

EXERCISE 1, Q1

$$P = 2$$

$$Q_S = 200 + 10 \cdot 2 = 220$$

$$Q_D = 300 - 10 \cdot 2 = 280$$

$$I = Q_D - Q_S = 280 - 220 = 60$$

$$PS = P \cdot S_{NS} + ((Q_S - S_{NS}) \cdot P)/2$$

In this S_{NS} is the amount supplied at $P = 0$:

$$S_{NS} = Q_{S,0} = 200$$

So producer surplus is:

$$PS = 2 \cdot 200 + [(220 - 200) \cdot 2]/2 = 420$$

$$CS = (C_{NG} \cdot Q_D)/2$$

In this case C_{NG} is the difference between P at $Q_D = 0$ and actual P :

$$Q_D = 300 - 10P \Rightarrow Q_D = 0 \Rightarrow P_0 = 30$$

$$\therefore C_{NG} = 30 - 2$$

$$CS = (28 \cdot 280)/2 = 3920$$

EXERCISE 1, Q2

$$P = 3$$

$$Q_S = 200 + 10 \cdot 3 = 230$$

$$Q_D = 300 - 10 \cdot 3 = 270$$

$$I = 270 - 230 = 40$$

$$S_{NS} = 200$$

$$PS = P \cdot S_{NS} + ((Q_S - S_{NS}) \cdot P)/2 = 3 \cdot 200 + ((230 - 200) \cdot 3)/2 = 645$$

$$C_{NG} = 30 - 3 = 27$$

$$CS = (C_{NG} \cdot Q_D)/2 = (27 \cdot 270)/2 = 3645$$

$$\Delta PS = 645 - 420 = 225$$

$$\Delta CS = 3645 - 3920 = -275$$

$$G = \text{Tariff} \cdot I = 1 \cdot 40 = 40$$

Welfare change is -10, we have a welfare reduction of 10

EXERCISE 1, Q3

Before the tariff $Q_S = 220$ so the social benefit is $220^2/1000 = 48.4$

After the tariff $Q_S = 230$ so the social benefit is $230^2/1000 = 52.9$

So we have $\Delta \text{socialbenefit} = 52.9 - 48.4 = 4.5$

The welfare change when we excluded social benefits was -10, with the social benefits the welfare change is instead -5.5

Exercise 2

(1) Median of Group Value $J = \{0, 1, \dots, 100\}$ is 50. Therefore the median voter has an ideal rate of protection of 50%. Candidates B and T will continuously undercut each other until both of them support 50% tariff

(2)

(i) Total welfare at 100% protection is: $1000000 + (30000 - 1000 \cdot 49.5) \cdot 100 = -950,000$

(ii) Groups pay to fabricate fake news if benefit > cost. For group $j = 100$, they will pay for fabrication since at $j=100$ the benefit = $10000000 > 31000 = \text{cost}$. For groups $j \neq 100$, we have that the benefit is $30000 - 1000j < 31000$

so benefit < cost for $j \neq 100$.

The only group that is willing to pay for fake news in this case is the $j = 100$ group.

Although a 20% level of protection is what the median voter preferences, we have a collective action problem where individual groups won't pay for what they are collectively better off with