

Let a firm have a standard production function of $y(k, l; z) = zk^\alpha l^\beta$. Capital is quasi-fixed and labor hired on the spot. For now firm productivity z is considered constant. Assume that the firm has a maximum capacity determined by installed capital. In particular, for every machine the firm owns it can usefully employ at most \bar{c} workers, so that $l/k \leq \bar{c}$. Let the firm compete monopolistically such that the relationship between price and quantity produced is given by the standard demand function $q^d(b_i, p) = b_i P^{\sigma-1} Y / p^\sigma$ where P and Y are aggregate variables exogenous to the firm, and b_i is a random variable shifting demand in a proportional fashion. Inverting the production function yields labor input required for any level of production y with given z, k as $l(y; z, k) = [y / (zk^\alpha)]^{1/\beta}$. Finally, due to the capacity constraint, maximum production happens when $l = \bar{c}k$ and amounts to $\bar{y}(z, k) \equiv zk^{\alpha+\beta} \bar{c}^\beta$.

Due to the capacity constraint, actual quantity produced is given by $q^s(b_i; z, k, p) = \min\{\bar{y}(z, k), q^d(b_i, p)\}$. The cutoff value \bar{b} for which the constraint binds is hence given by $\bar{b} P^{\sigma-1} Y / p^\sigma = zk^{\alpha+\beta} \bar{c}^\beta$ or

$$\bar{b} = \frac{zk^{\alpha+\beta} \bar{c}^\beta p^\sigma}{P^{\sigma-1} Y}.$$

Flow returns in any period are then given by

$$\begin{aligned} E[ret] &= \int_0^{\bar{b}} [pq^d(b_i, p) - wl(q^d(b_i, p); z, k)] dF(b_i) + [1 - F(\bar{b})] [p\bar{y}(z, k) - wl(\bar{y}(z, k); z, k)] \\ &= \int_0^{\bar{b}} \left[\frac{b_i P^{\sigma-1} Y}{p^{\sigma-1}} - w \left(\frac{b_i P^{\sigma-1} Y}{p^\sigma z k^\alpha} \right)^{1/\beta} \right] dF(b_i) + [1 - F(\bar{b})] [pzk^{\alpha+\beta} \bar{c}^\beta - wk\bar{c}] \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{zk^{\alpha+\beta} \bar{c}^\beta p^\sigma}{P^{\sigma-1} Y}} \left[\frac{b_i P^{\sigma-1} Y}{p^{\sigma-1}} - w \left(\frac{b_i P^{\sigma-1} Y}{p^\sigma z k^\alpha} \right)^{1/\beta} \right] dF(b_i) + \left[1 - F\left(\frac{zk^{\alpha+\beta} \bar{c}^\beta p^\sigma}{P^{\sigma-1} Y} \right) \right] [pzk^{\alpha+\beta} \bar{c}^\beta - wk\bar{c}]. \end{aligned}$$

Now let's look at a period in which the firm has to pick its capacity and price before realization of b_i . The firm's economic profit, assuming it can resell a portion $1 - \delta$ of capital is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \pi &= \max_{k, p} [(1 - \delta) - R] k + \\ &\quad \int_0^{\frac{zk^{\alpha+\beta} \bar{c}^\beta p^\sigma}{P^{\sigma-1} Y}} \frac{b_i P^{\sigma-1} Y}{p^{\sigma-1}} - w \left(\frac{b_i P^{\sigma-1} Y}{p^\sigma z k^\alpha} \right)^{1/\beta} dF(b_i) + \\ &\quad \left[1 - F\left(\frac{zk^{\alpha+\beta} \bar{c}^\beta p^\sigma}{P^{\sigma-1} Y} \right) \right] [pzk^{\alpha+\beta} \bar{c}^\beta - wk\bar{c}]. \end{aligned}$$

This can be rewritten as

$$\pi = \max_{k, p} [(1 - \delta) - R] k + \frac{P^{\sigma-1} Y}{p^{\sigma-1}} \int_0^{\bar{b}} b_i dF(b_i) - w \left(\frac{P^{\sigma-1} Y}{p^\sigma z k^\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{\beta}} \int_0^{\bar{b}} b_i^{\frac{1}{\beta}} dF(b_i) + [1 - F(\bar{b})] [pzk^{\alpha+\beta} \bar{c}^\beta - wk\bar{c}]$$

and if b_i is lognormal then the partial expectations can be written as

$$\int_0^{\bar{b}} b_i dF(b_i) = \frac{e^{\mu + \sigma^2/2}}{2} \left[1 - \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{\sigma^2 + \mu - \ln b_i}{\sqrt{2}\sigma} \right) \right]$$

where μ and σ are mean and standard deviation of the associated normal distribution. Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{\bar{b}} b_i^{\frac{1}{\beta}} dF(b_i) &= \int_0^{\bar{b}} c dF(c) \\ &= \frac{e^{\mu/\beta + \sigma^2/(2\beta^2)}}{2} \left[1 - \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{\sigma^2/\beta + \mu - \beta \ln \bar{b}}{\sqrt{2}\sigma} \right) \right]\end{aligned}$$

as follows by a change of variable with $c = b_i^{\frac{1}{\beta}}$ and noting that $\ln c \sim N(\mu/\beta, \sigma^2/\beta^2)$.

The first-order conditions are, for p ,

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{\frac{zk^{\alpha+\beta}\bar{c}^\beta p^\sigma}{P^{\sigma-1}Y}} \frac{b_i P^{\sigma-1}Y}{p^\sigma} + \frac{w\sigma}{\beta} \left(\frac{b_i P^{\sigma-1}Y}{zk^\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{\beta}} \frac{1}{p^{\frac{\sigma}{\beta}-1}} dF(b_i) + \\ + [zk^{\alpha+\beta}\bar{c}^\beta p - wk\bar{c}] \sigma \frac{zk^{\alpha+\beta}\bar{c}^\beta p^{\sigma-1}}{P^{\sigma-1}Y} f \left(\frac{zk^{\alpha+\beta}\bar{c}^\beta p^\sigma}{P^{\sigma-1}Y} \right) + \\ + \left[1 - F \left(\frac{zk^{\alpha+\beta}\bar{c}^\beta p^\sigma}{P^{\sigma-1}Y} \right) \right] zk^{\alpha+\beta}\bar{c}^\beta - \\ - f \left(\frac{zk^{\alpha+\beta}\bar{c}^\beta p^\sigma}{P^{\sigma-1}Y} \right) \sigma \frac{zk^{\alpha+\beta}\bar{c}^\beta p^{\sigma-1}}{P^{\sigma-1}Y} [pzk^{\alpha+\beta}\bar{c}^\beta - wk\bar{c}] = 0\end{aligned}$$

and, for k ,

$$\begin{aligned}R - (1 - \delta) = \int_0^{\frac{zk^{\alpha+\beta}\bar{c}^\beta p^\sigma}{P^{\sigma-1}Y}} \frac{w\alpha}{\beta} \left(\frac{b_i P^{\sigma-1}Y}{p^\sigma z} \right)^{1/\beta} \frac{1}{k^{1+\frac{\alpha}{\beta}}} dF(b_i) + \\ + [zk^{\alpha+\beta}\bar{c}^\beta p - wk\bar{c}] (\alpha + \beta) \frac{zk^{\alpha+\beta-1}\bar{c}^\beta p^\sigma}{P^{\sigma-1}Y} f \left(\frac{zk^{\alpha+\beta}\bar{c}^\beta p^\sigma}{P^{\sigma-1}Y} \right) + \\ + \left[1 - F \left(\frac{zk^{\alpha+\beta}\bar{c}^\beta p^\sigma}{P^{\sigma-1}Y} \right) \right] [(\alpha + \beta) pzk^{\alpha+\beta-1}\bar{c}^\beta - wk\bar{c}] - \\ - f \left(\frac{zk^{\alpha+\beta}\bar{c}^\beta p^\sigma}{P^{\sigma-1}Y} \right) (\alpha + \beta) \frac{zk^{\alpha+\beta-1}\bar{c}^\beta p^\sigma}{P^{\sigma-1}Y} [pzk^{\alpha+\beta}\bar{c}^\beta - wk\bar{c}]\end{aligned}$$

or, in case of linear homogeneity $\alpha + \beta = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{\frac{zk\bar{c}^\beta p^\sigma}{P^{\sigma-1}Y}} \frac{b_i P^{\sigma-1}Y}{p^\sigma} + \frac{w\sigma}{1-\alpha} \left(\frac{b_i P^{\sigma-1}Y}{zk^\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} \frac{1}{p^{\frac{\sigma}{1-\alpha}-1}} dF(b_i) + \\ + [zk\bar{c}^{1-\alpha} p - wk\bar{c}] \sigma \frac{zk\bar{c}^{1-\alpha} p^{\sigma-1}}{P^{\sigma-1}Y} f \left(\frac{zk\bar{c}^{1-\alpha} p^\sigma}{P^{\sigma-1}Y} \right) + \\ + \left[1 - F \left(\frac{zk\bar{c}^{1-\alpha} p^\sigma}{P^{\sigma-1}Y} \right) \right] zk\bar{c}^{1-\alpha} - \\ - f \left(\frac{zk\bar{c}^{1-\alpha} p^\sigma}{P^{\sigma-1}Y} \right) \sigma \frac{zk\bar{c}^{1-\alpha} p^{\sigma-1}}{P^{\sigma-1}Y} [pzk\bar{c}^{1-\alpha} - wk\bar{c}] = 0\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
R - (1 - \delta) &= \int_0^{\frac{zk\bar{c}^{1-\alpha}p^\sigma}{P^{\sigma-1}Y}} \frac{w\alpha}{1-\alpha} \left(\frac{b_i P^{\sigma-1}Y}{p^\sigma z} \right)^{1/(1-\alpha)} \frac{1}{k^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}} dF(b_i) + \\
&+ [zk\bar{c}^{1-\alpha}p - wk\bar{c}] \frac{z\bar{c}^{1-\alpha}p^\sigma}{P^{\sigma-1}Y} f\left(\frac{zk\bar{c}^{1-\alpha}p^\sigma}{P^{\sigma-1}Y}\right) + \\
&+ \left[1 - F\left(\frac{zk\bar{c}^{1-\alpha}p^\sigma}{P^{\sigma-1}Y}\right) \right] [pz\bar{c}^{1-\alpha} - w\bar{c}] - \\
&- f\left(\frac{zk\bar{c}^{1-\alpha}p^\sigma}{P^{\sigma-1}Y}\right) \frac{z\bar{c}^{1-\alpha}p^\sigma}{P^{\sigma-1}Y} [pz\bar{c}^{1-\alpha} - wk\bar{c}]
\end{aligned}$$

With the realization of the demand shock marginal cost of production are determined by wage and labor productivity. In particular, in order to produce one additional (marginal) unit of output, a firm needs to hire

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial l(y; k, z)}{\partial y} &= \frac{1}{\beta} y^{\frac{1-\beta}{\beta}} (zk^\alpha)^{-1/\beta} \\
&= \frac{1}{\beta} \left(\frac{y^{1-\beta}}{zk^\alpha} \right)^{1/\beta} \\
&= \frac{1}{\beta} \left(\frac{(zk^\alpha l^\beta)^{1-\beta}}{zk^\alpha} \right)^{1/\beta} \\
&= \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{l^{1-\beta}}{zk^\alpha}
\end{aligned}$$

so that marginal cost are just $MC = w\beta^{-1}z^{-1}k^{-\alpha}l^{1-\beta}$ or if $\beta = 1 - \alpha$

$$\begin{aligned}
MC &= \frac{w}{1-\alpha} \frac{l^\alpha}{zk^\alpha} \\
&= \frac{1}{z} \frac{w}{1-\alpha} \left(\frac{l}{k} \right)^\alpha.
\end{aligned}$$

Analogously, average cost per unit produced is given by $[(R - 1 + \delta)k + wl] / (zk^\alpha l^\beta)$ and in case that $\beta = 1 - \alpha$

$$\begin{aligned}
AC &= \frac{[R - 1 + \delta]k}{zk^\alpha l^{1-\alpha}} + \frac{wl}{zk^\alpha l^{1-\alpha}} \\
&= \frac{1}{z} \left[(R - 1 + \delta) \left(\frac{l}{k} \right)^{\alpha-1} + w \left(\frac{l}{k} \right)^\alpha \right]
\end{aligned}$$