

Biological trade

$$v \in [\underline{v}, \bar{v}] \sim F(v) \quad g(v) = F'(v)$$

$$c \in [\underline{c}, \bar{c}] \sim G(c) \quad g(c) = G'(c)$$

(lowest cost, highest cost)

$$\underline{c} = \underline{v} = 0 \quad \bar{c} = \bar{v} = 1$$

A direct mechanism is a pair of function

$$p: [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \Rightarrow [0, 1]$$

$$t: \Pi \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad p(c, v) = \text{prob that asset given to } b$$

$$t(c, v) = \text{expected transfer to seller } c.$$

Truth telling is a dominant strategy equilibrium
in mechanism $(p(c, v), t(c, v))$

iff

$$I_{cb} \quad v p(c, v) - t(p(c, v)) \geq v p(c, v') - t(p(c, v')) \quad \forall v', v, c. \quad \leftarrow \text{lied.}$$

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tell the truth and get \Leftrightarrow lie and get.

$$I_{cs} \quad t(p(c, v)) - c p(c, v) \geq t(p(c', v)) - c p(c', v) \quad \forall c', v, v.$$

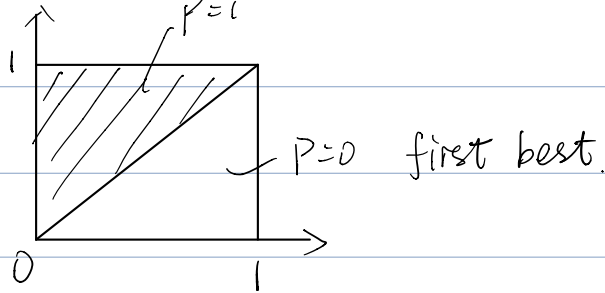
$$I_{rb} \quad v p(c, v) - t(c, v) \geq 0 \quad (\text{cannot be neg (worth off)}), \quad \forall (c, v)$$

$$I_{rs} \quad t(c, v) - c p(c, v) \geq 0. \quad \forall (c, v)$$

$$L_1 \quad p(c, v) = 0 \Rightarrow t(c, v) = 0.$$

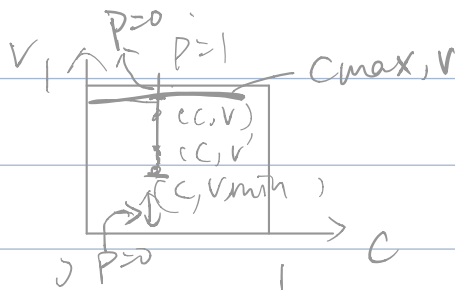
Restrict attention to deterministic mechanism
 $p(c, v) = 0$ or $p(c, v) = 1$.

ideally



L2 If $p_{CC}(v) = 1$ and $p_{CC}(v') = 1$
then $t(c, v) = t(c, v') = 1$

/ $p_{CC}(v) = 1$ and $p_{CC'}(v) = 1$
then $t(c, v) = t(c', v) = 1$.



the same (lying & get ↑ price 1).

s.n. Then trader faces a higher price would want to lie.

$$V_{\min}(c) = \min \{ v : p_{CC}(v) = 1 \}$$

$$C_{\max}(v) = \max \{ c : p_{CC}(v) = 1 \}$$

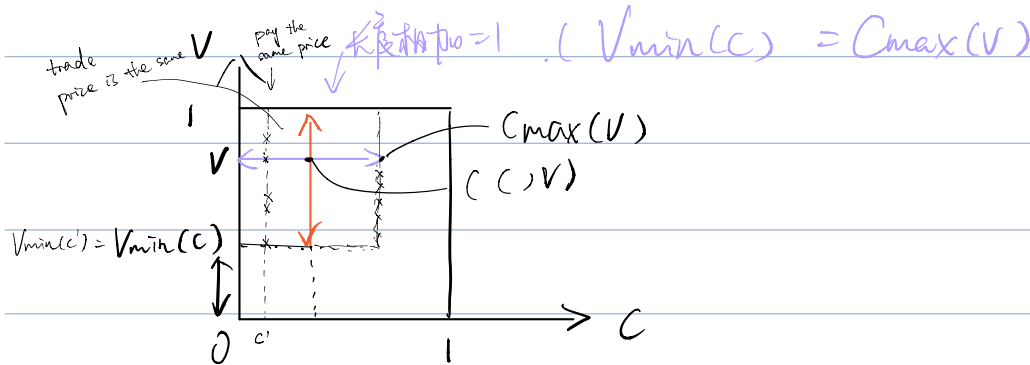
highest sellers given v.

L3: If $p_{CC}(v) = 1$, $t(c, v) = V_{\min}(c) = C_{\max}(v)$.

L2 $\rightarrow t(c, v) = t(c, V_{\min}(c)) = V_{\min}(c)$ (surplus of $V_{\min}(c) = 0$)

if $V_{\min}(c)$ trade at prob 1 $\rightarrow V_{\min}(c) - t(c, V_{\min}(c))$

$$0 \rightarrow 0$$



Proposition: If (p, t) is a direct mechanism in which truth-telling is a dominant strategy, and there $\exists \hat{\alpha} \in [0, 1]$ such that

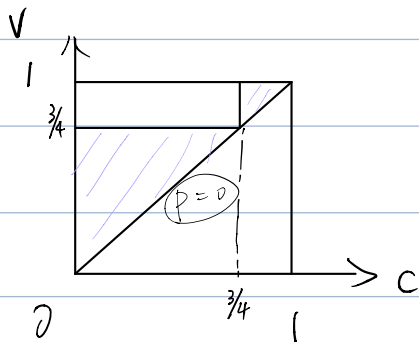
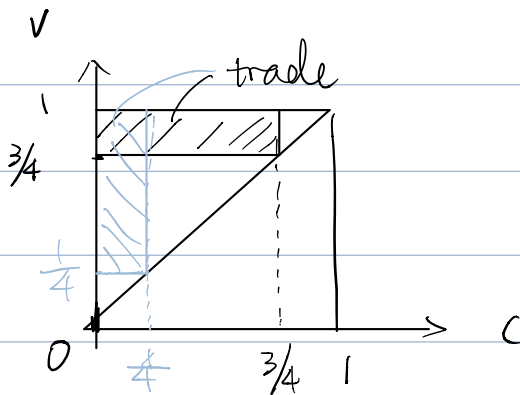
$$p(c, v) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (c, v) \in (c, v) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \hat{\alpha} & \text{if } c \leq \hat{\alpha} \text{ and } v \geq \hat{\alpha} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

trade at price $\hat{\alpha}$

explain

Indirect Mechanism

- a mediator announce a price $\hat{\alpha}$
- traders get to decide Y or N .
- if $(Y, y) \rightarrow$ trade occurs at $\hat{\alpha}$
- otherwise \rightarrow no trade exists



efficiency outcome perfect information.

Con: The first best outcome is not attainable in a \checkmark dominant strategy equilibrium of any indirect mechanism.