

### III) Monopsony in Factor Market and Perfect Competition in Product Market:

Monopsony: one buyer in the factor mkt. [i.e. monopsonist faces the entire labour supply curve in the factor market]

Prdn fn:  $q = q(L, \bar{K})$ ,  $\frac{\partial q}{\partial L} > 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 q}{\partial L^2} < 0$ .

Perfect competition in product mkt  $\Rightarrow P = \bar{P}$

Since the monopsonist faces the entire labour supply,

Let the inverse labour curve be:  $W = W(L)$ ,  $W' > 0$

$\therefore \pi = \bar{P} \cdot q(L, \bar{K}) - \underbrace{W(L) \cdot L}_{\text{Total Expense (TE)}}$

for  $\pi$ -max:  $\frac{\partial \pi}{\partial L} = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{P} \cdot MP_L - W' \cdot L - W = 0$

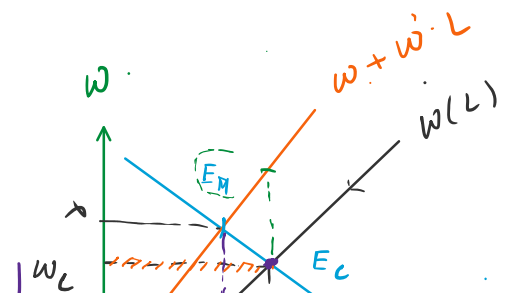
$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\bar{P} \cdot MP_L}_{VMP_L} = W' \cdot L + W$

$\Rightarrow \underbrace{VMP_L = ME}_{\text{gives } w^* = w^*(L^*)}$

8. Consider perfect comp in the product mkt. Compare b/w perfectly comp firm in the factor mkt & a monopsonist in the factor mkt.

(I) Perfect competition in factor mkt:

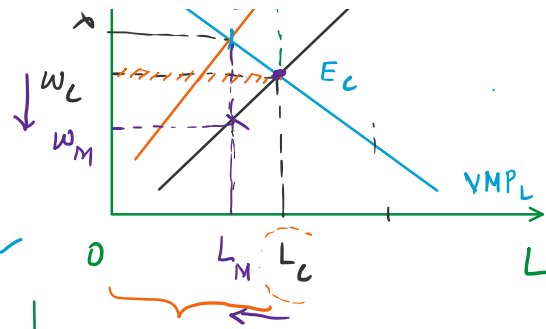
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(II) Monopsonist in factor mkt:

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Interpretation:

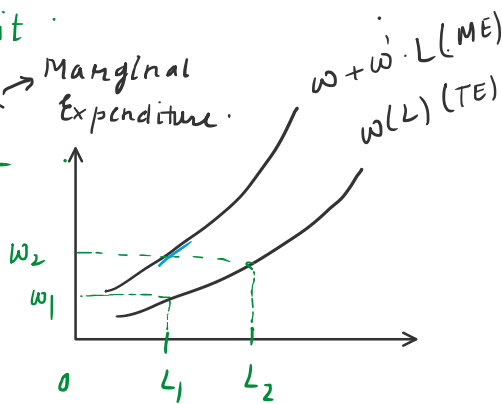
$$VMP_L = W$$

$\Rightarrow P \cdot MP_L = W \rightarrow$  Marginal cost.

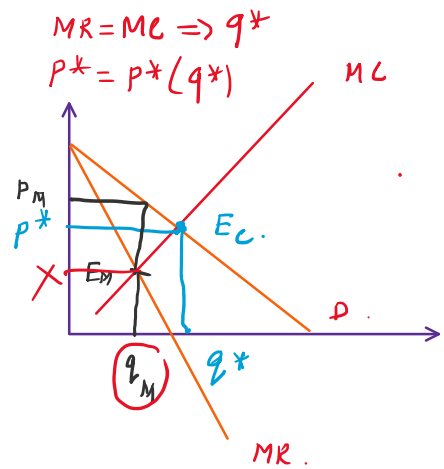
$\hookrightarrow$  Marginal benefit.

$$VMP_L = W + W' \cdot L$$

$\hookrightarrow$  Marginal benefit



$(w_C - w_M)$  : Monopsonistic Exploitation



8. Consider a monopsonist that can employ male & female labour with their labour supply fns being:  $L_F = 100w_F$  and  $L_M = 9w_M^2$ . [ $w_F$  &  $w_M$  are wage rate for male, female respectively]. The producer can sell his output in a competitive mkt and Rs.5; and each worker hired can produce 2 units of output.

(i) Find the  $\pi$ -max employment & wage rate for the monopsonist.

Inverse ss. fn:  $w_F = \frac{L_F}{100}$ ,  $w_M = \frac{\sqrt{L_M}}{3}$ .

$$P = 5, \quad MP_L^M = MP_L^F = 2.$$

$$\pi = P \cdot q(L_M, L_F) - w_M \cdot L_M - w_F \cdot L_F.$$

$$\pi = P \cdot q(L_M, L_F) - \frac{L_M^{3/2}}{3} - \frac{L_F^2}{100}.$$

For  $\pi$ -max:

$$\frac{\partial \pi}{\partial L_M} = 0 \Rightarrow P \cdot MP_L^M - \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \sqrt{L_M} = 0 \quad \dots (i)$$

$$\frac{\partial \pi}{\partial L_F} = 0 \Rightarrow P \cdot MP_L^F - \frac{L_F}{50} = 0 \quad \dots (ii)$$

$$(i) \quad 5 \cdot 2 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{L_M} \Rightarrow L_M^* = 400 \Rightarrow w_M^* = \frac{\sqrt{400}}{3} = \frac{20}{3}$$

$$(ii) \quad 5 \cdot 2 = \frac{L_F}{50} \Rightarrow L_F^* = 500 \Rightarrow w_F^* = \frac{500}{100} = 5$$

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(ii) If the monopolist has to pay the same wage to both kinds of labour, find the optimal employment & wage rate & compare the profits in the 2-scenarios.

Q. Consider a setup with monopsonist in the factor mkt and a monopolist in the goods mkt as follows:

Production fn:  $q = q(L, \bar{K})$ ,  $q_L > 0$ ,  $q_{LL} < 0$

Mkt demand:  $P = P(q)$ ,  $P' < 0$

Labour supply:  $w = w(L)$ ,  $w' > 0$

i) Find the optimal condition.  $[\frac{\partial \pi}{\partial L} = 0]$

ii) What should be restriction on the Mkt Demand curve?

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u) What should be restriction on the Mkt demand curve & the Labours supply curve s.t the sufficiency condition is satisfied.

$$\left[ \frac{\partial^2 \pi}{\partial L^2} < 0 \Rightarrow \text{check!} \right].$$