





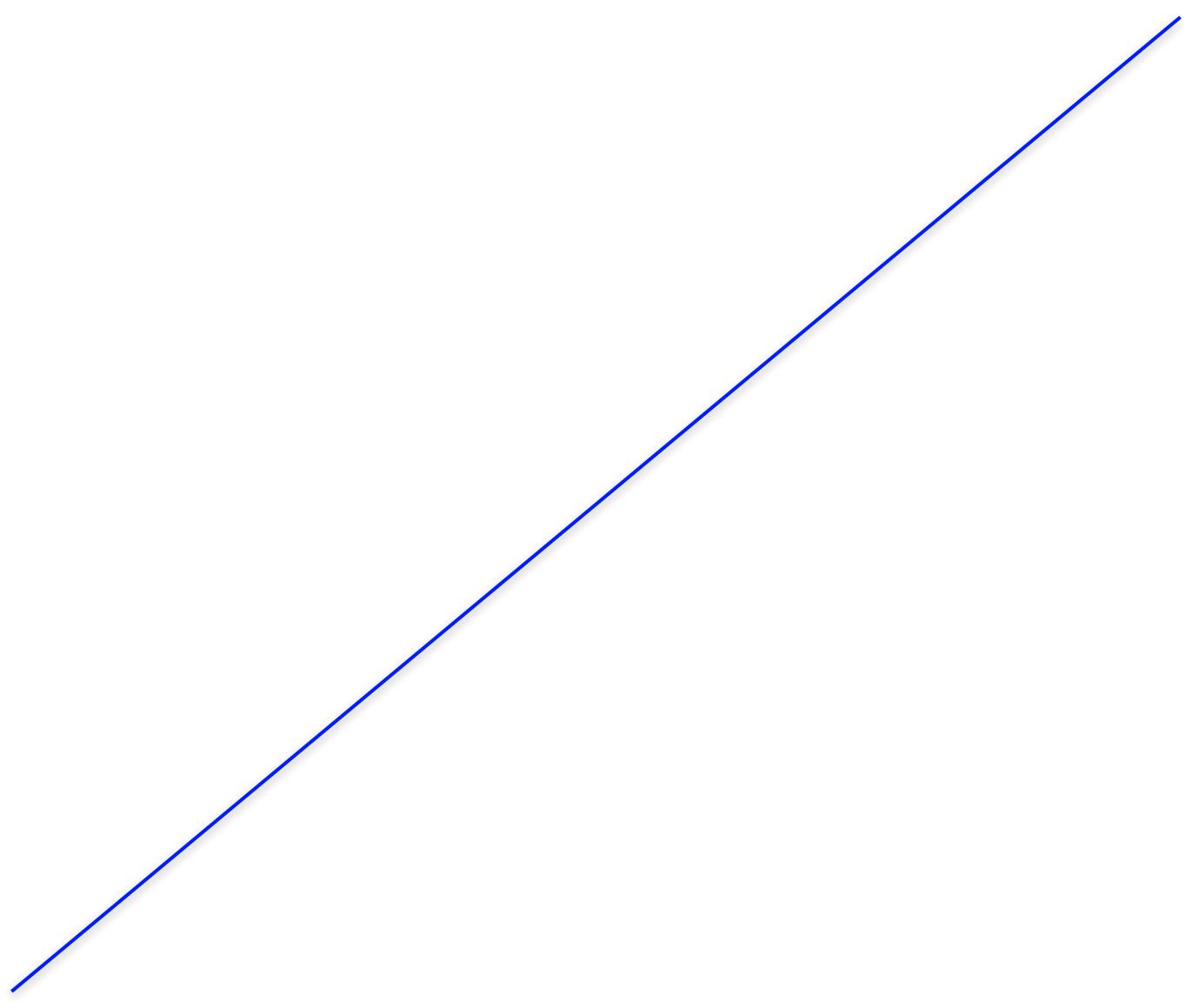


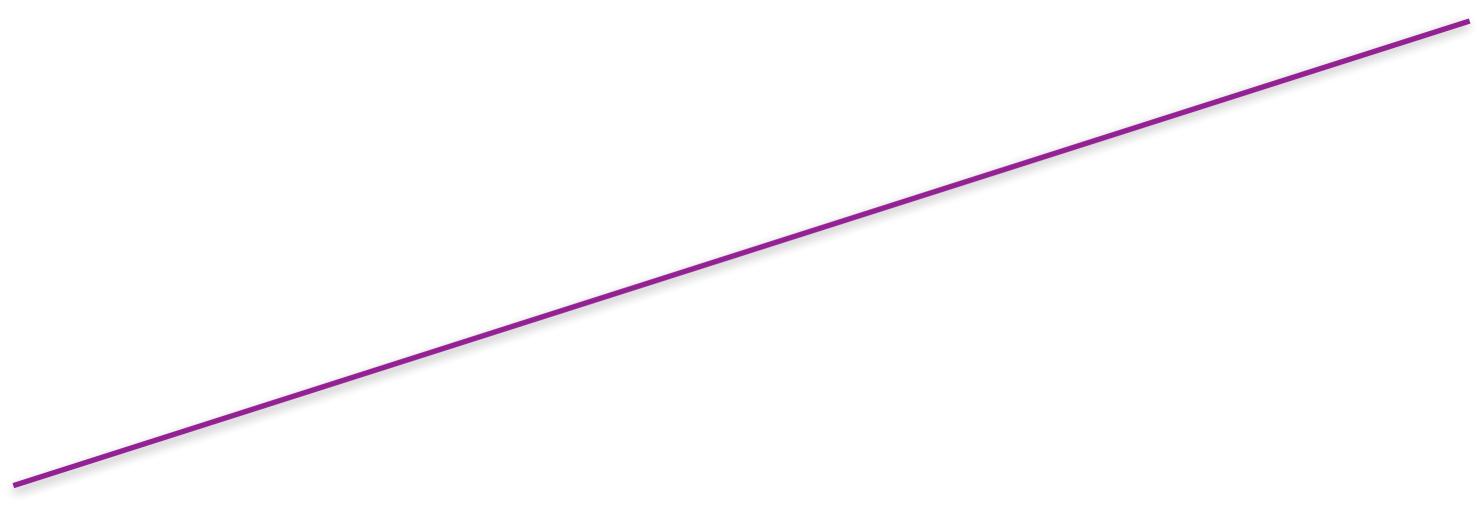
Total Production

Inventories Decrease

Inventories Increase





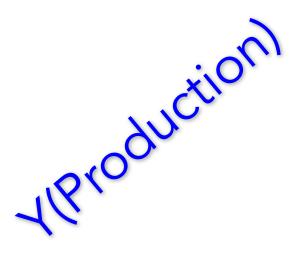


Total Production (Y*)





AE(above)



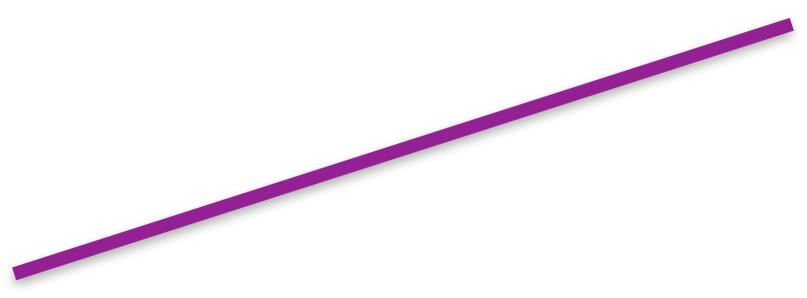
AE(below)

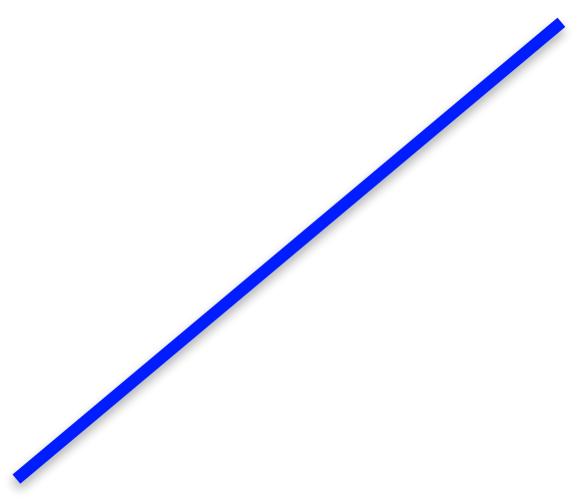
Production

Where the two lines cross: The distance to the 45° line (production) is the same as the distance to the AE line (total sold)

For any output level below Y*

For any output level above Y*





increase in inventories

Y - AF= drop in inventories

Firms could not sell all production: Inventories increase

Firms sold goods that were in inventory: inventories drop

AE > Y Firms sold more than they produced

AE = Y* Firmssold exactly what they produced

No change in inventories



AE < YFirms sold less than they produced

