

suppose there're 4 firms in the market. each faces the following

INDIVIDUAL DEMAND CURVE : $P = 100 - 2q$

If all 4 firms act like a monopoly in this market and

$$MC = 10$$

① Calculate Joint-Profit

Given individual demand, we need to find market demand

$$P = 100 - 2q$$

$$2q = 100 - P$$

$$q = \frac{100 - P}{2} \quad \text{for one firm}$$

4 firms

$$Q = 4q$$

$$Q = 4 \left(\frac{100 - P}{2} \right)$$

$$Q = 200 - 2P$$

$$P = 100 - \frac{1}{2}Q \quad \text{for market demand}$$

Joint-Profit

$$\pi R = \pi + TC$$

$$\pi = PQ - TC$$

$$\pi = \left(100 - \frac{1}{2}Q \right) Q - 10Q$$

$$\frac{d\pi}{dQ} = 100 - Q - 10$$

$$Q = 90$$

$$\therefore \pi = (55)(90) - 10(90)$$

$$\pi = \$4050$$

$$P = 100 - \frac{1}{2}(90)$$

$$P = 55$$

② Joint-monopoly price & quantity

$$P = 55 ; Q = 90$$

③ If they agree to split the profit equally. Each firm will produce

$$Q = 90 \text{ units}$$

$$\text{Each firm should produce at } \frac{90}{4} = 22.5 \text{ units.}$$

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Market Price $P = 100 - \frac{1}{2}Q$
 $P = 49.375$

- ⑤ Joint monopoly is not a Nash-Equilibrium because each firm will get more profit. They still have incentive to cheat. They will break the agreed quantity.

Profit of each: cheater $\pi = (49.375 - 10) \times 33.75 = \$1,328.91$

$\pi = (P - MC)Q$ others $\pi = (49.375 - 10) \times 22.5 = \885.94

Note: For those score of

10 points: Well done, correct question noted down w/ "individual demand"

8 points: Wrote down "market demand", but the calculation process is correct

7 points: Correct calculation process, but you didn't write down any keyword stating about type of given demand, so I take it as the question given. (individual demand)

**** Please read the question carefully in exam ****

Any concern regards to the score please contact TA.

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