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Consumer Surplus

525 - 280 = 245



280

What the consumer actually pays for 7 hours

If the price is \$40 per unit 40

Willingness to pay for 7 hours of cell service = \$525

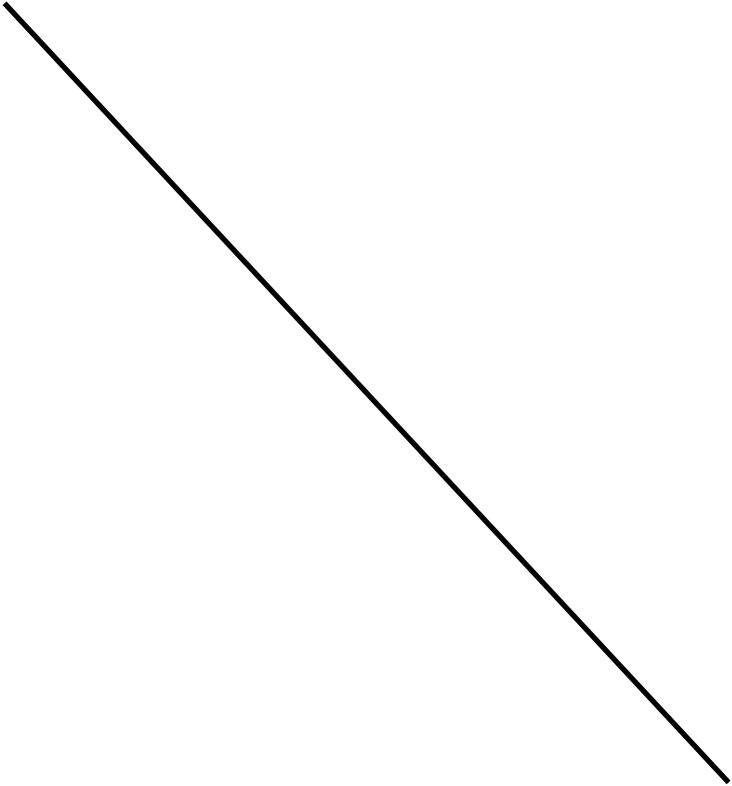
\$525

Consumer Actually pays \$40 x 7

\$280

\$245

The difference between "value" to the consumer and what s/he actually pays is Consumer Surplus





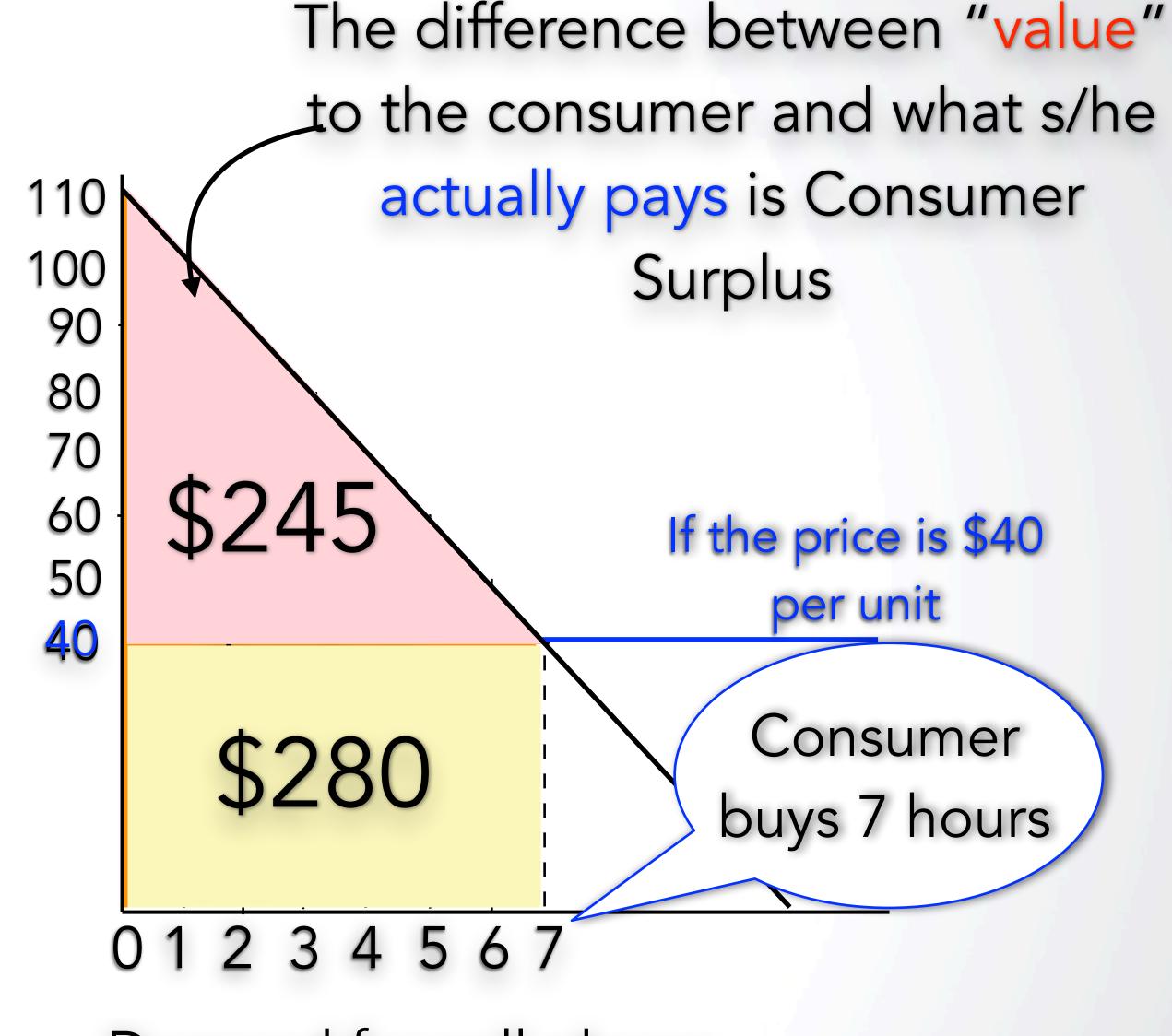


Consumer buys 7 hours

Consumer Surplus

Value of 7 hours to consumer

What the consumer actually pays for 7 hours



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