CS 186 - Homework 3

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1 Designing a bidding agent

See implementation in code distribution.

2 Analysis of the GSP agents

2.1 Average Utility

We run the simulation for either 5 truthful agents or 5 balanced budget (mewzybb) agents with seed 5 and 200 iterations. The total utility for the two scenarios are shown below

- Truthful Agent: $u_{tot} = 1659.37
- Balanced Agent (mewzybb): $u_{tot} = 3342.55

There is a improvement of \$1683.18 or approximately 67.3%.

We see that the balanced bidding agents result in a better total utility of the bidding.

3 Auction Design and Reserve Prices

4 Budget constraints