

HW: Cournot (individuals) vs. duopolists?

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

$$P = a - bq \text{ ; } q = q_1 + q_2 + q_3 \longrightarrow P = a - bq_1 - bq_2 - bq_3$$

$$c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = c \longrightarrow C = c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = \text{Constant.}$$

What is equilibrium price? : P^*

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

$$\pi_1 = TR_1 - TC_1 = (a - bq_1 - bq_2 - bq_3)q_1 - c_1$$

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

$$a - bq_2 - bq_3 = 2bq_1$$

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

$$\pi_2 = TR_2 - TC_2 = (a - bq_1 - bq_2 - bq_3)q_2 - c_2$$

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

$$a - bq_1 - bq_3 = 2bq_2$$

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

$$\pi_3 = TR_3 - TC_3 = (a - bq_1 - bq_2 - bq_3)q_3 - c_3$$

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

$$a - bq_1 - bq_2 = 2bq_3$$

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

now q_3 in q_1

$$-0.5\frac{a}{2b} + 0.25q_1 + 0.25q_2$$

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

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

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

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

now q_3 in q_2

$$-0.5\frac{a}{2b} + 0.25q_1 + 0.25q_2$$

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

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

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

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

$$\text{now } q_3 \text{ in } q_1 : q_1 = \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{a}{b} - \left(\frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{a}{b} - q_1\right)\right)\right) = \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{a}{b} - \frac{a}{3b} + \frac{q_1}{3}\right)$$

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

$$8q_1 = \frac{3a}{b} - \frac{a}{b} + q_1$$

$$7q_1 = \frac{2a}{b}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

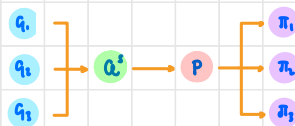
$$P = a - \frac{3}{4}a$$

$$P = 0.25a \quad \#$$

$$\pi_1 = P \cdot q_1 - c_1 = 0.25a \cdot \frac{a}{4b} - c_1 = \frac{a^2}{16b} - c_1 \quad \#$$

$$\pi_2 = P \cdot q_2 - c_2 = 0.25a \cdot \frac{a}{4b} - c_2 = \frac{a^2}{16b} - c_2 \quad \#$$

$$\pi_3 = P \cdot q_3 - c_3 = 0.25a \cdot \frac{a}{4b} - c_3 = \frac{a^2}{16b} - c_3 \quad \#$$



2. If there are N firm

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

$$P = a - b \sum_{j=1}^N q_j, q = q_N$$

$$c_N = c_M = c_P = c$$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_i &= P(q)q_i - c_i q_i \\ &= (a - b(q_N))q_i - c_i q_i \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

$$\vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots$$

$$\pi_n = (a - bq_1 - bq_2 - \dots - bq_n) q_n - c_n$$

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

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

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

Assume that : $q_1 + q_2 + \dots + q_n = A$

$$\text{for } i : q_1 - 0.5q_1 = \frac{a}{2b} - 0.5(q_1 + q_2 + \dots + q_n)$$

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

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

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

$$\vdots$$

$$\therefore \text{for all } i : q_i = \frac{a}{b} - A$$

$$\text{if } q_1 + q_2 + \dots + q_n \geq A = n \left(\frac{a}{b} - A \right)$$

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

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

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

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

q_i is the same for all i in q_i

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

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

$$P = \frac{a}{n+1} \quad \#$$

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

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

3. From Q2, What happen if $N \rightarrow \infty$

$$N=1$$

$$\text{if } n \rightarrow \infty : q_i = \frac{a}{(n+1)b} \rightarrow 0 \quad \# \quad \text{limit: firm produce 0 unit}$$

$$: A = nq_i \rightarrow \infty \quad \# \quad \text{if firms produce a infinite unit}$$

$$: P = \frac{a}{n+1} \rightarrow 0 \quad \# \quad \text{Supply } \uparrow \Rightarrow P \text{ decrease } 0 \quad \#$$

$$: \pi_i = \frac{a^2}{(n+1)^2 b} - c_i \rightarrow -c_i \quad \# \quad \text{infinite firm or many fixed cost = } C \quad \#$$

$$\text{if } n \rightarrow 1 : q_i = \frac{a}{(n+1)b} = \frac{a}{2b} \quad \# \quad \text{Monopoly produce } a = \frac{a}{2b} < a = \frac{na}{(n+1)b}$$

$$: A = nq_i = a \quad \# \quad n=1 \therefore \text{firm is Monopoly}$$

$$: P = \frac{a}{n+1} = \frac{a}{2} \quad \# \quad P_n = \frac{a}{2} > P = \frac{a}{n+1}$$

$$: \pi_i = \frac{a^2}{(n+1)^2 b} - c_i = \frac{a^2}{4b} - c_i : \pi_n > \pi_i = \frac{a^2}{(n+1)^2 b} - c_i$$

