

Topic 13

- 1) Horizontal demand curve: A firm in a perfectly competitive market is price taker, so it can sell any quantity at the market price, the demand it faces is perfectly elastic.
- 2) Price discrimination fairness: it can be fair if it increases access for consumers who couldn't afford the product otherwise.
- 3) Perfect vs imperfect competition: Perfect competition has many firms, identical products, and no control over price; imperfect competition has fewer firms, differentiated products and some price setting power.
- 4) Sources of product differentiation: Quality, features, branding, customer service, location, and packaging.
- 5) Gains from collusion: firms can increase profits by reducing competition, stabilizing prices and controlling output.

6) Barriers to entry: Factors that prevent new firms from entering a market. (ex high startup cost, patents, brand loyalty, or government regulations).

7) Detering entry: Firms can limit new capotile through strategies like predatory pricing, advertising, product differentiation or securing patents.