

Online Appendix

“Core Deviation Minimizing Auctions”
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Proposition 3 *The core deviation minimization problem can be written as a standard calculus of variations problem of the form*

$$\min_r \int_0^2 A(r(v), r'(v), v) dv. \quad (1)$$

Proof of Proposition 3 Denote

$$\int_0^2 \left(\int_0^{\min\{v,1\}} \int_0^{\min\{v-v_1,1\}} (v_1 + v_2 - r(v_1 + v_2)) dF(v_2) dF(v_1) \right) dG(r(v))$$

by O_1 and

$$\int_0^2 \left(\int_{\max\{v-1,0\}}^1 \int_{\max\{v-v_1,0\}}^1 \max\{r(v) - \max\{v-v_1,0\} - \max\{v-v_2,0\}, 0\} dF(v_2) dF(v_1) \right) dG(r(v))$$

by O_2 .

Denote the expectation of F by L ,

$$L(v) = \int_0^v v' f(v') dv'. \quad (2)$$

Moreover, denote $v_1 + v_2$ by t and the distribution of t by H . That is

$$H(t) = \int_0^{\min\{t,1\}} \int_0^{\min\{t-v_1,1\}} dF(v_2) dF(v_1). \quad (3)$$

Also denote its density by h , $h(t) = H'(t)$, and expectation by K ,

$$K(t) = \int_0^t t' h(t') dt'. \quad (4)$$

Lastly, denote $v_1 + v_2$ conditional on $v_1, v_2 < v$ by t_v and its distribution by H_v . That is,

$$H_v(t_v) = \int_0^{\min\{t_v,v\}} \int_0^{\min\{t_v-v_1,v\}} dF(v_2) dF(v_1). \quad (5)$$

Also denote its density by h_v , $h_v(t) = \frac{d}{dt} H_v(t)$, and expectation by K_v ,

$$K_v(t) = \int_0^t t' h_v(t') dt'. \quad (6)$$

Then, we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
O_1 &= \int_0^2 \left(\int_0^v (t - r(t)) dH(t) \right) dG(r(v)) \\
&= \int_0^2 \left(K(v) - \int_0^v r(t) h(t) dt \right) dG(r(v)) \\
&= \int_0^2 K(v) dG(r(v)) - \int_0^2 \left(\int_0^v r(t) h(t) dt \right) dG(r(v)) \\
&= \int_0^2 K(v) dG(r(v)) - \int_0^2 \left(\int_t^2 dG(r(v)) \right) r(t) h(t) dt \\
&= \int_0^2 K(v) dG(r(v)) - \int_0^2 (1 - G(r(t))) r(t) h(t) dt \\
&= \int_0^2 (K(v) g(r(v)) r'(v) - (1 - G(r(v))) r(v) h(v)) dv
\end{aligned}$$

where, to achieve the fourth line, we change order of integration.

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
O_2 &= \int_0^1 \left(\int_v^1 \int_v^1 r(v) dF(v_2) dF(v_1) \right) dG(r(v)) \\
&+ \int_0^1 \left(\int_v^1 \int_0^v \max\{r(v) - v + v_2, 0\} dF(v_2) dF(v_1) \right) dG(r(v)) \\
&+ \int_0^1 \left(\int_0^v \int_v^1 \max\{r(v) - v + v_1, 0\} dF(v_2) dF(v_1) \right) dG(r(v)) \\
&+ \int_0^1 \left(\int_0^v \int_{v-v_1}^v \max\{r(v) - 2v + v_1 + v_2, 0\} dF(v_2) dF(v_1) \right) dG(r(v)) \\
&+ \int_1^2 \left(\int_{v-1}^1 \int_{v-v_1}^1 \max\{r(v) - 2v + v_1 + v_2, 0\} dF(v_2) dF(v_1) \right) dG(r(v)).
\end{aligned}$$

Let us denote the first, second, third, fourth and fifth summands by $O_{2,1}$, $O_{2,2}$, $O_{2,3}$, $O_{2,4}$ and $O_{2,5}$ respectively.

We can write

$$O_{2,1} = \int_0^1 r(v) (1 - F(v))^2 dG(r(v))$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
O_{2,2} &= \int_0^1 \left(\int_v^1 \int_{v-r(v)}^v (r(v) - v + v_2) dF(v_2) dF(v_1) \right) dG(r(v)) \\
&= \int_0^1 \left(\int_v^1 ((r(v) - v) (F(v) - F(v - r(v))) + L(v) - L(v - r(v))) dF(v_1) \right) dG(r(v)) \\
&= \int_0^1 ((r(v) - v) (F(v) - F(v - r(v))) + L(v) - L(v - r(v))) (1 - F(v)) dG(r(v))
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
O_{2,3} &= \int_0^1 \left(\int_0^v \max\{r(v) - v + v_1, 0\} (1 - F(v)) dF(v_1) \right) dG(r(v)) \\
&= \int_0^1 \left(\int_{v-r(v)}^v (r(v) - v + v_1) dF(v_1) \right) (1 - F(v)) dG(r(v)) \\
&= \int_0^1 ((r(v) - v) (F(v) - F(v - r(v))) + L(v) - L(v - r(v))) (1 - F(v)) dG(r(v)) \\
&= O_{2,2}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
O_{2,4} &= \int_0^1 \left(\int_v^{2v} \max\{r(v) - 2v + t_v, 0\} dH_v(t_v) \right) dG(r(v)) \\
&= \int_0^1 \left(\int_{2v-r(v)}^{2v} (r(v) - 2v + t_v) dH_v(t_v) \right) dG(r(v)) \\
&= \int_0^1 ((r(v) - 2v)(H_v(2v) - H_v(2v - r(v))) + K_v(2v) - K_v(2v - r(v))) dG(r(v))
\end{aligned}$$

and lastly,

$$\begin{aligned}
O_{2,5} &= \int_1^2 \left(\int_v^2 \max\{r(v) - 2v + t, 0\} dH(t) \right) dG(r(v)) \\
&= \int_1^2 \left(\int_{2v-r(v)}^2 (r(v) - 2v + t) dH(t) \right) dG(r(v)) \\
&= \int_1^2 ((r(v) - 2v)(1 - H(2v - r(v))) + K(2) - K(2v - r(v))) dG(r(v)).
\end{aligned}$$

Adding all the terms up, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
O &= \int_0^1 (K(v)g(r(v))r'(v) - (1 - G(r(v)))r(v)h(v)) dv & (7) \\
&+ \int_0^1 r(v)(1 - F(v))^2 g(r(v))r'(v) dv \\
&+ \int_0^1 2((r(v) - v)(F(v) - F(v - r(v))) + L(v) - L(v - r(v)))(1 - F(v))g(r(v))r'(v) dv \\
&+ \int_0^1 ((r(v) - 2v)(H_v(2v) - H_v(2v - r(v))) + K_v(2v) - K_v(2v - r(v)))g(r(v))r'(v) dv \\
&+ \int_1^2 (K(v)g(r(v))r'(v) - (1 - G(r(v)))r(v)h(v)) dv \\
&+ \int_1^2 ((r(v) - 2v)(1 - H(2v - r(v))) + K(2) - K(2v - r(v)))g(r(v))r'(v) dv.
\end{aligned}$$

This problem is now of the form (1)