

9. Consider a setup with monopsonist in the factor mkt and a monopolist in the goods mkt as follows:

Production fn: $q = q(L, \bar{k})$, $q_L > 0$, $q_{LL} < 0$ ✓

Mkt demand: $P = P(q)$, $P' < 0$ ✓

Labour supply: $w = w(L)$, $w' > 0$ ✓

i) Find the optimal condition. $[\frac{\partial \pi}{\partial L} = 0]$.

ii) What should be restriction on the Mkt demand curve & the Labour supply curve s.t the sufficiency condition is satisfied.

$[\frac{\partial^2 \pi}{\partial L^2} < 0 \Rightarrow \text{check!}]$

(i). $\pi = P \cdot q - w \cdot L$.

$\pi = P \cdot q(L, \bar{k}) - w(L) \cdot L$.

$\pi = P(q) \cdot q(L, \bar{k}) - w(L) \cdot L$

$\pi = P \{ q(L, \bar{k}) \} \cdot q(L, \bar{k}) - w(L) \cdot L$.

$\frac{\partial \pi}{\partial L} = 0 \Rightarrow P' \cdot q_L \cdot q + P \cdot q_L - w' \cdot L - w = 0$.

$\Rightarrow q_L [P' \cdot q + P] - w' \cdot L - w = 0$ (*)

$\Rightarrow \underbrace{q_L}_{MP_L} \underbrace{[P' \cdot q + P]}_{MR} = \underbrace{w' \cdot L + w}_{ME} \Rightarrow MP_L \cdot MR = ME$
 ↳ optimal condition

(ii). $\frac{\partial \pi}{\partial L} = q_L [P' \cdot q + P] - w' \cdot L - w$

$\frac{\partial^2 \pi}{\partial L^2} = [P' \cdot q + P] \cdot q_{LL} + q_L [P'' \cdot q_L \cdot q + P' \cdot q_L] - [w'' \cdot L + w'] - w'$

$\frac{\partial^2 \pi}{\partial L^2}$

$- [w'' \cdot L + w'] - w'$

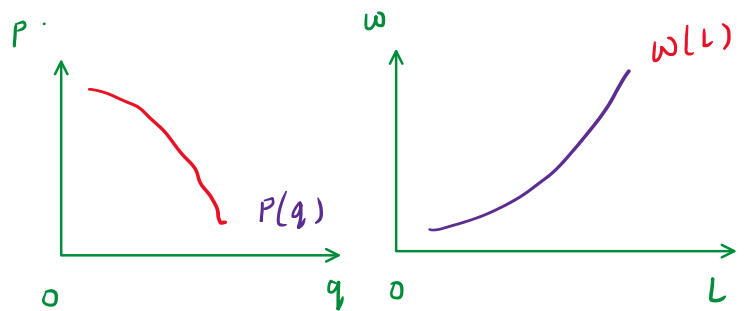
$= [P' \cdot q + P] \cdot q_{LL} + (q_L)^2 [P'' \cdot q + P'] - w'' \cdot L - 2w'$

$= [P' \cdot q + P] \cdot q_{LL} + (q_L)^2 [P'' \cdot q + P'] - [w'' \cdot L + 2w']$

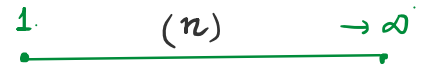
Annotations: $MR > D < 0$, $q_{LL} < 0$, $q_L > 0$, $P'' < 0$, $P' < 0$, $w'' < 0$, $w' > 0$, > 0 .

For sufficiency, $\frac{\partial^2 \pi}{\partial L^2} < 0$ which is ensured when

$P'' < 0$ and $w'' > 0$.



Oligopoly:



There are small no. of firms in the mkt \Rightarrow They are neither price takers (as each of the firms have a significant mkt share) and no one can independently cater to the whole mkt (since they are not large enough to be a monopoly)

Monopoly (one firm) \rightarrow one firm had the entire mkt power.

Perfect competition (Large no. of firms) \rightarrow Firms are price takers

(* "Firms engage in strategic interaction b/w them to maximize profits"

Eg: Suppose there are 'n' firms in the mkt, producing q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n units of output. Mkt share of i^{th} firm, $s_i = \frac{q_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n q_i} = \left(\frac{q_i}{Q}\right)$.

[Higher mkt share \Rightarrow Higher is mkt power]

[Ability of a firm to impact the mkt outcome \Rightarrow Price in the mkt, Quantity in the mkt].

For any firm, there are 2 choice variables:

Competing through Quantity

(i) Cournot Model

[simultaneous determination of output]

(ii) Stackelberg Model

[Leader-follow model]

Competing through Price

(i) Bertrand Model

[simultaneous determination of prices]

(ii) Price-Leadership Model

Cournot Model

Q. Consider 2 firms engaged in Cournot mkt structure.

The inverse mkt demand curve is $P = a - bq$; $a, b > 0$.

Cost fn of Firm I: $C_1(q_1) = c_1 \cdot q_1$, $c_1 > 0$. $Q = q_1 + q_2$.

Cost fn of Firm II: $C_2(q_2) = c_2 \cdot q_2$, $c_2 > 0$.

(i) Find the π -max output levels for both the firms.

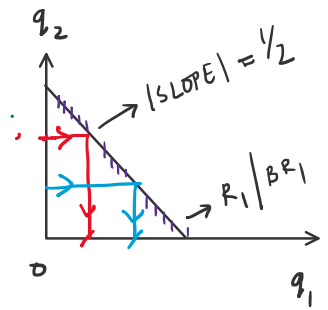
$$\pi_1 = P \cdot q_1 - C_1 = [a - b(q_1 + \bar{q}_2)] \cdot q_1 - c_1 q_1 \quad [\text{Max } \pi_1 \text{ by choosing } q_1]$$

$$\pi_2 = P q_2 - C_2 = [a - b(\bar{q}_1 + q_2)] \cdot q_2 - c_2 q_2 \quad [\text{Max } \pi_2 \text{ by choosing } q_2]$$

Note: Firm I takes Firm II's output as given.

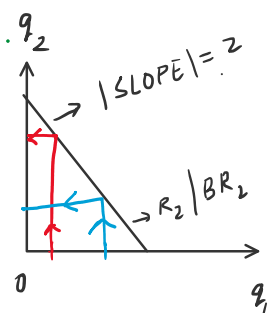
Note: Firm I takes Firm II's output level as given to evaluate q_1^* & similarly for Firm II.

Firm I: $\frac{\partial \pi_1}{\partial q_1} = 0 \Rightarrow -b \cdot q_1 + a - b(q_1 + q_2) - c_1 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 2b \cdot q_1 + b \cdot q_2 = (a - c_1) \dots (i)$
 $\Rightarrow q_1 = \left[\frac{(a - c_1) - b \bar{q}_2}{2b} \right] \dots (ia)$



[If firm II produces output level \bar{q}_2 , then for π -max firm I should produce q_1 , (given by ia)
 \Rightarrow Producing q_1 (according to (ia)) is the Best Response of Firm I to firm II
 \Rightarrow Eqn (i)/(ia) is known as the Reaction fn of Firm I / Best Response fn of Firm I]

For Firm II: $\frac{\partial \pi_2}{\partial q_2} = 0 \Rightarrow a - b(q_1 + q_2) - b q_2 - c_2 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow b \cdot q_1 + 2b q_2 = (a - c_2) \dots (ii)$
 $\Rightarrow q_2 = \frac{a - c_2 - b \bar{q}_1}{2b} \dots (iia)$



(ii) & (iia) are R_2/BR_2 .

HW

For finding q_1^* , q_2^* solve:

$2b \cdot q_1 + b \cdot q_2 = (a - c_1) \dots (i)$

$b q_1 + 2b q_2 = (a - c_2) \dots (ii)$

