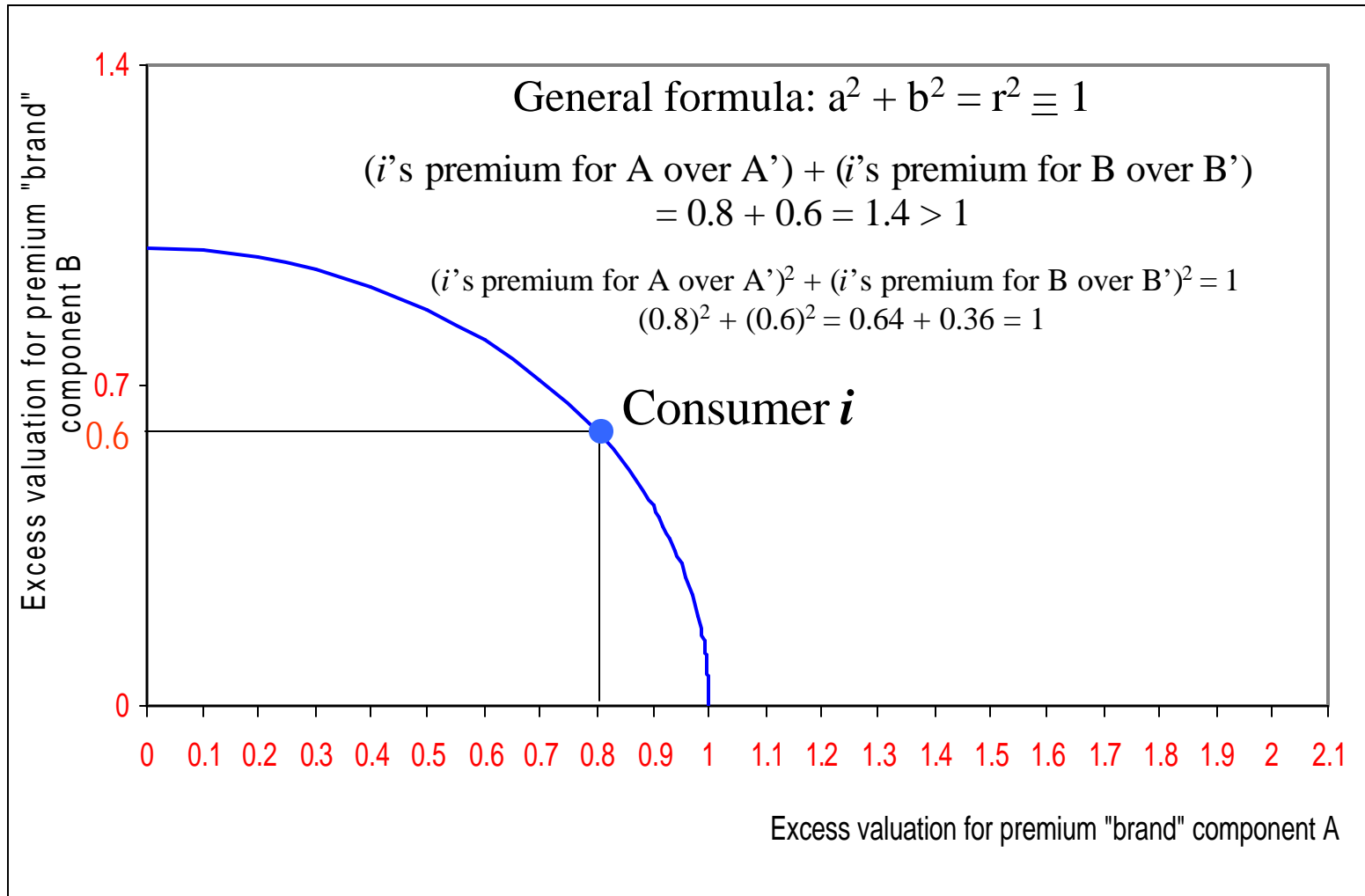
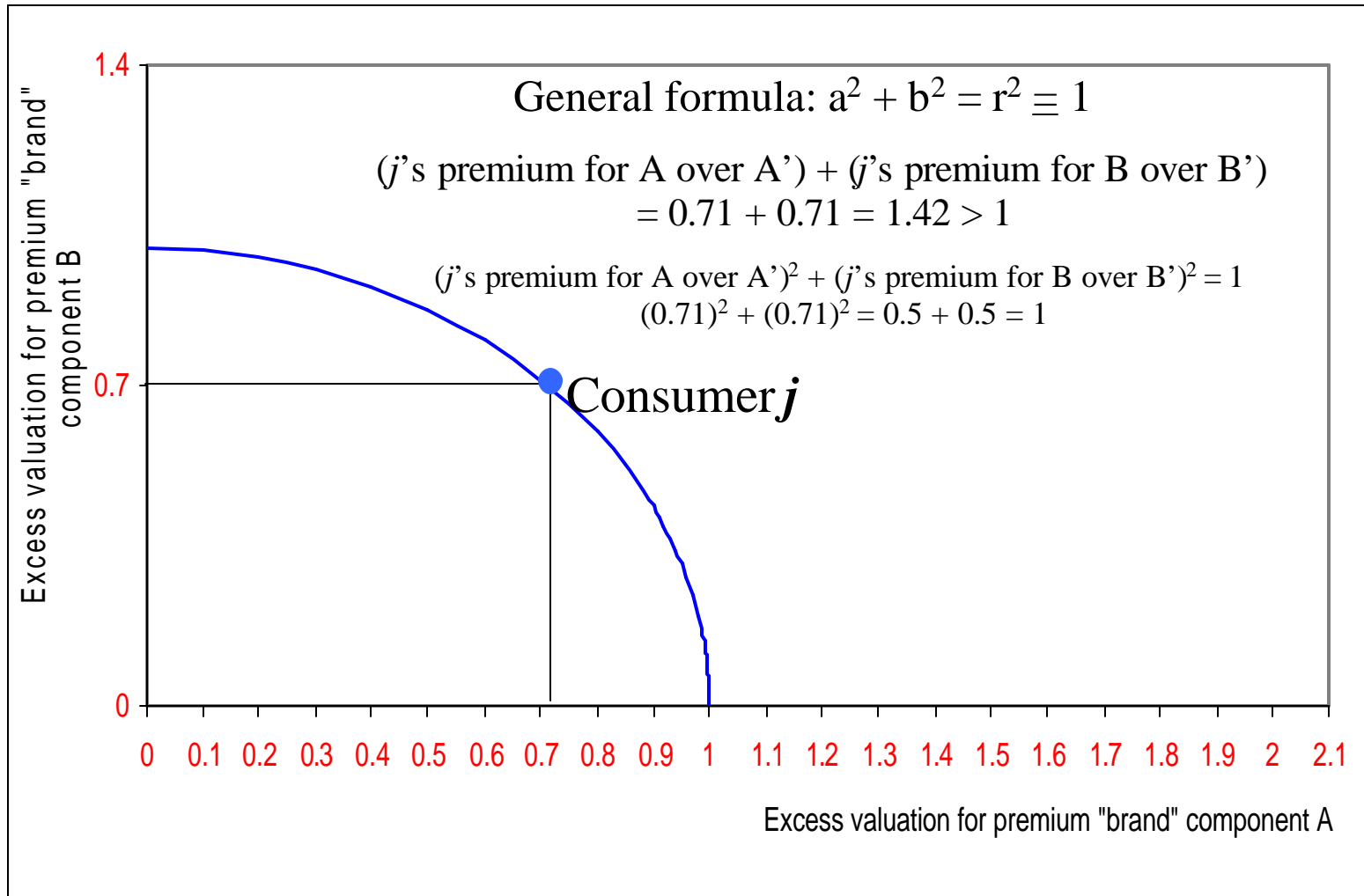


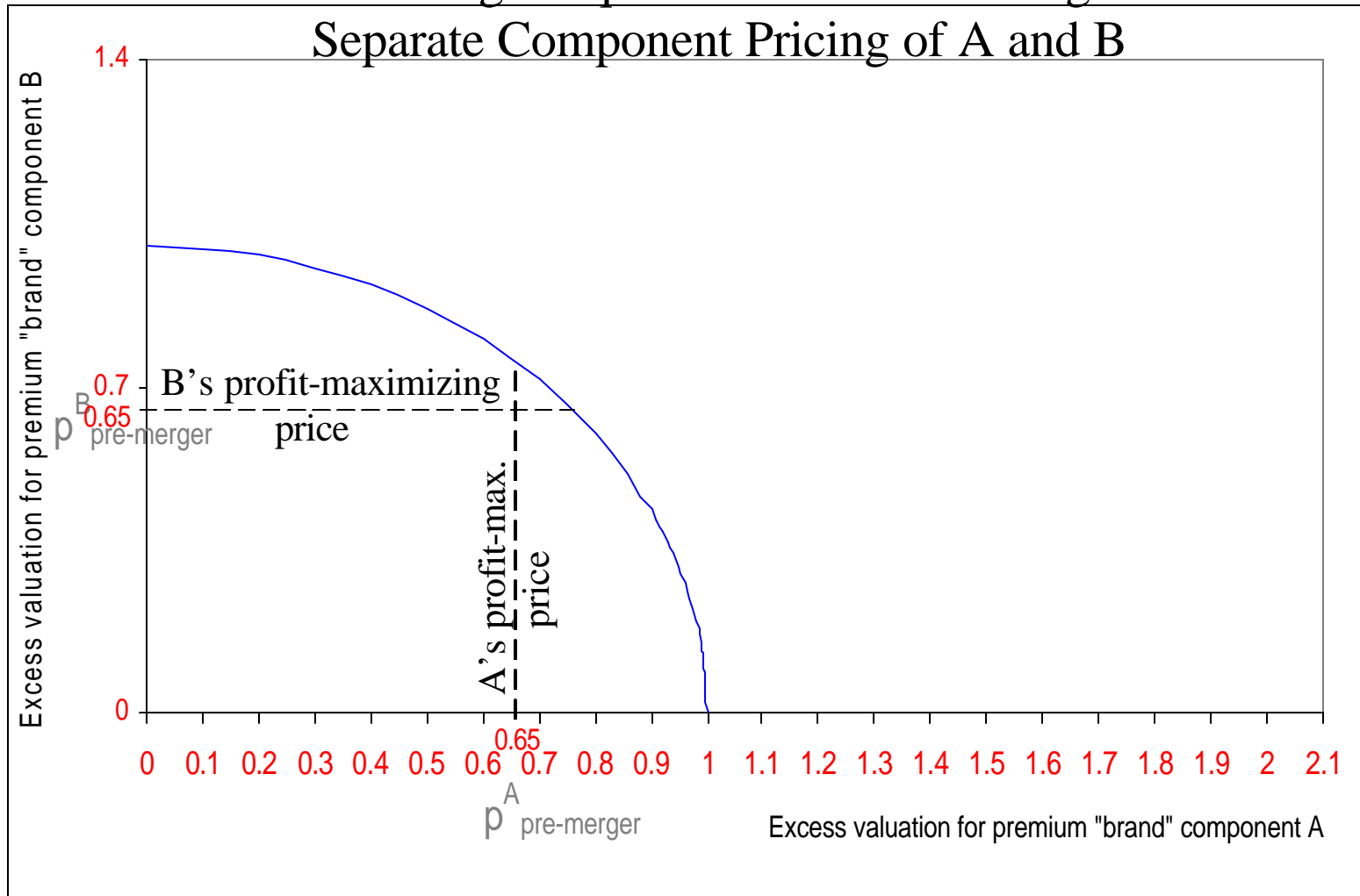
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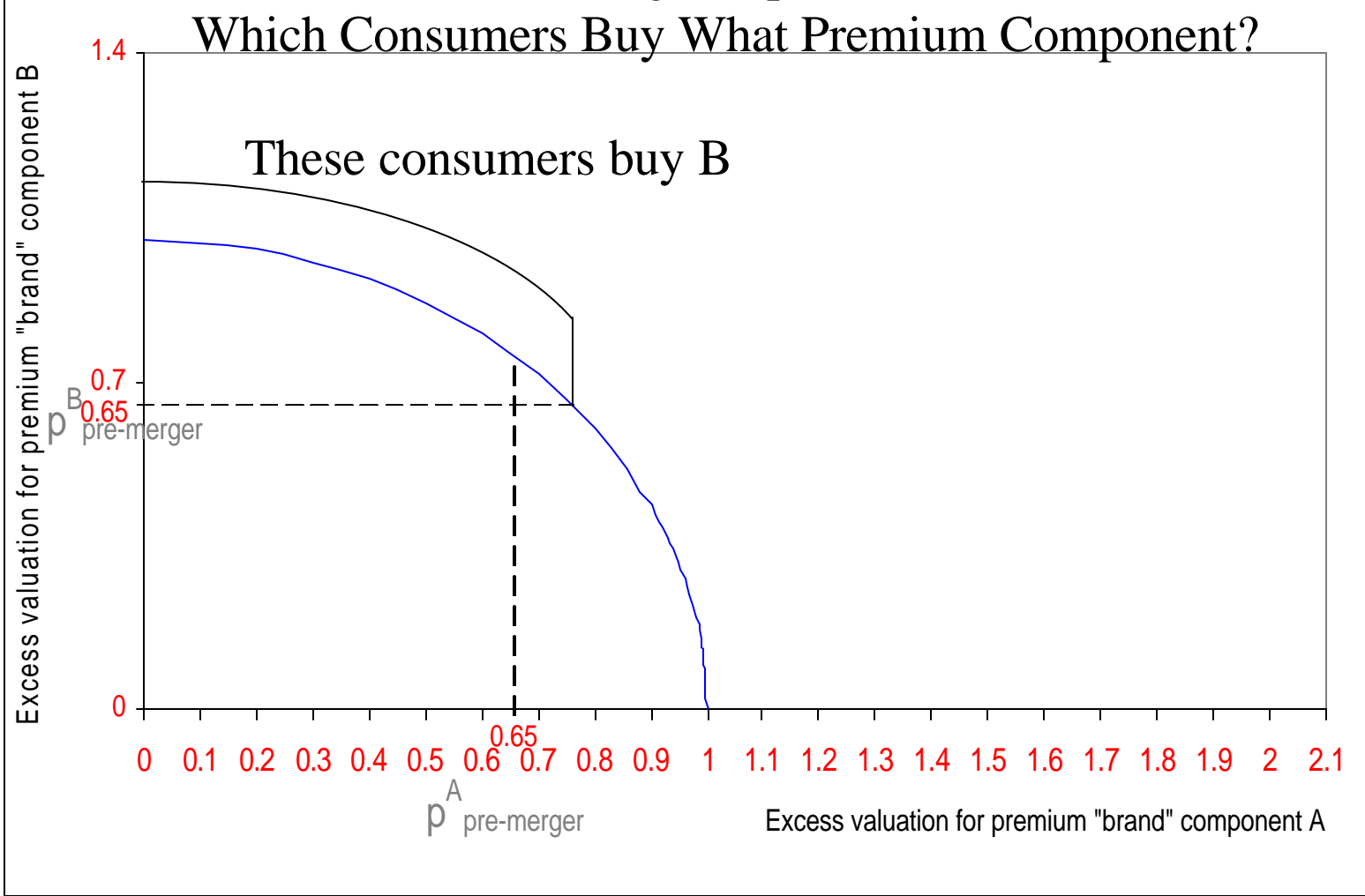


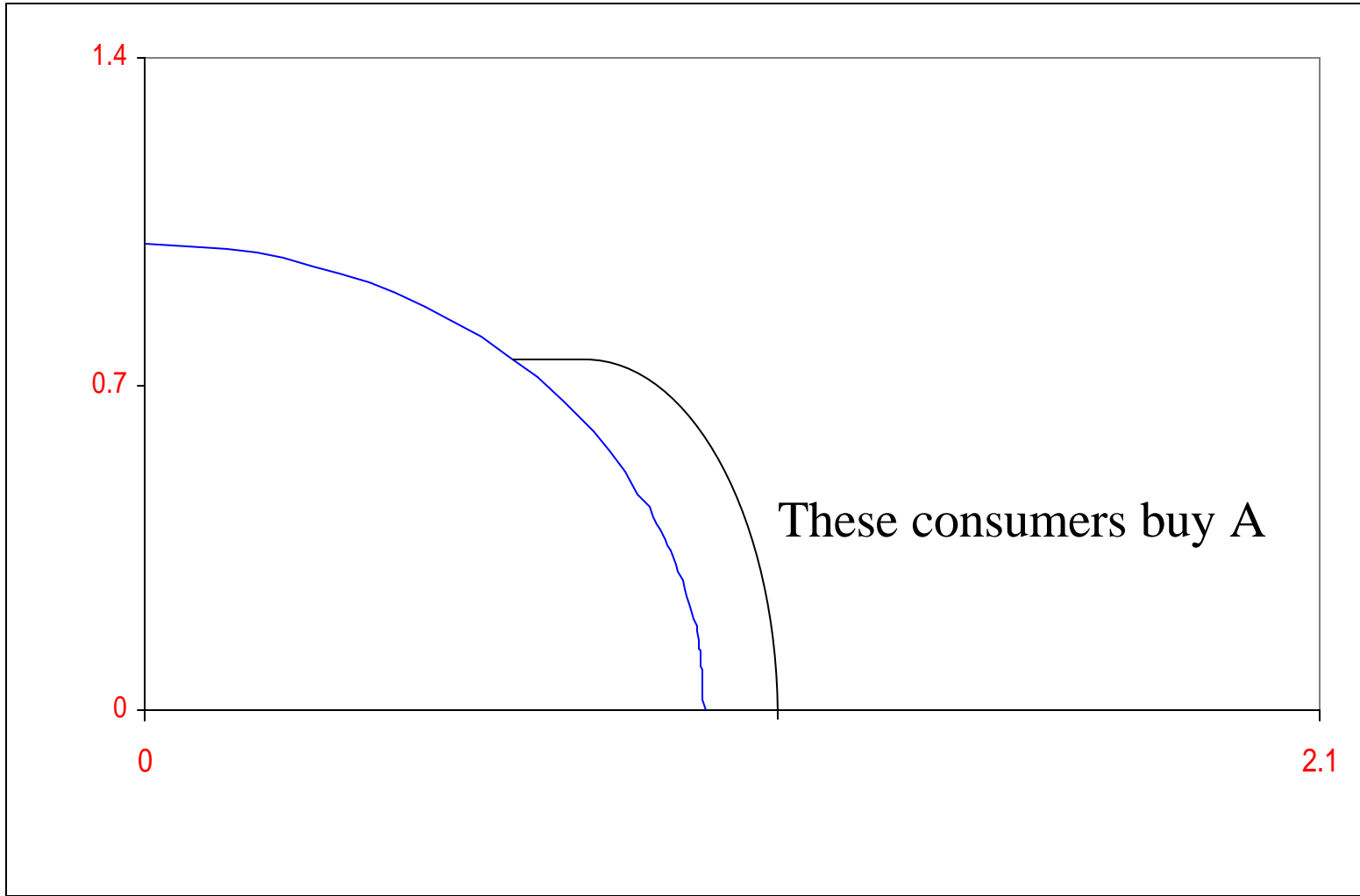
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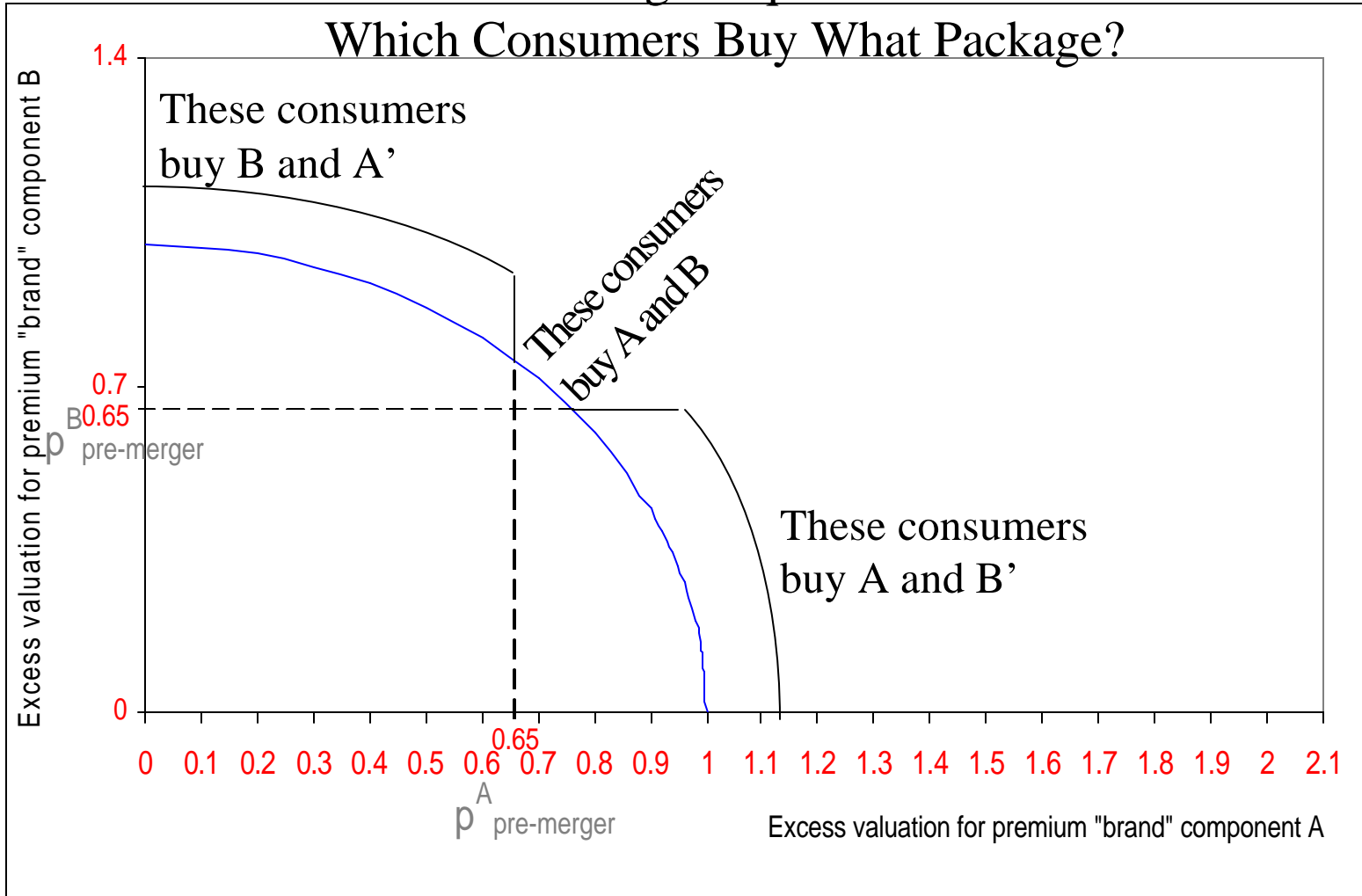
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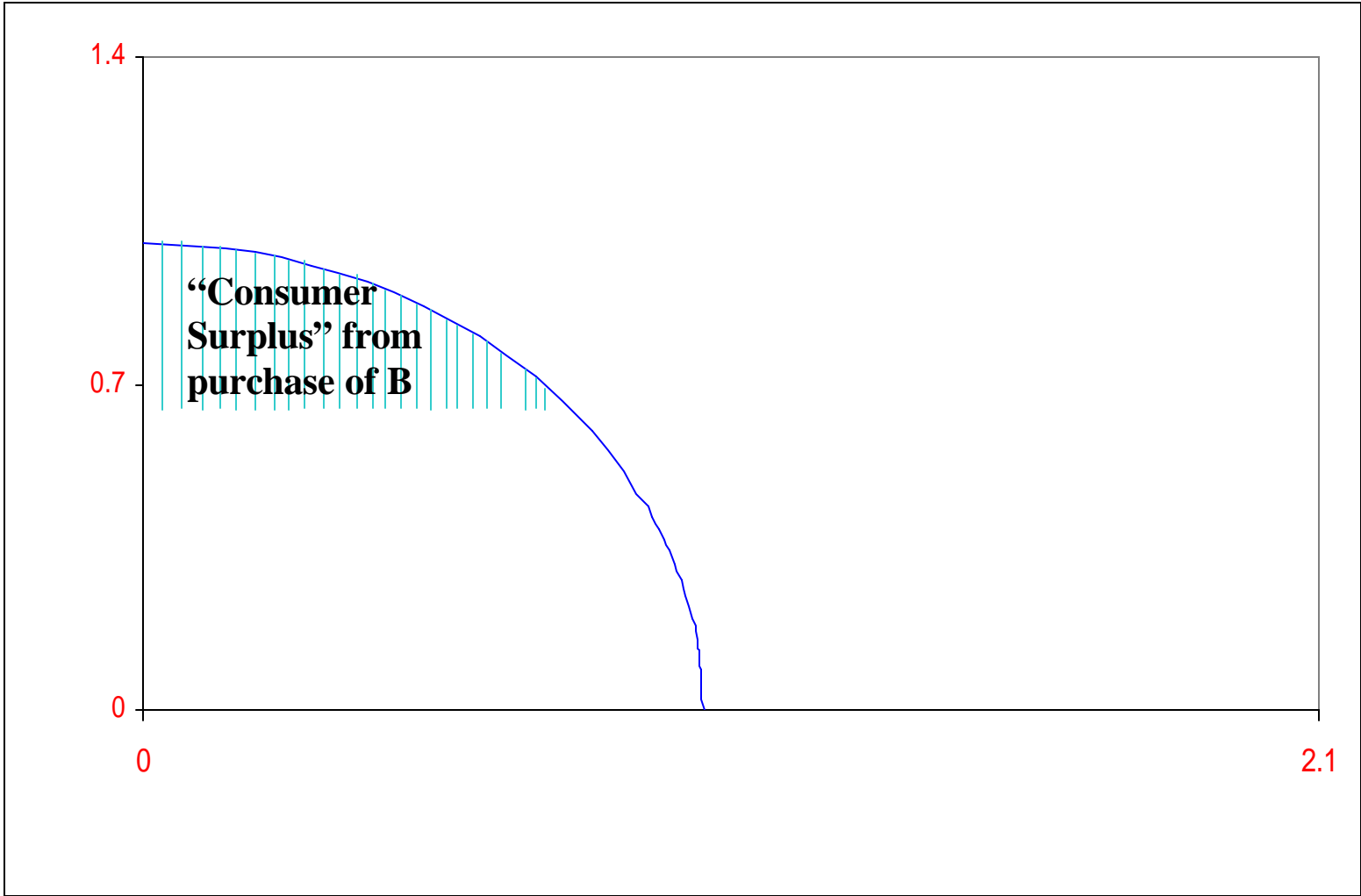


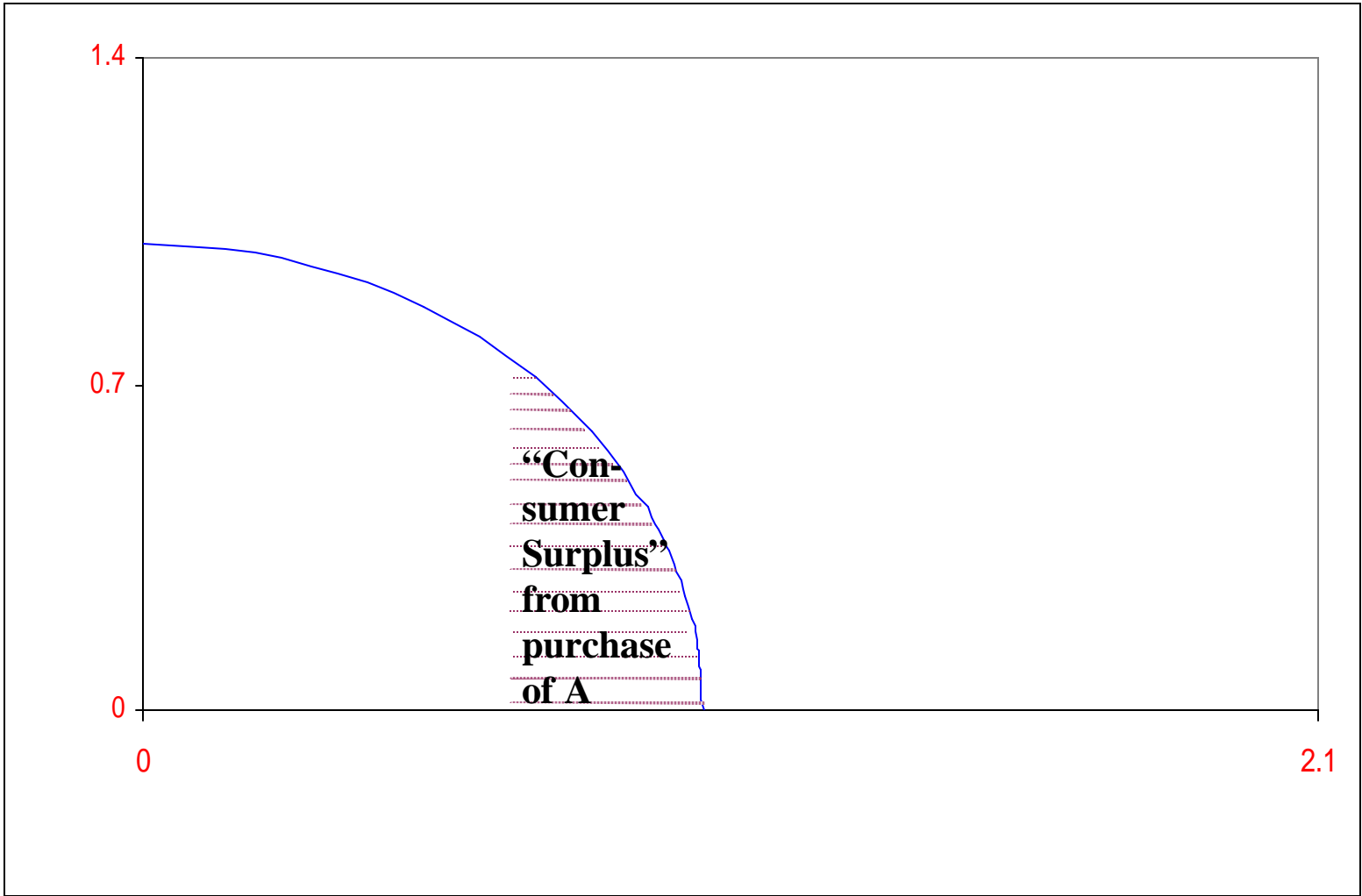


Pre-Merger Equilibrium

Which Consumers Buy What Package?





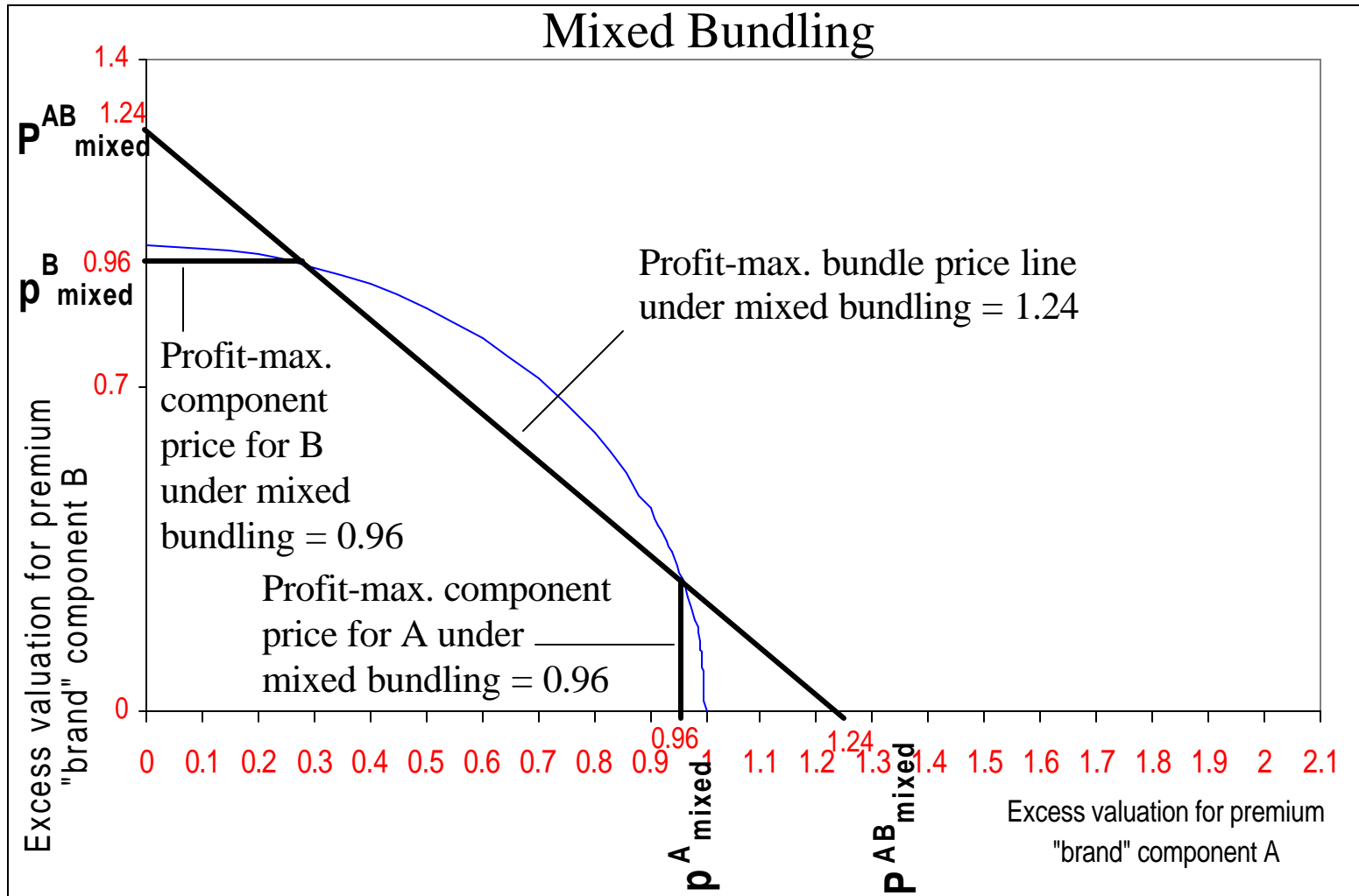


Pre-Merger Package Prices

<u>System</u>	<u>Price</u>
A B	1.30
A' B	0.65
A B'	0.65

Post-Merger Equilibrium

Mixed Bundling



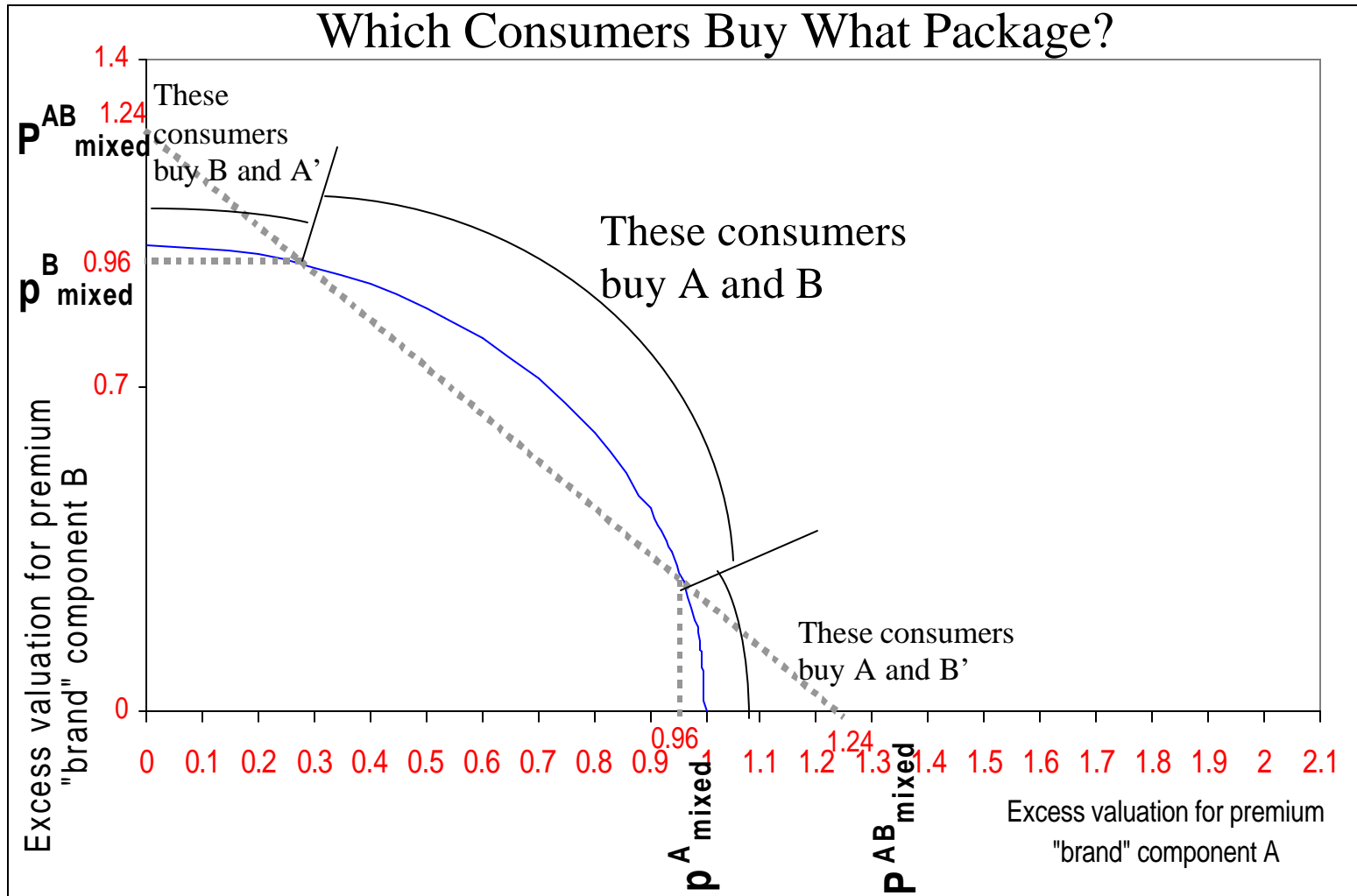
Package Prices

Separate Component Pricing vs. Mixed Bundling

<u>System</u>	<u>Price</u>	
	<u>Pre-merger</u>	<u>Post-merger</u>
A B	1.30	1.24
A' B	0.65	0.96
A B'	0.65	0.96

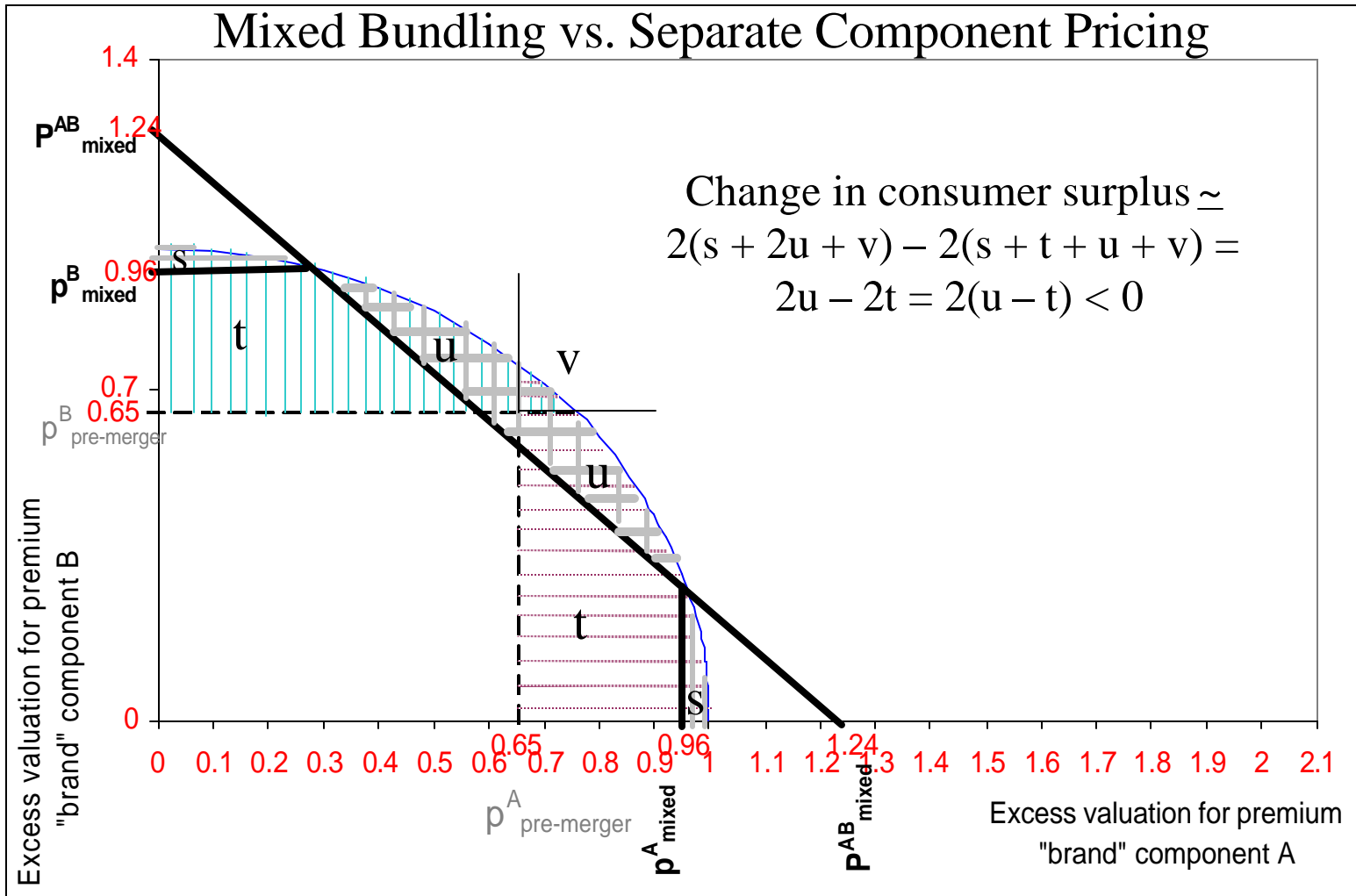
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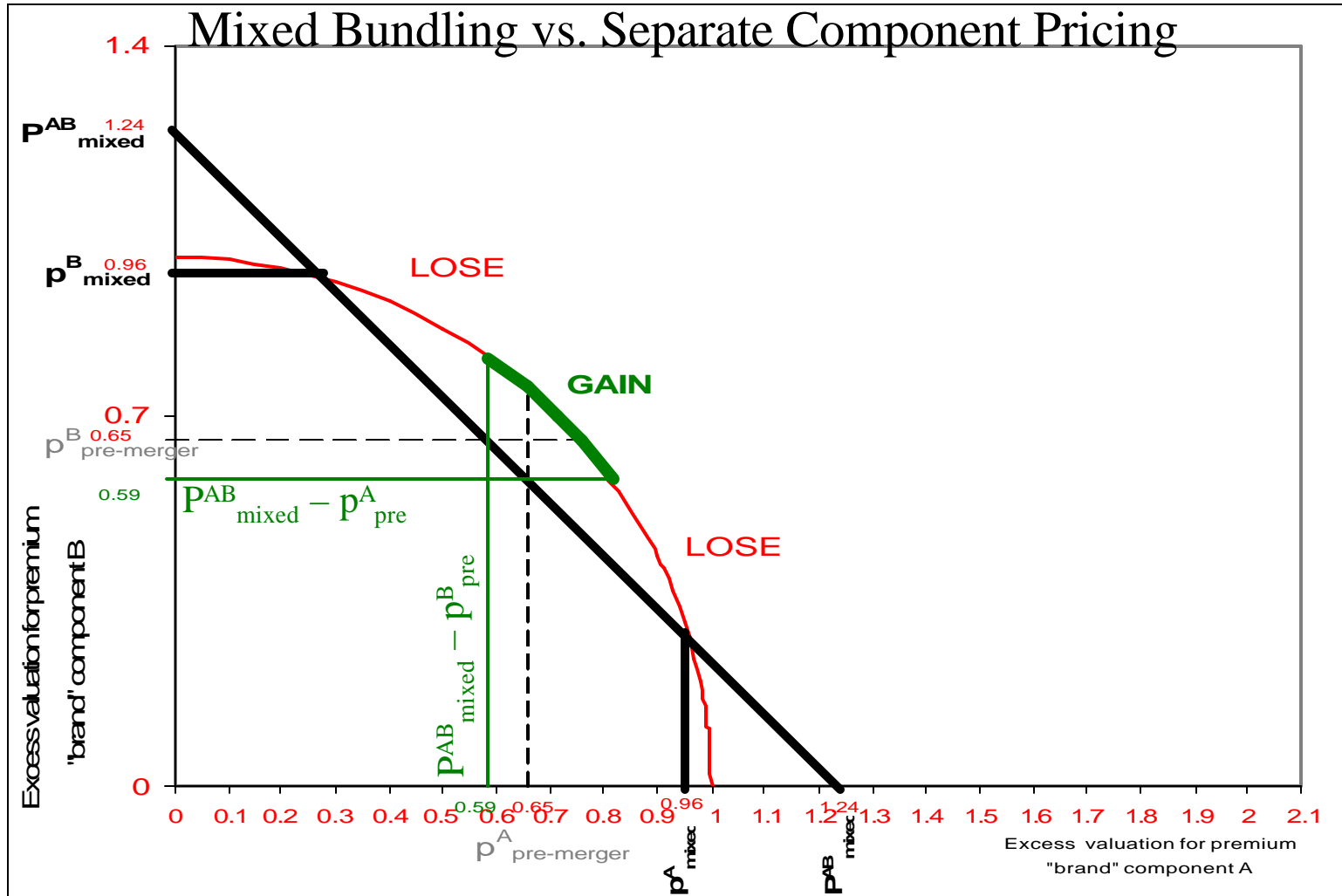


Effect of A and B Merger on Consumer Welfare

Mixed Bundling vs. Separate Component Pricing



Which Consumers Gain, Which Lose, From the Merger of A and B



Winners

- Integrating firms' profits increase 60%.
- Consumers who purchase the *high quality system before and after the merger* benefit from a lower bundle price.
- A minority of consumers who purchase a *mixed system pre-merger and the high quality bundle post-merger* benefit from a lower implicit component price.

Losers

- Low quality producers' market shares decline substantially.
- Consumers who purchase a *mixed system both before and after the merger* suffer from higher component prices.
- The majority of consumers who purchase a *mixed system pre-merger and the high quality bundle post-merger* suffer from a higher the implicit component price.

Asymmetric Consumer Preferences for Premium Brands A and B

