

3. Suppose 2 firms compete on quantity with inverse demand function $p = 1 - bQ$ where Q is total output. They have zero costs. Demand varies over time. Specifically, the parameter b is either b_H or b_L with equal probability each time period, with $b_H > b_L > 0$. Both firms know the level of demand at the start of the period. Show that in the indefinitely repeated game, with rate of time preference δ , the monopoly level of output can be supported as a subgame perfect equilibrium. What strategies support this outcome? What would be the optimal deviation? Hence, calculate the lowest value of the rate of time preference δ for which the joint profit maximizing output is possible.