

Advanced Microeconomics

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Assignment for part 2

This assignment concerns the discrete Hotelling game. See Lesson 1 for a description of this game in case of two players (i.e. vendors). There are two exercises. Exercise 1 (2) is worth 40 (60) points.

Exercise 1 *Suppose there are 2 vendors, 5 consumers (so $m = 4$) and $w = 1/2$.*

- a. Determine the game by representing it as a 5×5 -bi-matrix game with at the first row strategy 0, the second row strategy 1, etc. (If You do it correctly You find in (row 1, column 2) of this matrix the payoff $1; 15/8$).*
- b. Determine the best reply correspondences R_1 of player 1 and R_2 of player 2.*
- c. Determine the Nash equilibria.*
- d. Determine the weakly and strongly Pareto efficient strategy profiles.*

Exercise 2 *Download the Netlogo program `advmicro.nlogo` (see webpage or brightspace). This program allows for more than two vendors.*

Task: try to find out, using the Netlogo program, how existence of a Nash equilibrium depends on the number of vendors (2-10), the number of consumers (2-20) and the parameter w ($0 < w \leq 1$).

Only use the following buttons: number-of-vendors, setup, go, w, x-dimension, dimensionise-world. (Do not use the other ones.)