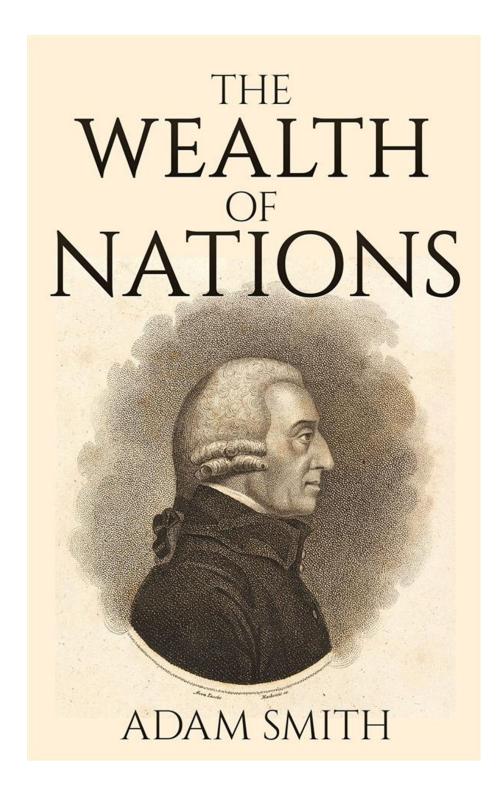
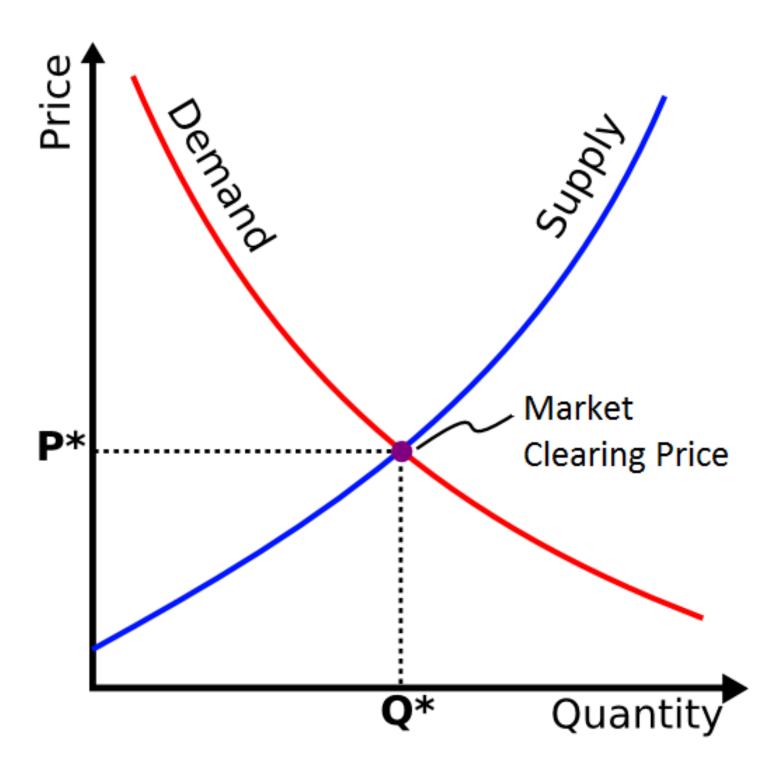
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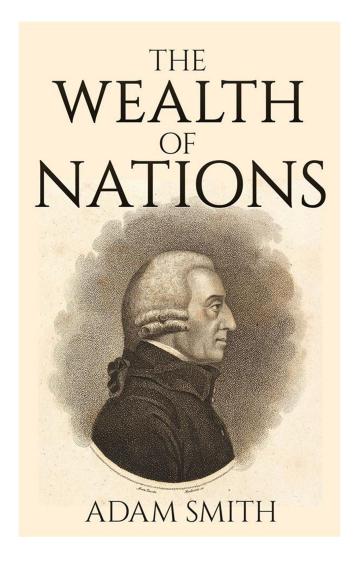
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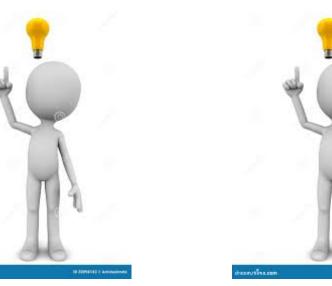














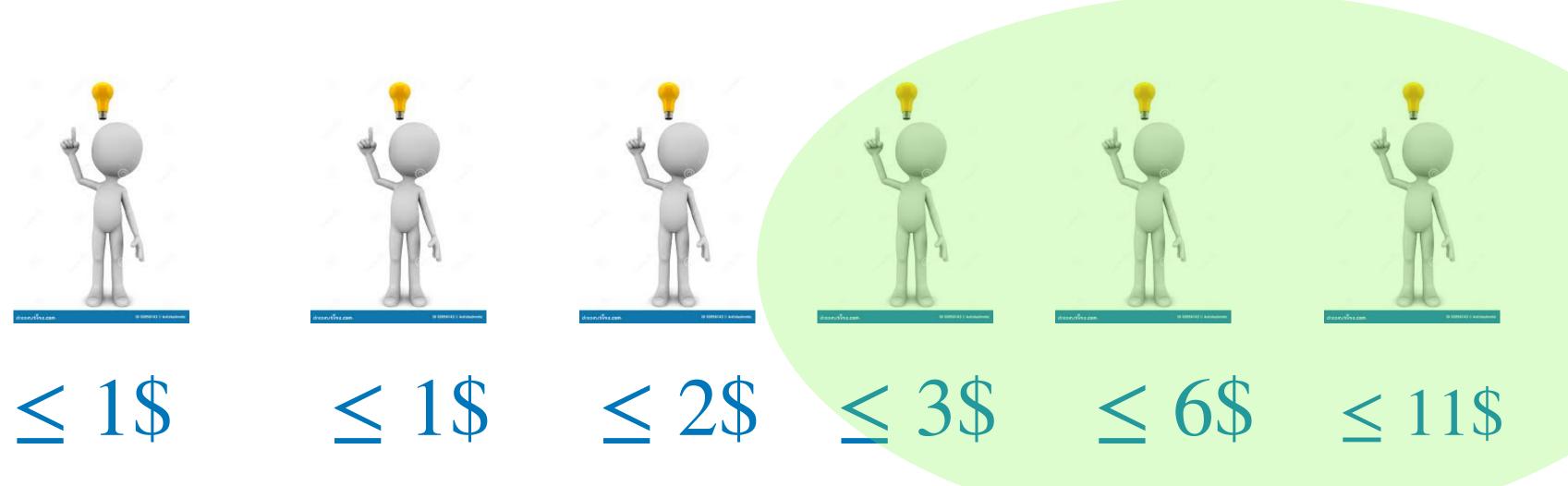
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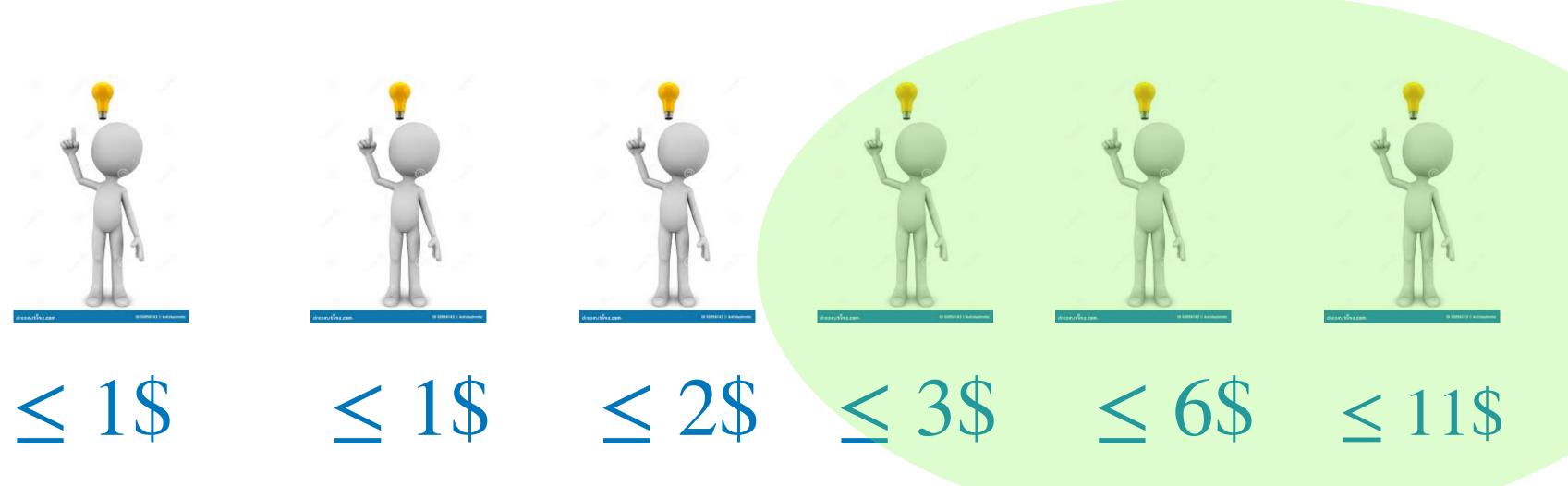




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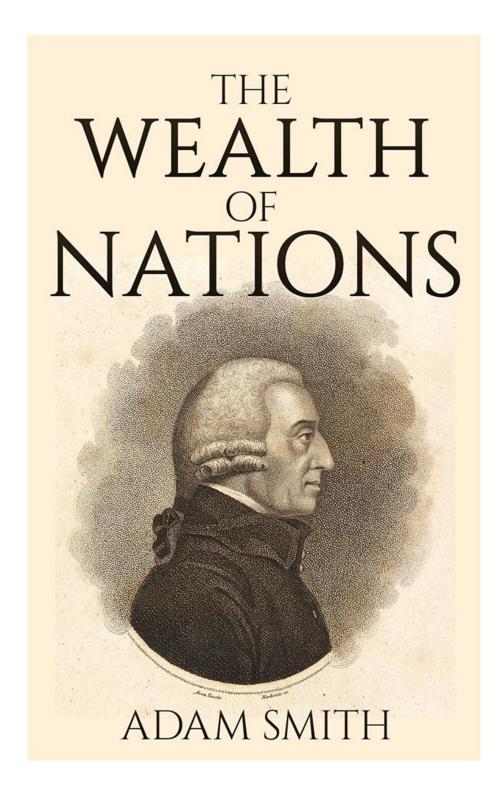


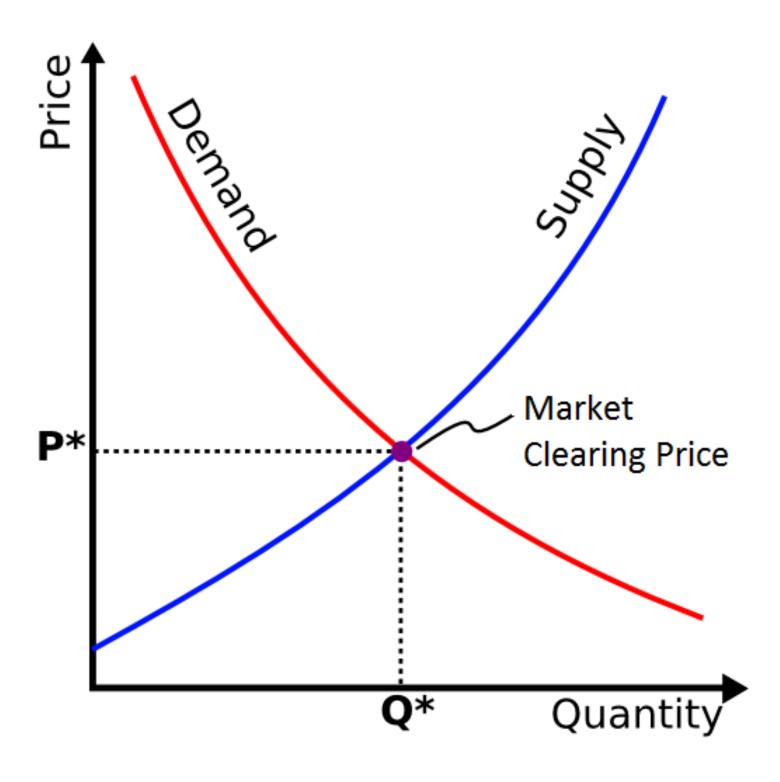


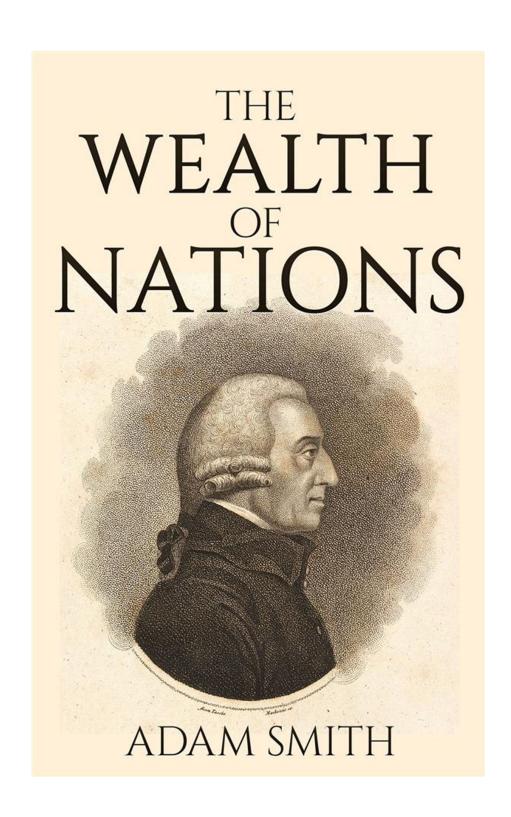
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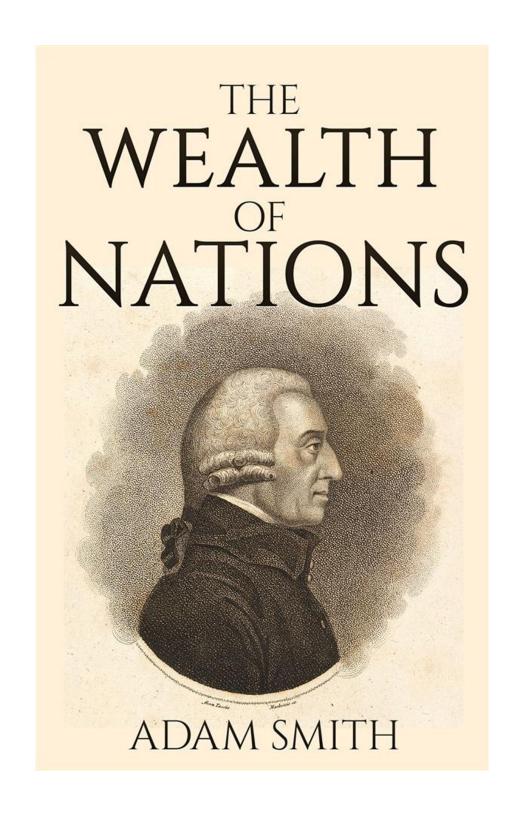
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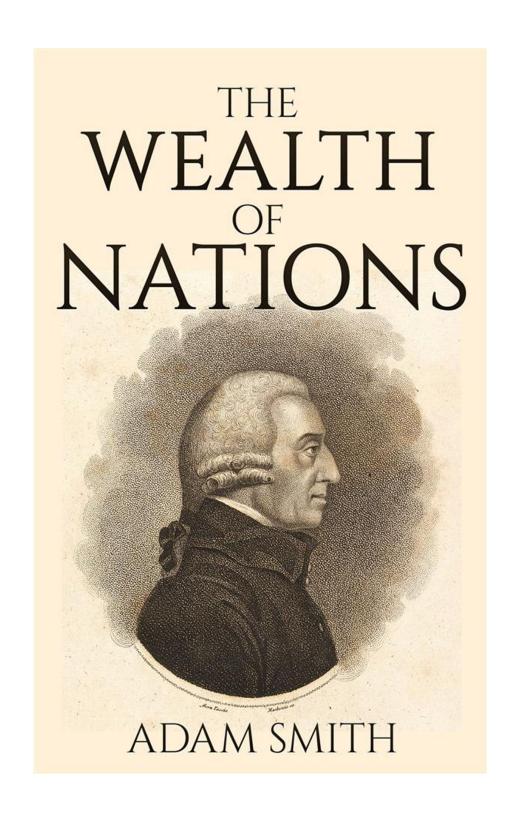


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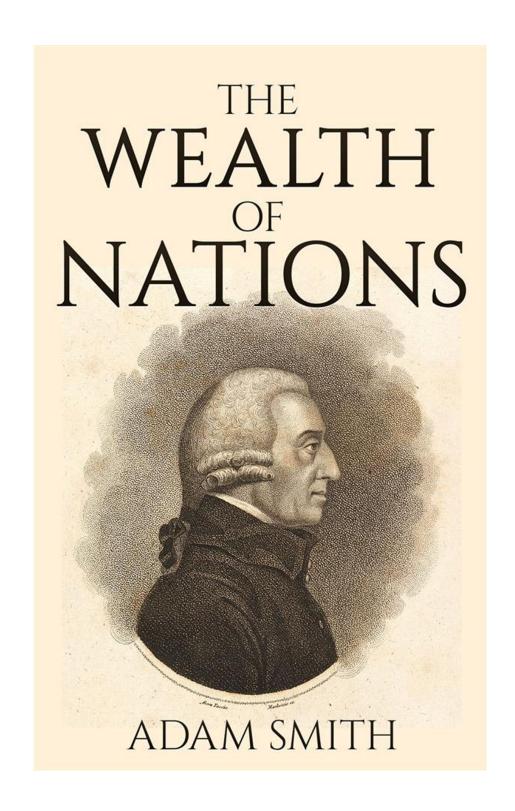
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Thm: If **all sellers** use a no-swap regret algorithm to select their prices, the overall dynamics converge to the Market Clearing Price.