As long as you are ~~resident~~ within the country, you have the right to be protected. It doesn't affect or prevent anyone else from being protected.

	Non-excludable	Partly excludable
Non rivalrous	National defence	TV-signal
Partly rivalrous	A public beach.	An apple







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-TV-signal is non-rivalrous and partly excludable, this is because it is available to ~~everyone~~ everyone, but it is partly excludable because you have to pay for it in order to ~~consume~~ use it.

- A public beach is non-excludable in a way that it's an no entry fees, and available to everyone who wants. But since it is limited space, it may occur that people can't find space on a crowded day.

- An apple is both partly-rival and excludable in the way that in order ~~you have~~ to eat it, you have to pay, and by eating it, no one else can eat that apple.