

Q.1 Firms A and B compete against each other. The products of the firms are differentiated and each month, the firms change their price, the demand functions, facing each firm are,

$$Q_A = 150 - 10P_A + 9P_B$$

$$Q_B = 150 - 10P_B + 9P_A$$

Each firm has a constant MC of \$7/unit.

(a) Find the eq. of reaction function of each firm.

(b) " " Bertrand equilibrium price of each firm.

(c) Show reaction functions graphically.

(a) Firm A: $Q_A = 150 - 10P_A + 9P_B$ $MC_A = 7 \Rightarrow C_A = 7Q_A$

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_A &= P_A Q_A - 7Q_A = (P_A - 7) Q_A \\ &= (P_A - 7) (150 - 10P_A + 9P_B)\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial \pi_A}{\partial P_A} = 0 \Rightarrow (150 - 10P_A + 9P_B) \cdot (-1) + (P_A - 7) \cdot (-10) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 150 - 10P_A + 9P_B - 10P_A + 70 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 220 - 20P_A + 9P_B = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{20P_A + 9P_B = 220} \rightarrow R_A$$

Firm B: $Q_B = 150 - 10P_B + 9P_A$, $MC_B = 7$

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_B &= P_B Q_B - 7Q_B = (P_B - 7) Q_B \\ &= (P_B - 7) (150 - 10P_B + 9P_A)\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial \pi_B}{\partial P_B} = 0 \Rightarrow (150 - 10P_B + 9P_A) \cdot (-1) + (P_B - 7) \cdot (-10) = 0$$

$$150 - 10P_B + 9P_A - 10P_B + 70 = 0$$

$$150 - 10P_B + 9P_A - 10P_B + 70 = 0$$

$$220 - 20P_B + 9P_A = 0$$

$$\boxed{20P_B - 9P_A = 220} \rightarrow R_B$$

(b) $R_A: 20P_A - 9P_B = 220$

$R_B: 20P_B - 9P_A = 220$

$$20P_A - 9P_B = 20P_B - 9P_A$$

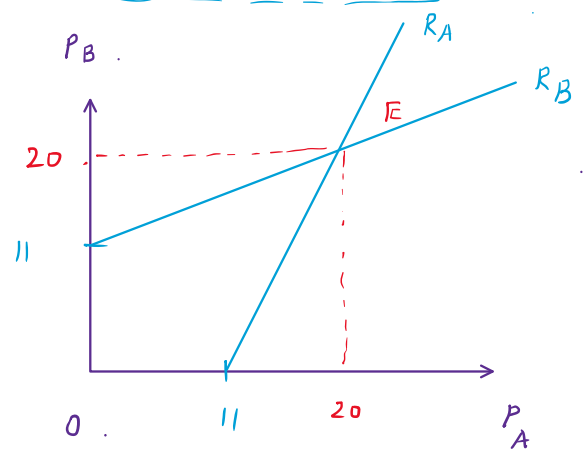
$$29P_A = 29P_B \Rightarrow P_A = P_B$$

Put in eqn (R_A): $20P_A - 9P_A = 220$

$$11P_A = 220 \Rightarrow \boxed{P_A^* = 20 = P_B^*}$$

(c) $R_A: 20P_A - 9P_B = 220$

$R_B: 20P_B - 9P_A = 220$



Q.2 The market demand curve in an industry of 2 firms is given by $Q = 600 - 3P$. Each firm has constant MC of \$80/unit.

(a) Find Cournot Equilibrium quantities of each firm

(b) Assuming that firm 2 is a Stackleberg leader, find out equilibrium quantities for each firm.

(c) Calculate & compare, the profit of each firm, under Cournot & Stackleberg Equilibria. Under which equilibrium, the industry profit is highlight highest & why?

$$(a) \quad q_1^* = 120 \quad q_2^* = 120 \quad P^* = 120 \quad \pi_1^* = 13440 = \pi_2^*$$

$$(b) \quad Q = 600 - 3P, \quad MC_1 = MC_2 = 80, \quad \text{Firm II is the Leader.}$$

$$3P = 600 - Q \Rightarrow P = 200 - \frac{1}{3}(q_1 + q_2)$$

Firm I is the follower:

$$\pi_1 = Pq_1 - C_1 = \left[200 - \frac{1}{3}(q_1 + q_2) \right] q_1 - 80q_1$$

$$\pi_1 = 200q_1 - \frac{1}{3}(q_1^2 + q_1q_2) - 80q_1$$

$$\pi_1 = 120q_1 - \frac{1}{3}(q_1^2 + q_1q_2)$$

$$\frac{\partial \pi_1}{\partial q_1} = 0 \Rightarrow 120 - \frac{1}{3}(2q_1 + q_2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 120 = \frac{1}{3}(2q_1 + q_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 360 = 2q_1 + q_2 \Rightarrow q_1 = \frac{1}{2}(360 - q_2) = 180 - \frac{q_2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{q_1 = 180 - \frac{q_2}{2}} \rightarrow R_1$$

Firm II is the leader:

$$\pi_2 = Pq_2 - C_2 = \left[200 - \frac{1}{3}(q_1 + q_2) \right] q_2 - 80q_2$$

$$\pi_2 = 200q_2 - \frac{1}{3}(q_1q_2 + q_2^2) - 80q_2$$

$$\pi_2 = 120q_2 - \frac{1}{3}(q_1q_2 + q_2^2)$$

Replacing R_1 in π_2 :

$$\pi_2 = 120q_2 - \frac{1}{3} \left[\left(180 - \frac{q_2}{2} \right) q_2 + q_2^2 \right]$$

$$\pi_2 = 120q_2 - \frac{1}{3} \left[180q_2 - \frac{q_2^2}{2} + q_2^2 \right]$$

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$$\pi_2 = 120 q_2 - 60 q_2 - \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{q_2^2}{2} \right)$$

$$\pi_2 = 60 q_2 - \frac{1}{6} q_2^2$$

$$\frac{d\pi_2}{dq_2} = 0 \Rightarrow 60 - \frac{1}{3} q_2 = 0 \Rightarrow q_2^* = 180$$

$$\therefore q_1^* = 180 - \frac{q_2}{2} = 180 - 90 = 90$$

$$P^* = 200 - \frac{1}{3} (q_1^* + q_2^*) = 110$$

$$\pi_1^* = 110 \times 90 - 80 \times 90 = 30 \times 90 = 2700$$

$$\pi_2^* = 110 \times 180 - 80 \times 180 = 180 \times 30 = 5400$$

		q	
		c	d
I	a	$(1, 1)$	$(0, 2)$
	b	$(2, 0)$	$(1, 1)$

Pure-strategy NE:

$\text{I} \rightarrow a$, $\text{II} \rightarrow c$

(a, c) is the NE

(a, c) (b, d)

Mixed strategy NE: $\{p^*, q^*\}$