

1. Louis and Harvey are the only two lawyers working in New York City where they engage in Cournot competition. Weekly demand for lawyers is given by $P = 45 - Q$. Louis takes on x amount of cases per week where he faces costs $C_x(x) = 0.5x^2 + 40$. Harvey takes on y cases per week and faces costs $C_y(y) = 20y$.
 - (a) What are Louis and Harvey's profit functions? Label them π_x and π_y , respectively.
 - (b) What is Louis's best response function? What is Harvey's best response function?
 - (c) What is the Nash Equilibrium of this model? How much does each lawyer earn in weekly profit?

2. Two firms engage in Cournot competition. They each face cost curves $C_x(x) = 8x^2$ and $C_y(y) = 6y^2 + 200$. Demand is given by $P = 261 - 4Q$ where $Q = x + y$.
- (a) What is firm X 's best response function?
 - (b) What is firm Y 's best response function?
 - (c) What is the Nash Equilibrium of this model? How much profit does each firm earn?
 - (d) Suppose firm X and Y are considering forming a Cartel and splitting the profits. Would either/both of them be better off?

(Hint: $\pi_M = \pi_x + \pi_y = -12x^2 - 10y^2 - 8xy + 261x + 261y - 200$)

3. Two firms are engaged in Stackelberg Competition. Firm X has the following cost curve $C_x(x) = 3x^2 + 4$ and firm Y faces the following cost curve $C_y(y) = y^2 + 4$. Market demand is given by $P = 60 - Q$.
- (a) What are each firm's best response functions?
 - (b) Assume firm X is the leader and firm Y is the follower. What is the Nash Equilibrium of this game?
 - (c) Now assume firm Y is the leader and firm X is the follower. What is the Nash Equilibrium of this game?
 - (d) In terms of profit, how much does first mover's advantage help firm X ? What about firm Y ?

4. Two firms engage in Bertrand competition where they each face the following cost curve $C(Q_i) = 3Q_i + 3$ where $i = 1, 2$. Market demand is represented by $Q_D = 50 - P$. What is the Bertrand Nash Equilibrium? Why is this a Nash Equilibrium?