Competitive Market

Type of Market

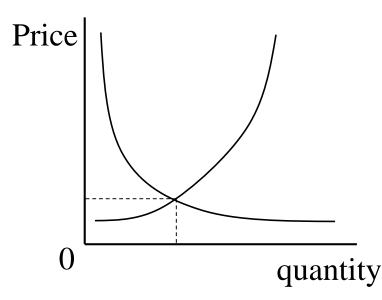
• Pure Competitive Market (完全競争市場)

- There are many small competitors.

- Oligopolistic Market (寡占市場)
 - There are several competitors in the market, but not so many as to regard each of them as having a negligible effect on price.
- Pure Monopoly Market (独占市場)
 There is only one large firm in the market.

Pure Competitive Market

• All of the households and the firms in market are price-taker.



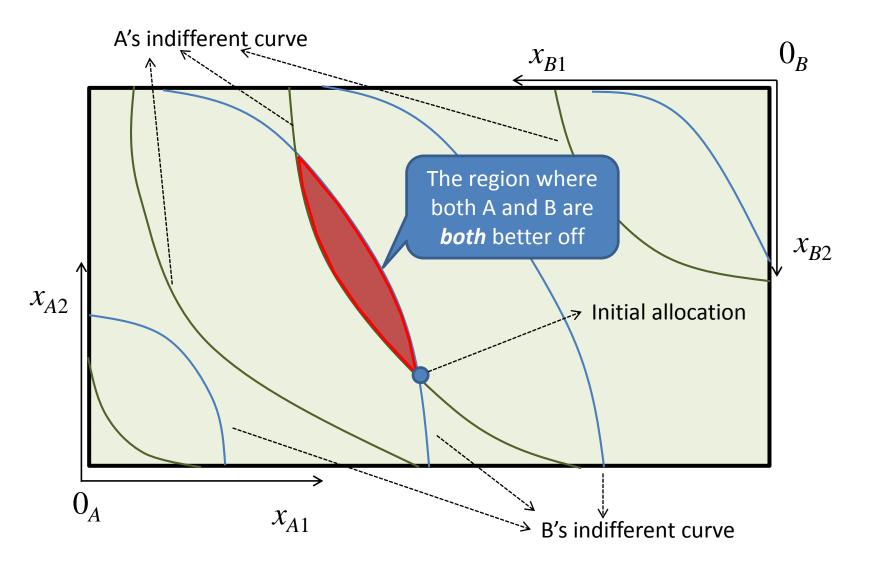
Is this system efficient?

Efficiency

• Pareto Efficient Allocation (パレート効率的配分)

A Pareto efficient allocation can be described as an allocation where there is no way to make some individual better off without making someone else worse off

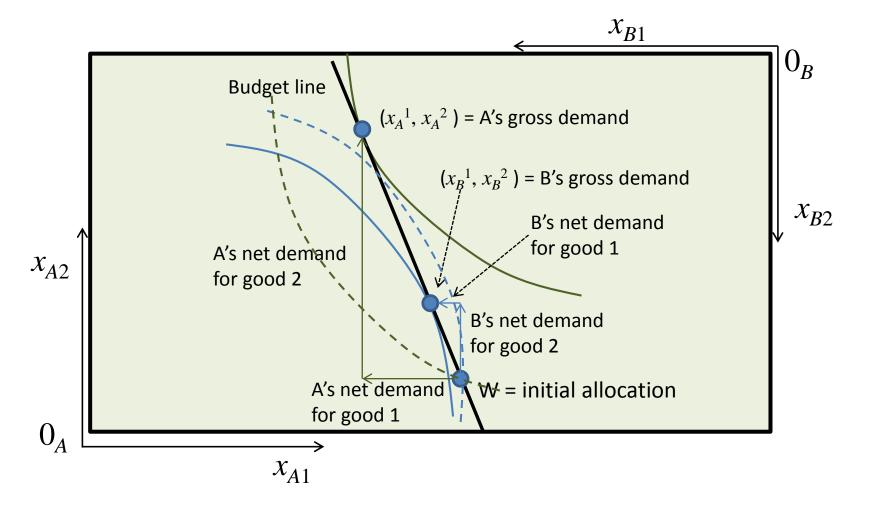
Edgeworth box (エッジワース ボックス)

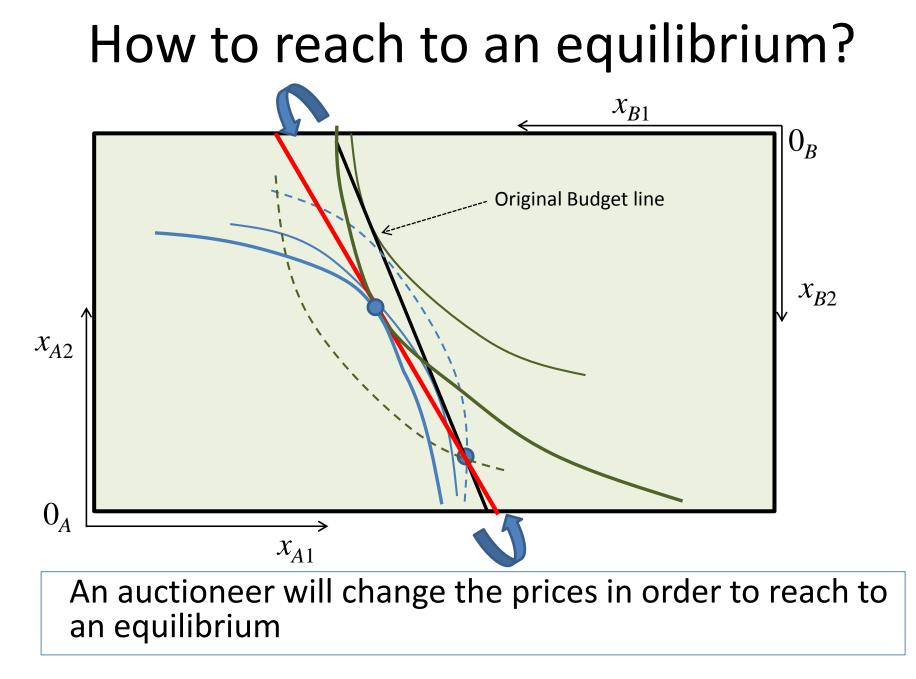


Pareto Set Pareto Efficient Allocation 0_B x_{B1} x_{B2} \mathbf{V} x_{A2} **Pareto Set** 0_A x_{A1} Which equilibrium on Pareto Set will be realised?

Gross demands and net demands

(粗需要と純需要(超過需要))





Walrasian Equilibrium

(ワルラス均衡)

Definition

A set of prices such that each consumer is choosing his or her most-preferred affordable bound, and all consumer's choices are compatible in the sense that demand equals supply in every market

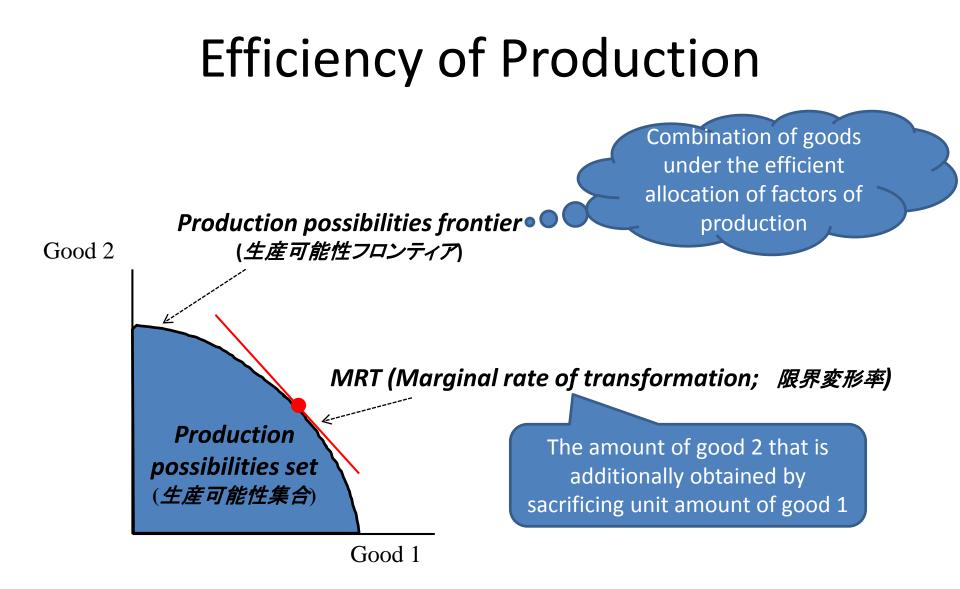
 Note that at the equilibrium, the combination of prices make all the excess demands equals to zero.

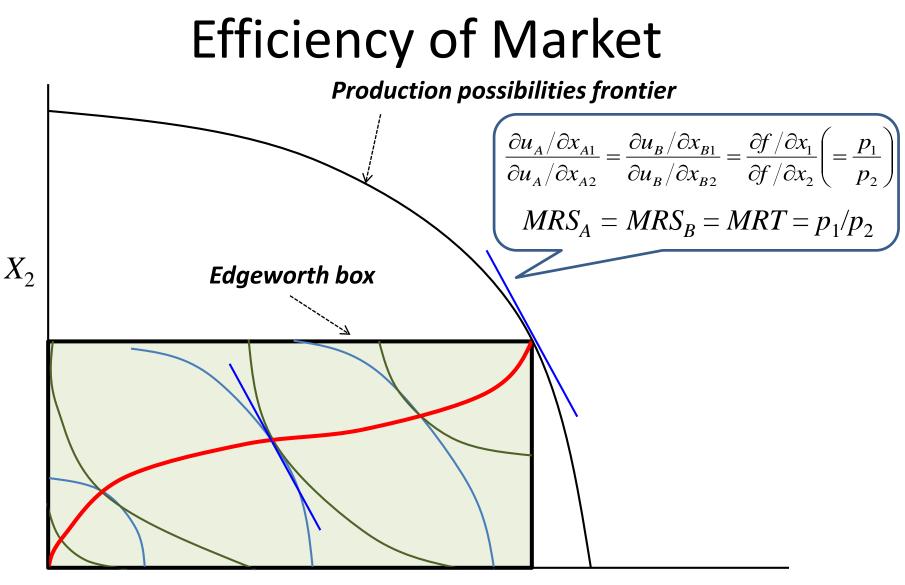
Walras' Law (ワルラスの法則)

$$p_1 z_1(p_1, p_2) + p_2 z_2(p_1, p_2) = 0$$

where

$$z_1(p_1, p_2) = x_A^1(p_1, p_2) + x_B^1(p_1, p_2) - \omega_A^1 - \omega_B^1$$
 (aggregate excess demand)





Fundamental Theorem of Welfare Economics (厚生経済学の基本定理)

 First Fundamental Theorem of Welfare Economics

The equilibrium allocation in pure competitive market is Pareto efficient. $(MRS_A = MRS_B = MRT)$

• Second Fundamental Theorem of Welfare Economics

If economy has **convex environment**, then there exists a price vector such that **any Pareto efficient allocation is a market equilibrium** under an appropriate assignment of endowments.

Consumer's Surplus (消費者余剰)

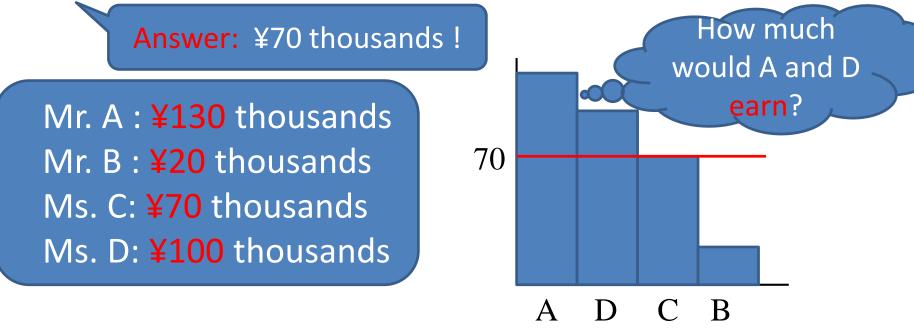
• Evaluation of Benefit

Cost-benefit analysis (費用便益分析)

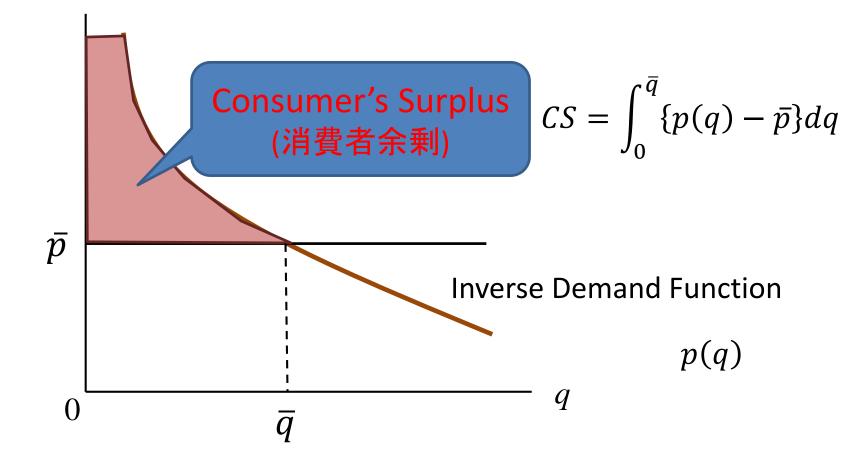
- Consumer's Surplus
 - The difference between the maximum price a consumer is willing to pay and the actual price they do pay

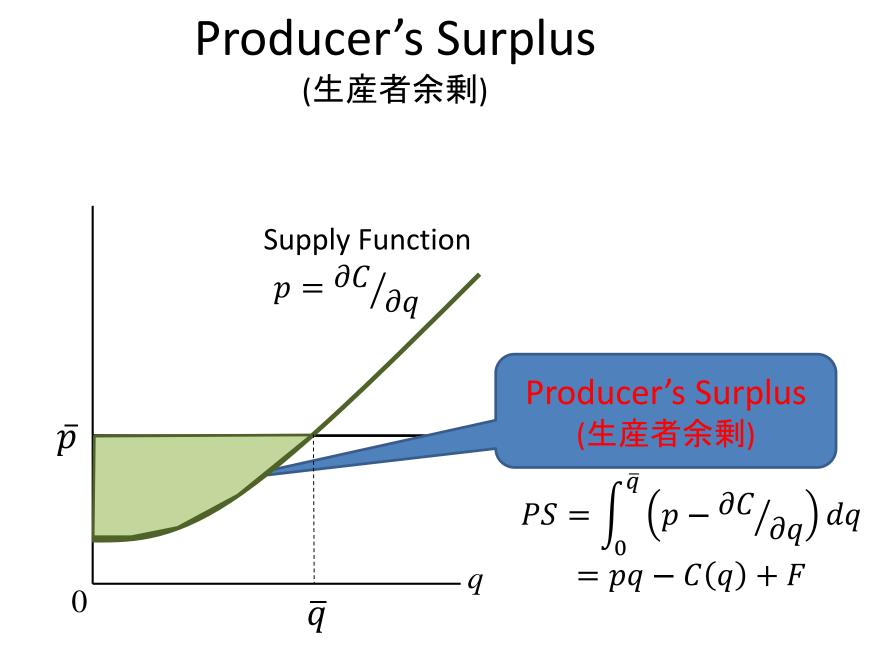
Consumer's Surplus (消費者余剰)

Suppose you have three computers and your friends are willing to pay following amount of money to get the computer. How much do you price your computer?

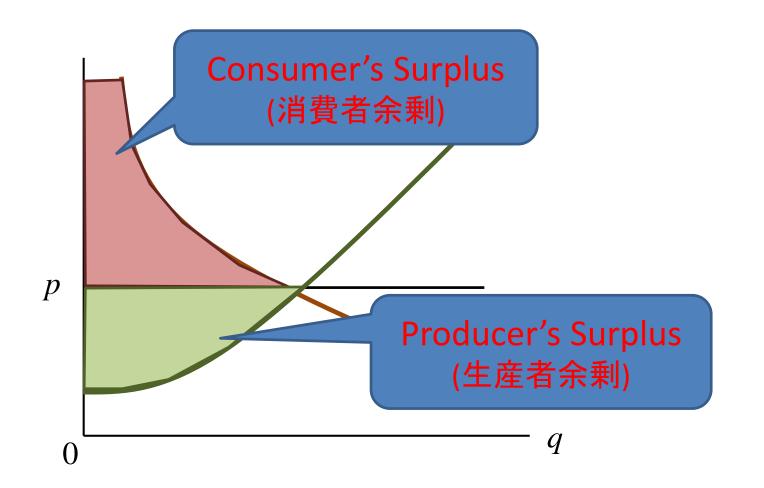


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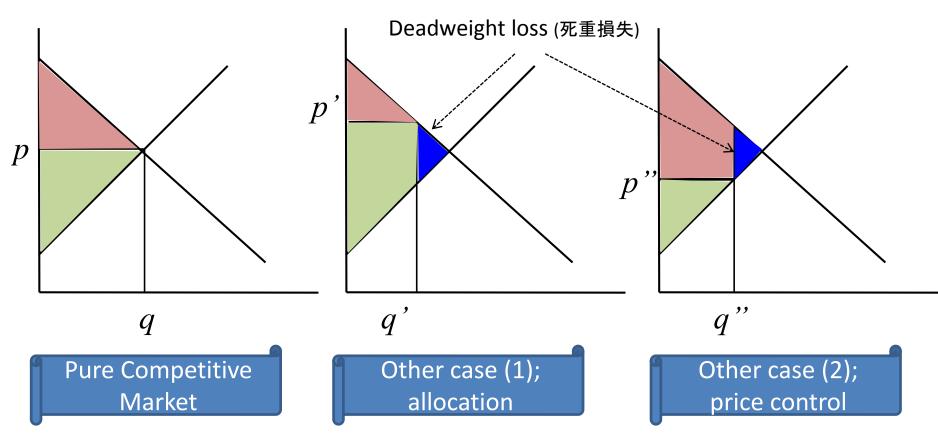




Social Surplus (社会的余剰)

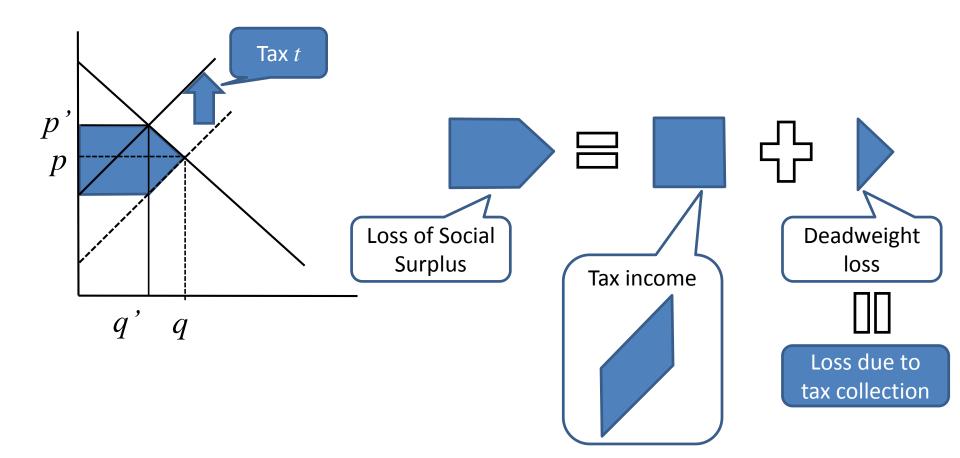


Efficiency at Pure Competitive Market



• Efficiency is measured by Social Surplus

Introducing consumption tax



Market Failure

• Externality (外部性)

A person's behaviour affects others' welfare. e.g.) road congestion, air pollution

• Public goods (公共財)

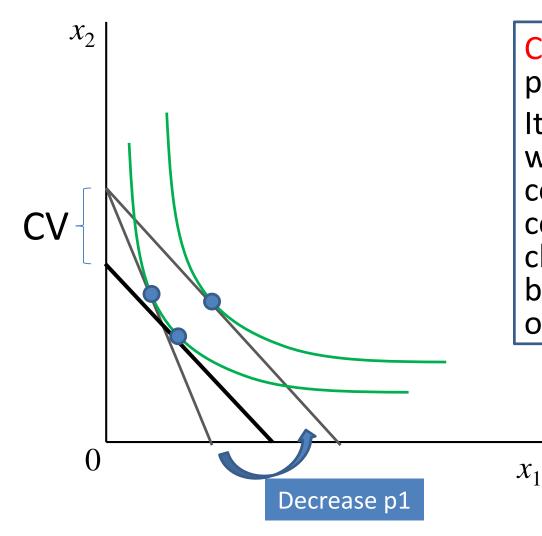
A good which is not provided at the market e.g.) national defence, administrative service

• Market power (市場支配力)

A power which affects market price

e.g.) monopoly

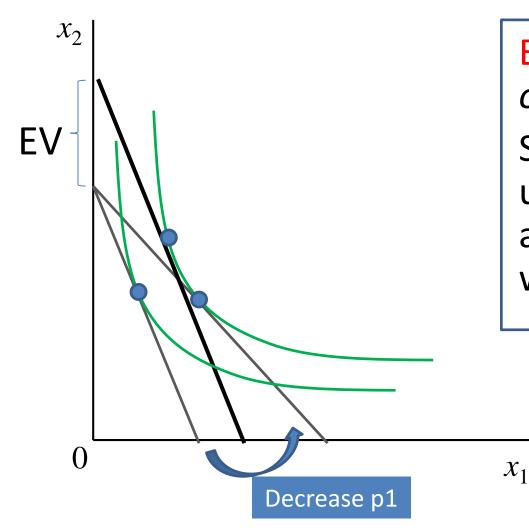
Compensating Variations (補償変分)



CV is measured in *new* price.

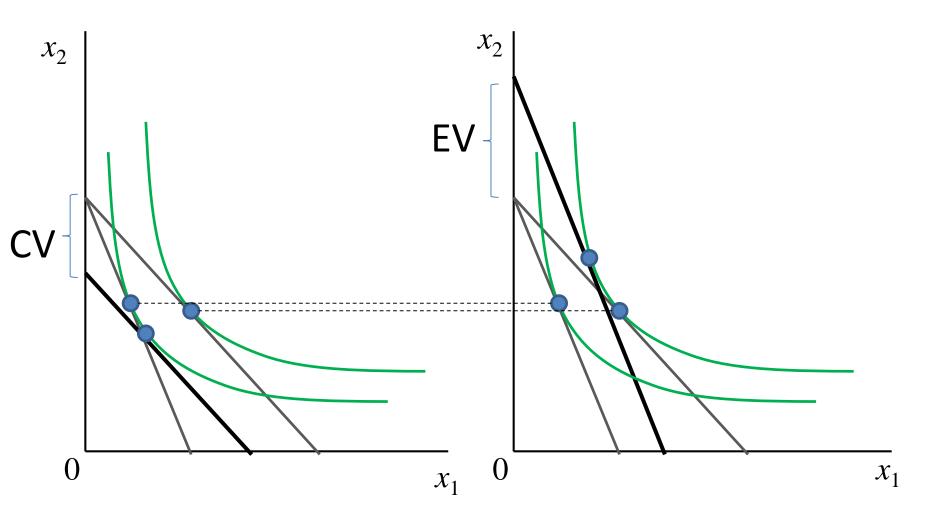
It is the amount of money which the planner must compensate the consumer for the price change after it occurs, bringing her back to her original utility level.

Equivalent Variations (等価変分)



EV is measured in *original* price. She may gain the same utility if she have additional income EV with the original price.

Comparison between CV and EV



CV, EV, and Consumer Surplus(CS)

- EV or CV should be used for the evaluation of the benefit because these are measured in the framework of general equilibrium
 - Difficulty in the estimation of utility function and/or demand function
- CS is widely used in practical settings
 CS is based upon partial equilibrium framework
- EV, CV, and CS are equal each other for special type of utility function; e.g., quasi-linear utility