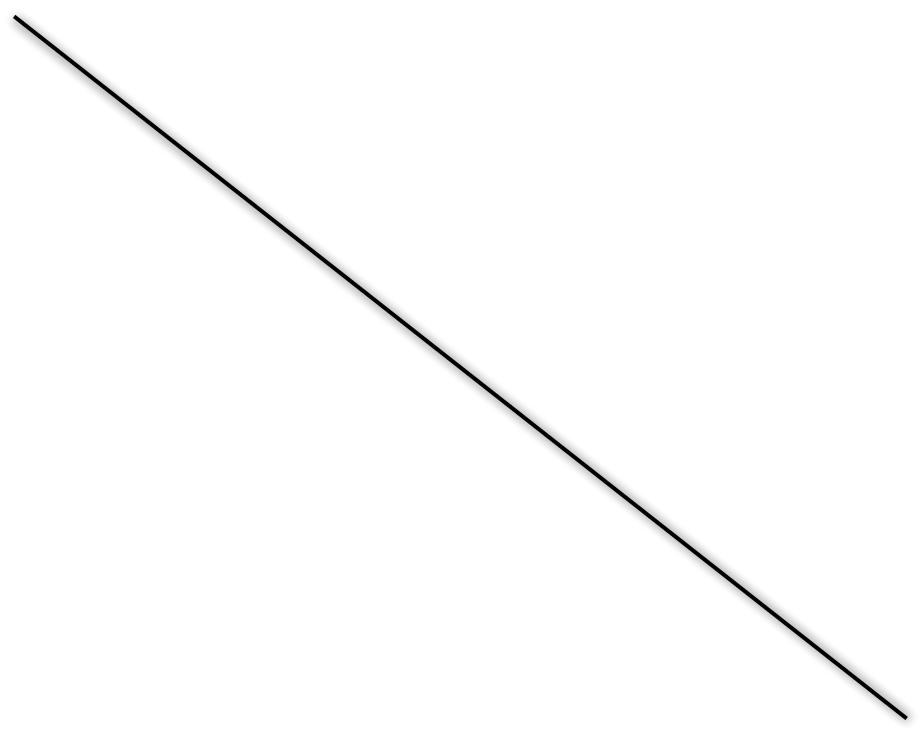






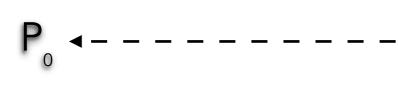


To Maximize Profit, the Cartel must produce Q





MC = MR - - - - - - - -





If the quantity that reaches the market is Q, each member gets this price per unit sold: P





















































































Each member must produce only a portion of this total

If any member produces more than its allotted quota, the quantity reaching the market would be higher than Q

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...and the price for ALL members will be lower than P

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