

Equilibrium of Supply and Demand

$S(x)$ = supply function

$S(x)$ = amount of product that suppliers are willing to produce when the price is x dollars

When price increases, supply _____; slope is _____

$D(x)$ = demand function

$D(x)$ = amount of product that consumers are willing to buy when the price is x dollars.

When price increases, demand _____; slope is _____.

Equilibrium occurs when Supply = Demand

- 1) Set supply function = demand function
- 2) Solve for x to find price when supply = demand
- 3) Substitute equilibrium price into supply function or demand function to find amount of the produce that is produced by suppliers and bought by consumers at the equilibrium point

A company makes and sells cardboard puzzles and wooden puzzles for children.

x = the price of puzzles y = the number of puzzles

For wooden puzzles:

the supply function is $y = S(x) = 80x - 900$ and the demand function is $y = D(X) = 1200 - 70x$

- a. How many wooden puzzles are they able to make when the price is \$15?
How many wooden puzzles are consumers willing to buy when the price is \$15?
Does supply exceed demand or does demand exceed supply?
- b. How many wooden puzzles are they able to make when the price is \$12?
How many wooden puzzles are consumers willing to buy when the price is \$12?
Does supply exceed demand or does demand exceed supply?
- c. Find the equilibrium point
- d. Graph the supply and demand functions and label the (x,y) coordinates of the equilibrium point.
- e. For every \$1 increase in price, what happens to the supply of wooden puzzles?
- f. For every \$1 increase in price, what happens to the demand for wooden puzzles?

For cardboard puzzles:

the supply function is $y = S(x) = 60x - 120$ and the demand function is $y = D(X) = 480 - 40x$

- a. How many cardboard puzzles are they willing to make when the price is \$4?
How many cardboard puzzles are consumers willing to buy when the price is \$4?
Does supply exceed demand or does demand exceed supply?
- b. How many cardboard puzzles are they able to make when the price is \$7?
How many cardboard puzzles are consumers willing to buy when the price is \$7?
Does supply exceed demand or does demand exceed supply?
- c. Find the equilibrium point
- d. Graph the supply and demand functions and label the (x,y) coordinates of the equilibrium point.
- e. For every \$1 increase in price, what happens to the supply of cardboard puzzles?
- f. For every \$1 increase in price, what happens to the demand for cardboard puzzles?