ECON 4245 Economics of the Firm – Spring 2009

Seminar V

Problem 1

Review Problem 3 in Tirole, p. 627.

Note that there is a typo in the text in part (i): The difference $\overline{A}_p - \overline{A}_q$ should have the opposite sign, so that

$$\overline{A}_{p} - \overline{A}_{q} = \frac{p_{H}B - q_{H}b}{\Delta p} - (p_{H} - q_{H})R$$

Also, in part (iii), the cost of hiring the active monitor is denoted M, whereas in Sec. 9.2.3, M denotes the monitor's rent. A notation more in line with the text in Chapter 9 would replace every occurrence of M in part (iii) of Review Problem 3 with C, where C = c + M is the cost of hiring an active monitor, c is the monitoring cost, and M is the monitor's rent.

Problem 2

Review Problem 6, parts (i) and (ii), in Tirole, p. 629.

Problem 3

- (i) Exercise 8.1 in Tirole, p. 353.
- (ii) Compare with the analysis in Sec. 8.2.2. in Tirole, pp. 340-341.