

HOMEWORK 7 (for due date see the web page)

A monopolist faces n_A type A consumers, n_B type B consumers and n_C type C consumers. Each type A consumer has the demand function $D_A(P) = 80 - P$, each type B consumer has the demand function $D_B(P) = 80 - 2P$ and each type C consumer has the demand function $D_C(P) = 80 - 3P$. The monopolist is considering selling the good in packages. The pair (Q, V) represents a package containing Q units at a total price of V (thus V is the price of the entire package, not the price per unit). The monopolist's cost function is $C(q) = 4q$. The monopolist is considering the following options.

OPTION 1. Sell only one type of package ($Q_1 = 30, V_1 = 750$)

OPTION 2. Sell two types of packages: ($Q_{21} = 25, V_{21} = 562$) and ($Q_{22} = 40, V_{22} = 918$).

OPTION 3. Sell two types of packages: ($Q_{31} = 60, V_{31} = 729$) and ($Q_{32} = 76, V_{32} = 920$).

- (a) (a.1) Calculate the monopolist's profits for Option 1 as a function of n_A, n_B and n_C .
 (a.2) Evaluate the expression of part (a.1) when $n_A = 5$, $n_B = 10$ and $n_C = 15$.
- (b) (b.1) Calculate the monopolist's profits for Option 2 as a function of n_A, n_B and n_C .
 (b.2) Evaluate the expression of part (b.1) when $n_A = 5$, $n_B = 10$ and $n_C = 15$.
- (c) (c.1) Calculate the monopolist's profits for Option 3 as a function of n_A, n_B and n_C .
 (c.2) Evaluate the expression of part (c.1) when $n_A = 5$, $n_B = 10$ and $n_C = 15$.
- (d) Write the maximization problem faced by the monopolist when it cannot tell types apart but knows that the numbers n_A, n_B and n_C and the demand function of each type. No need to solve the problem, just state it with all the relevant constraints.
- (e) What would the monopolist's profits be if it were able to tell types apart and offer each type a package targeted to that type only?