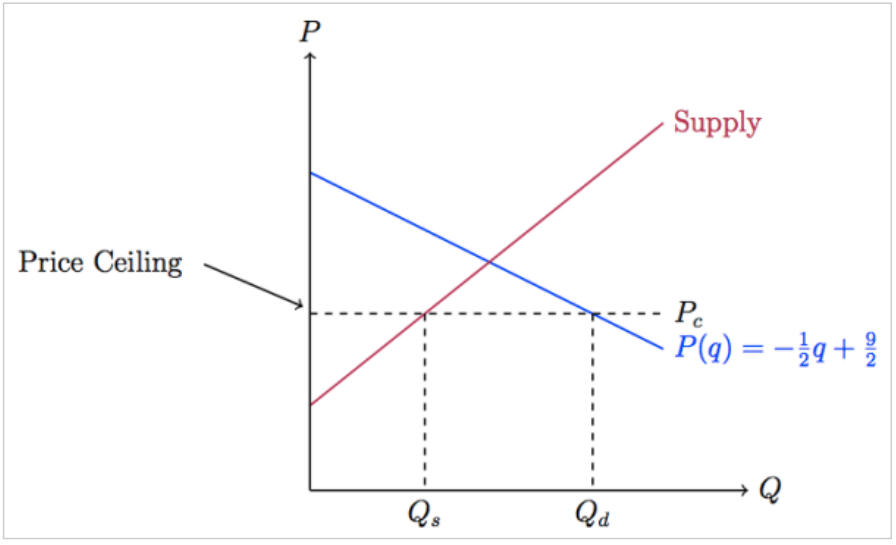
TikZ diagrams for economists: A price ceiling

I have been dabbling with the **TikZ package** to create some diagrams relevant to a first year microeconomics course. The following diagram of a price ceiling may be useful to others wishing to integrate similar diagrams into their LaTeX documents or Beamer presentations. To use, insert the following code anywhere you like within a .tex document (you must include `\usepackage{tikz}` in your header):



This diagram was created with the TikZ package in LaTeX.

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\begin{tikzpicture}[domain=0:5,scale=1,thick]
\usetikzlibrary{calc}   %allows coordinate calculations.

%Define linear parameters for supply and demand
\def\dint{4.5}          %Y-intercept for DEMAND.
\def\dslp{-0.5}         %Slope for DEMAND.
\def\sint{1.2}          %Y-intercept for SUPPLY.
\def\sslp{0.8}          %Slope for SUPPLY.

\def\pfc{2.5}           %Price floor or ceiling

\def\demand{\x,{\dslp*\x+\dint}}
\def\supply{\x,{\sslp*\x+\sint}}

% Define coordinates.
    \coordinate (ints) at ({(\si                                dint)/(\dslp-\sslp)*\sslp+\sint});
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% DEMAND
    \draw[thick,color=blue] plot                                frac{1}{2}q+\frac{9}{2}$};

% SUPPLY
    \draw[thick,color=purple] pl

% Draw axes, and dotted equilibr
    \draw[->] (0,0) -- (6.2,0) r
    \draw[->] (0,0) -- (0,6.2) node[above] {$P$};

    %Price floor and ceiling lines
    \draw[dashed,color=black] plot (\x,{\pfc}) node[right] {$P_c$};
    \draw[dashed] (pfp) -- (pfq) node[below] {$Q_d$};
    \draw[dashed] (sfp) -- (sfq) node[below] {$Q_s$};

\draw[->,baseline=5] ($(0,{\pfc})+(-1.5,0.7)$) node[label= left:Price Ceiling] {} -- ($(0,{\pfc})+(-.1,0.1)$);

\end{tikzpicture}
```


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