

# HW 12

17.3 |  $a = b = p$   
 $S(p) = D(p)$   
 $140 - S_p = -60 + S_p$   $200 = 10p$   
 $p = 20$

$140 - S(20) = 40$   $-60 + S(20) = 40$   
 40 Supplied 40 demanded

Quantity transacted at that price 40

$p = 20$   $q = 40 \rightarrow 10,000 \text{ shares}$   $40 \cdot 10000 = 400,000$   
 $\hookrightarrow \frac{1}{8} \$$  so  $20/8 = \$2.5$

$p = \$2.5$   $q = 40000 \text{ shares}$

17.4 | Max  $\frac{D(a)}{D(b)} (a-v) = (S_a - 140)(20-a)$

FOC:  $S(20-a) - (-60 + S_b) = 0$

$100 - S_a - S_a + 140 = 0$   $10a = 240$   $a = 24$

Max  $S(b)(v-b) = (-60 + S_b)(v-b)$

FOC:  $S(20-b) - (-60 + S_b) = 0$

$100 - S_b + 60 - S_b = 0$   $10b = 160$   $b = 16$

$\pi(\text{profit}) \rightarrow \text{selling} = S(b)(v-b) = (S_b - 60)(20-b) = 80$   
 $\downarrow$  16  $\downarrow$  16

Profit for cartel/collusion:  $\frac{80}{n}$

$\pi(\text{profit}) \rightarrow \text{buying} = D(a)(a-v) = (140 - S_a)(a-20) = 80$   
 $\downarrow$  24  $\downarrow$  24

Profit for cartel/collusion:  $\frac{80}{n}$

Total profit  $\pi_{\text{buying}} + \pi_{\text{selling}} = \frac{160}{n}$

Yes, the market makers buy as much as they sell!

17.5 |  $a = \frac{24}{8} \rightarrow a = \$3$   $b = \frac{16}{8} \rightarrow b = \$2$

17.6 | 6 trading rounds per day / 250 trading days per year

$6 \cdot \frac{160}{n} \cdot 250 \rightarrow \frac{240,000}{n}$  yearly profit

$6 \cdot \frac{160}{n} \rightarrow \frac{960}{n}$  daily profit

if  $n=20$

$\frac{240,000}{20} = 12,000/\text{year}$

\* Recall, this is not in \$ amounts. To get \$ amounts, you would  $\div$  by 8.



\$ amounts

yearly profit per dealer	\$1500
yearly profit $\frac{\$30000}{n}$	daily $\frac{\$120}{n}$

17.7 total annual profits  $\frac{\$30000}{n} + \frac{30000}{n} \delta + \frac{30000}{n} \delta^2 + \dots$

~~\$30000~~  ~~$\frac{\$30000}{n}$~~   $\frac{\$30000}{n} \left( \frac{1 - \delta^{T+1}}{1 - \delta} \right) = \frac{\$30000}{n} \left( \frac{1 - .99^{T+1}}{.01} \right)$

or non-dollar  $\frac{240000}{n} \left( \frac{1 - .99^{T+1}}{.01} \right)$  per dealer would be if  $n=20$

17.8 Every broker has a best response to deviate from the collusive price. If it is at  $b=16$  and  $a=24$ , one dealer could charge at  $b=17$  and  $a=23$  and take all the market. Therefore, deviation is always a best response. So, dealers would bid each other down until they get to the market price  $p=20$ , like in the Bertrand price model.

17.9 Collusion payoff:  $\frac{160}{n(1-\delta)}$  Deviation:  $[5(17)-60](20-16) = 75$  profit = 150  
 $[140-5(23)](23-20) = 75$

Sustain Collusion  $\frac{160}{n(1-\delta)} > 150$   $\frac{160}{150} > n(1-\delta)$   $\frac{16}{15} > n(1-\delta)$

when  $n=20$   $\frac{16}{15} > 20 - 20\delta$   $\delta > .94\bar{6}$

17.10 Collusion:  $\frac{160}{n(1-\delta)}$  Deviation:  $150 + [5(19)-60](1) = 35$  profit = 75  
 $[140-5(21)](1) = 35$

Sustain Collusion  $\frac{160}{n(1-\delta)} > 150 + \frac{75}{1-\delta}$   $150 + \frac{75}{1-\delta}$

$\frac{160 - \frac{75}{\delta}}{n(1-\delta)} > 150$   $160 - 75\delta > 150n - 150\delta n$   
 $160 - 150n > -150\delta n + 75\delta$

$-160 + 150n < \delta(150n - 75)$   $\delta > \frac{-160 + 150n}{150n - 75}$

when  $n=20$   $\delta > 0.971$   $\rightarrow$  also a SPNE

profits w/ Collusion:  $\frac{160}{n(1-\delta)}$  profits w/ deviation:  $150 + \frac{75}{1-\delta}$



17.10 From last problem

profit at  $b=1$   
 $a=21$

$$\frac{75}{n} \quad \begin{matrix} 3\frac{1}{n} \text{ selling} \\ 3\frac{1}{n} \text{ buying} \end{matrix}$$

It is a stage-game Nash Equilibrium because the only way to deviate is to bid down. If one bids up, he will not get any buyers or sellers. However, if ~~one~~ bids down, ~~the~~ <sup>they</sup> are at the market price and receive a profit of 0. So, the best response is to remain at  $b=1$  w/ profits  $\frac{75}{n}$ .

18.1

		S	7	V
SA	8	608, 380	512 (448)	Good
	10	(640) 320	(520) (364)	

Costs / \$20/barrel

$$q_{SA} \in \{8, 10\}$$

$$q_V \in \{5, 7\}$$

$$Q \in \{13, 15, 17\}$$

$$96 \quad 84 \quad 72 \rightarrow \text{good}$$

$$64 \quad 60 \quad 56 \rightarrow \text{bad}$$

Calculate

18.2

What will maximize joint profits?

$$608 + 380 = 988$$

$$640 + 320 = 960$$

$$512 + 448 = 960$$

$$520 + 364 = 884$$

Max

$(8, 5) \rightarrow (608, 380)$  13 mbd maximizes profits

Stage-game NE is  $(10, 7) \rightarrow (520, 364)$  17 mbd

18.3

$$\frac{608}{1-\delta} \quad \text{Deviation} \quad 640 + \frac{520}{1-\delta}$$

$$\text{Sustain} \quad \frac{608}{1-\delta} > \frac{640 + 520}{1-\delta} \quad \frac{608 - 520}{1-\delta} > 640$$

$$640 - 640\delta < 88 \quad 552 < 640\delta$$

$$\delta > .8625 \rightarrow \text{SA}$$

$$\frac{380}{1-\delta}$$

$$\text{Deviation: } 448 + \frac{364}{1-\delta}$$

$$\frac{380 - 364}{1-\delta} > 448$$

$$\frac{16}{1-\delta} > 448$$

$$448 - 448\delta < 16$$

$$432 < 448\delta$$

$$\delta > .9643 \rightarrow \text{V}$$



18.4 Higher prices make it easier to sustain collusion.

With higher prices  $\delta$  was  $1/3$  for SA  $\approx .905$  for V.

With lower prices  $\delta$  was .8625 for SA  $\approx .9643$  for V.

18.5 SA gets entire market

$$13 \times \$96 = 1248 \quad 1248 - 13.20 = 988$$

$$SA: \frac{988}{1-\delta} = \frac{988}{.25} = 3952$$

Normally V would get

$$\frac{380}{1-\delta} = \frac{380}{.25} = 1520$$

SA would have to pay  
V 1,520 for it not to

overproduce.

I assumed that SA would be the only producer and that it would produce at 13 mbd for \$96 (as that maximizes profits). If both SA & V produced at 13 mbd, V would get \$1520, so SA would have to pay them at least that much.