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## 1. Consider the following economy

- Consumers A,B
- Goods 1, 2.
- Preferences

$$u_A = 2\sqrt{A_1 A_2}$$
,  $u_B = 2\sqrt{B_1 B_2}$ 

- Endowments  $e_A = [1,0], e_B = [0,1]$
- Consumers pay a tax -1 < t for each unit of good 1 they buy. Tax revenue R is distributed to consumers with lump-sum transfers  $T_A = \alpha R$ ,  $T_B = (1 \alpha)R$ ,  $0 \le \alpha \le 1$ .
- 1. Compute competitive equilibria as a function of the policy parameters  $t, \alpha$
- 2. Plot the equilibrium values of all variables as a function of the tax rate

## 2. Consider an economy consisting of

- Consumers 1,2
- Goods A, X
- One firm, with production function A = X

## Consumer 1

A,X

- Endowment  $e_1 = [0,1], \theta_1 = 0$
- preferences  $U_1 = X_1 + 2\sqrt{A_1}$

## Consumer 2

A,X

- Endowment  $e_2 = [0,0], \theta_2 = 1$
- preferences  $U_2 = A_2$
- 1. Compute competitive equilibria when sellers of good X are taxed on the value of their sales at a rate  $0 \le t < 1$ , and any tax revenue is transferred to consumer 2 with a lump-sum subsidy.
- 2. Plot the equilibrium values of all variables as a function of the tax rate