

8. Suppose that two motorcycle manufacturers, Honda and Suzuki, are considering offering 10-year full coverage warranties for their new motorcycles. Although the warranties are expensive to offer, it could be disastrous for one firm if it does not offer a warranty while its competitor does. Let's assume the payoffs for the firms are as follows: /

★ Honda \ Suzuki	Offer Warranty	Don't Offer
Offer Warranty	20, 20✓	120, 10
Don't Offer	10, 120✓	50, 50

- (a) If the game is played once, what is the Nash equilibrium? (3 points)

(offer warranty, offer warranty)

- (b) Suppose the game is repeated three times. Will the outcome of (a) change from your answer in (a)? Explain. (6 points)

In this ^{finite} repeated game, each game's nash eq. is independent from other stage. So Nash equilibrium isn't change.

- (c) Now, suppose the game is infinitely repeated and Suzuki and Honda formed an agreement to "not offer" warranties to their customers. Each firm plans the use of a grim-trigger strategy to encourage compliance with the agreement. At what level of δ (discount factor) would Honda be indifferent about keeping the agreement vs. cheating on it? Explain. (8 points)

to use augmented game, let's get present value from agreement and cheating

$$V_a = 50 + 50\delta + \dots = \frac{50}{1-\delta}$$

$$V_c = 20 + 20\delta + \dots = \frac{20}{1-\delta}$$

and then, payoff matrix is like when history is agreement

when history is cheating →

	offer	Don't offer
Offer	20+ δV_c , 20+ δV_c	120+ δV_c , 10+ δV_c
Don't	10+ δV_c , 120+ δV_c	50+ δV_a , 50+ δV_a

	offer	Don't
offer	20+ δV_c , 20+ δV_c	20+ δV_c , 10+ δV_c
Don't	10+ δV_c , 120+ δV_c	50+ δV_c , 50+ δV_c

in history agreement to (Don't offer, Don't offer) be

$$\text{SPIKE, } 120 + \delta \frac{20}{1-\delta} \leq 50 + \delta \frac{50}{1-\delta}$$

$$\therefore \frac{7}{10} \leq \delta < 1 //$$

absolutely offer, offer in history cheating