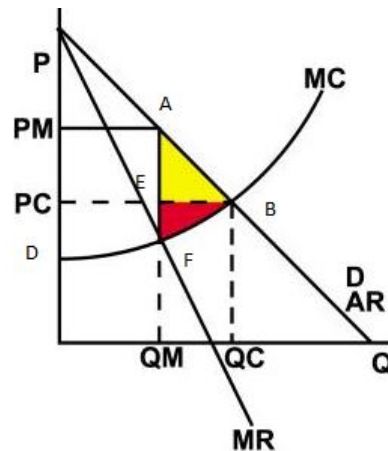


MONOPOLY

SOCIAL COST OF MONOPOLIST:

$P=MC$: in perfectly competitive market

$MR=MC$: in monopoly market



Monopoly price is greater than perfectly competitive price with lower output. MC is supply curve of perfectly competitive market. Consumer Surplus (CS) is the area above price line & below demand curve. Producer Surplus (PS) is the area below price line & above supply curve.

Loss in CS due to monopoly market is PMABPC out of it PMAEPC area is monopolist's sales revenue.

Loss in PS due to monopoly market is EBF

So, Monopoly sales revenue is PMAFD (below monopoly price & above MC curve area)

Dead weight loss (DWL) due to loss to CS is ABE

Dead weight loss (DWL) due to loss to PS is EBF

Total DWL= ABF which is social cost of monopolist that never comes back to the society.

So it is net loss to the society.

MONOPOLY

MONOPOLY TAXATION:

1. IMPOSITION OF LUMP SUM TAX (T):

Let lump sum tax = T which is positive & constant

Before imposition of tax, $TC = W.L + R.K$

After imposition of tax, $TC = W.L + R.K + T$

Profit, $\pi = TR - TC$

$d\pi/dQ = 0 = d(TR)/dQ - d(TC)/dQ$

$= MR - MC = 0$

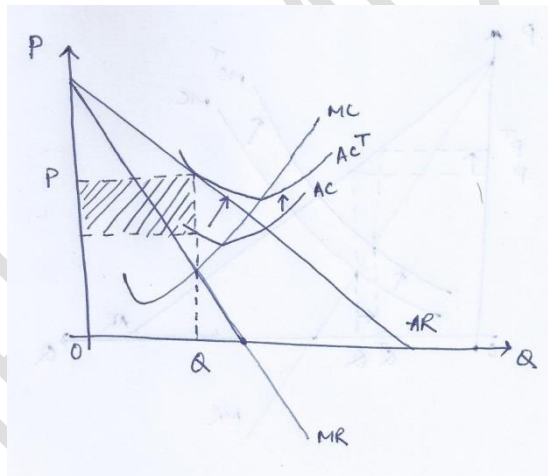
$MR = MC$

Monopoly equilibrium is unaffected

Before imposition of tax, $AC = TC/Q$

After imposition of tax, $AC = (TC + T)/Q = TC/Q + T/Q = AC + T/Q$

Here MC will remain unchanged but AC will shift by amount of lumpsum tax & therefore supernormal profit reduces to normal profit



MONOPOLY

2. IMPOSITION OF UNIT TAX($T=t.Q$):

If government imposes an unit tax on per unit of output then $T=t.Q$ where $0 < t < 1$

Before imposition of tax, $TC=W.L+R.K$

After imposition of tax, $TC=W.L+R.K+t.Q$

Profit, $\pi = TR - TC$

$d\pi/dQ = 0 = d(TR)/dQ - d(TC)/dQ$

$= d(TR)/dQ - d(W.L)/dQ - t.dQ/dQ = 0$

$= MR - MC - t = 0$

$= MR = (MC + t)$

This is the equilibrium condition after imposition of unit tax

As MC increases to MC^t then equilibrium condition changes & price increases to P^t & quantity decreases to Q^t

