

Problem Set 2  
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## 1 Fishing and Extinction

### Setup

- Salmon fishery : single owner
- price taken :  $p$  constant, exo
- $y_t$  extractive rate at  $t$
- $x_t$  stock at  $t$
- $c(y)$  extract cost :  $c'(y_t) \in (0, p)$        $c''(y) > 0$
- $\dot{x}_t = f(x_t) - y_t$ 
  - ↳  $f(0) = 0$        $f'(0) > 0$        $f''(\cdot) < 0$
  - ↳  $\exists \bar{x} > 0$  st  $f(\bar{x}) = 0$
  - ↳  $x_0$  initial resource stock

- $r$  = the owner's discount rate, time  $\infty$

a)

$$H = p y_t - c(y_t) + \lambda [f(x_t) - y_t]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{FOC } [y_t] \quad p - c'(y_t) - \lambda &\leq 0 \quad y_t \geq 0 \quad \text{c.s} \\ [x_t] \quad -[\lambda f'(x_t)] &= \dot{x}_t - r x_t \quad x_t \geq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \dot{\lambda}_t &= [r - f'(x_t)] \lambda_t \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{TVC} \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_t e^{-rt} \geq 0 \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_t x_t e^{-rt} = 0$$

b)

"As  $t$  goes to  $\infty$ "  $\Rightarrow$  steady state

$$\dot{x}_t = 0 \Rightarrow r = f'(x_t)$$

$$\dot{x}_t = 0 \Rightarrow f(x_t) = y_t$$

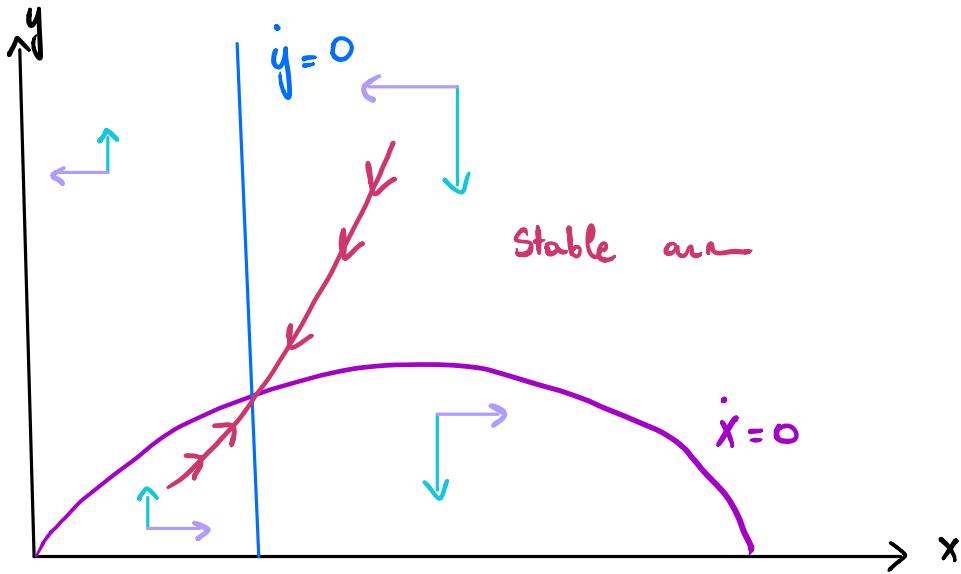
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Moreover, from the TVC, } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x_t &> 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_t e^{-rt} = 0 \Rightarrow \\ \dot{\lambda}_t &\leq 0 \Rightarrow [r - f'(x_t)] \leq 0 \\ r &\leq f'(x_t) \Rightarrow r = f'(x_{ss}) \end{aligned}$$

With  $x_{ss} > 0$  and  $f'(\cdot) \downarrow$  as  $f''(\cdot) < 0$  if must be that  $x_{ss} > 0$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x_{ss}) < f'(0)$$

$$\underbrace{r - f'(x_{ss})}_{=0} > r - f'(0)$$

$$r < f'(0)$$



$$\dot{x} = 0 \Rightarrow f(x_t) = y_t$$

$$\dot{\lambda}_t = [r - f'(x_t)] \lambda_t \quad + \text{FOC} \quad \lambda_t = \mu - c'(y_t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\lambda}_t = -c''(y_t) \dot{y}_t$$

$$\Rightarrow -c''(y_t) \dot{y}_t = [r - f'(x_t)][\mu - c'(y_t)]$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{y}_t = \frac{[f'(x_t) - r][\mu - c'(y_t)]}{c''(y_t)} \quad \rightarrow c''(y_t) > 0$$

$$\mu - c'(y_t) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{y}_t = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} f'(\bar{x}) &= r \\ \bar{x} &= f'^{-1}(r) \end{aligned}$$

Stable arc

$$\dot{y}_t = \frac{[f'(x_t) - r][\mu - c'(y_t)]}{c''(y_t)}$$

$$\hookrightarrow x > x_{ss} \Rightarrow f'(x) < f'(x_{ss})$$

$$\rightarrow \dot{y} < 0$$

$$\dot{x}_t = f(x_t) - y_t$$

$$\hookrightarrow y > y_{ss} \Rightarrow \dot{x}_t < 0$$

d) At  $T$ : The fishery will close. Still assume that  $f'(0) > r$

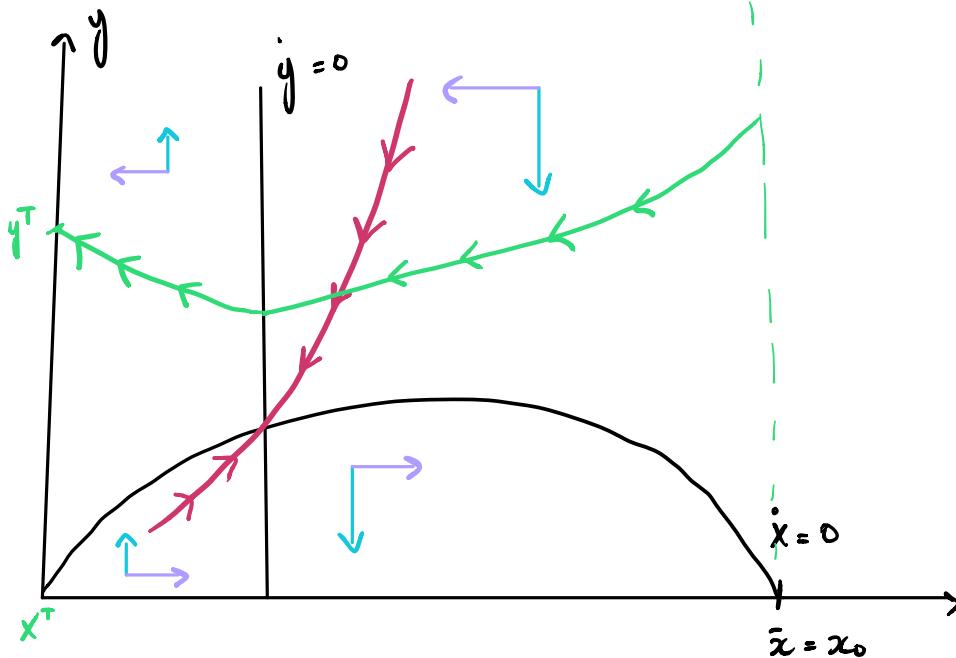
$\hookrightarrow$  We are not in an infinite time problem anymore,  
so the TVC conditions become

$$\lambda^T e^{-rT} \geq 0 \quad x_T \geq 0 \quad \lambda^T e^{-rT} x_T = 0$$

$\hookrightarrow$  the stock has no more value at  $T$

However, we also have  $\lambda_t = \mu - c'(y_t) > 0$  as the fishery closes  
 $\Rightarrow \lambda^T > 0$

$\Rightarrow$  it must be that  $x_T = 0$  for  $\lambda^T e^{-rT} x_T = 0$  with  $T < \infty$



X path

When we pass to the left of  $y_t = 0$ , and have  $y_t > 0$ , what happens is that future stock is no worth less extract on the margin.  
From the FOC

$$\underbrace{\mu - c'(y_t)}_{\downarrow} = \lambda_t$$

## a) Common pool with an exhaustible Resource

Setup :  $S$  = initial oil reserve  
 $N$  = number of firms  
 Reserve = ~~con-~~ ~~in~~ pool  
 MC strictly  $\rightarrow$   $\infty$  rate of extract but no stock effect

a) In continuous time, the firm's problem is

$$\max \int_0^{\infty} (\mu y_{it} - c(y_{it})) e^{-rt} dt \quad \text{st} \quad \dot{x}_t = g(x_t) - y_{it} - \sum_{j \neq i} y_{jt} \quad y_{it} \geq 0 \quad x_0 > 0 \\ x_t \geq 0$$

written as a CV Hamiltonian:

$$H = \mu y_{it} - c(y_{it}) + \lambda_t [g(x_t) - y_{it} - \sum_{j \neq i} y_{jt}(x_t)]$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{FOC } [y_{it}] : \mu - c'(y_{it}) - \lambda_t \leq 0 \quad y_{it} \geq 0 \quad \text{CS}$$

$$[x_t] : \dot{x}_t = \rho \lambda_t - \lambda_t g'(x_t) + \lambda_t \sum_{j \neq i} y_{jt}'(x_t)$$

$$\text{TVC} \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_t e^{-rt} \geq 0 \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_t x_t e^{-rt} = 0 \quad x_t \geq 0$$

Using symmetry as all firms play a Markov Perfect Eq<sup>m</sup>:

$$\dot{x}_t = \rho \lambda_t - \lambda_t g'(x_t) + \lambda_t (N-1) \frac{dy_{it}}{dx_t}$$

b) FOC  $\leftarrow$   $\mu = \lambda_t + c'(y_{it})$  for interior solutions where  
 the LHS is the marginal return from extracting an additional  
 unit (and selling it at  $\mu$ ) and the RHS is the marginal  
 cost. The latter has two parts  
 - the MC of extraction  $c'(y_{it})$   
 - the foregone MV (shadow) of an additional  
 unit of stock.

$$FOC \leftarrow [x_t] \Rightarrow \frac{\dot{\lambda}_t}{\lambda_t} = \left[ \rho - g'(x_t) + (N-1) \frac{dy_{it}}{dx_t} \right]$$

the growth rate of the stock is the marginal shadow value of an additional unit of stock

- increasing in the discount factor  $\rho$ : the more patient the agent, the more valuable future stock
- increasing in the growth rate of the stock ( $g''(x_t) < 0 \Rightarrow -g'(x_t) > d$ )

the common pool problem

- accounts for other firm's reactions to changes in  $x_t$  (envelope theorem): the larger  $\frac{dy_{it}}{dx_t}$ , the more positive (less negative)  $\frac{\dot{\lambda}_t}{\lambda_t}$  because the initial extraction rate is larger.

We can plug FOCs into each other:  $\dot{\mu} = \lambda_t + c'(y_{it})$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\lambda}_t = \left[ \rho - g'(x_t) + (N-1) \frac{dy_{it}}{dx_t} \right] \left[ \frac{\dot{\lambda}_t}{\lambda_t} = \mu - c'(y_{it}) \right] \\ \text{at the ss } \dot{\lambda}_t = 0 \quad \Rightarrow g'(x_t) = \rho + (N-1) \frac{dy_{it}}{dx_t}$$

This compares to the social optimum ss from the class

$$g'(x_t) = \rho \quad (\text{no stock effect})$$

$$\Rightarrow g'(x_{ss, \text{social}}) < g'(x_{ss, \text{CE}})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_{ss, \text{social}} > x_{ss, \text{CE}}$$

### 3) Highway Congestion Externalities

Setup: N drivers commute daily to

Manhattan across Hudson River alternative

$Z$  = daily commute time GW

$X$  = nb drivers using GW

$w$  = value of time

GW bridge direct, crowded

$Z = 1$

$$Z = \alpha X$$

a)  $\max \{-w(\alpha X^{\text{NE}}); -w\}$

↳ take GW as long as  $\alpha X^{\text{NE}} \leq 1$   
 $X^{\text{NE}} \leq \frac{1}{\alpha}$

$\Rightarrow \text{NE} : X^{\text{NE}} = \frac{1}{\alpha}$  drivers take GW

b) Pareto efficient : MB of GW = MC of GW

↳ MB of GW =  $(1 - \alpha X_p) w$

↳ MC of GW =  $(X_p \alpha) w \rightarrow$  impose  $\alpha$  additional minutes on all  $X_p$  drivers

$$\rightarrow 1 - \alpha X = \alpha X_p$$

$$1 = 2\alpha X_p$$

$$X_p = \frac{1}{2\alpha} = 0.5 \cdot \frac{1}{\alpha} = 0.5 \cdot X^{\text{NE}}$$

c) At  $X_p$ , the externality is  $\frac{d(\alpha X)}{d X} \cdot X_p \cdot w = \alpha \cdot \frac{1}{2\alpha} w = \frac{w}{2}$   
 $dW = \text{net welfare taking the bridge}$

d) Imposing a "Pigouvian toll"  $\rightarrow T = \alpha X_p$

↳ the driver maximizes  $\max \{-w dX - T; -W\}$   
 ↳ the marginal driver on GW has

$$W = w \alpha X + T$$

$$W(1 - \alpha X) = T$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \alpha X = \frac{T}{W}$$

$$\Rightarrow dX = 1 - \frac{T}{W}$$

$$X = \frac{1}{\alpha} - \frac{T}{\alpha W} = \frac{1}{\alpha} - \frac{W}{2} \frac{1}{W\alpha} = \frac{1}{2\alpha} = X_p$$

$$T = \frac{W}{2}$$

→ at the equilibrium, only the gov captures the efficiency gains.

Drivers are not better off since  $-W = -\text{cost drive}$   $\text{GW}$  still holds.

## b) Targeting Pigouvian Taxes

Good produced with polluting technology.

$$U(q) = aq - \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)q^2 \quad a, b > 0 \quad \begin{matrix} \text{private benefit} \\ \tau e \end{matrix}$$

$$\tau > 0 \quad \begin{matrix} \text{social damage} \end{matrix}$$

$$f(k, e) \quad \text{production funct} \quad \Rightarrow \text{CRS} \quad f_k > 0 \quad f_{kk} < 0$$

$$k_i \text{ input} \rightarrow \text{price } r_i \quad r_e > 0 \quad r_{ee} < 0$$

a) Optimal tax on emissions  $t^*$  is such that the social cost of pollut.  $\tau_e$  is internalized by the firm.

Planner's problem:  $\max_{k, e} a f(k, e) - \frac{b}{2} f(k, e)^2 - rk - \tau_e$

$\hookrightarrow$  FOC wrt  $k_i$  ( $\forall i$ ) and  $e$

$$\times [k_i] \quad a f_i(k, e) - b f(k, e) f_i(k, e) - r_i = 0$$

$$\ast [e] \quad a f_e(k, e) - b f(k, e) f_e(k, e) - \tau = 0$$

Firm's problem  $\max_{k, e} a f(k, e) - \frac{b}{2} f(k, e)^2 - rk - \tau_e$

$\hookrightarrow$  we see that is the same problem and the same FOCs if  $\tau = t^*$

b) The planner's pb doesn't change, but the firm problem becomes

$$\max_{k, e} (a - t) f(k, e) - \frac{b}{2} f(k, e)^2 - rk$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{FOC } [k_i] \quad (a - t) f_i(k, e) - b f(k, e) f_i(k, e) - r_i = 0 \quad \ast'$$

$$[e] \quad (a - t) f_e(k, e) - b f(k, e) f_e(k, e) = 0 \quad \ast''$$

Rearranging  $\ast' \quad a f_i(k, e) - b f(k, e) f_i(k, e) - r_i = t f_i(k, e)$

$$\ast'' \quad a f_e(k, e) - b f(k, e) f_e(k, e) - t f_e(k, e)$$

In order for  $\{\ast'\}, \{\ast''\}$  to match  $\{\ast, \ast\}$  it must be the case that

$$\begin{cases} t f_c(k, c) = \tau \\ t f_i(k, c) = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow t = 0 \Rightarrow \tau = 0$$

Because taxing  $c$  implies taxing  $k$  too, any tax will distort the firm's decision and the optimal outcome. Therefore the only non-distortionary eq<sup>m</sup> implies that  $t = 0 \Rightarrow \tau = 0$ .

c) The firm's problem becomes

$$\max_{k, c} a f(k, c) - \frac{b}{2} f(k, c)^2 - (r + t_i) k$$

$$*'' \hookrightarrow \text{FOC } [k_i] : a f_i(k, c) - b f(k, c) f_i(k, c) - r - t_i = 0$$

$$**' [c] : a f'_c(k, c) - b f(k, c) f'_c(k, c) = 0$$

$\hookrightarrow$  For  $\begin{cases} *'' \\ **' \end{cases}$  to equal  $\begin{cases} * \\ ** \end{cases}$  it must be the case that  
 $t_i = 0 ; \tau = 0$ .

d) The firm's problem

$$\max_{k, c} (a - t_o) f(k, c) - \frac{b}{2} f(k, c)^2 - (r + t_i) k$$

$$*''' \hookrightarrow \text{FOC } [k_i] : a f_i(k, c) - b f(k, c) f_i(k, c) - r - t_i - t_o f_i(k, c) = 0$$

$$**''' [c] a f'_c(k, c) - b f(k, c) f'_c(k, c) - t_o f'_c(k, c) = 0$$

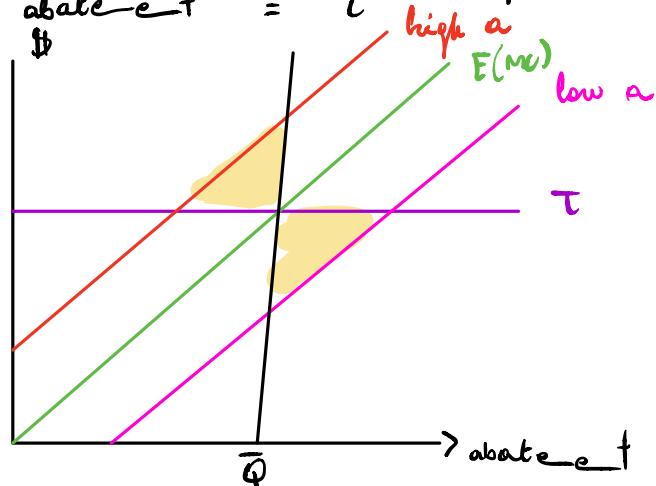
For  $\begin{cases} *''' \\ **''' \end{cases}$  to equal  $\begin{cases} * \\ ** \end{cases}$  it must be the case that

$$\begin{cases} t_o f_c(k, c) = \tau \\ t_i + t_o f_i(k, c) = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} i+1 \text{ unknowns,} \\ \Rightarrow i+1 \text{ equations} \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow t_o = \tau / f_c(k, c) \text{ tax} \Rightarrow t_i = -\tau f_i(k, c)$$

e)  $\alpha$  is unknown  $\rightarrow p=0.5 \Rightarrow$  low  $\alpha$   
 $\rightarrow p=0.5 \Rightarrow$  high  $\alpha$

We can think about a tax on emissions as abatement were  
 . MC abatement = firm's private benefit  
 . MB abatement =  $\frac{1}{\tau}$



Here because  $MB$  of abatement,  $\tau$  is constant, we always get it right by using DWL pre a quantity standard  $\bar{Q}$  / is positive while the expected  $MB$  of abatement  $\tau$  on emissions =  $\frac{1}{\tau}$  while

## 5) Permit Market Dynamics

- Setup
- $E_0$  aggregate annual firm pellet
  - $\bar{S} < 10 E_0$  → using cap and trade
  - at each  $t$ , firms can
    - abate pellet at cost
    - permits ( $p_t$ )
- $\hookrightarrow D(p_t)$  demand for permits

$$D(0) = E_0 \quad D'(.) \leq 0 \quad \forall p \geq 0$$

$$C'(E_0 - D(p_t)) \quad \text{marginal abatement cost} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{no arbitrage}} \quad p_t = C'(E_0 - D(p_t))$$

a)  $p(0)$  such that  $\sum_{t=0}^{10} D[P_0 e^{rt}] = \bar{S}$

↳ Note that  $P_t = P_0 e^{rt} \quad \forall t$  because of no arbitrage.

b) Concerned that  $P_{10} = P_0 e^{10r}$  too high  $\Rightarrow$  at  $10-T$  the price reaches  $P_C$ . However, the condition can't hold anymore at  $P_t = P_C \quad t \geq 10-T$ . So firms won't hold any permit after  $10-T$ .

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{t=0}^{10-T} D(P_0 e^{rt}) = \bar{S}$$

↳ Demand each period  $\uparrow \Rightarrow$  price each period decreases.

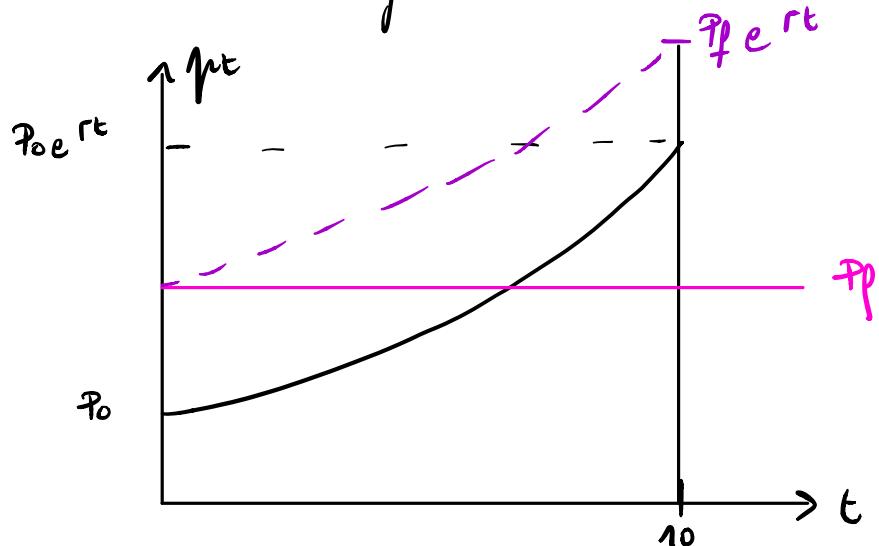
$$\text{After } 10-T \rightarrow \Delta = T D(p_t)$$

c) There will be a speculative attack if  $T D(p_t) = \Delta > G$

↳ if firms anticipate that after  $10-T$  there will be more demand for permits than firms would buy at  $10-T$  supply, the will hold on all the permits for later

d) We need not only  $\tau D(p_c) = \Delta > G$  (speculative attack)  
 but also  $G \leq \sum_{t=10-\tau}^{10} D(p_c e^{rt}) dt$

e) Concern purchase  $\Rightarrow p_0 e^{10r}$  at any time too low. Gov will be  $(p_0, p_0 e^{10r})$



$$\Rightarrow S - B = \sum_{t=0}^{10} D(p_r e^{rt})$$

## 6/ Clean Backstop Technology

Setup:  $\mu = \text{MU}$  of consumption  $\rightarrow$  demand for transport fuel perfectly elastic  
 ↳ 2 potential sources of fuel:  
 • crude oil  
 • biofuel

Crude oil: stock  $S_0 > 0$   
 product rate  $y_t$   
 cost of extraction  $c_y(y_t) > 0, c_y'(y_t) > 0, c_y''(y_t) > 0$   
 $c_y'(0) \in (0, p)$

Biofuel      rate of product  $b_t$   
 cost of product  $c_b(b_t) > 0, c_b'(b_t) > 0, c_b''(b_t) > 0$

$r$  consumers' discount rate  
 $t = \infty$

a)  $\max_{\{y_t, b_t\}_{t=0}^{\infty}} \int_{t=0}^{\infty} [\mu(y_t + b_t) - c_y(y_t) - c_b(b_t)] e^{-rt} dt$        $\dot{s}_t = -y_t$   
 $\int_{t=0}^{\infty} y_t \leq S_0 \text{ give } > 0$

$$H = \mu \cdot (y_t + b_t) - c_y(y_t) - c_b(b_t) - \mu_t y_t$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hookrightarrow \text{FOC } [y_t] \quad \mu - c_y'(y_t) - \mu_t &\leq 0 & y_t \geq 0 & \text{CS} \\ [b_t] \quad \mu - c_b'(b_t) &\leq 0 & b_t \geq 0 & \text{CS} \\ [s_t] \quad \dot{\mu}_t &= r \mu_t \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{TVC} \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mu_t e^{-rt} > 0 \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mu_t s_t e^{-rt} = 0$$

b) Note that here the price is constant and doesn't depend on  $y_t + b_t$ . Assuming interior solut. for  $b_t$

$$\text{FOC} \rightarrow b_t : \mu = C_b'(b_t) \Rightarrow b_t = C_b'^{-1}(\mu) \rightarrow \text{constant}$$

$$y_t : \mu \leq C_y'(y_t) + \mu_t$$

$$\hookrightarrow \mu_t = \mu_0 e^{rt}$$

$$\mu - \mu_0 e^{rt} \leq C_y'(y_t)$$

$$y_t \geq C_y'^{-1}(\mu - \mu_0 e^{rt})$$

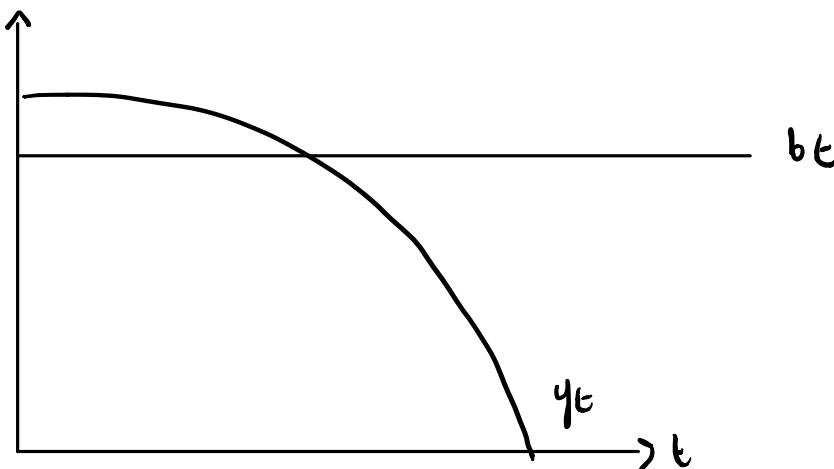
$$\hookrightarrow y_t = \max \{ C_y'^{-1}(\mu - \mu_0 e^{rt}), 0 \}$$

$\hookrightarrow C_y'$  is increasing  $\Rightarrow C_y'^{-1}$  increasing

$\hookrightarrow \mu - \mu_0 e^{rt}$  decreasing exponentially

$\Rightarrow C_y'^{-1}(\mu - \mu_0 e^{rt})$  decreasing exponentially

$\Rightarrow$  concave



Note that  $b(0) > y(0)$  depends on the cost function

c) All cars banned at  $T$  imposes that  $\mu_T = 0 \Rightarrow \mu_t = 0 \forall t$  because  $\mu_t$  is positive.

Thus, from the FOC on  $y_t$   $\mu = C_y'(y_t)$   
 $y_t = C_y'^{-1}(\mu)$  constant

$T$  needs to be such that

$$\int_0^T y_t dt < s_0 \quad \text{where } s_0 \text{ is the initial stock of } y_t.$$

$$T c_y'(y_t) < s_0$$

d/ The externality!

The planner's problem becomes:

$$H = \mu(y_t + b_t) - c_y(y_t) - \tau e_y y_t - c_b(b_t) - \tau e_b b_t - \mu_t y_t$$

↳ FOC :  $[y_t] \quad \mu - c_y'(y_t) - \mu_t - \tau e_y = 0$   
 (assuming interior)

$$[b_t] \quad \mu - c_b'(b_t) - \tau e_b = 0$$

The firm's problem with  $t_b, t_y$  taxes on  $y_t, b_t$

$$H = (\mu - t_b) b_t + (\mu - t_y) y_t - c_y(y_t) - c_b(b_t) - \mu_t y_t$$

↳ FOC ...

⇒ setting  $t_b$  and  $t_y$  at the FOC of the planner's match

$$t_b = \tau e_b$$

$$t_y = \tau e_y$$

e/ The planner's  $\mu_b$  doesn't change. The firm's  $\mu_b$  becomes

$$H = \mu y_t + \mu b_t - c_y(y_t) - c_b(b_t) - \mu_t y_t - \lambda_t (e_y y_t + e_b b_t - (y_t + b_t) \tau)$$

↳ FOC :  $\mu - c_y'(y_t) - \mu_t - \lambda_t (e_y - \tau) \leq 0 \quad y_t \geq 0 \quad \text{cs}$

:  $\mu - c_b'(b_t) - \lambda_t (e_b - \tau) \leq 0 \quad b_t \geq 0 \quad \text{cs}$

$$\tau \in [e_b, e_y]$$

Matching the planner and firm's FOC we see that the FB implies

$$Teb = \lambda / (\tau - eb)$$

$$\Rightarrow eb = 0 \quad (\text{otherwise subsidy}) \quad \Rightarrow \tau = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y_t = 0 \quad \text{bc we need } \frac{cy' y_t}{b_t + y_t} \leq 0$$

From we need the FOC  $y_t = 0$  to be optimal (corner solution). Thus

$$p - cy'(0) - \mu_t + Tey \leq 0 \quad \forall t$$

Besides, from the TVC  $\Rightarrow$  we need  $\mu_t = 0 \quad \forall t$

$$\Rightarrow p + Tey < cy'(0)$$

### 3/ Mustang and Civics

2 types of car drivers: economic faculty F  $\Rightarrow$  manufacturing  $C_F$  grams NO<sub>x</sub> per gasoline CF > 0 per mile

economics grad student S  $\Rightarrow$  civics  $C_S > C_F > 0$  grams NO<sub>x</sub> per gasoline CS = CF per mile

$$\tau = \text{env damage per gram NO}_x \text{ emitted}$$

$$m_F, m_S \quad \text{miles driven} \quad m(\mu + t)$$

a) Assume  $m_F(\mu + t) = m_S(\mu + t)$  same demand

$$m_F'(\mu + t) = m_S'(\mu + t)$$

FB welfare outcome  $\Leftrightarrow$  pigeon  $\Leftrightarrow$  tax = Marginal damage at optimum

We want to achieve the "FB"  $\Rightarrow$  we maximize the planner's pb

$$\max_{M_F, M_S} U_F(M_F) + U_S(M_S) - (\mu + \tau \varphi_F) c_F M_F - (\mu + \tau \varphi_S) c_S M_S$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{FOC } [M_F]: U_F'(M_F) - (\mu + \tau \varphi_F) c_F = 0$$

$$[M_S]: U_S'(M_S) - (\mu + \tau \varphi_S) c_S = 0$$

However, a simple tax  $t = \tau \varphi_F$  or  $t = \tau \varphi_S$  or any combination of the two would not allow the 2 FOC to hold simultaneously.

Let's now move to the "second best", ie the tax that minimizes the loss in welfare, taking into account how professors and students optimize (ie the planner doesn't choose  $M_F, M_S$  directly, but instead chooses  $t$  with  $M_F, M_S$  being functions of  $t$ ).

$$\max_t U_F(m_F(t)) + U_S(m_S(t)) - (\mu + \tau \varphi_F) c_F m_F(t) - (\mu + \tau \varphi_S) c_S m_S(t)$$

$\Rightarrow$  with  $M_F = M_S$  same demand:

$$U_F(m(t)) + U_S(m(t)) - (\mu + \tau \varphi_F) c_F m(t) - (\mu + \tau \varphi_S) c_S m(t)$$

$$\underline{\text{FOC}} \quad [t]: U_F' m' + U_S' m' - [(\mu + \tau \varphi_F) c_F + (\mu + \tau \varphi_S) c_S] m' = 0$$

\* The final problem  $\max_m U_F(m(t)) - (\mu + t) e_F m(t)$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{FOC } [m] : U'_F - (\mu + t) e_F = 0$$

Same for the student

$$\text{FOC } [m] U'_S - (\mu + t) e_S = 0$$

plugging in for  $U'_F, U'_S$  into the planner's FOC

$$[(\mu + t) e_F + (\mu + t) e_S] m' = [(\mu + \tau \ell_F) e_F + (\mu + \tau \ell_S) e_S] m'$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \tau \left[ \frac{\ell_F e_F + \ell_S e_S}{e_F + e_S} \right]$$

$$t = \tau \left[ \frac{\ell_F + \ell_S}{2} \right] \quad \text{as } e_F = e_S \quad \text{by assumption}$$

$\Rightarrow$  because both students and faculty have the same demand functions (same elasticity) and some starting point of consumption  $e_F = e_S$ , the tax should equally spread the burden on the two.

b) Assume  $m' < 0$   $\ell_S = 2 \ell_F$

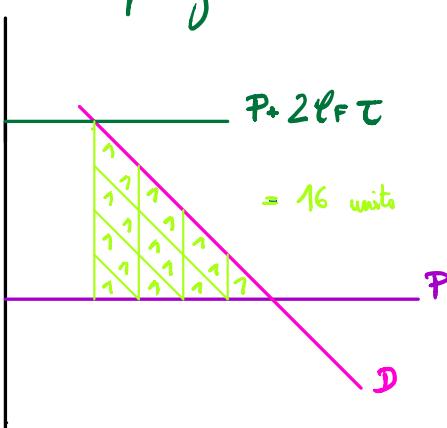
Let's compare the DWL from  $\begin{array}{lll} \cdot \text{No policy vs 1st best} \\ \cdot \text{2nd best vs 1st best} \end{array}$

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{1st best} : \text{tax on student} & = \ell_S \tau & = 2\tau \ell_F \\ & \text{Faculty} & = \ell_F \tau \end{array}$$

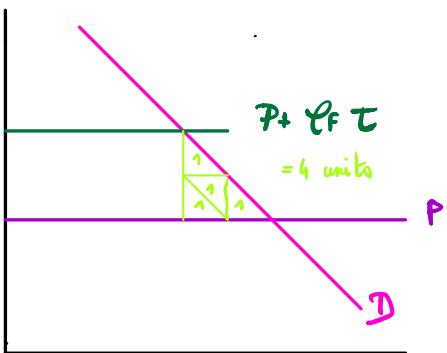
$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{2nd best (from gA)} & t = \tau \left[ \frac{\ell_F + \ell_S}{2} \right] & = \frac{3}{2} \tau \ell_F \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow 20$  units loss  
No policy

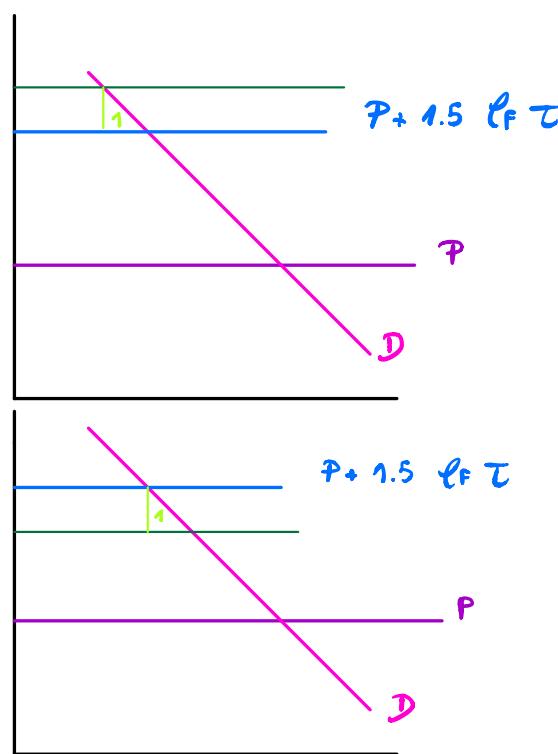
Student



Faculty



2 units loss  
2<sup>nd</sup> best  $t = 1.5 \ell_F T$



= 1 unit of loss

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\text{DWL 2<sup>nd</sup> best}}{\text{DWL No policy}} = \frac{2}{20} = \frac{1}{10} \Rightarrow \text{Recovered} = 1 - \frac{1}{10} = 90\%$$

Nb: we have the same nb of students and faculty

$\Rightarrow$  Thus we have recovered 90% of welfare through the 2<sup>nd</sup> best policy.

(I guess there was a more formal way to go but I can't figure it out...)

c)

$$m_F' = 0 \\ m_S' < 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  Faculty don't respond to the tax  $\Rightarrow$  the planner won't be able to change  $m_F$ . Instead the planner can now focus on the student.

Setting the planner's FOC to the student's FOC  $\Rightarrow t = \ell_F s$