

# 경제수학 제 2 장

## 경제학에 쓰이는 방정식들

# 수요와 공급

- We plot supply and demand with  $P$  on the vertical axis
- Before plotting a supply or demand function, write it so that  $P$  is on the left,  $Q$  is on the right

# 시장균형 (Market Equilibrium)

- Market equilibrium occurs when the quantity supplied equals the quantity demanded of a good
- The supply and demand curves cross at the equilibrium price and quantity
- You can read off approximate equilibrium values from the graph
- Solving algebraically for the point where the demand and supply equations are equal gives exact values

# Cost–Volume–Profit (CVP) Analysis

- Two simplifying assumptions are made: namely that price and average variable costs are both fixed

$$\pi = P.Q - (FC + VC) = P.Q - FC - VC$$

- Multiplying both sides of the expression for AVC by  $Q$  we obtain

$$AVC.Q = VC \quad \text{and substituting this}$$

$$\pi = P.Q - FC - AVC.Q$$

# Special Assumptions of CVP Analysis

- $P$  is fixed
- $AVC$  is fixed
- $\pi$  is a function of  $Q$  but  $P$ ,  $FC$ , and  $AVC$  are not
- We can write the inverse function expressing  $Q$  as a function of  $\pi$
- Adding  $FC$  to both sides gives

$$\pi + FC = P.Q - AVC.Q$$

- Interchanging the sides we obtain

$$P.Q - AVC.Q = \pi + FC$$

# Solving for Desired Sales Level

- $Q$  is a factor of both terms on the left so we may write
- $Q(P - AVC) = \pi + FC$
- Dividing through by  $(P - AVC)$  gives
- $Q = (\pi + FC)/(P - AVC)$
- If the firm's accountant can estimate  $FC$ ,  $P$  and  $AVC$ , substituting these together with the target level of profit,  $\pi$ , gives the desired sales level

# Linear Equations

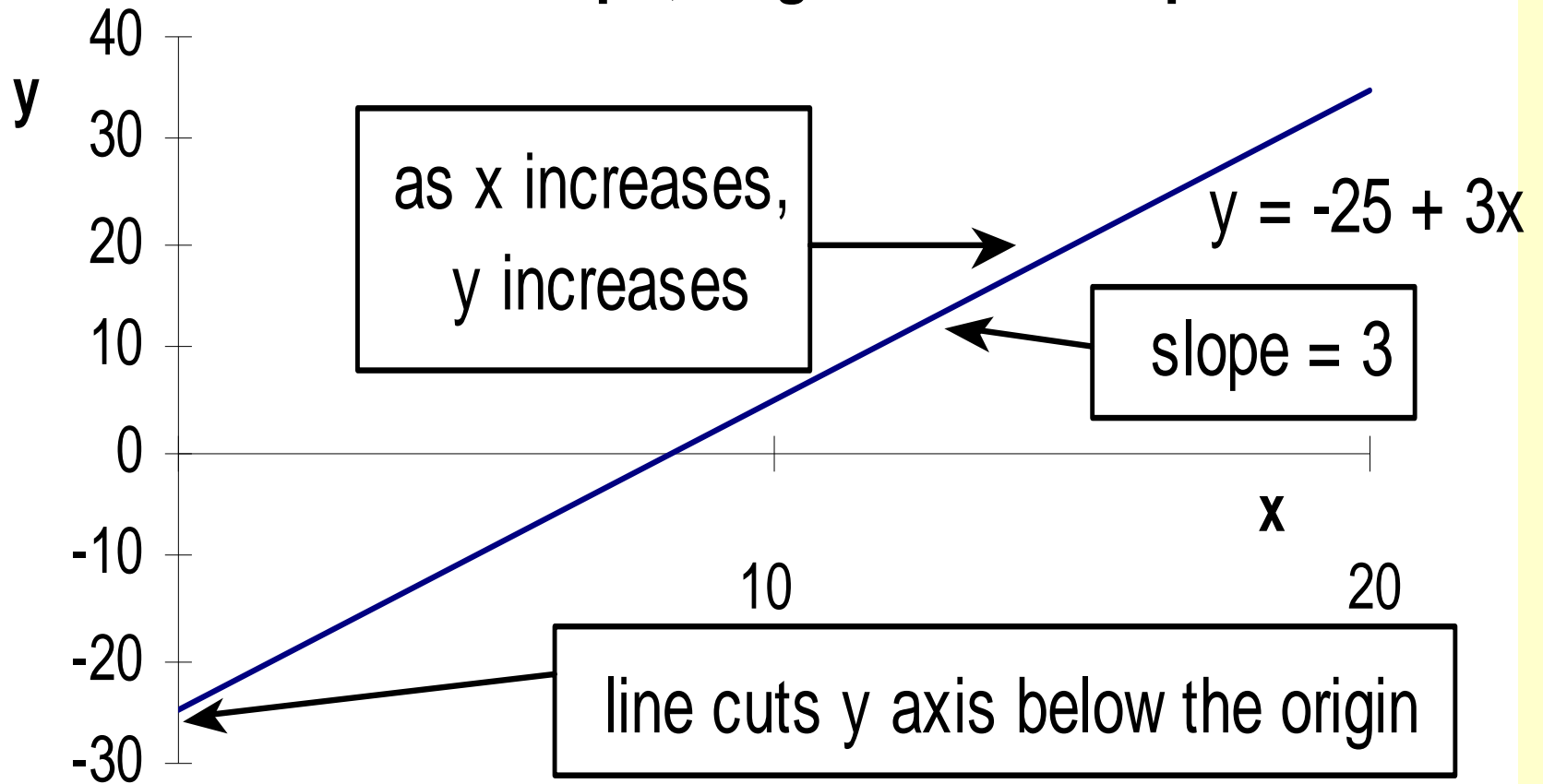
- Slope of a line: distance up divided by distance moved to the right between any two points on the line
- Coefficient: a value that is multiplied by a variable
- Intercept: the value at which a function cuts the  $y$  axis

# Representing a Line as $y = mx + b$

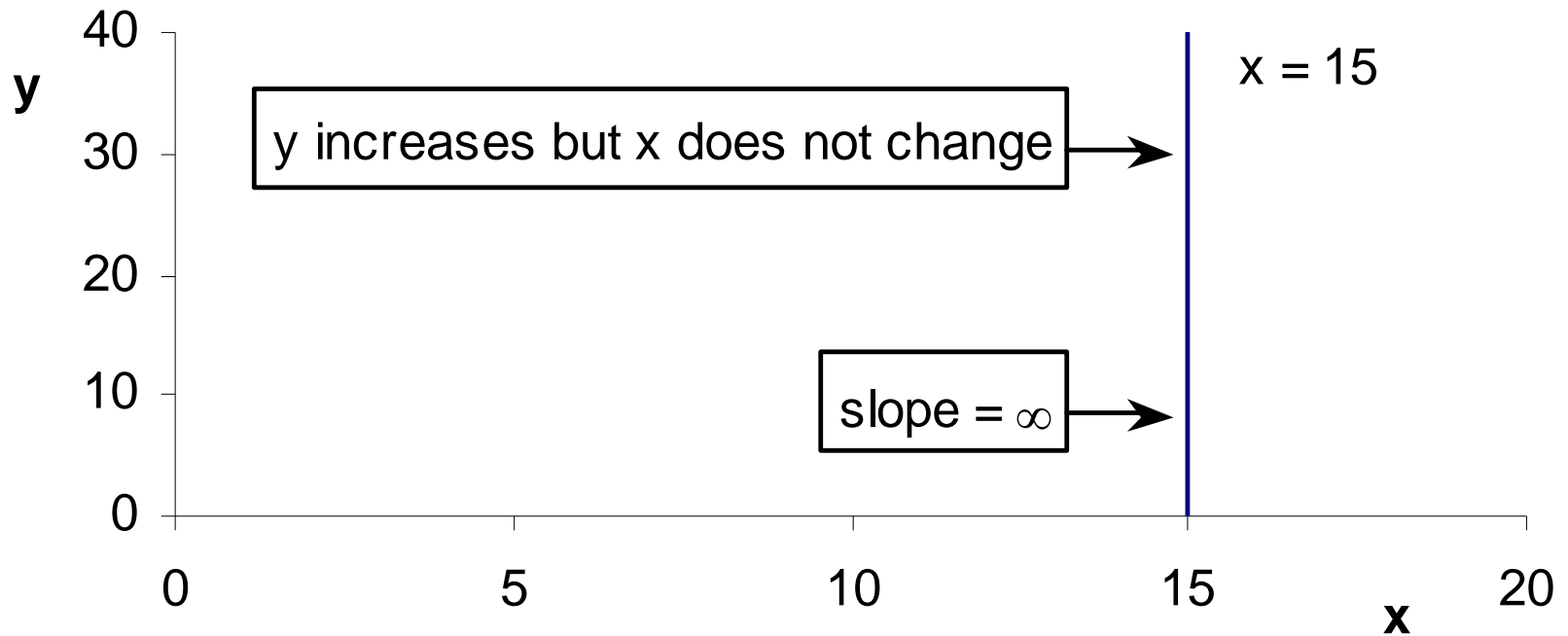
- The constant term,  $b$ , gives the  $y$  intercept
- The slope of the line is  $m$ , the coefficient of  $x$
- Slope =  $\Delta y / \Delta x = (\text{distance up}) / (\text{distance to right})$
- Lines with positive slope go up from left to right
- Lines with negative slope go down from left to right
- **Parameter**: a value that is constant for a specific function but that changes to give other functions of the same type;  $m$  and  $b$  are parameters



## Positive slope, negative intercept



## A vertical line has infinite slope



# 예산집합 (Budget Line)

- If two goods  $x$  and  $y$  are bought  
the budget line equation is  $x.P_x + y.P_y = M$
- To plot the line, rewrite as
$$y = M/P_y - (P_x/P_y)x$$
- Slope =  $-P_x/P_y$   
the negative of the ratio of the prices of the goods
- Intercept =  $M/P_y$   
the constant term in the equation

# The Parameters of a Budget Line

- Changing  $P_x$  rotates the line about the point where it cuts the  $y$  axis
- If  $P_y$  alters, both the slope and the  $y$  intercept change
  - the line rotates about the point where it cuts the  $x$  axis
- An increase or decrease in income  $M$  alters the intercept but does not change the slope
  - the line shifts outwards or inwards

## 2차 방정식 (Quadratic Equations )

- A quadratic equation takes the form

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

- You can solve it graphically
- or sometimes by factorizing it
- or by using the formula

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

where  $a$  is the coefficient of  $x^2$ ,  $b$  is the coefficient of  $x$  and  $c$  is the constant term

# 연립 방정식 (Simultaneous Equations )

- Simultaneous equations can usually (but not always) be solved if

number of equations = number of  
unknowns

# 연립방정식 풀이하기

- Solution methods for two simultaneous equations include
  - Finding where functions cross on a graph
  - Eliminating a variable by substitution
  - Eliminating a variable by subtracting (or adding) equations
- Once you know the value of one variable, substitute it in the other equation

# Simultaneous Equilibrium in Related Markets

- Demand in each market depends both on the price of the good itself and on the price of the related good
- To solve the model use the equilibrium condition for each market
$$\text{demand} = \text{supply}$$
- This gives two equations (one from each market) in two unknowns which we then solve



# 지수함수 (Exponential Functions)

- Exponential function: has the form  $a^x$  where the base,  $a$ , is a positive constant and is not equal to 1
- The exponential function most used in economics is  $y = e^x$
- The independent variable is in the power and the base is the mathematical constant  $e = 2.71828...$
- Use your calculator or computer to evaluate  $e^x$

# 로그 함수 (Logarithmic Functions)

- Logarithm: the power to which you must raise the base to obtain the number whose logarithm it is
- Common logarithms denoted  $\log$  or  $\log_{10}$  are to base 10
- Natural logarithms denoted  $\ln$  or  $\log_e$  are to base  $e$  and are more useful in analytical work
- Equal differences between logarithms correspond to equal proportional changes in the original variables

The doubling time of an exponential function  $f(t) = Aa^t$  was defined as the time it takes for  $f(t)$  to become twice as large. In order to find the doubling time  $t^*$ , we must solve the equation  $a^{t^*} = 2$  for  $t^*$ . In economics, we often need to solve similar problems:

- A. At the present rate of inflation, how long will it take the price level to triple?
- B. If the world's population grows at 2% annually, how long does it take to double the size?
- C. If \$1,000 is invested in a savings account bearing interest at the annual rate of 8%, how long does it take for the account to reach \$10,000?

Ex) From  $a^{t^*} = 2$ , take natural logarithm of both sides to yield  $\ln a^{t^*} = t^* \ln a = \ln 2$ . So,  $t^* = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln a}$ .

Ex) Express  $\ln 4$ ,  $\ln \sqrt[3]{2^5}$ , and  $\ln(1/16)$  in terms of  $\ln 2$ .

Ex) Solve the following equations for  $x$ :

$$(a) \ 5e^{-3x} = 16 \quad (b) \ A\alpha e^{-\alpha x} = k \quad (c) \ (1.08)^x = 10 \quad (d) \ e^x + 4e^{-x} = 4$$

# 로그함수의 성질

- $\log (xy) = \log (x) + \log (y)$
- $\log (x/y) = \log (x) - \log (y)$
- $\log (x^n) = n \log (x)$
- $\ln (e^x) = x$
- The reverse process to taking the natural logarithm is to exponentiate