

Year	Price X	Quantity X	Price Y	Quantity Y	Price Z	Quantity Z	Nominal GDP
1	1	100	0.5	50	0.6	10	$(1 \times 100) + (0.5 \times 50) + (0.6 \times 10) = 131$
2	2	100	1	50	1.2	10	$(2 \times 100) + (1 \times 50) + (1.2 \times 10) = 262$
3	4	100	2	50	2.4	10	$(4 \times 100) + (2 \times 50) + (2.4 \times 10) = 524$
4	8	100	4	50	4.8	10	$(8 \times 100) + (4 \times 50) + (4.8 \times 10) = 1,048$

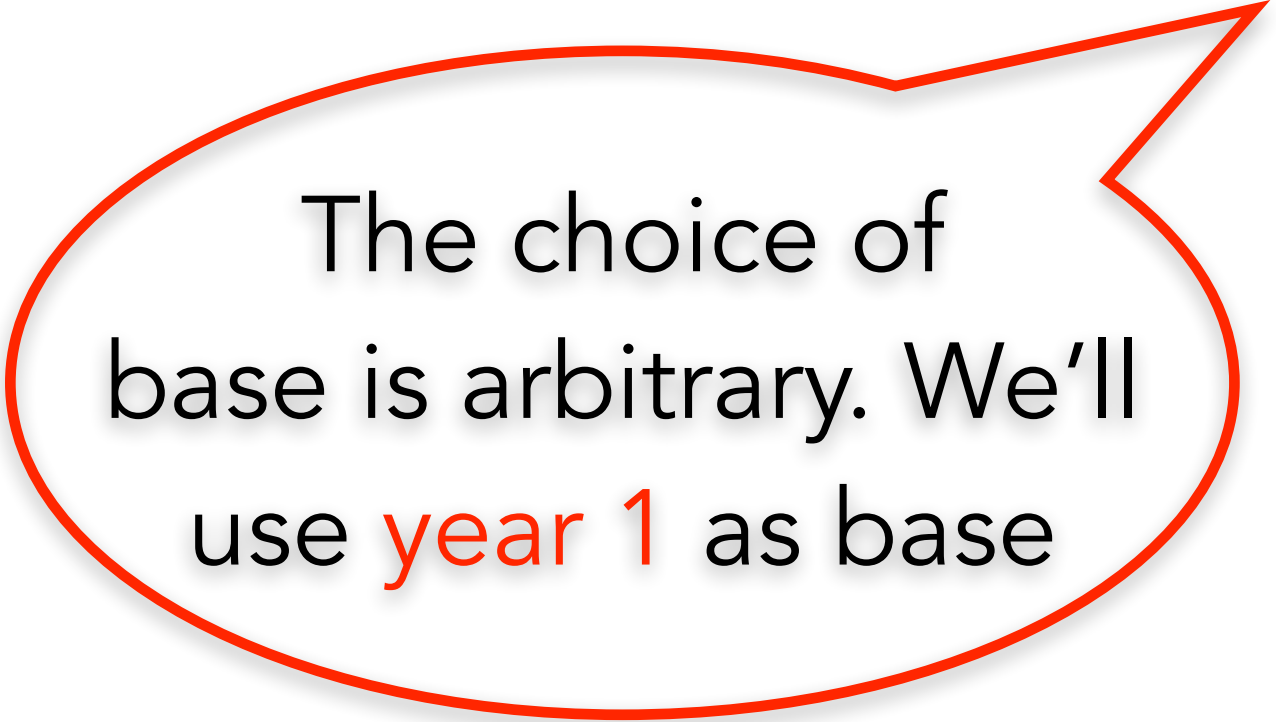


Quantities
produced are the
same


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Real GDP tells us
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same

To calculate **Real** GDP first
we choose a "**base**" year



The choice of
base is arbitrary. We'll
use **year 1** as base

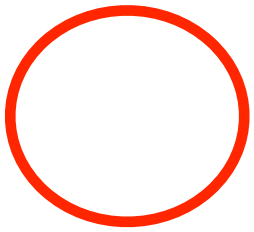
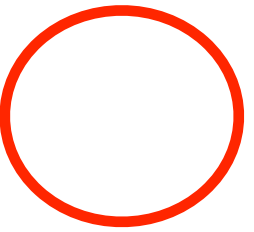
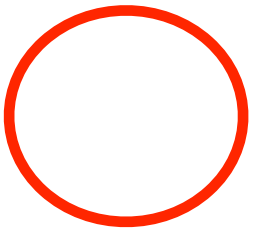


Pretend that prices
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$$\text{Real GDP} = P_{x\text{base}}Q_x + P_{y\text{base}}Q_y + P_{z\text{base}}Q_z$$

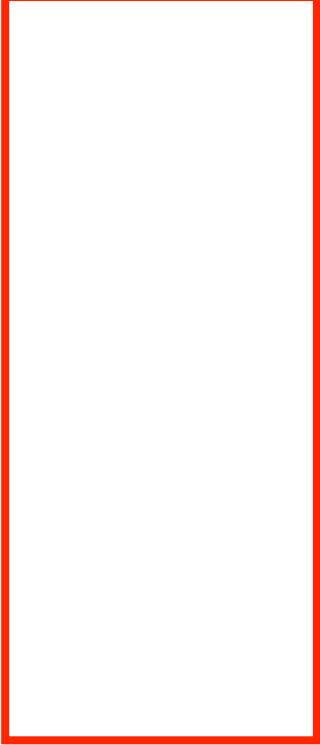
Real GDP

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Real GDP= $P_{xbase}Q_x + P_{ybase}Q_y + P_{zbase}Q_z$

Year	Price X	Quantity X	Price Y	Quantity Y	Price Z	Quantity Z	Real GDP	
1	1	100	0.5	50	0.6	10	$(1 \times 100) + (0.5 \times 50) + (0.6 \times 10) =$	131
2	1	100	0.5	50	0.6	10	$(1 \times 100) + (0.5 \times 50) + (0.6 \times 10) =$	131
3	1	100	0.5	50	0.6	10	$(1 \times 100) + (0.5 \times 50) + (0.6 \times 10) =$	131
4	1	100	0.5	50	0.6	10	$(1 \times 100) + (0.5 \times 50) + (0.6 \times 10) =$	131

Quantities produced are the same

Real GDP tells us that production is the same

If Prices **rise**

Year	Price X	Quantity X	Price Y	Quantity Y	Price Z	Quantity Z	Nominal GDP
1	1	100	0.5	50	0.6	10	$(1 \times 100) + (0.5 \times 50) + (0.6 \times 10) = 131$
2	2	110	1	60	1.2	20	$(2 \times 100) + (1 \times 50) + (1.2 \times 10) = 304$
3	4	120	2	70	2.4	30	$(4 \times 100) + (2 \times 50) + (2.4 \times 10) = 692$
4	8	130	4	80	4.8	40	$(8 \times 100) + (4 \times 50) + (4.8 \times 10) = 1,552$