

Assumption 1. Assume that each firm can only take on one project.

First assume that depreciation is 100. Let the value each firm can realize with the asset be x_1 and x_2 .

1 Example 1

If there is some asset and two firms, A and B. If the asset is physical then the potential value is $\max x_A, x_B$.

If firm A has the asset then the firm will use the good if $x_a > x_b$.5 and let firm b use it otherwise.

If firm B has the asset then it will similarly use the asset if $x_b > x_a$.5. Otherwise it will let the other firm.

Therefore if both investing means that it is 50percent likely to get the asset. So if firm i's value is $x_i > x_j$.5 then it is ready to pay $.5 * x_i + .5x_j$.5. If on the other hand $x_i < x_j$.5 then it is ready to pay $.5x_j$.5. All of this times the probability of discovery, p_2 .

If on the other hand just one invests then the probability of discovery is lower but the probability of getting it is 1. So if $x_i > x_j$.5 then the firm is ready to invest x_i , otherwise the firm is ready to invest $.5x_j$.

Intellectual assets:

If on the hand if the asset is intellectual then the potential value is simply $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i$. On the other hand the individual value for a firm i is $x_i + \frac{1}{2}x_j$.

If both invest then i is ready to invest $.5(x_i + x_j) + .5(.5x_i)$.

If just one invests then i is ready to invest in $.5(x_i + x_j) + .5(.5x_i)$

Note: The intellectual asset has no cases.

Question: Is investment concave?

*One asset

Rival asset

Total investment

If a firm owns the physical asset it can rent it to the higher value firm and negotiate half the value.

Let there be n firms which can extract, let x_j be the highest value firm, i.e $\max\{x_A, \dots, x_n\} = x_n$

However if any firm gains the asset other than the top firm then they can get at least $x_n - \frac{x_n + x_{n-1}}{2}$

If top firm invests he gets:

$$= \frac{1}{n}x_n + \frac{n-1}{n}\left(\frac{x_n - x_{n-1}}{2}\right)$$

However the top firm gets $\frac{x_n - x_{n-1}}{2}$ even if it doesn't invest. Therefore the willingness to invest is:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{n}x_n - \frac{1}{n}\left(\frac{x_n - x_{n-1}}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n}\left(\frac{2x_n}{2} - \frac{x_n - x_{n-1}}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n}\left(\frac{x_n + x_{n-1}}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

If any other firm invests their payoff is:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{n}\left(x_{n-1} + \frac{x_n - x_{n-1}}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n}\left(\frac{2x_{n-1}}{2} + \frac{x_n - x_{n-1}}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n}\left(\frac{x_n + x_{n-1}}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the total investment is:

$$\frac{x_n + x_{n-1}}{2}$$

Non-rival asset

For intellectual assets we have that the total potential value of a good is $\sum_{i=1}^m y_i$. What each firm's payoff if they invest is $\frac{1}{m}(y_i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^m y_j) + (1 - \frac{1}{m})(\frac{1}{2}y_i)$. If all firms invest, the amount of investment per use i is given by

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \frac{1}{2m} y_i + \frac{1}{m} y_i + (1 - \frac{1}{m}) \frac{1}{2} y_i \\ &= \frac{m-1}{2m} y_i + \frac{2}{2m} y_i + \frac{m-1}{2m} y_i \\ &= y_i \end{aligned}$$

The total investment if all firms invest is merely the potential value of the good. Therefore if more people can use the asset, there is no loss in incentive to invest. However firms will only invest if their payoff from investing is higher than the payoff from not investing. Since the payoff is inevitably $\frac{y_i}{2}$ if the firm doesn't invest, the difference between the two payoffs is merely $\frac{1}{2n} y_i + \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^m y_j = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{j=1}^m y_j$. Therefore the total willingness to invest is $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^m y_j$

2 Result

Proposition 1. *If a non-rival asset and a rival asset both have the same social value, there will be more investment in the rival asset.*

Proof. To see this first note that if two projects have the same social value, then $\max\{x_A, \dots, x_n\} = x_n = \sum_{i=1}^m y_i$. The total investment higher in the physical asset case if

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x_n + x_{n-1}}{2} &> \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n y_j = \frac{1}{2} x_n \\ &\rightarrow x_n + x_{n-1} > x_n \\ &\rightarrow x_{n-1} > 0 \end{aligned}$$

□

Two assets

3 Rival asset

We begin with the case where the top utilizes are all separate.¹

This time there are two assets, A_1 and A_2 . As before the uses from the first asset are $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ where the max is denoted χ and the use vector of the new asset is $\{z_1, \dots, z_n\}$ where the max is denoted by ζ . Additionally there is a use all users can achieve from using both assets, $\{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$ where the max is denoted by ω .

3.1 If $\omega < \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} + \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2}$

3.1.1 Payoff if investor is not a top user

First note that the payoff from investing in A_1 for a player i is k :

$$\frac{1}{k} \left(\frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2k} (\chi + \chi_2)$$

Similarly the payoff from investing in A_2 for a player i is if m players invested in:

¹Need to make sure the subscripts now refer to players.

$$\frac{1}{m} \left(\frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2m} (\zeta + \zeta_2)$$

Investing in both gives a payoff of "Simplification procedure":

$$= \frac{m(\chi + \chi_2) + k(\zeta + \zeta_2)}{2mk}$$

3.1.2 Payoff if investor is a top user

Payoff from not investing is similarly.

$$= \left(\frac{\chi - \chi_2}{2} \right)$$

By investing in asset 1, the χ user has a payoff of

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\chi}{k} + \frac{k-1}{k} \left(\frac{\chi - \chi_2}{2} \right) &= \frac{1}{2k} (2\chi + (k-1)(\chi - \chi_2)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2k} (\chi + \chi_2 + k(\chi - \chi_2)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2k} (\chi(1+k) - \chi_2(k-1)) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore if the top choice is to invest only in own asset, the willingness to invest is:

$$\frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2k} \tag{1}$$

By investing in asset 2, the χ user has a payoff of

$$\frac{\chi - \chi_2}{2} + \frac{1}{m} \left(\zeta_2 + \frac{\zeta - \zeta_2}{2} \right)$$

The willingness to invest if second asset payoff is dominant is:

$$\frac{1}{m} \left(\zeta_2 + \frac{\zeta - \zeta_2}{2} \right)$$

Payoff of investing in two assets:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{km} \left(\chi + \zeta_2 + \frac{\zeta - \zeta_2}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{k} \left(1 - \frac{1}{m} \right) \chi + \left(1 - \frac{1}{k} \right) \frac{1}{m} \left(\zeta_2 + \frac{\zeta - \zeta_2}{2} + \frac{\chi - \chi_2}{2} \right) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{k} \right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{m} \right) \left(\frac{\chi - \chi_2}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{km} \left(\chi + \zeta_2 + \frac{\zeta - \zeta_2}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{km} (m-1)\chi + \frac{1}{km} \left((k-1) \left(\zeta_2 + \frac{\zeta - \zeta_2}{2} + \frac{\chi - \chi_2}{2} \right) \right) + \frac{1}{km} \left((k-1)(m-1) \frac{\chi - \chi_2}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{km} \left(m\chi + \zeta_2 + \frac{\zeta - \zeta_2}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{km} \left((k-1) \left(\zeta_2 + \frac{\zeta - \zeta_2}{2} + \frac{\chi - \chi_2}{2} \right) \right) + \frac{1}{km} \left((k-1)(m-1) \frac{\chi - \chi_2}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{km} \left(m\chi + \zeta_2 + \frac{\zeta - \zeta_2}{2} \right) + \frac{(k-1)}{km} \left(\zeta_2 + \frac{\zeta - \zeta_2}{2} + \frac{\chi - \chi_2}{2} + (m-1) \frac{\chi - \chi_2}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{km} \left(m\chi + \zeta_2 + \frac{\zeta - \zeta_2}{2} + (k-1) \left(\zeta_2 + \frac{\zeta - \zeta_2}{2} + m \frac{\chi - \chi_2}{2} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{km} \left(\frac{m(\chi + \chi_2)}{2} + k \left(\zeta_2 + \frac{\zeta - \zeta_2}{2} + m \frac{\chi - \chi_2}{2} \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

The willingness to invest is

$$\frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2k} + \frac{1}{m} \left(\zeta + \frac{\zeta - \zeta_2}{2} \right) \tag{2}$$

3.2 If $\omega > \frac{\chi+\chi_2}{2} + \frac{\zeta+\zeta_2}{2}$

3.2.1 Payoff of the non- ω user

Investing in both gives a payoff of "Simplification procedure":

Proposition 2. *Keeping the number of investors constant, the presence of the top users, decreases investment.*

Proposition 3. *Keeping the number of investors constant, the presence of the ω user, increases investment.*

Payoff from investing in first asset if k people are investing in A_1 and m investing in A_2 .

$$= \frac{1}{k} \left(\frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} + \frac{m-2}{m} \underbrace{\left(\frac{\omega - \frac{\chi+\chi_2}{2} - \frac{\zeta+\zeta_2}{2}}{3} \right)}_{\text{Payoff if other wins}} + \frac{1}{m} \underbrace{\left(\frac{\omega - \frac{\chi+\chi_2}{2} - \zeta}{3} \right)}_{\text{Payoff if } \zeta \text{ wins}} + \frac{1}{m} \underbrace{\left(\frac{\omega - \frac{\chi+\chi_2}{2} - \frac{\zeta+\zeta_2}{2}}{2} \right)}_{\text{Payoff if } \omega \text{ user wins}} \right) \\ \rightarrow \frac{(1+4m)(\chi + \chi_2) - \zeta(1+2m) + \zeta_2(3-2m) + \omega(4m-2)}{12km}$$

By symmetry we have that the value of investing in the second asset is:

$$= \frac{\zeta(1+4k) + \zeta_2(1+4k) - \chi(1+2k) + \chi_2(3-2k) + \omega(4k-2)}{12km}$$

Payoff from investing in both assets:
"Simplification procedure"

$$= \frac{1}{k} \left(1 - \frac{1}{m} \right) \pi_i(A, m) + \frac{1}{m} \left(1 - \frac{1}{k} \right) \pi_i(B, k) + \frac{1}{m} \frac{1}{k} \underbrace{\left(\frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2} + \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} + \left(\frac{\omega - \frac{\chi+\chi_2}{2} - \frac{\zeta+\zeta_2}{2}}{2} \right) \right)}_{\text{Payoff if you win both assets}} \\ = \frac{\chi(3k+m+4k^2m-3km-2km^2) + \chi_2(4k^2m+mk+m-k-2km^2)}{12m^2k^2} \\ + \frac{\zeta(3m+k+4m^2k-3km-2mk^2) + \zeta_2(4m^2k+mk+k-m-2mk^2)}{12m^2k^2} \\ + \frac{\omega(2mk+4k^2m+4m^2k-2m-2k)}{12m^2k^2}$$

Payoff if not investing of these users is simply 0.

3.2.2 Payoffs of the omega user

Payoff if investing in asset 1:

$$= \frac{1}{k} \left(\frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} + \frac{m-1}{m} \underbrace{\left(\frac{\omega - \frac{\chi+\chi_2}{2} - \frac{\zeta+\zeta_2}{2}}{2} \right)}_{\text{Payoff if it isn't user: } \chi} + \frac{1}{m} \underbrace{\left(\frac{\omega - \frac{\chi+\chi_2}{2} - \zeta}{2} \right)}_{\text{Payoff if it is user: } \chi} \right) \\ = \frac{\zeta_2(1-m) - \zeta(1+m) + m(\chi + \chi_2 + 2\omega)}{4km}$$

Payoff if investing in asset 2:

$$= \frac{\chi_2(1-k) - \chi(1+k) + k(\zeta + \zeta_2 + 2\omega)}{4km}$$

Payoff from investing in both assets:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\omega}{km} + \frac{1}{k} \left(1 - \frac{1}{m}\right) \left(\frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} + \frac{\omega - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2}}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{m} \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) \left(\frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2} + \frac{\omega - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2}}{2} \right) \\
& \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{m}\right) \left(\frac{r}{km} \left(\frac{\omega - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2}}{2} \right) + \frac{km - r}{km} \left(\frac{\omega - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2}}{3} \right) \right) \\
& \rightarrow \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{12(km)^2} (mk(5m - k(1 + 2m) - 2 - r) + r(k + m - 1)) \\
& + \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{12(km)^2} (mk(5k - m(1 + 2k) - 2 - r) + r(k + m - 1)) \\
& + \frac{2\omega}{12(km)^2} (mk(2(km + 1) + m + k) + r(1 - m - k))
\end{aligned}$$

Payoff if not investing:

$$\begin{aligned}
& = \frac{r}{km} \left(\frac{r - 2}{r} \left(\frac{\omega - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2}}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{\omega - \chi - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2}}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{\omega - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} - \zeta}{2} \right) \right) \\
& + \frac{km - r}{km} \left(\frac{km - r - 2}{km - r} \left(\frac{\omega - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2}}{3} \right) + \frac{1}{km - r} \left(\frac{\omega - \chi - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2}}{3} \right) + \frac{1}{km - r} \left(\frac{\omega - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} - \zeta}{3} \right) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Question: Do Complementary assets decrease the investment of some users?

4 General Rival and non-rival case if all activities take up the same space

4.1 Individual usages better than total usage

Assume that the number of usages is even and is given by Q .

Outline the algorithm:

$$\begin{aligned}
A_1 &= \{x_1 + z_1, \dots, x_n + z_n, w_1, \dots, w_n\} \\
&\quad \max(A_1)
\end{aligned}$$

The max will either return: $x_j + z_k$ or w_h

If it returns the former: $c = \{x_j, z_j, w_j, x_k, z_k, w_k\}$

If it returns the latter: $c = \{x_h, z_h, w_h\}$

$$A_1 \setminus c = A_2$$

If owns both assets:

$$\text{Payoff if owns both assets} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{Q}{2}} \frac{\max(A_1) - \max(A_{\frac{Q}{2}+1})}{2} & \text{If not a top user} \\ \sum_{i=1, i \neq j}^{\frac{Q}{2}-1} \frac{\max(A_i) - \max(A_{\frac{Q}{2}+1})}{2} + \max(A_j) & \text{If jth top omega user} \end{array} \right\}$$

5 General Rival and non-rival case if assets usage is exclusive to some activities

5.1 Individual usages better than total usage

If the number of uses of an asset is Q and user j is one of the top Q users then his payoff if he does not win any assets is:

$$\frac{\chi_j - \chi_{Q+1}}{2} \quad (3)$$

payoff if he wins the first asset is given by:

If he wins asset 1 then it is:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{k} \left((Q-1)\chi_{Q+1} + \chi_j + \sum_{i \neq j, i=1}^Q \frac{\chi_i - \chi_{Q+1}}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{k} \left((Q-1)\frac{\chi_{Q+1}}{2} + \chi_j + \sum_{i \neq j, i=1}^Q \frac{\chi_i}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

If j is not a high user this the χ_j becomes another χ_{Q+1} .

Payoff if user j wins both assets:

$$(Q-1)\chi_{Q+1} + \chi_j + \sum_{i \neq j, i=1}^Q \frac{\chi_i - \chi_{Q+1}}{2} + (S-1)\zeta_{S+1} + \zeta_j + \sum_{i \neq j, i=1}^S \frac{\zeta_i - \zeta_{S+1}}{2} \quad (4)$$

5.2 Joint asset usage better than individual asset usage

The socially optimal number of uses is trivially just n uses of asset 1 and n uses of asset 2. A difficulty is with this statement is that if the cost of the asset is not worth its added value.

5.2.1 Payoffs if assets go to the same user user

If the user is the omega user then his payoff is simply ω . If it is not the omega user, then the omega user receives a payoff of if χ user wins $\frac{\omega - \chi - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2}}{2}$ if ζ user wins $\frac{\omega - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} - \zeta}{2}$ and if non top user wins: $\frac{\omega - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2}}{2}$

$$\text{Payoff of the omega user} = \left\{ \begin{array}{cc} \frac{\omega - \max(\chi + \zeta, \dots, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n) - \max_2(\chi + \zeta, \dots, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n)}{2} & \text{If not a top user} \\ 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \end{array} \right\}$$

6 The new formalization

Lets say a licensee is trying to decide how to license the good. He approaches people one by one makes them an offer.

Payoff of user: Let:

$$\begin{aligned} V_i(e_1^s, e_1^b, \bar{V}_{-i}) &: \text{effort of seller on project 1} \\ e_1^s &: \text{effort of seller on project 1} \\ e_1^b &: \text{effort of buyer on project 1} \\ \bar{V}_{-i} &: \text{Average quality of projects} \\ c^s(e_1^s, e_2^s, \dots, e_n^s) &: \text{Cost of seller} \end{aligned}$$

Assumptions on value: $\frac{\partial V_i}{\partial e_i^b} > 0$

$$\frac{\partial^2 V_i}{\partial (e_i^b)^2} < 0$$

$$\frac{\partial V_i}{\partial e_i^s} > 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 V_i}{\partial (e_i^s)^2} < 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 V_i}{\partial (e_i^s)(e_i^b)} > 0$$

$$\frac{\partial V_i}{\partial \bar{V}_{-i}} > 0$$

Perhaps its not necessary to have the linearity.

Assumptions on cost:

$$\frac{\partial c^s}{\partial e_i^s} > 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 c^s}{\partial (e_i^s)^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 c^s}{\partial (e_i^s)(e_j^s)} > 0 \forall i \neq j$$

$$V_i(e_1^s, e_1^b, \bar{V}_{-i})\gamma_i - e_1^b \text{ Payoff of downstream}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n V_i(e_1^s, e_1^b, \bar{V}_{-i})(1 - \gamma_i) - c^s(e_1^s, e_2^s, \dots, e_n^s) \text{ Payoff of upstream}$$

6.1 2 Downstream firms example

In the present case there are two downstream firms. The upstream firm contracts with the downstream firms. First it contracts with the first one and then invests, second it contracts with the second one and then invests. We solve by backward induction. The question is: will the upstream firm be more generous or less so over time?

The 4th period both firms choose their effort

$$\begin{aligned}
(\tilde{\epsilon}_2^*) &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\tilde{\epsilon}_2 \geq 0} (1 - \gamma_1)V_1(\epsilon_1, \tilde{\epsilon}_1) + \delta(1 - \gamma_2)V_2(\epsilon_2, \tilde{\epsilon}_2, V_1) - C(\tilde{\epsilon}_2, \tilde{\epsilon}_1) \\
&= \operatorname{argmax}_{\tilde{\epsilon}_2 \geq 0} (1 - \gamma_1)V_1(\epsilon_1, \tilde{\epsilon}_1) + \delta(1 - \gamma_2)V_2(\epsilon_2, \tilde{\epsilon}_2, V_1) - (\tilde{\epsilon}_2 + \tilde{\epsilon}_1)^2 \\
\tilde{\epsilon}_2^* &= \delta(1 - \gamma_2) \frac{\partial V_2(\epsilon_2, \tilde{\epsilon}_2, V_1)}{\partial \tilde{\epsilon}_2} - \frac{\partial C(\tilde{\epsilon}_2, \tilde{\epsilon}_1)}{\partial \tilde{\epsilon}_2} = 0 \\
&= \delta(1 - \gamma_2) \frac{\partial V_2(\epsilon_2, \tilde{\epsilon}_2, V_1)}{\partial \tilde{\epsilon}_2} - 2(\tilde{\epsilon}_2 + \tilde{\epsilon}_1) \\
\tilde{\epsilon}_2^* &= f(\epsilon_2, \gamma_2, \epsilon_1, \tilde{\epsilon}_1, \gamma_1) \\
\epsilon_2^* &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\epsilon_2 \geq 0} \gamma_2 V_2(\epsilon_2, \tilde{\epsilon}_2, V_1) - \epsilon_2 \\
0 &= \gamma_2 \frac{\partial V_2(\epsilon_2, \tilde{\epsilon}_2, V_1)}{\partial \epsilon_2} - 1 \\
\epsilon_2^* &= g(\tilde{\epsilon}_2, \gamma_2, \epsilon_1, \tilde{\epsilon}_1, \gamma_1) \\
&= g(f(\epsilon_2^*, \gamma_2, \epsilon_1, \tilde{\epsilon}_1, \gamma_1), \gamma_2, \epsilon_1, \tilde{\epsilon}_1, \gamma_1) \\
&\rightarrow \epsilon_2^* = G(\gamma_2, \epsilon_1, \tilde{\epsilon}_1, \gamma_1) \\
&\rightarrow \tilde{\epsilon}_2^* = f(\epsilon_2, \gamma_2, \epsilon_1, \tilde{\epsilon}_1, \gamma_1) \\
&= f(G(\gamma_2, \epsilon_1, \tilde{\epsilon}_1, \gamma_1), \gamma_2, \epsilon_1, \tilde{\epsilon}_1, \gamma_1) \\
&= F(\gamma_2, \epsilon_1, \tilde{\epsilon}_1, \gamma_1)
\end{aligned}$$

The 3rd period only the upstream firm plays a role

$$\begin{aligned}
(\gamma_2^*) &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\gamma_2 \in [0,1]} \delta(1 - \gamma_2)V_2(\epsilon_2^*, \tilde{\epsilon}_2^*, V_1) - C(\tilde{\epsilon}_2^*, \tilde{\epsilon}_1) \\
&= -\delta\gamma_2 V_2(\epsilon_2^*, \tilde{\epsilon}_2^*, V_1) + \delta(1 - \gamma_2) \frac{\partial V_2(\epsilon_2^*, \tilde{\epsilon}_2^*, V_1)}{\partial \gamma_2} - \frac{\partial C(\tilde{\epsilon}_2^*, \tilde{\epsilon}_1)}{\partial \gamma_2} \\
\gamma_2^* &= h(\epsilon_1, \tilde{\epsilon}_1, \gamma_1)
\end{aligned}$$

The 2nd period only the upstream firm plays a role

$$\begin{aligned}
(\tilde{\epsilon}_1^*) &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\tilde{\epsilon}_1 \geq 0} (1 - \gamma_1)V_1(\epsilon_1, \tilde{\epsilon}_1) + \delta(1 - \gamma_2^*)V_2(\epsilon_2^*, \tilde{\epsilon}_2^*, V_1) - C(\tilde{\epsilon}_2^*, \tilde{\epsilon}_1) \\
&= (1 - \gamma_1) \frac{\partial V_1(\epsilon_1, \tilde{\epsilon}_1)}{\partial \tilde{\epsilon}_1} + \delta(1 - \gamma_2^*) \frac{\partial V_2(\epsilon_2^*, \tilde{\epsilon}_2^*, V_1)}{\partial \tilde{\epsilon}_1} - \frac{\partial C(\tilde{\epsilon}_2^*, \tilde{\epsilon}_1)}{\partial \tilde{\epsilon}_1} \\
(\tilde{\epsilon}_1^*)^* &= j(\epsilon_1, \gamma_1) \\
(\epsilon_1^*) &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\epsilon_1 \geq 0} \gamma_1 V_1(\epsilon_1, \tilde{\epsilon}_1) - \epsilon_1 \\
&= \gamma_1 \frac{\partial V_1(\epsilon_1, \tilde{\epsilon}_1)}{\partial \epsilon_1} - 1 \\
(\epsilon_1^*) &= k(\tilde{\epsilon}_1, \gamma_1) = k(j(\epsilon_1, \gamma_1), \gamma_1) \\
&\rightarrow \epsilon_1^* = K(\gamma_1) \\
&\rightarrow \tilde{\epsilon}_1 = j(\gamma_1) = j(K(\gamma_1), \gamma_1) = J(\gamma_1)
\end{aligned}$$

The 1st period only the upstream firm plays a role

$$\begin{aligned}
(\gamma_1^*) &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\gamma_1 \in [0,1]} (1 - \gamma_1)V_1(\epsilon_1^*, \tilde{\epsilon}_1^*) + \delta(1 - \gamma_2^*)V_2(\epsilon_2^*, \tilde{\epsilon}_2^*, V_1^*) - C(\tilde{\epsilon}_2^*, \tilde{\epsilon}_1^*) \\
&= -V_1(\epsilon_1^*, \tilde{\epsilon}_1^*) + (1 - \gamma_1) \frac{\partial V_1(\epsilon_1^*, \tilde{\epsilon}_1^*)}{\partial \gamma_1} + \frac{\partial \delta(1 - \gamma_2^*)V_2(\epsilon_2^*, \tilde{\epsilon}_2^*, V_1^*)}{\partial \gamma_1} - \frac{\partial C(\tilde{\epsilon}_2^*, \tilde{\epsilon}_1^*)}{\partial \gamma_1}
\end{aligned}$$

7 Appendix

7.1 Payoff of investing in two assets $\omega < \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} + \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{mk} \left(\frac{\chi_n + \chi_{n-1} + \zeta_n + \zeta_{n-1}}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{k} \left(1 - \frac{1}{m} \right) \left(\frac{\chi_n + \chi_{n-1}}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{m} \left(1 - \frac{1}{k} \right) \left(\frac{\zeta_n + \zeta_{n-1}}{2} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{mk} \left(\frac{\chi_n + \chi_{n-1} + \zeta_n + \zeta_{n-1}}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{k} \left(\frac{m-1}{m} \right) \left(\frac{\chi_n + \chi_{n-1}}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{m} \left(\frac{k-1}{k} \right) \left(\frac{\zeta_n + \zeta_{n-1}}{2} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2mk} (\chi_n + \chi_{n-1} + \zeta_n + \zeta_{n-1} + (m-1)(\chi_n + \chi_{n-1}) + (k-1)(\zeta_n + \zeta_{n-1})) \\
&= \frac{m(\chi_n + \chi_{n-1}) + k(\zeta_n + \zeta_{n-1})}{2mk}
\end{aligned}$$

7.2 Payoff of investing in two assets if ω is investing in the other asset $\omega > \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} + \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2}$

Payoff from investing in first asset if k people are investing in A_1 and m investing in A_2 and the ω user is among them.

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{k} \left(\frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} + \frac{m-1}{m} \left(\frac{\omega - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2}}{3} \right) \right) + \frac{1}{m} \left(\frac{\omega - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2}}{2} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{k} \left(\frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} + \frac{1}{m} \left((m-1) \left(\frac{\omega - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2}}{3} \right) + \frac{\omega - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2}}{2} \right) \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{k} \left(\frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} + \frac{1}{6m} \left((m-1)(2\omega - \chi - \chi_2 - \zeta - \zeta_2) + 3\omega - \frac{3(\chi + \chi_2)}{2} - \frac{3(\zeta + \zeta_2)}{2} \right) \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{k} \left(\frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} + \frac{1}{6m} \left(2(m-1) \left(\omega - \frac{(\chi + \chi_2)}{2} - \frac{(\zeta + \zeta_2)}{2} \right) + 3 \left(\omega - \frac{(\chi + \chi_2)}{2} - \frac{(\zeta + \zeta_2)}{2} \right) \right) \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{k} \left(\frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} + \frac{\left(\omega - \frac{(\chi + \chi_2)}{2} - \frac{(\zeta + \zeta_2)}{2} \right)}{6m} (2(m-1) + 3) \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{k} \left(\frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} + \frac{\left(\omega - \frac{(\chi + \chi_2)}{2} - \frac{(\zeta + \zeta_2)}{2} \right)}{6m} (2m + 1) \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{k} \left(\frac{6m(\chi + \chi_2)}{12m} + \frac{2 \left(\omega - \frac{(\chi + \chi_2)}{2} - \frac{(\zeta + \zeta_2)}{2} \right)}{12m} (2m + 1) \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{12km} \left(6m(\chi + \chi_2) + 2 \left(\omega - \frac{(\chi + \chi_2)}{2} - \frac{(\zeta + \zeta_2)}{2} \right) (2m + 1) \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{12km} (6m(\chi + \chi_2) + (2\omega - (\chi + \chi_2) - (\zeta + \zeta_2)) (2m + 1)) \\
&= \frac{(4m-1)(\chi + \chi_2) + (2m+1)(2\omega - \zeta - \zeta_2)}{12km}
\end{aligned}$$

7.3 Payoff if investing in both assets when ω is not investing

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{k} \left(1 - \frac{1}{m}\right) \left(\frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} + \left(\frac{\omega - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2}}{3} \right) \right) + \frac{1}{m} \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) \left(\frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2} + \left(\frac{\omega - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2}}{3} \right) \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{m} \frac{1}{k} \left(\frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2} + \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} + \left(\frac{\omega - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2}}{2} \right) \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{k} \left(1 - \frac{1}{m}\right) \left(\frac{3(\chi + \chi_2)}{6} + \left(\frac{2 \left(\omega - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2} \right)}{6} \right) \right) + \frac{1}{m} \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) \left(\frac{3(\zeta + \zeta_2)}{6} + \left(\frac{2 \left(\omega - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2} \right)}{6} \right) \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2mk} \left(\zeta + \zeta_2 + \chi + \chi_2 + \left(\omega - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2} \right) \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{6k} \left(1 - \frac{1}{m}\right) \left(3(\chi + \chi_2) + \left(2 \left(\omega - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2} \right) \right) \right) + \frac{1}{6m} \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) \left(3(\zeta + \zeta_2) + \left(2 \left(\omega - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2} \right) \right) \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2mk} \left(\omega + \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} + \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{6k} \left(1 - \frac{1}{m}\right) (2(\chi + \chi_2) + (2\omega - \zeta - \zeta_2)) + \frac{1}{6m} \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) (2(\zeta + \zeta_2) + (2\omega - \chi - \chi_2)) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2mk} \left(\omega + \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} + \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{3k} \left(1 - \frac{1}{m}\right) \left(\omega + \chi + \chi_2 - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{3m} \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) \left(\omega + \zeta + \zeta_2 - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2mk} \left(\omega + \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} + \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2} \right) \\
&= \frac{4(m-1)}{12mk} \left(\omega + \chi + \chi_2 - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2} \right) + \frac{4(k-1)}{12mk} \left(\omega + \zeta + \zeta_2 - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} \right) + \frac{6}{12mk} \left(\omega + \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} + \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2} \right) \\
&= \frac{2}{12mk} \left(2(m-1) \left(\omega + \chi + \chi_2 - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2} \right) + 2(k-1) \left(\omega + \zeta + \zeta_2 - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} \right) + 3 \left(\omega + \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} + \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2} \right) \right) \\
&= \frac{\omega(4(k+m)-2) + (\chi + \chi_2)(4m - 2k + 1) + (\zeta + \zeta_2)(4k - 2m + 1)}{12mk}
\end{aligned}$$

7.4 ω payoff if investing in both assets

Payoff from investing in both assets:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{\omega}{km} + \frac{1}{k} \left(1 - \frac{1}{m}\right) \left(\frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} + \frac{\omega - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2}}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{m} \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) \left(\frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2} + \frac{\omega - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2}}{2} \right) \\
&\quad \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{m}\right) \left(\frac{r}{km} \left(\frac{\omega - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2}}{2} \right) + \frac{km - r}{km} \left(\frac{\omega - \frac{\chi + \chi_2}{2} - \frac{\zeta + \zeta_2}{2}}{3} \right) \right)
\end{aligned}$$