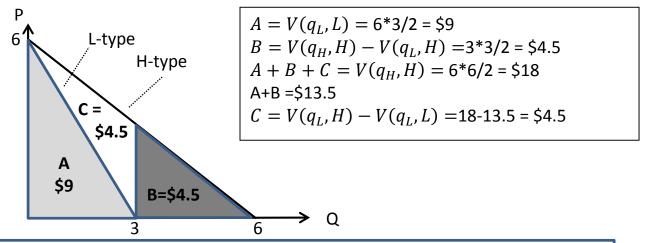
L01 Nonlinear Pricing

Tennis Club Pricing Example

- Costs: MC = 0; FC = \$5,000; Q = hours of court time.
- 1,000 H's: $q_H = 6 p \rightarrow V_q(q_H, H) = 6 q_H \rightarrow V(q_H, H) = 6q_H \frac{1}{2}q_H^2$
- 1,000 L's: $q_L = 3 \frac{1}{2}p \rightarrow V_q(q_L, L) = 6 2q_L \rightarrow V(q_L, L) = 6q_L q_L^2$

Nonlinear Pricing: Bronze $\{q_L=3, P_L=?\}$ & Gold $\{q_H=3, P_H=?\}$ memberships

• Players can choose membership (2nd Degree P.D. / Self-selection)



$$P_L = A = V(q_L, L)$$

 $P_H = A + B = P_L + V(q_H, H) - V(q_L, H) = P_L + Value(Upgrade)$
 $P_H = 18 - C = V(q_H, H) - (V(q_L, H) - P_L) = V(q_H, H) - CS(bronze, H)$

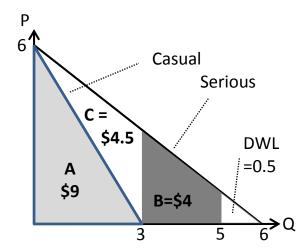
- (1) Serious Value Gold at A+B+C = \$18; Casual Value Bronze at A = \$9.
 - Ask: What if Charge PB = \$9 and Pg = \$18? (3rd degree P.D. prices)
 - **Both buy Bronze**. **Why?** (Profit 2*9k-5k = \$13k)
 - $CS(bronze, H) = V(q_L, H) P_L = C = 4.5 ; CS(gold, H) = 0
- (2) What if want to price Gold to sell?
 - Ask: P_L? P_L = A = \$9. Why? Can't be higher. If lower, problem H-types buying wrong package gets worse.
 - Ask: P_H? P_H = A+B=\$13.5, so CS = C. Need to give at least same value over price as on bronze package.
 - **Profit** = \$9,000+\$13,500-5,000 = **\$17,500**
- (3) Intuition: Base package 3 hrs for A=\$9. Upgrade additional 3 hrs for B=\$4.5
- (4) Alternative: Sell only gold packages at A+B+C=\$18. π = \$18,000 5,000 = \$13,000. Better iff Ns(A+B+C) > Nc(A)+Ns(A+B) <-> Ns(C) > Nc(A)

Package Design [Discussion]

- Choose number of hours in Bronze & Gold as well as price.
- ASK: Q_H or Q_L: Raise, Lower, or Keep the same?

Debrief: QH

- Lower Q_H? No, DWL underproduction lowers profits no offsetting gain.
- Raise Q_H? No, DWL overproduction lowers profits – no offsetting gain.
- → Set Q_H = Q_H^{FB} = 6. Largest Package should be efficient size.



Debrief Q_L

So **Q**_L*<**3**.

Trade-off: $\Delta P_L = -D$ Lose D on N_L L-types

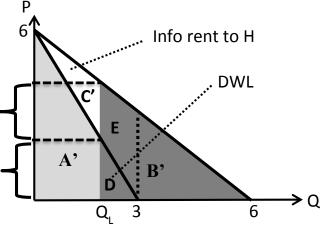
 $\Delta P_H = +E$ Gain E on N_H H-types

For small reduction in Q_L,

D is very small.

 $V_q(q_L, H) - V_q(q_L, L)$ Marginal information rent, weight $(1 - F(\theta_H))$

 $V_q(q_L, L) - MC$ Marginal DWL, weight $f(\theta_L)$



FOC:
$$N_L(V_q(q_L, L) - MC) = N_H(V_q(q_L, H) - V_q(q_L, L))$$

Take-aways:

- Create DWL / lose π on Bronze BUT Extract more surplus from Gold;
- Trade-off between base package revenue and upgrade revenues.
- Large package is efficient size and delivers CS>0.
- Small package should be smaller than efficient and delivers CS=0.
- "Answer" $Q_L = 2$; $P_L = \$8$, $Q_H = 6$; $P_H = \$16$. $\pi = \$19k$; $CS_{casual} = 0$; $CS_{serious} = \$2$
- Volume Discounting:

• Bronze: $P_L/Q_L = 8/2 = $4.00/hr$

• Gold: $P_H/Q_H = 16/6 = $2.67/hr$

Applications: Quantity or Quality? The same! Iphone GB memory: just the same!