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(at same time)

1) Find Cournot equilibrium when there are 3 firms in the market

$$p = a - bq; q = q_1 + q_2 + q_3 \longrightarrow p = a - bq_1 - bq_2 - bq_3$$

$$C_1 = C_2 = C_3 = c \longrightarrow c = C_1 = C_2 = C_3 = \text{constant}$$

what is equilibrium price? p^*

what are firms' profit? $\pi_1 = \pi_2 = \pi_3 = ?$

$$\pi_1 = TR_1 - TC_1 = (a - bq_1 - bq_2 - bq_3)q_1 - C_1$$

$$\frac{\partial \pi_1}{\partial q_1} = a - 2bq_1 - bq_2 - bq_3 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \pi_1}{\partial q_1} \quad a - bq_2 - bq_3 = 2bq_1$$

$$\frac{a}{2b} - 0.5q_2 - 0.5q_3 = q_1 \quad : \text{Best Response fw(1)}$$

$$\pi_2 = TR_2 - TC_2 = (a - bq_1 - bq_2 - bq_3)q_2 - C_2$$

$$\frac{\partial \pi_2}{\partial q_2} = a - bq_1 - 2bq_2 - bq_3 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \pi_2}{\partial q_2} \quad a - bq_1 - bq_3 = 2bq_2$$

$$\frac{a}{2b} - 0.5q_1 - 0.5q_3 = q_2 \quad : \text{Best Response fw(2)}$$

$$\pi_3 = TR_3 - TC_3 = (a - bq_1 - bq_2 - bq_3)q_3 - C_3$$

$$\frac{\partial \pi_3}{\partial q_3} = a - bq_1 - bq_2 - 2bq_3 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \pi_3}{\partial q_3} \quad a - bq_1 - bq_2 = 2bq_3$$

$$\frac{a}{2b} - 0.5q_1 - 0.5q_2 = q_3 \quad : \text{Best Response fw(3)}$$

q_3 in q_1

$$q_1 = \frac{a}{2b} - 0.5q_2 - 0.5\left(\frac{a}{2b} - 0.5q_1 - 0.5q_2\right)$$

$$q_1 = \frac{a}{4b} + 0.25q_1 - 0.25q_2$$

$$0.75q_1 = \frac{a}{4b} - 0.25q_2 = 0.25\frac{a}{b} - 0.25q_2$$

$$q_1 = \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{a}{b} - q_2\right) //$$

q_3 in q_2

$$q_2 = \frac{a}{2b} - 0.5q_1 - 0.5\left(\frac{a}{2b} - 0.5q_1 - 0.5q_2\right)$$

$$q_2 = 0.25\frac{a}{b} - 0.25q_1 + 0.25q_2$$

$$0.75q_2 = 0.25\left(\frac{a}{b} - q_1\right)$$

$$q_2 = \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{a}{b} - q_1\right) //$$

q_2 in q_1

$$q_1 = \frac{1}{3} \left\{ \frac{a}{b} - \left[\frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{a}{b} - q_1 \right) \right] \right\} = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{a}{b} - \frac{a}{3b} + \frac{q_1}{3} \right)$$

$$q_1 = \frac{a}{3b} - \frac{a}{9b} + \frac{q_1}{9}$$

$$q_2 = \frac{a}{3b} - \frac{a}{12b}$$

$$q_3 = \frac{a}{2b} - 0.5 \frac{a}{4b} - 0.5 \frac{a}{4b}$$

$$9q_1 = \frac{3a-a}{b} + q_1$$

$$12q_2 = \frac{4a}{b} - \frac{a}{b}$$

$$q_3 = \frac{a}{4b} //$$

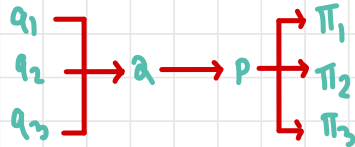
$$8q_1 = \frac{2a}{b}$$

$$q_2 = \frac{a}{4b} //$$

$$q_1 = \frac{a}{4b} //$$

$$\therefore p = a - b \left(\frac{a}{4b} + \frac{a}{4b} + \frac{a}{4b} \right)$$

$$p = a - \frac{3}{4} a$$



$$p = 0.25a //$$

$$\pi_1 = p \cdot q_1 - c_1 = 0.25a \cdot \frac{a}{4b} - c_1 = \frac{a^2}{16b} - c_1 //$$

$$\pi_2 = p \cdot q_2 - c_2 = 0.25a \cdot \frac{a}{4b} - c_2 = \frac{a^2}{16b} - c_2 //$$

$$\pi_3 = p \cdot q_3 - c_3 = 0.25a \cdot \frac{a}{4b} - c_3 = \frac{a^2}{16b} - c_3 //$$

2. If there are N firms

$$q_i^* = f(N), p = p(N), \pi_i = f(N)$$

$$p = a - bq_i; q = q_N$$

$$C_N = C_n = C_M = C$$

$$\pi_i = p(q)q_i - c_i q_i$$

$$= (a - b(q_N))q_i - c_i q_i$$

rearrange

$$q_1 - 0.5q_1 = \frac{a}{2b} - 0.5(q_1 + q_2 + \dots + q_N)$$

$$0.5q_1 = \frac{a}{2b} - 0.5A$$

$$q_1 = \frac{a}{b} - A$$

$$q_2 = \frac{a}{b} - A$$

$$\vdots$$

$$q_N = \frac{a}{b} - A$$

Assume: $q_1 + q_2 + q_3 + \dots + q_N = A$

$$P = a - b(q_1 + q_2 + \dots + q_N)$$

$$P = a - bq_1 - bq_2 - \dots - bq_N$$

$$\pi_1 = (a - bq_1 - bq_2 - \dots - bq_N) \cdot q_1 - c_1$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\pi_N = (a - bq_1 - bq_2 - \dots - bq_N) \cdot q_N - c_N$$

$$\frac{\partial \pi_1}{\partial \pi_N} = a - 2bq_1 - bq_2 - \dots - bq_N = 0$$

$$\frac{a}{2b} - 0.5(q_2 + q_3 + \dots + q_N) = q_1$$

$$\frac{a}{2b} - 0.5(q_1 + q_2 + \dots + q_{N-1}) = q_N$$

$$q_1 + q_2 + \dots + q_N \Rightarrow A = n\left(\frac{a}{b} - A\right)$$

$$A = n\frac{a}{b} - nA$$

$$(n+1)A = n\frac{a}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = nq$$

$$A = \frac{na}{(n+1)b}$$

$$q_i = \frac{a}{(n+1)b} //$$

$$\therefore P = a - b(A) = a - b\left(\frac{na}{(n+1)b}\right)$$

$$P = a - \frac{a}{n+1} = \frac{a(n+1) - na}{n+1} = \frac{na + a - na}{n+1}$$

$$P = \frac{a}{n+1} //$$

$$\pi_i = P \cdot q_i - c_i = \frac{a}{n+1} \cdot \frac{a}{(n+1)b} - c_i$$

$$\pi_i = \frac{a^2}{(n+1)^2 b} - c_i //$$

3. From q_2 , what happen if $N \rightarrow \infty$, $N = 1$

if $n \rightarrow \infty$: $q_i = \frac{a}{(n+1)b} \rightarrow 0$ # each firm will near 0 unit //

: $A = nq_i \rightarrow \infty$ # every firm combine at A and very close to ∞ unit //

: $P = \frac{a}{n+1} \rightarrow 0$ # supply $\uparrow \Rightarrow P \downarrow$ near 0 //

: $\frac{a^2}{(n+1)^2 b} - C_i \rightarrow C_i$ # profit in each firm will loss and negative fixed cost = C //

if $n \rightarrow 1$: $q_i = \frac{a}{(n+1)b} = \frac{a}{2b}$ # monopoly will decrease $a = \frac{a}{2b} < a = \frac{a}{(n+1)b}$ //

: $A = nq_i = a$ # $n=1 \therefore$ firm is monopoly //

: $P = \frac{a}{n+1} = \frac{a}{2}$ # $P_m = \frac{a}{2} > P = \frac{a}{n+1}$ //

: $\frac{a^2}{(n+1)^2 b} - C_i = \frac{a^2}{4b} - C_i$ # $\pi_m > \pi_i = \frac{a^2}{(n+1)^2 b} - C_i$ //

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