



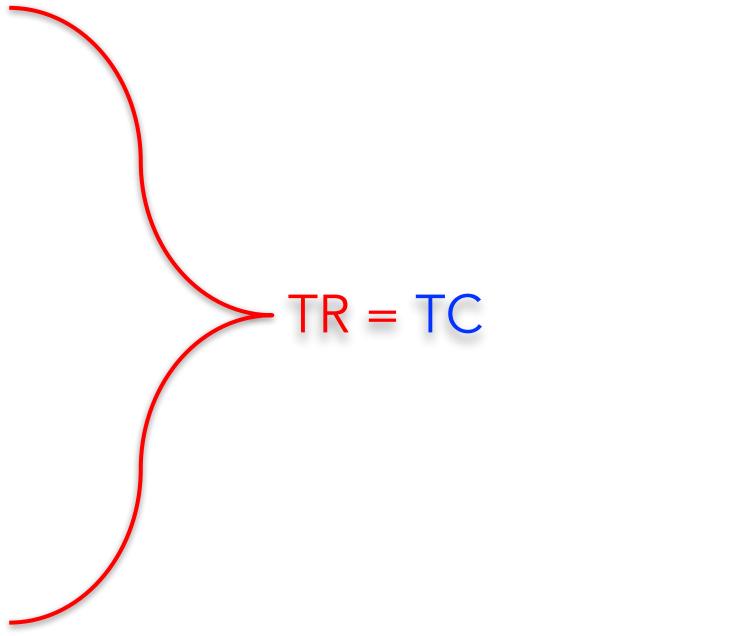


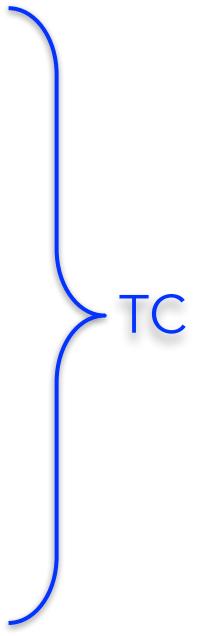
If VC < TR = TC

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## The firm breaks even: The Loss if the firm produce q\* is zero

When the price is too low, the firm must decide whether it should produce at a loss or shut down





## The loss if the firm shuts down = FC

In the short run, the firm should produce q\* to break even instead of shutting down and incurring a loss



## The firm is indifferent between exiting the industry and producing q\*

in the long run

When the price is too low, the firm must decide whether it should produce at a loss or shut down

