

whistle_2024_mm_dd

#1: CaseMode := Sensitive

#2: InputMode := Word

Failure probabilities

#3: $\phi_r \in \text{Real } (0, 1)$

#4: $\phi_s \in \text{Real } (0, 1)$

damage to consumers

#5: $\delta \in \text{Real } (0, \infty)$

price

#6: $p \in \text{Real } [0, \infty)$

production costs (safer and riskier)

#7: $c_s \in \text{Real } (0, \infty)$

#8: $c_r \in \text{Real } (0, \infty)$

penalty on product failure

#9: $n \in \text{Real } [0, \infty)$

prob whistleblower emerges

#10: $\beta \in \text{Real } (0, 1)$

*** Section 3

eq (1) Utility

operational product (nondefective)

#11: $v - p$

defective

#12: $-p - \delta$

** Subsection 3.1: Production and profit

eq (2): profits

#13: $\text{profits} = p - cs$

#14: $\text{profitr} = p - cr$

** Subsection 3.2: Optimal production and safety w/o WB

eq (3) exp total surplus

#15: $\text{ets} = (1 - \phi_s) \cdot v - cs - \phi_s \cdot \delta$

#16: $\text{etr} = (1 - \phi_r) \cdot v - cr - \phi_r \cdot \delta$

eq (4) δ_s

#17: $(1 - \phi_s) \cdot v - cs - \phi_s \cdot \delta \geq (1 - \phi_r) \cdot v - cr - \phi_r \cdot \delta$

#18: $\text{SOLVE}((1 - \phi_s) \cdot v - cs - \phi_s \cdot \delta \geq (1 - \phi_r) \cdot v - cr - \phi_r \cdot \delta, \delta)$

#19:
$$\text{IF} \left(\phi_r - \phi_s < 0, \delta \leq \frac{cr - cs + v \cdot (\phi_r - \phi_s)}{\phi_s - \phi_r} \right) \vee \text{IF} \left(\phi_r - \phi_s > 0, \delta \geq \frac{cr - cs + v \cdot (\phi_r - \phi_s)}{\phi_s - \phi_r} \right)$$

#20:
$$\delta \geq \frac{cr - cs + v \cdot (\phi_r - \phi_s)}{\phi_s - \phi_r}$$

#21:
$$\delta_s = \frac{cr - cs + v \cdot (\phi_r - \phi_s)}{\phi_s - \phi_r}$$

#22:
$$\delta_s = \frac{c_r - c_s}{\phi_s - \phi_r} - v$$

eq (5): δ_{\max}

#23: $(1 - \phi_s) \cdot v - c_s - \phi_s \cdot \delta \geq 0$

#24: $\text{SOLVE}((1 - \phi_s) \cdot v - c_s - \phi_s \cdot \delta \geq 0, \delta)$

#25:
$$\delta \leq - \frac{c_s + v \cdot (\phi_s - 1)}{\phi_s}$$

#26:
$$\delta_{\max} = - \frac{c_s + v \cdot (\phi_s - 1)}{\phi_s}$$

#27:
$$\delta_{\max} = \frac{v \cdot (1 - \phi_s)}{\phi_s} - \frac{c_s}{\phi_s}$$

*** Section 4: Whistleblowers

** Subsection 4.2: Social value of WB

eq (6) total surplus after WB reproduction

#28: $\text{etrsw} = (1 - \phi_s) \cdot v - c_r - c_s - \phi_s \cdot \delta$

eq (7) deriving δ_w

#29: $(1 - \phi_s) \cdot v - c_r - c_s - \phi_s \cdot \delta \geq (1 - \phi_r) \cdot v - c_r - \phi_r \cdot \delta$

#30: $\text{SOLVE}((1 - \phi_s) \cdot v - c_r - c_s - \phi_s \cdot \delta \geq (1 - \phi_r) \cdot v - c_r - \phi_r \cdot \delta, \delta)$

#31:
$$\text{IF} \left(\phi_r - \phi_s < 0, \delta \leq \frac{c_s + v \cdot (\phi_s - \phi_r)}{\phi_r - \phi_s} \right) \vee \text{IF} \left(\phi_r - \phi_s > 0, \delta \geq \frac{c_s + v \cdot (\phi_s - \phi_r)}{\phi_r - \phi_s} \right)$$

$$\#32: \quad \delta \geq \frac{cs + v \cdot (\phi s - \phi r)}{\phi r - \phi s}$$

$$\#33: \quad \delta w = \frac{cs + v \cdot (\phi s - \phi r)}{\phi r - \phi s}$$

$$\#34: \quad \delta w = \frac{cs}{\phi r - \phi s} - v$$

eq (8): Social value of WB: W

$$\#35: \quad w = (1 - \phi s) \cdot v - cr - cs - \phi s \cdot \delta - ((1 - \phi r) \cdot v - cr - \phi r \cdot \delta)$$

$$\#36: \quad w = -cs + v \cdot (\phi r - \phi s) + \delta \cdot (\phi r - \phi s)$$

$$\#37: \quad w = v \cdot (\phi r - \phi s) + \delta \cdot (\phi r - \phi s) - cs$$

** Subsection 4.3: Effects of WB on product safety

eq (9): profit with whistleblowers (2 possibilities).

$$\#38: \quad \text{profit}_{rw} = \text{profit}_r = p - cr$$

$$\#39: \quad \text{profit}_{rw} = \text{profit}_{rsw} = p - cr - cs$$

eq (10) deriving βs

$$\#40: \quad p - cs \geq \beta \cdot (p - cr - cs) + (1 - \beta) \cdot (p - cr)$$

$$\#41: \quad \text{SOLVE}(p - cs \geq \beta \cdot (p - cr - cs) + (1 - \beta) \cdot (p - cr), \beta)$$

$$\#42: \quad \beta \geq \frac{cs - cr}{cs}$$

$$\#43: \beta_s = \frac{cs - cr}{cs}$$

$$\#44: \beta_s = 1 - \frac{cr}{cs}$$

char Figure 3

$$\#45: \frac{d}{d cs} \left(\beta_s = \frac{cs - cr}{cs} \right)$$

$$\#46: 0 < \frac{cr}{2 cs}$$

$$\#47: \frac{d}{d cs} \frac{d}{d cs} \left(\beta_s = \frac{cs - cr}{cs} \right)$$

$$\#48: 0 > - \frac{2 \cdot cr}{3 cs}$$

** Subsection 4.4: WB effects on profit, utility, and total surplus

Figure 4

$$\#49: eprofitrw = \beta \cdot (p - cr - cs) + (1 - \beta) \cdot (p - cr)$$

$$\#50: \frac{d}{d\beta} (eprofitrw = \beta \cdot (p - cr - cs) + (1 - \beta) \cdot (p - cr))$$

$$\#51: 0 > -cs$$

eq (11): exp utility under low $\beta \Rightarrow$ risky product is initially produced

$$\#52: \text{eurw} = \beta \cdot ((1 - \phi_s) \cdot v - p - \phi_s \cdot \delta) + (1 - \beta) \cdot ((1 - \phi_r) \cdot v - p - \phi_r \cdot \delta)$$

$$\#53: \frac{d}{d\beta} (\text{eurw} = \beta \cdot ((1 - \phi_s) \cdot v - p - \phi_s \cdot \delta) + (1 - \beta) \cdot ((1 - \phi_r) \cdot v - p - \phi_r \cdot \delta))$$

$$\#54: v \cdot (\phi_r - \phi_s) + \delta \cdot (\phi_r - \phi_s)$$

$$\#55: 0 < (v + \delta) \cdot (\phi_r - \phi_s)$$

eq (12) eus (large $\beta \Rightarrow$ safer product)

$$\#56: \text{eus} = (1 - \phi_s) \cdot v - p - \phi_s \cdot \delta$$

eq (13): exp utility for low β

$$\#57: \text{etrw} = \beta \cdot (p - cr - cs) + (1 - \beta) \cdot (p - cr) + \beta \cdot ((1 - \phi_s) \cdot v - p - \phi_s \cdot \delta) + (1 - \beta) \cdot ((1 - \phi_r) \cdot v - p - \phi_r \cdot \delta)$$

$$\#58: \text{etrw} = -cr - cs \cdot \beta + v \cdot (\beta \cdot (\phi_r - \phi_s) - \phi_r + 1) + \delta \cdot (\beta \cdot (\phi_r - \phi_s) - \phi_r)$$

$$\#59: \text{etrw} = v \cdot (\beta \cdot (\phi_r - \phi_s) - \phi_r + 1) + \delta \cdot (\beta \cdot (\phi_r - \phi_s) - \phi_r) - cr - cs \cdot \beta$$

In the paper, (13) is typed as

$$\#60: \text{etrw} = (1 - \beta \cdot \phi_s - (1 - \beta) \cdot \phi_r) \cdot v - (cr + \beta \cdot cs) - (\beta \cdot \phi_s + (1 - \beta) \cdot \phi_r) \cdot \delta$$

are these the same? [Yes]

$$\#61: v \cdot (\beta \cdot (\phi_r - \phi_s) - \phi_r + 1) + \delta \cdot (\beta \cdot (\phi_r - \phi_s) - \phi_r) - cr - cs \cdot \beta - ((1 - \beta \cdot \phi_s - (1 - \beta) \cdot \phi_r) \cdot v - (cr + \beta \cdot cs) - (\beta \cdot \phi_s + (1 - \beta) \cdot \phi_r) \cdot \delta)$$

$$\#62: 0$$

$$\#63: \frac{d}{d\beta} (\text{etrw} = (1 - \beta \cdot \phi_s - (1 - \beta) \cdot \phi_r) \cdot v - (c_r + \beta \cdot c_s) - (\beta \cdot \phi_s + (1 - \beta) \cdot \phi_r) \cdot \delta)$$

$$\#64: -c_s + v \cdot (\phi_r - \phi_s) + \delta \cdot (\phi_r - \phi_s)$$

$$\#65: v \cdot (\phi_r - \phi_s) + \delta \cdot (\phi_r - \phi_s) - c_s$$

> 0 by Assumption 4.

*** Section 5: WB combined with damage compensation to buyers

eq (14) utility with penalty

Nondefective product

$$\#66: v - p$$

defective with compensation

$$\#67: n - p - \delta$$

Don't buy at all

$$\#68: 0$$

eq (15) Profit functions including compensation

profit s: no WB and no damage/compensation

$$\#69: \text{profitsn} = p - c_s$$

profit s: no WB with damage compensation

$$\#70: \text{profitsn} = p - c_s - n$$

profit r: no WB and no damage/compensation

$$\#71: \text{profitrn} = p - c_r$$

profit r with compensation but no WB

$$\#72: \text{profitr}n = p - cr - n$$

profit r: WB reproduction but no compensation

$$\#73: \text{profitr}n = p - cr - cs$$

profit r: WB reproduction and compensation

$$\#74: \text{profitr}n = p - cr - cs - n$$

** Subsection 5.1: Compensation and profit incentives to produce safer product

eq (16) expected profit with compnesation

$$\#75: \text{eprofits}n = p - cs - \phi s \cdot n$$

$$\#76: \text{eprofitr}n = \beta \cdot (p - cr - cs - \phi s \cdot n) + (1 - \beta) \cdot (p - cr - \phi r \cdot n)$$

$$\#77: p - cs - \phi s \cdot n \geq \beta \cdot (p - cr - cs - \phi s \cdot n) + (1 - \beta) \cdot (p - cr - \phi r \cdot n)$$

$$\#78: \text{SOLVE}(p - cs - \phi s \cdot n \geq \beta \cdot (p - cr - cs - \phi s \cdot n) + (1 - \beta) \cdot (p - cr - \phi r \cdot n), n)$$

$$\#79: \text{IF} \left(\beta \cdot (\phi r - \phi s) - \phi r + \phi s < 0, n \geq \frac{cr + cs \cdot (\beta - 1)}{(\beta - 1) \cdot (\phi r - \phi s)} \right) \vee \text{IF} \left(\beta \cdot (\phi r - \phi s) - \phi r + \phi s > 0, n \leq \frac{cr + cs \cdot (\beta - 1)}{(\beta - 1) \cdot (\phi r - \phi s)} \right)$$

$$\#80: n \geq \frac{cr + cs \cdot (\beta - 1)}{(\beta - 1) \cdot (\phi r - \phi s)}$$

$$\#81: ns = \frac{cr + cs \cdot (\beta - 1)}{(\beta - 1) \cdot (\phi r - \phi s)}$$

Figure 5 behavior

$$\#82: \frac{d}{d\beta} \left(ns = \frac{cr + cs \cdot (\beta - 1)}{(\beta - 1) \cdot (\phi r - \phi s)} \right)$$

#83:

$$0 > \frac{cr}{(\beta - 1)^2 \cdot (\phi s - \phi r)}$$

$$\#84: \frac{d}{d\beta} \frac{d}{d\beta} \left(ns = \frac{cr + cs \cdot (\beta - 1)}{(\beta - 1) \cdot (\phi r - \phi s)} \right)$$

#85:

$$0 > \frac{2 \cdot cr}{(\beta - 1)^3 \cdot (\phi r - \phi s)}$$

ns evaluated at $\beta=0$

$$\#86: ns = \frac{cr + cs \cdot (0 - 1)}{(0 - 1) \cdot (\phi r - \phi s)}$$

#87:

$$ns = \frac{cr - cs}{\phi s - \phi r}$$

ns=0 when $\beta_s = ?$

$$\#88: 0 = \frac{cr + cs \cdot (\beta - 1)}{(\beta - 1) \cdot (\phi r - \phi s)}$$

$$\#89: \text{SOLVE} \left(0 = \frac{cr + cs \cdot (\beta - 1)}{(\beta - 1) \cdot (\phi r - \phi s)}, \beta \right)$$

$$\#90: \quad \beta = \frac{cs - cr}{cs}$$

$$\#91: \quad \beta = 1 - \frac{cr}{cs}$$

** Subsection 5.2: Effects of compensation on profit, utility, and total surplus
slope of eprofit_{tsn} and eprofit_{trn} in Figure 6

$$\#92: \quad \frac{d}{dn} (\text{eprofit}_{trn} = \beta \cdot (p - cr - cs - \phi s \cdot n) + (1 - \beta) \cdot (p - cr - \phi r \cdot n))$$

$$\#93: \quad \beta \cdot (\phi r - \phi s) - \phi r$$

$$\#94: \quad \phi r \cdot (\beta - 1) - \beta \cdot \phi s$$

$$\#95: \quad \frac{d}{dn} (\text{eprofit}_{tsn} = p - cs - \phi s \cdot n)$$

$$\#96: \quad 0 > -\phi s$$

eq (18): Buyer utility when $n < n_s$

$$\#97: \quad \text{eurn} = \beta \cdot ((1 - \phi s) \cdot v - p + \phi s \cdot (n - \delta)) + (1 - \beta) \cdot ((1 - \phi r) \cdot v - p + \phi r \cdot (n - \delta))$$

eq (19): Buyer utility when $n \geq n_s$

$$\#98: \quad \text{eusn} = (1 - \phi s) \cdot v - p + \phi s \cdot (n - \delta)$$

$$\#99: \quad \frac{d}{dn} (\text{eurn} = \beta \cdot ((1 - \phi s) \cdot v - p + \phi s \cdot (n - \delta)) + (1 - \beta) \cdot ((1 - \phi r) \cdot v - p + \phi r \cdot (n - \delta)))$$

$$\#100: \quad \beta \cdot (\phi s - \phi r) + \phi r$$

$$\#101: \quad \phi r \cdot (1 - \beta) + \beta \cdot \phi s > 0$$

$$\#102: \quad \frac{d}{dn} (\text{eusn} = (1 - \phi s) \cdot v - p + \phi s \cdot (n - \delta))$$

$$\#103: \quad 0 < \phi s$$

Total surplus $n \geq n_s$

$$\#104: \quad \text{etsn} = p - cs - \phi s \cdot n + ((1 - \phi s) \cdot v - p + \phi s \cdot (n - \delta))$$

$$\#105: \quad \text{etsn} = -cs + v \cdot (1 - \phi s) - \delta \cdot \phi s$$

Total surplus $n < n_s$

$$\#106: \quad \text{etrn} = (\beta \cdot (p - cr - cs - \phi s \cdot n) + (1 - \beta) \cdot (p - cr - \phi r \cdot n)) + (\beta \cdot ((1 - \phi s) \cdot v - p + \phi s \cdot (n - \delta)) + (1 - \beta) \cdot ((1 - \phi r) \cdot v - p + \phi r \cdot (n - \delta)))$$

$$\#107: \quad \text{etrn} = -cr - cs \cdot \beta + v \cdot (\beta \cdot (\phi r - \phi s) - \phi r + 1) + \delta \cdot (\beta \cdot (\phi r - \phi s) - \phi r)$$

show that $\text{etrn} < \text{etsn}$ as plotted in Figure 6

$$\#108: \quad -cs + v \cdot (1 - \phi s) - \delta \cdot \phi s - (-cr - cs \cdot \beta + v \cdot (\beta \cdot (\phi r - \phi s) - \phi r + 1) + \delta \cdot (\beta \cdot (\phi r - \phi s) - \phi r))$$

$$\#109: \quad cr + cs \cdot (\beta - 1) - v \cdot (\beta \cdot (\phi r - \phi s) - \phi r + \phi s) + \delta \cdot (\beta - 1) \cdot (\phi s - \phi r)$$

This should be > 0 (except for the cost part, all other terms are > 0).