

Miscellaneous notes on JIE R&R of SOP_Repeated

Legislative constraint as a function of e

- I thought it would be positive at $e = 0$ and turn negative as e increases
- What does it mean that for some values it's negative at 0, becomes positive, and then goes negative again?
 - For sure I have to be careful in numerical examples

Numerical examples

$\delta_L = \delta_{ML} = .95$					
	E=.35	E=.4	E=.41	E=.42	E=.45
τ^{tw}				.074	.0654
e^{tw}					.00123
T = 2		.07500			.057407
T = 3		.074716	.070243	.066284	.0570802
T = 4		.074708	.070233	.066275	.0570806
T = 5		.074795	.07033	.06638	.057185
T = 6	.1080	.07492			
T = 7	.1081				.057
T = 8	.10814				

I have another sheet of notes that conflicts with the first column. It just says “ $\delta = .95$ ”:

	E=.35
τ^{tw}	.1213
e^{tw}	.006003
T = 3	.1023044
T = 4	.1022411
T = 5	.1022427
T = 6	.10227
T = 7	.102305

This one just says “ $\delta = .99$ ”:

	E=.4	.39
τ^{tw}		
e^{tw}		
T = 2	.068510	.06391
T = 3	.068261	.06374
T = 4	.068289	.06378
T = 5	.06841	.06391

This has the note, “This at least works in the direction I thought it would” with “ $\delta_L = .94$, $\delta_{ML} = .95$ ”:

	E=.4
τ^{tw}	
e^{tw}	
T = 4	.07464
T = 5	.07421
T = 6	.07481
T = 7	.07492

(“Really want to know if reducing δ_L — making future term less important — will give me the σ result I’ve been after; really, no result at all; depends on other parameters.)

Some summaries

- $E = .4$, $\delta_L = .99$, $\delta_{ML} = .95$, $e_{tw} = .00232$, $\tau^{tw} = .08185$. Optimal $\tau^a = .07494$ at $T = 3$.
- $E = .5$, assume I kept $\delta_L = .99$, $\delta_{ML} = .95$. Optimal $\tau^a = .04864$ at $T = 3$.
- $E = .4$, $\delta_L = \delta_{ML} = .99$, $e_{tw} = .00232$, $\tau^{tw} = .08185$. Optimal $\tau^a = .07470$ at $T = 3$.
- $E = .4$, $\delta_L = .99$, $\delta_{ML} = .5$, $e_{tw} = .00232$, $\tau^{tw} = .08185$. Optimal $\tau^a = .07802$ at $T = 2$.
- $E = .4$, $\delta_L = .99$, $\delta_{ML} = .75$, $e_{tw} = .00232$, $\tau^{tw} = .08185$. Optimal $\tau^a = .07629$ at $T = 3$.

Trying to understand what is really going on with constraint in terms of T

- Want to get good intuition for why T can go up as $\sigma \downarrow$.
 - Not obvious that it always does; I think it's possible that the direction of T in response to σ is indeterminant
- I think I need to show effect of σ on \bar{e} first (I have informally that $\sigma \uparrow \Rightarrow \bar{e} \downarrow$)
 - Then, impact of σ on τ^a . Next look to see if net profits at τ^a increase more than those at τ^{tw} , then lobby's future incentives are muted

Write constraint:

$$\bar{e}(\tau^a) - \pi(\tau^b(\bar{e}(\tau^a))) + \pi(\tau^a) - e_a - \frac{\delta_L + \delta_L^{T+1}}{1 - \delta_L} [\pi(\tau^{tw}) - e_{tw} - \pi(\tau^a) + e_a] = 0$$

For now, assume this has an interior solution so calculus works.

First, what does T do to $\bar{e}(\tau^a)$?

By the Implicit Function Theorem:

$$\frac{d\bar{e}}{dT} = -\frac{\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial T}}{\frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \bar{e}}} = \frac{-\frac{\delta_{ML}^{T+1} \ln \delta_{ML}}{1 - \delta_{ML}} [W_{ML}(\gamma(\bar{e}), \tau^a) - W_{ML}(\gamma(\bar{e}), \tau^{tw})]}{\frac{\delta_{ML} - \delta_{ML}^{T+1}}{1 - \delta_{ML}} \frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial \bar{e}} [\pi(\tau^a) - \pi(\tau^{tw})] - \frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial \bar{e}} [\pi(\tau^b(\bar{e})) - \pi(\tau^a)]} > 0 \quad (1)$$

So if $T \uparrow$ then $\bar{e} \uparrow$.

Let $\gamma(e) = 1 + \frac{1}{1-\theta} e^{1-\theta}$. Or $\gamma(e) = 1 + \frac{1}{\sigma} e^\sigma$.

- $\frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial e} = e^{\sigma-1} > 0 \quad \forall \sigma$
- $\frac{\partial^2 \gamma}{\partial \sigma \partial e} = \ln e \cdot e^{\sigma-1} < 0$ for $e < 1$

i.e. as $\sigma \downarrow$, $\frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial e} \uparrow$.

Can I show that the optimal T can go either way when σ changes? That is, a counterexample to my quasi-result?

- My result says that as lobby gets stronger ($\frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial e} \uparrow$, so $\sigma \downarrow$), T should have to decrease.
- If optimal T increases when σ decreases (i.e. if T is decreasing in σ), this is a counterexample.
 - I think it's possible that both cases can happen depending on other parameters, like δ .

Look at legislature's constraint:

$$\frac{\delta_{\text{ML}} - \delta_{\text{ML}}^{T+1}}{1 - \delta_{\text{ML}}} [W_{\text{ML}}(\gamma(e_b), \boldsymbol{\tau}^a) - W_{\text{ML}}(\gamma(e_b), \boldsymbol{\tau}^{tw})] \geq W_{\text{ML}}(\gamma(e_b), \tau^b(e_b), \tau^{*a}) - W_{\text{ML}}(\gamma(e_b), \boldsymbol{\tau}^a)$$

If T is too small, future gap can be smaller than current-period gap. So if T gets too short, can't enforce on legislature.