

Second Price Auction (English Ascending Price, Vickrey auction)

- highest bidder win
- only winning bidder pays, good goes to the bidder with highest valuation
- winning bidder pay the amount of the highest losing bidder
- dominant strategy for any bidder i to bid for valuation.

$$\underline{b_i(v_i)} = v_i$$

△ true no matter what the distribution of valuation.

⇒ discrete, continuous, symmetric, asymmetric

△ true no matter whether opponent are rational or not

~ Disadvantages.

- could lead to disappointingly low revenue. ? not usually
- vulnerable to collusion between bidders. } but happens.

specific to SPA (not FPA).

- can be manipulated by auctioneer.

shill bids (trade off: may not sell). ⇒ FPA

full efficiency require a reserve price of c . (start with c).

Expected Revenue

in general, a seller wants to sell a reserved price $> c$.

↳ what is the optimal maxed price ? Expected Revenue ?

Eg. ① $v \in \{3, 6, 10\}$ ($n=1$, single price)
 $\frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{1}{3} \Leftarrow$ random / probability

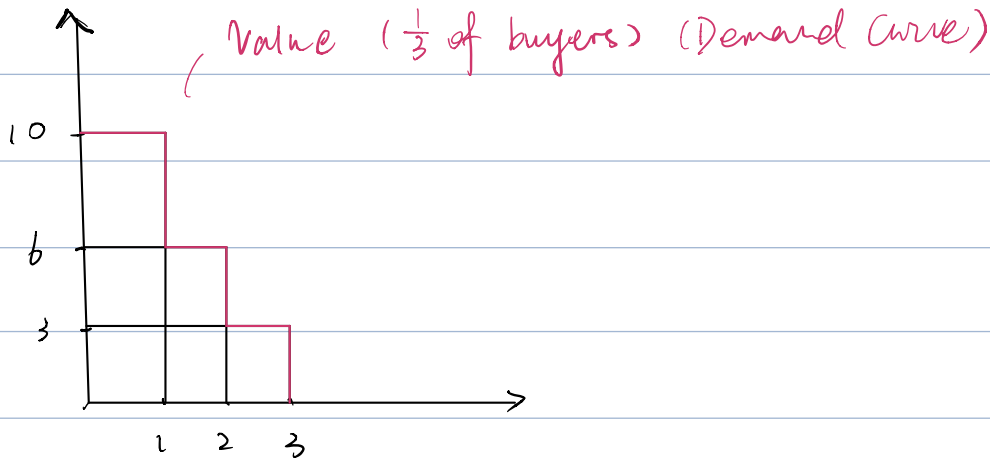
optimal reserved price $r = 3, 6, 10$ $\Rightarrow r^* = 6, ER = 4$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ 3 \quad \quad \frac{1}{3} \times 10 = \frac{10}{3}$$

Similar: Monopoly.

$$\frac{2}{3} \times 6 = 4$$

exclude buyers at marginal price.



② $n=2$ 2 buyers

$\{3, 6, 10\}$ (likelihood)
probability

($r=3$)
no reserve

$r=6$

$r=10$

$(3, 3)$	$\frac{1}{9}$	3] $\frac{5}{9}$]
$(3, 6)$	$\frac{2}{9}$	3	
$(3, 10)$	$\frac{2}{9}$	3	
$(6, 6)$	$\frac{1}{9}$	6] $\frac{3}{9}$]
$(6, 10)$	$\frac{2}{9}$	6	
$(10, 10)$	$\frac{1}{9}$	10	

$$\frac{43}{9}$$

$$\frac{4}{9} \times 6 = \frac{8}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{9} \times 10 = \frac{10}{9}$$