

I Monopoly pricing

$$\circ \frac{p - c'(q)}{p} = \frac{1}{|\epsilon_i|}$$

◦ Durable goods

◦ Coase conjecture

◦ commitment problem

◦ leasing

◦ moral hazard

Price discrimination

1st Degree:

◦ Perfect

◦ $p = MC$ and Lump sum equal to CS

3rd Degree:

◦ Discrimination on observables

◦ Student discounts

◦ $\Delta W \downarrow$ unless $\sum q_i \uparrow$ sufficiently

$$\circ \frac{p_i - c'}{p_i} = \frac{1}{|\epsilon_i|}, \quad \frac{p_j - c'}{p_j} = \frac{1}{|\epsilon_j|}$$

2nd Degree:

◦ self-selection (selection based on unobservables)

◦ call plans

◦ need to satisfy IC

- efficiency and rents at the top
 - inefficiency and no rents at the bottom
 - single crossing property: $\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial q \partial \theta} > 0$.
- individual optimal quality \swarrow
 \swarrow quality offered

◦ Recall $U(\theta) = U(0) + \int_0^\theta U_\theta(t) dt$

- need to give θ -type an informational rent.

2] Static Competition

- Bertrand / Cournot
- Bertrand paradox can be avoided by:
 - capacity constraints
 - repeated games
 - differentiated products
- Horizontal differentiation
 - Hotelling Line
 - Salop circle
 - Local competition

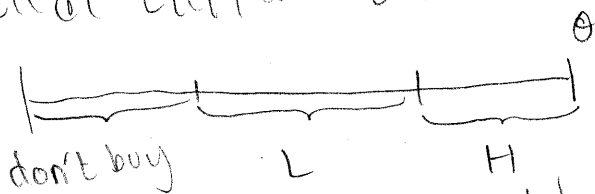
◦ Logit: $U_{ij} = \beta x_i - \alpha p_j + \varepsilon_{ij}$

- global competition

◦ market shares given by $s_j = \frac{e^{\beta x_j}}{\sum_{k=1}^N e^{\beta x_k}}$

- random preference ordering, so all firms compete with one another.

◦ Vertical differentiation.



◦ supply function equilibrium

◦ $p \in$ [Bertrand, Cournot] with uncertainty

◦ with no uncertainty, can sustain collusion

◦ Loss leaders and add-ons

◦ simple model - no $\Delta \pi$

◦ cheapskate externality

◦ $\text{cov}(\text{low value, price sensitivity}) > 0$

◦ search

◦ Diamond

◦ "ε-overcutting" - $p = p^m$

◦ Stahl

◦ tension between exploiting non-shoppers and competing for shoppers.

3] Dynamic competition

◦ standard super games

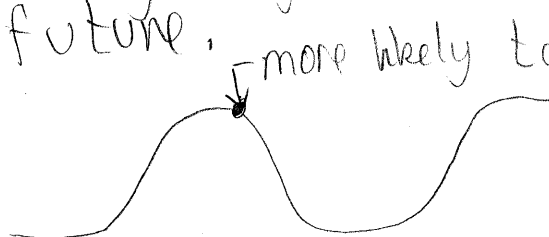
◦ Folk theorem

◦ Green-Porter

◦ actions unobservable

◦ use public info. to infer behavior

- finite price wars in equilibrium triggered by bad demand shocks
- collusion is harder under imperfect information
- Rotemberg - Saloner
 - cyclical demand
 - collusion is hard if π today relatively higher than $E[\pi]$ in the future.



- Maskin - Tirole
 - Markov equilibrium
 - sticky pricing; Edgeworth cycles

Testing for the degree of collusion:

$$\frac{p - c'}{p} = \frac{\theta}{|\epsilon|}$$

$\theta = 1 \Rightarrow$ collusion

$\theta = 0 \Rightarrow$ competition

4] Entry

- until $E[\pi(N+1)] < K$
- too much or too little?
 - business stealing \Rightarrow too much
 - homogeneous product \Rightarrow only business stealing effects \Rightarrow too much entry

◦ heterogeneous goods \rightarrow can't say anything without parametrizing.

5] Networks

◦ multiple equilibria

◦ inefficient upgrades

◦ sponsored technology bias

◦ two-sided markets

◦ competing networks

◦ one-sided markets

◦ better off with more people

◦ two-sided markets

◦ more consumers - better for producers

◦ more producers - better for consumers

◦ two-sided markets - still just the inverse elasticity rule.

6] Strategic Investment

◦ deterrence

◦ $\frac{d\pi_E}{dK_I} > 0 \Rightarrow$ "soft"

◦ $\frac{d\pi_E}{dK_I} < 0 \Rightarrow$ "tough"

◦ accommodation:

◦ $\frac{d\pi_E}{dX_E} \frac{dX_E}{dK_I}$ Want this to be > 0 .

◦ Predation and Limit Pricing

◦ signalling - usually always exists a pooling eq.

◦ signal jamming

◦ separating is more interesting

◦ Δ action

◦ want to influence opponent's ability to make deductions based on public signal.

◦ predation - semi-separating: if reveal type, will be worse off (reputation model)

◦ financial model - due to bankruptcy cost, cost of borrowing is increasing. Thus, firm with greater cash reserves can potentially force others out of the market.