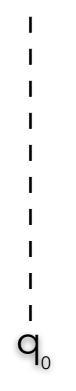


$ATC \times q_0 = TC$



Price $x q_0 = TR$

Loss if the firm	Less	
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Loss if the firm shuts down = FC





















































































































































In this case, the firm should produce q₀ to break even instead of shutting down and incurring a loss



Loss if the firm shuts down = FC









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If the Price = ATC the firm breaks even

Loss if the firm produce $q_0 = zero$

To minimize the loss, the firm must produce q

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

Rule: To choose the loss minimizing output level the firm chooses q where MC = MR

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