

assume a Cournot duopoly with the following cost structure

$$\text{Firm 1 } C_1(Q_1) = 10Q_1$$

$$\text{Firm 2 } C_2(Q_2) = 20Q_2$$

and with the following market demand

$$P = 100 - Q, \text{ where } Q = Q_1 + Q_2$$

Calculate the equilibrium output of each firm, and the equilibrium price, and consumer surplus

Max_{Q₁} Profits of 1

Max_{Q₂} Profits of 2

$$\text{Max}_{Q_1} P(Q)Q_1 - C_1(Q_1)$$

$$\text{Max}_{Q_2} P(Q)Q_2 - C_2(Q_2)$$

$$\text{Max}_{Q_1} (100 - Q_1 - Q_2)Q_1 - 10Q_1$$

$$\text{Max}_{Q_2} (100 - Q_1 - Q_2)Q_2 - 20Q_2$$

$$\text{Max}_{Q_1} 90Q_1 - Q_1^2 - Q_1Q_2$$

$$\text{Max}_{Q_2} 80Q_2 - Q_2^2 - Q_1Q_2$$

$$90 - 2Q_1 - Q_2 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$80 - 2Q_2 - Q_1 = 0 \quad (2)$$

multiply equation (1) by -2, and add to equation (2)

$$-180 + 4Q_1 + 2Q_2 = 0$$

$$80 - Q_1 - 2Q_2 = 0$$

$$\hline -100 + 3Q_1 = 0$$

$$Q_1^* = \frac{100}{3} \quad \text{sub into eq(1)}$$

$$90 - 2Q_1 - Q_2 = 0$$

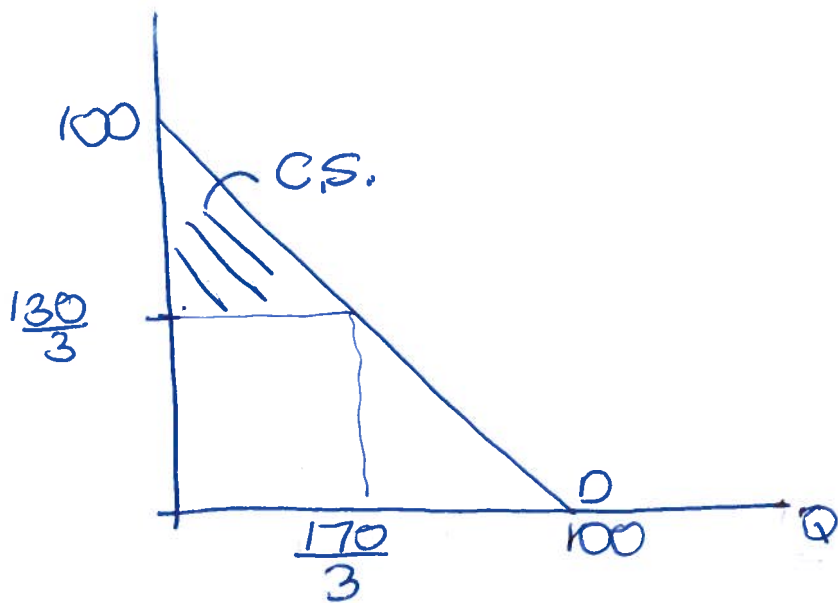
$$90 - 2\left(\frac{100}{3}\right) - Q_2 = 0$$

$$Q_2^* = \frac{70}{3}$$

$$P = 100 - Q_1 - Q_2$$

$$= 100 - \frac{100}{3} - \frac{70}{3}$$

$$P^* = \frac{130}{3}$$



$$Q = Q_1 + Q_2$$

$$Q = \frac{100}{3} + \frac{70}{3}$$

$$Q = \frac{170}{3}$$

$$C.S. = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \text{base} \cdot \text{height}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{170}{3} - 0 \right) \left(100 - \frac{130}{3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{170}{3} \right)^2$$