

Answer on Question #60524, Economics / Microeconomics

Question

Given the following information:

$$P = 20 - 2Q$$

$$MC = AC = 4$$

- Determine the profit-maximizing output and price charged by a monopolist.
- Determine the competitive price and output.
- Graphically illustrate and calculate the deadweight loss due to the monopoly.

Answer

- Under monopoly, $MR = MC$. Therefore, $MR = 20 - 4Q = 4$, so $Q_m = 4$ and $P_m = 12$.
- Under competition, $P_c = AC = 4$ and $Q_c = 8$.
- The deadweight loss is $(1/2)(P_m - P_c)(Q_m - Q_c) = 16$.

