

## Problem set 2

- 1) Suppose there are  $n$  firms in the Cournot oligopoly model. The inverse demand function is  $P(Q) = 100 - Q$  where  $Q$  is the aggregate quantity on the market. All firms are equal and face the following cost function:  $c(q_i) = 2q_i$ . Firms choose their quantities simultaneously.
- Find the Nash equilibrium
  - Find the strategy profile where the aggregate quantity is equal to the monopoly quantity and firms produce the same quantity.
  - Show that the strategy profile at point b) is not an equilibrium (use best responses)
  - Show that firms prefer the strategy profile at point b) respect to the Nash equilibrium (compare profits)
  - Let  $n = 2$  and suppose firms can choose to produce the Nash quantity or the quantity you find in point b). No other quantities are feasible. Represent this situation as a normal form game using a payoff table.
  - Let  $n = 2$  and  $c(q_1) = 2q_1$   $c(q_2) = 3q_2$  (firms have different cost functions). Find the Nash equilibrium.

- 2) Consider the Bertrand duopoly model with homogeneous product. The demand function of

$$\text{firm 1 is } q_1 = \begin{cases} 100 - p_1 & \text{if } p_1 < p_2 \\ \frac{100 - p_1}{2} & \text{if } p_1 = p_2 \\ 0 & \text{if } p_1 > p_2 \end{cases}; \text{ that of firm 2 is } q_2 = \begin{cases} 100 - p_2 & \text{if } p_2 < p_1 \\ \frac{100 - p_2}{2} & \text{if } p_2 = p_1 \\ 0 & \text{if } p_2 > p_1 \end{cases}.$$

The two firms are equal and face the following cost function:  $c(q_i) = c \cdot q_i$

Show that the unique Nash equilibrium is  $p_2 = p_1 = c$ .

- 3) Consider the model of final offer arbitration. Find the Nash equilibrium when
- $F(x) = \frac{x^2}{10000}$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 100$  and  $F(x) = 1$  for  $x > 100$
  - $F(x) = 0.01 \cdot x$  with  $0 \leq x \leq 100$
- 4) Consider the Problem of the Commons. Assume that  $n = 3$  and that  $v(x) = 120 - x$ . Compute the Nash equilibrium, the total number of goats in the Nash equilibrium and the number of goats that maximize the social welfare.
- 5) Represent by a table a traveler's dilemma game with two players. They can choose integer numbers between 1 and 4 and  $R=2$ . Find the Nash equilibrium
- 6) Represent a beauty contest game with two players. They can choose integer numbers between 1 and 4 :
- when  $p=0.5$
  - when  $p=1$
  - when  $p=2$

In all cases find the Nash equilibria