

5.5 Combining Individual demand curves to obtain the market demand curve.

3 consumers: A B C

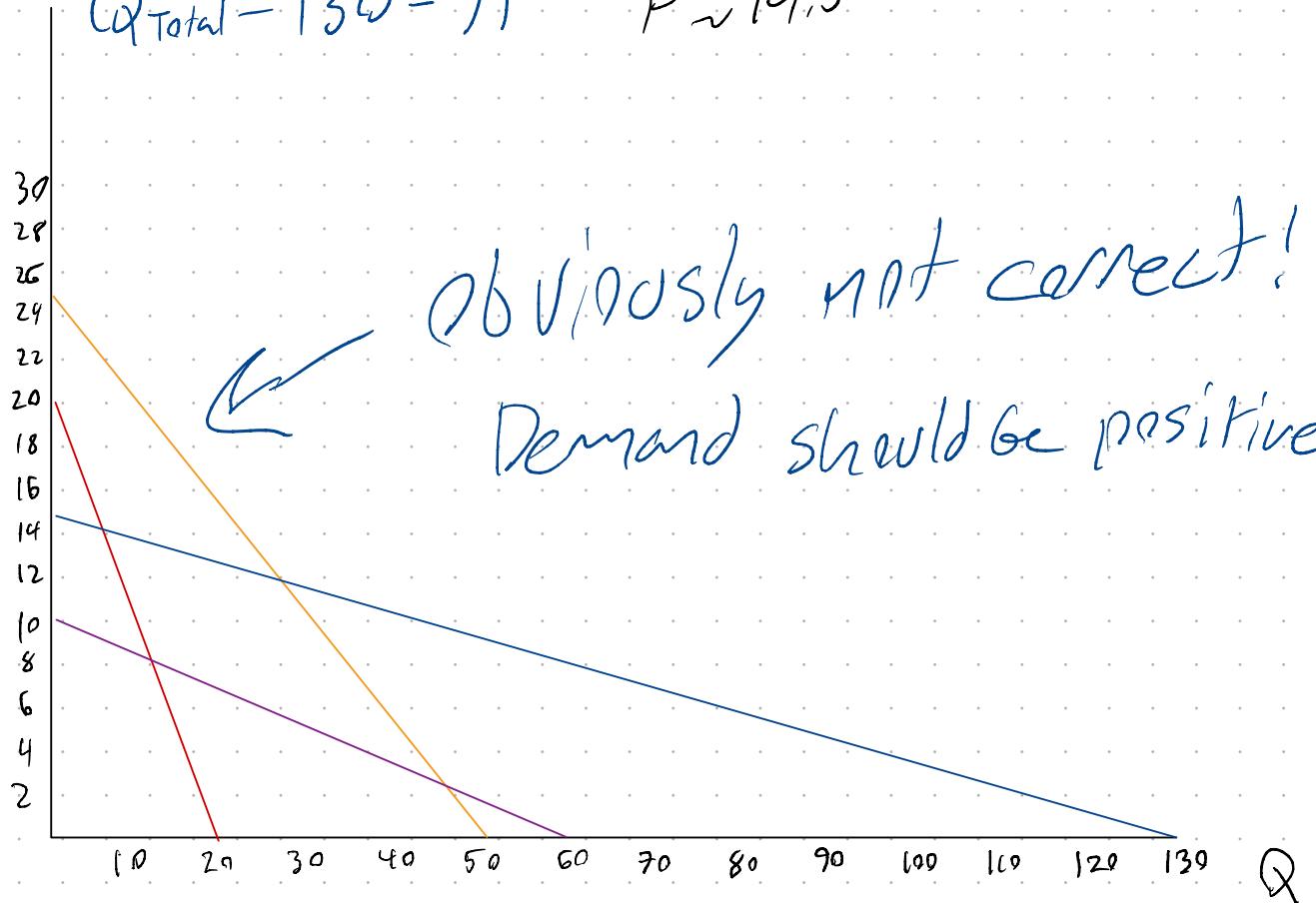
$$Q_A = 20 - P \quad y\text{-intercept} \quad P = 20$$

$$Q_B = 50 - 2P \quad P = 25$$

$$Q_C = 60 - 6P \quad P = 10$$

$$P \quad Q_{\text{Total}} = 130 - 9P \quad P \approx 14.5$$

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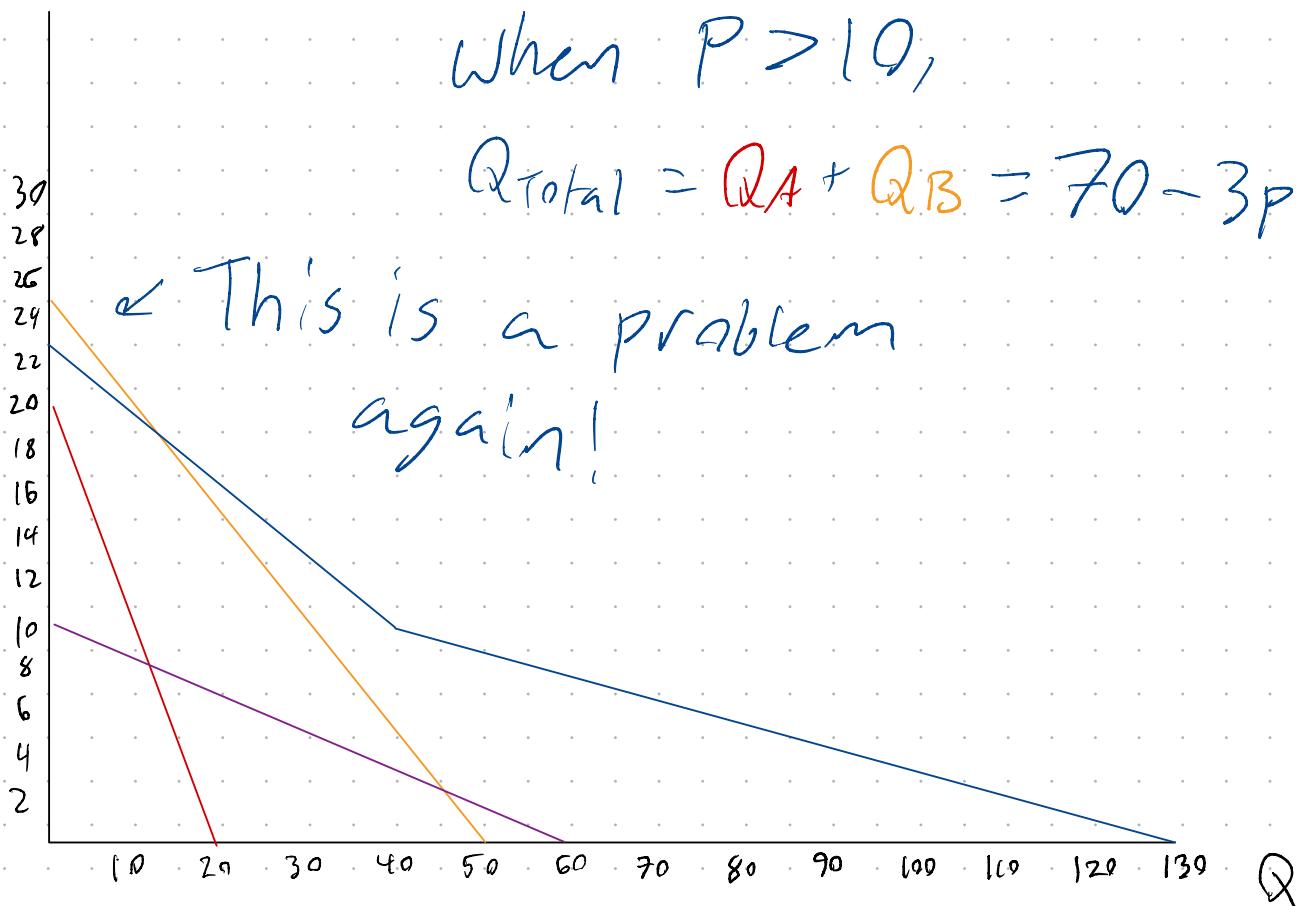
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P

When $P > 10$,

$$Q_{\text{Total}} = Q_A + Q_B = 70 - 3P$$

↙ This is a problem again!



$$Q_{\text{Total}} = 130 - 9P \quad \text{when } P \in [0, 10]$$



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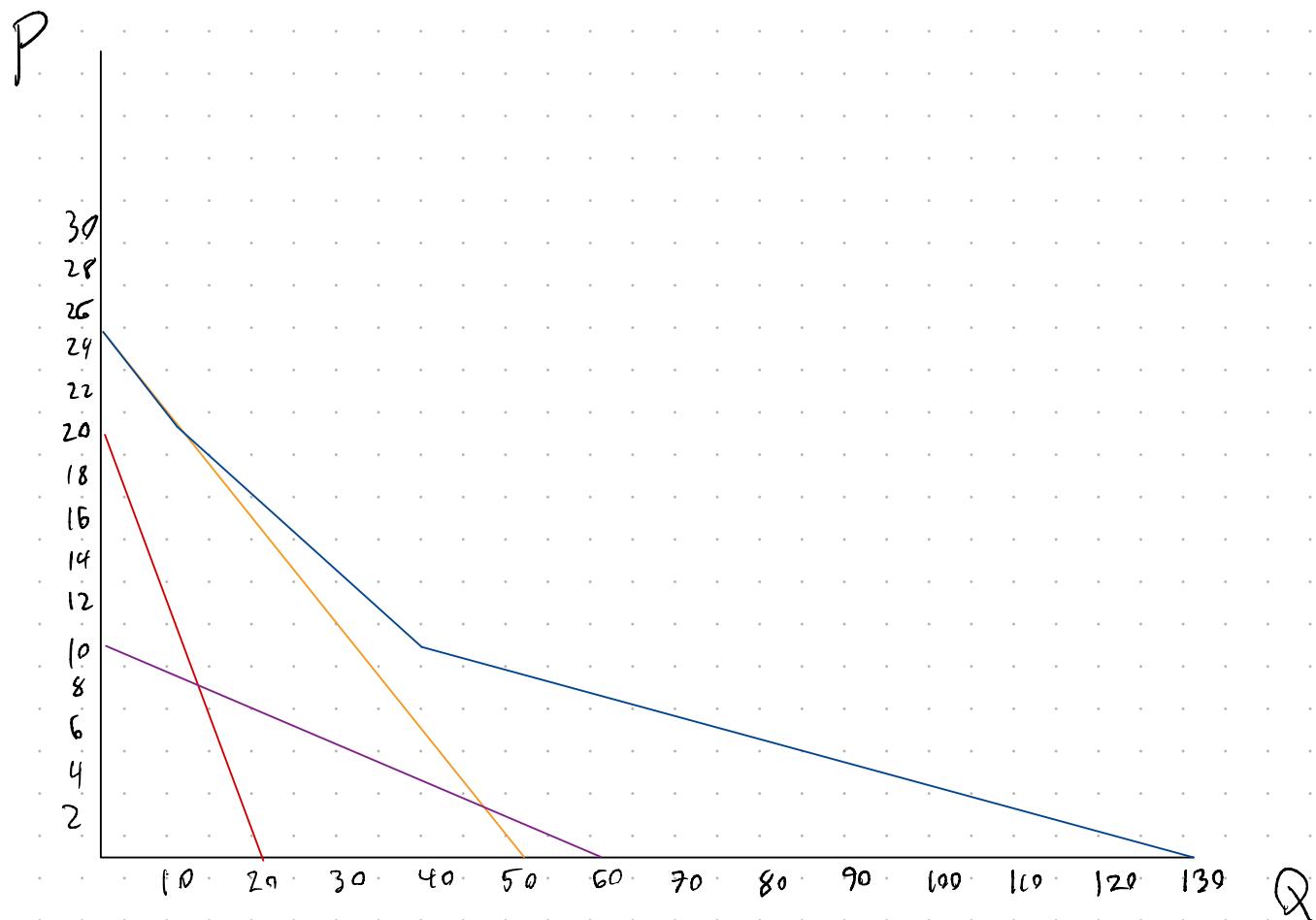
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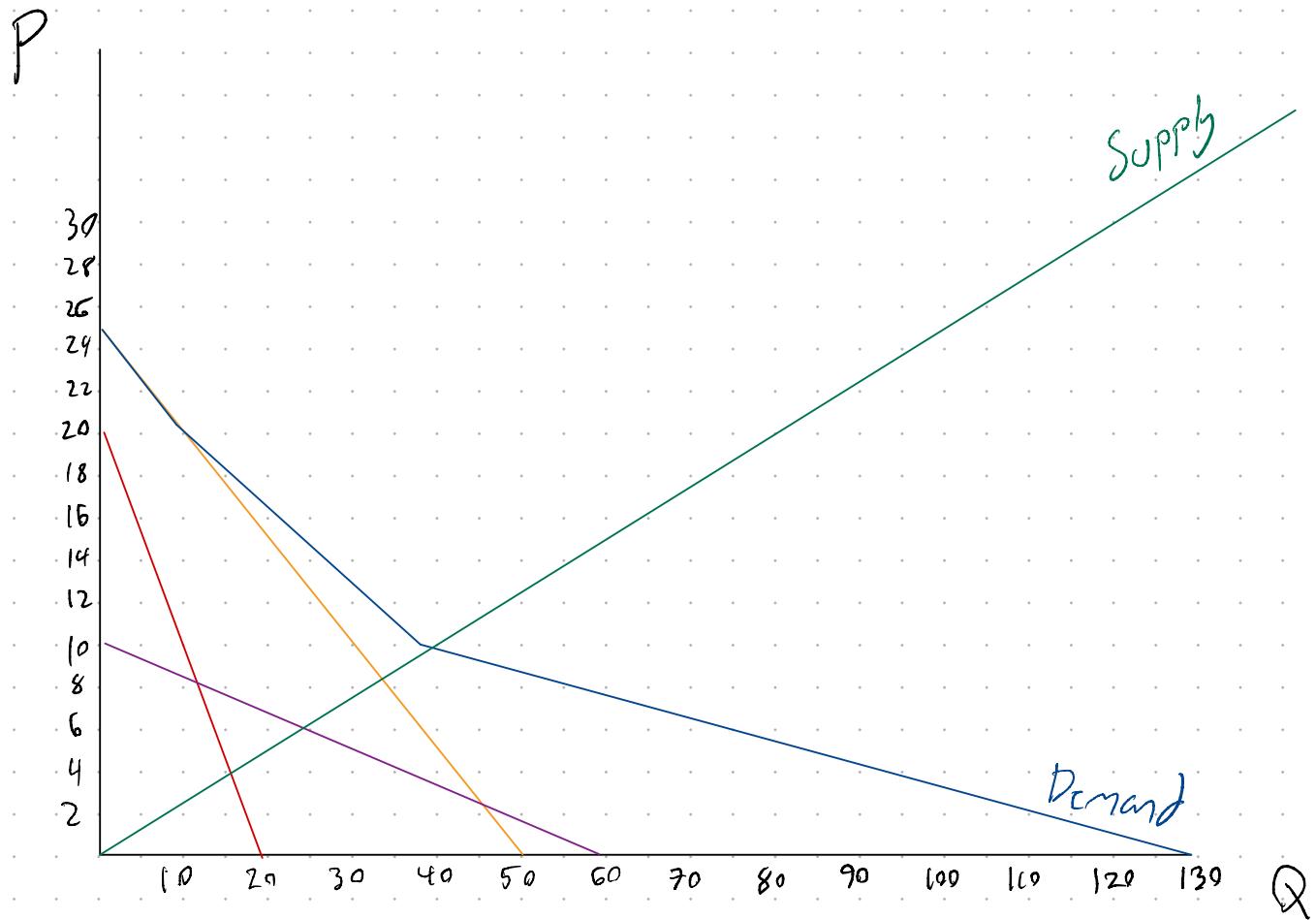
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$$Q_{\text{Total}} = \begin{cases} 130 - 9P & \text{when } P \in [0, 10] \\ 70 - 3P & \text{when } P \in (10, 20] \\ 50 - 2P & \text{when } P \in (20, 25] \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$Q_{\text{Supply}} = 4P$$



$$Q_A = 20 - P \quad Q_A = 10$$

$$130 - 9P = 4P$$

$$Q_B = 50 - 2P \quad Q_B = 30$$

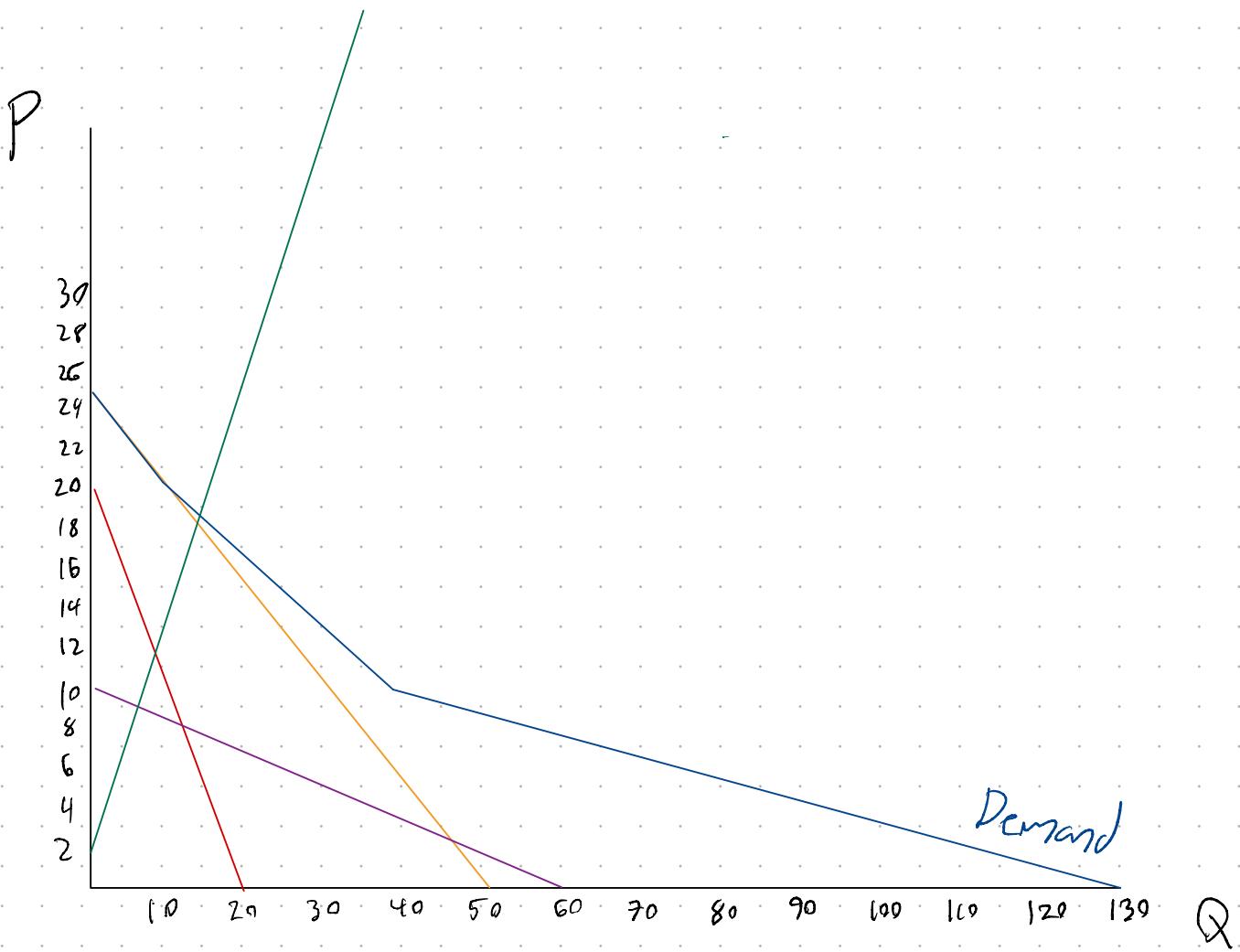
$$130 = 13P$$

$P = 10$

$$Q_C = 60 - 6P \quad Q_C = 0$$

$Q = 40$

$$Q_{\text{Supply}} = -10 + p$$



$$130 - 9p = -10 + p$$

$$140 = 10p$$

$$p = 14$$

\times can't do this since
 $p \notin [0, 10]$

$$7Q - 3P = -10 + P$$

$$8Q = 4P$$

$$20 = P$$

$$Q = -10 + 20 = 10$$

$$\checkmark P \in [10, 20]$$

$$Q_A = 20 - P \quad Q_A = 0$$

$$Q_B = 50 - 2P \quad Q_B = 10$$

$$Q_C = 60 - 6P \quad Q_C = 0$$