

**PRICING IN TWO MARKETS/PRICE DISCRIM:**

1. Find TR, MR in individual markets

$$Q_u = 60 - P_u \quad Q_e = 44 - P_e$$

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$$TR_u = 60Q_u - Q_u^2 \quad TR_e = 44Q_e - Q_e^2$$

$$MR_u = 60 - 2Q_u \quad MR_e = 44 - 2Q_e$$

2.  $MR_u = MR_e$   
 $60 - 2Q_u = 44 - 2Q_e$   
 $Q_u = 8 + Q_e$   
 $Q_e = Q_u - 8$

3. ATC then find TC then find  $MC_T$  in markets combined

$$ATC = 4 + 0.1Q_T$$

$$TC = 4Q_T + 0.1Q_T^2$$

$$MC_T = 4 + 0.2Q_T$$

Sub in  $Q_e$  and  $Q_u$  for  $Q_T$   
 $MC_T = 4 + 0.2Q_T = 4 + .2Q_u + .2Q_e$

Sub  $Q_u$  variable  
 Get  $MC_T$  in terms of 1 variable  
 $MC_T = 4 + .2(8 + Q_e) + .2Q_e = 5.6 + .4Q_e$   
 (Note: you only need to do this step when there are variables in the MC equation; if  $MC = 30000$  or some constant, just  $MRS = MC$  and solve.)

4.  $MC_T = MR$  of 1 market  
 $MC_T = MR_e$   
 $5.6 + .4Q_e = 44 - 2Q_e$   
 Solve  $Q_e = 16$   
 Sub into  $Q_u$  equation  $Q_u = 8 + Q_e = 24$

5. Find  $P$ 's  
 $Q_u = 24$ , so  $P_u = 60 - Q_u = 36$   
 $Q_e = 16$ , so  $P_e = 44 - Q_e = 28$

**QUASI-COMPETITIVE SOLUTION**

Key words: price war  
 $P = 100 - .5(Q_1 + Q_2)$   
 $TC_1 = 5Q_1$  and  $TC_2 = .5Q_2^2$   
 $MC_1 = 5$   $MC_2 = Q_2$

Set  $P = MC_1$  and solve for  $Q_1$   
 $100 - .5(Q_1 + Q_2) = 5$   
 $Q_1 = 190 - Q_2$

Set  $P = MC_2$ , sub in  $Q_1$  and solve for  $Q_2$   
 $100 - .5[(190 - Q_2) + Q_2] = Q_2$   
 $Q_2 = 5$

Solve for  $Q_1$  and then  $P$   
 $Q_1 = 190 - Q_2$  or  $Q_1 = 185$   
 $P = 100 - .5(Q_1 + Q_2) = 100 - .5(185 + 5)$   
 $P = 5$

Calculate Profits  
 $\pi_1 = TR_1 - TC_1 = 85(5) - 5(185) = 0$   
 $\pi_2 = TR_2 - TC_2 = 5(5) - .5(5^2) = 12.5$

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Calculate current TR and TC:  
 $TR = PQ = 30 \cdot 60 = \$1,800$   
 $TC = 100 + 30(30) + 0.5(30)^2 = 1,450$

New situation  
 Find MC:  $MC = 30 + Q = 60$   
 Set  $P = MC = \text{Use Fee}$   
 $150 - 3Q = 30 + Q$   
 $Q = 30$   
 Solve for  $P$ :  $P = 150 - 3Q = 60$   
 Go to triangle and plug  
 $CS = .5bh = \text{numbers from triangle}$   
 $= .5(30)(90) = 1,350$

new price structure:  
 use price = 60  
 entry fee =  $CS = 1,350$

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$$= (60)(30) + 1,350 - 1,450 = 1,700$$

old profit =  $TR - TC$   
 $= PQ - TC$  function plug  $Q$  in  
 $= (60)(30) - 1,450 = 350$

**PROFIT DIFFERENCE = NEW - OLD = 1,700 - 350**

**COURNOT SOLUTION**

Key words: quantity comparison  
 $P = 100 - .5(Q_1 + Q_2)$   
 $TC_1 = 5Q_1$  and  $TC_2 = .5Q_2^2$   
 $MC_1 = 5$   $MC_2 = Q_2$

i) Firm 1:  
 a)  $TR_1 = PQ_1 = [100 - .5(Q_1 + Q_2)] Q_1$   
 $TR_1 = 100Q_1 - .5Q_1^2 - .5Q_1Q_2$   
 $MR_1 = 100 - Q_1 - .5Q_2$

b) Set  $MC_1 = MR_1$  or  $100 - Q_1 - .5Q_2 = 5$   
 $Q_1 = 95 - .5Q_2$

ii) Firm 2:  
 i)  $TR_2 = PQ_2 = [100 - .5(Q_1 + Q_2)] Q_2$   
 $TR_2 = 100Q_2 - .5Q_2^2 - .5Q_1Q_2$   
 $MR_2 = 100 - Q_2 - .5Q_1$

ii) Set  $MC_2 = MR_2$  or  $100 - Q_2 - .5Q_1 = Q_2$   
 $Q_2 = 50 - .25Q_1$

Sub  $Q_1$  into  $Q_2$  and solve for  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$ , then price:  
 $Q_2 = 50 - .25Q_1 = 50 - .25(95 - .5Q_2) = 30$   
 $Q_2 = 30$   
 $Q_1 = 95 - .5Q_2 = 95 - .5(30) = 80$

$P = 100 - .5(Q_1 + Q_2) = 100 - .5(80 + 30) = \$45$

Calculate profits:  
 $\pi_1 = TR_1 - TC_1 = 80(45) - 5(80) = \$3200$   
 $\pi_2 = TR_2 - TC_2 = 30(45) - .5(30^2) = \$900$

**STACKELBERG**

Key words: leader, follower (just 2 firms)  
 $P = 100 - .5(Q_1 + Q_2)$   
 $TC_1 = 5Q_1$   
 $MC_1 = 5$

Firm 1  
 $TR = PQ_1 = 100Q_1 - .5(Q_1 + Q_2)Q_1$   
 $\pi_1 = TR_1 - TC_1$   
 $\pi_1 = 100 - .5Q_1^2 - .5Q_1Q_2 - 5Q_1$

Sub in Cournot reaction functions  
 $Q_2 = 50 - .25Q_1$   
 $\pi_1 = 70Q_1 - .375Q_1^2$   
 Take deriv of  $\pi_1$ ,  $0 = 70 - .75Q_1$   
 Solve for  $Q_1 = 93.33$   
 Sub in  $Q_1$  and solve for  $\pi_1$

Firm 2  
 Sub  $Q_1$  into  $Q_2$  reaction function  
 Solve for  $Q_2$

**COLLUSIVE SOLUTION**

Key words: collusion or cooperate  
 $P = 100 - .5(Q_1 + Q_2)$   
 $TR = [100 - .5(Q_1 + Q_2)] (Q_1 + Q_2)$   
 $TC_1 = 5Q_1$  and  $TC_2 = .5Q_2^2$   
 $MC_1 = 5$   $MC_2 = Q_2$

Calculate profit:  
 $\pi = TR - TC$   
 $\pi = TR - (5Q_1 + .5Q_2^2)$   
 $\pi = 95Q_1 + 100Q_2 - .5Q_1^2 - Q_1Q_2 - Q_2^2$

Take partials and set equal to zero:  
 $0 = 95 - Q_1 - Q_2$  wrt  $Q_1$   
 $0 = 100 - Q_1 - 2Q_2$  wrt  $Q_2$   
 Solve for  $Q_1$ :  
 $Q_1 = 95 - Q_2$

Sub in  $Q_1$ , solve for  $Q_2$ ,  $Q_1$  and price:  
 $Q_2 = 50 - .5(Q_1) = 50 - .5(95 - Q_2) = 5$   
 $Q_1 = 95 - Q_2 = 95 - 5 = 90$   
 $P = 100 - .5(Q_1 + Q_2) = \$52.5$   
 Calculate profits:  
 $\pi_1 = TR_1 - TC_1 = 52.5(90) - 5(90) = 4275$   
 $\pi_2 = TR_2 - TC_2 = 52.5(5) - .5(5^2) = 250$

**PRICE LEADER:**

Key words: fringe, many small firms, cartel  
 $Q_{Total} = Q_{Leader} + Q_{Fringe}$   
 $Q_{Leader} = Q_{Total} - Q_{Fringe}$   
 $P_F = MR_F = MC_F$  for small firms  
 $MR_{ALL} = MC_{ALL}$  if profit maximizing

$Q_T = 25,000 - 30P$   
 $TC_L = 90,000 + 200Q_L + .25Q_L^2$   
 $MC_F = 90 + 0.04Q_F$

Solve for  $Q_F$  (if not given in problem):  
 $P_F = MR_F = MC_F$   
 $P_F = 90 + 0.04Q_F$   
 Rewrite  $Q_F = 25P - 2,250$

Solve for  $Q_L$ :  
 $Q_L = Q_T - Q_F$   
 $Q_L = (25,000 - 30P) - (25P - 2,250)$   
 Rewrite  $P_L = 495.455 - .01818Q_L$

Find  $TR_L$  and  $MR_L$ :  
 $TR_L = P_L Q_L$   
 $TR_L = (495.455 - .01818Q_L)(Q_L)$   
 $MR_L = 495.455 - .03636Q_L$

$MR_L = MC_L$ :  
 $MC_L = \text{deriv of } TC_L$   
 $495.455 - .03636Q_L = 200 + .05Q_L$   
 $Q_L = 3421.2019$

Substitute in for  $P_L$ :  
 $P_L = 495.455 - .01818Q_L = 433.26$

**TRANSFER PRICING**

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No External Market

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- Set  $MR_F = MC_F$  and solve for  $P_F$  and  $Q_F$
- Sub  $Q_F$  for  $Q_1$  in the  $MC_1$  function, solve for  $MC_1$

$P_F = 1,000 + .1Q_F$   
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 (where  $Q_F = Q_1 = Q_2$  due to a 1-for-1 demand)

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 $MR_F = 1,000 + .2Q_F$

$MC_F = MC_1 + MC_2 = (10 + .01Q_1) + (100 + .05Q_2)$   
 $= (10 + .01Q_F) + (100 + .05Q_F)$   
 $= 110 + .06Q_F$

$MR_F = MC_F$  where  $1,000 + .2Q_F = 110 + .06Q_F$   
 $Q_F = 3423$

$MC_1 = 10 + .01Q_1 = 10 + .01Q_F$   
 $MC_1 = \$44.23 = \text{transfer price}$

Perfectly Competitive External Market

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 $TC_1 = 3,000 + 2Q_1 + .001Q_1^2$

$P_2 = 40 - .01Q_2$   
 $TC_2 = 1,700 + 15Q_2$  (fixed cost = 1700, variable cost of 3 for mktg and 12 for transferring per shirt)

$TR_1 = P_1 Q_1 = 12Q_1$   
 $MR_1 = 12$   
 $MC_1 = 2 + .002Q_1$

$MR_1 = MC_1$  or  $12 = 2 + .002Q_1$   
 $Q_1 = 5,000$

$\pi = TR_1 - TC_1 = 12Q_1 - (3,000 + 2Q_1 + .001Q_1^2)$   
 $\pi = 22,000$

$$TR_2 = P_2 Q_2 = 40Q_2 - .01Q_2^2$$

$$MR_2 = 40 - .02Q_2$$

$$MC_2 = 15$$

$$MR_2 = MC_2 \text{ or } 40 - .02Q_2 = 15$$

$$Q_2 = 1250$$

$Q_1 < Q_2$ , thus Div 1 will sell 1250 units to Div 2 and the rest on the open market

### MORAL HAZARD W/ COMPENSATION:

$$EU = p_1 U_1 + p_2 U_2$$

Utility function must be given

$$\text{Worker utility} = W + B - C + \text{wages} + \text{bonus} - \text{cost}$$

Solve for utility when work hard:

$$W + B - C$$

Solve for utility when shirk:

$$W + B - C$$

Compare utility to determine worker behavior:

Choose greatest utility

Determine firm  $\pi$  levels under hard and shirk

Sum of probabilities of profits

May be some other factor

Determine effect of compensation on firm  $\pi$ :

Firm gets  $\pi$  that matches what worker does

Subtract wages from  $\pi$  to determine real  $\pi$

Determine optimal compensation:

EU work hard = just above EU shirk

$$EU_{\text{HARD}} = EU_{\text{SHIRK}}$$

$$\text{adjust so } EU_{\text{HARD}} = EU_{\text{SHIRK}}^+$$

### WARRANTY:

Sally's product = Excellent and Joe's product = Poor

$P_s = \$160$ , if seen as high quality

$P_j = \$120$ , if seen as poor quality

$C_s = \$80$  and  $C_j = \$80$

Info. is imperfect, and warranty signals high quality.

Warranty  $C_s = \$30$  and Warranty  $C_j = \$80$

Sally's Profit w/out warranty =  $\$160 - \$80 = \$80$

Joe's Profit w/out warranty =  $\$120 - \$30 = \$90$

Sally will issue a warranty if

$\$160 - \$80 - \$5Y > \$80$  (profit w/out warranty)

$8 > Y$  thus, Sally can issue warranty of up to 8 yrs.

Joe will issue a warranty if

$\$160 - \$30 - \$10Y > \$90$  (profit w/out warranty)

$4 > Y$  thus, Joe can issue a warranty of up to 4 yrs.

If Sally issues a warranty of 4+ yrs, she'll make

$\$160 - \$80 - \$5 \cdot 4 = \$60$  per unit

If they collude for maximum profits:

Sally issues a warranty for 1 day signaling high quality, making her profits:

$\$160 - \$60 - \$5 (1/365) = \$80$

Joe does not issue a warranty, making same profit of

$\$120 - \$30 = \$90$

### INSURANCE:

House is worth 350 (property) and 300 (financial assets). There is 1% chance of a fire causing loss.

$$\text{Utility} = U = W^{0.5}$$

$$\text{Exp. Utility} = 0.99 (650)^{0.5} + 0.01 (300)^{0.5} = 25.413$$

What's the maximum willing to spend on insurance?

Set Utility with Insurance  $650 - P = \text{Existing Utility}$

$$U = (650 - P)^{0.5} = 25.413$$

$$\text{Square both } (650 - P) = (25.413)^2 \Rightarrow P = 4.162$$

\*Note this is above the expected loss ( $350 \cdot 0.1 = 35$ ) You can expect to pay more than

price to MR = same intercept 2X slope

MR to price = same intercept 1/2 slope

### POSTED PRICE VS. DUTCH AUCTION:

You wish to maximize rev. by buying back stock. Market response probabilities follow: good (0.35); neutral (0.40); and bad (0.25). Ace values stock at 40.

Set up table with

Val. Ace	Price	Profit/Share	0.35 Profit Good	0.40 Profit Neut.	0.25 Profit Bad
40	35	5	10 (50)	7 (35)	5 (25)
40	36	4	12 (48)	10 (40)	8 (32)
40	37	3	14 (42)	12 (36)	11 (33)
40	38	2	16 (32)	13 (26)	12 (24)

(\*No. in () = Profit/Share\*Number of Shares)

By announcing price before shares are tendered, the expected profit is

Price	Expected Profit
35	$0.35 \cdot 50 + 0.40 \cdot 35 + 0.25 \cdot 25 = 37.75$
36	$0.35 \cdot 48 + 0.40 \cdot 40 + 0.25 \cdot 32 = 40.80$
37	$0.35 \cdot 42 + 0.40 \cdot 36 + 0.25 \cdot 33 = 37.35$
38	$0.35 \cdot 32 + 0.40 \cdot 26 + 0.25 \cdot 24 = 27.60$

In a modified Dutch auction, price is announced after shares are tendered. Ace will buy back at 35 if conditions are good, 36, if conditions are neutral, and at 37 if conditions are bad.

$$0.35 \cdot 50 + 0.40 \cdot 40 + 0.25 \cdot 33 = 41.75$$

$$41.75 > 40.80 = 0.95 \text{ (Value of Information)}$$

If risk averse and  $U = \pi^4$ , announce price before or after?

Do expected utilities at each price level, ex:

$$35 \quad 0.35 \cdot 50^4 + 0.40 \cdot 35^4 + 0.25 \cdot 25^4 = 4.238$$

do for 36, 37, 38

pick winner

Do expected utility of Dutch:

$$0.35 \cdot 50^4 + 0.40 \cdot 40^4 + 0.25 \cdot 33^4 = 4.435$$

compare winner to Dutch, choose higher utility

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New situation

$$\text{Find MC: } MC = 30 + Q = 60$$

$$\text{Set } P = MC = \text{Use Fee}$$

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$$\text{Solve for P: } P = 150 - 3Q = 60$$

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$$\text{profit difference} = \text{new} - \text{old} = 1,700 - 350$$

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