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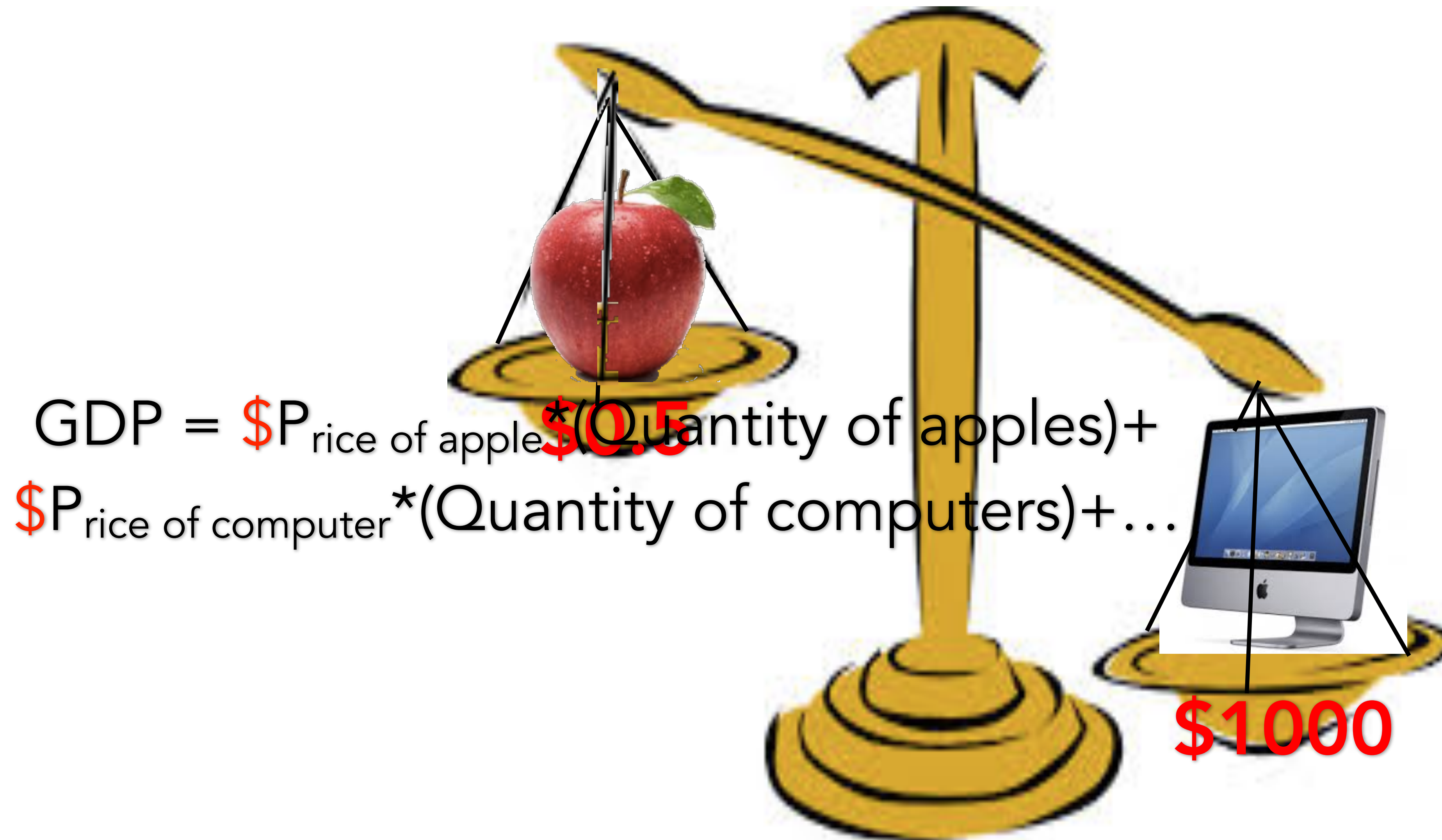
\$1000



$$\text{GDP} = \$P_{\text{rice of apple}} * (\text{Quantity of apples}) + \\ \$P_{\text{rice of computer}} * (\text{Quantity of computers}) + \dots$$



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GDP = Dollar value of new, final goods and  
services produced