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Lecture 10

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Restricting spill

$$\max \sum_{t=1}^T p_t(e_t^H) \cdot e_t^H$$

subject to

$$R_t = R_{t-1} + w_t - e_t^H$$

$$R_t \leq \bar{R}$$

$$R_t, e_t^H \geq 0, t = 1, \dots, T$$

$$T, w_t, R_0, \bar{R} \text{ given, } R_T \text{ free}$$

- The Kuhn – Tucker conditions

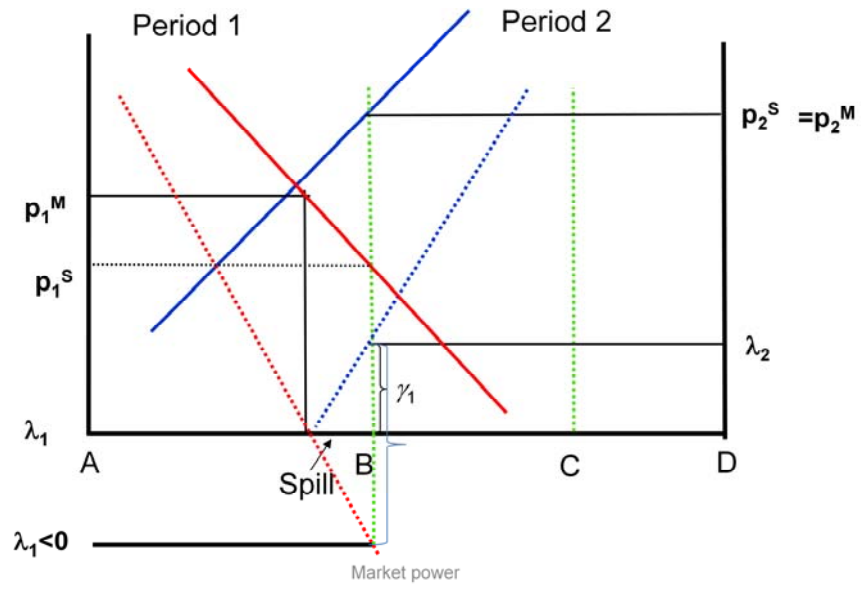
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial e_t^H} = p_t'(e_t^H)e_t^H + p_t(e_t^H) - \lambda_t \leq 0 \quad (= 0 \text{ for } e_t^H > 0)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial R_t} = -\lambda_t + \lambda_{t+1} - \gamma_t \leq 0 \quad (= 0 \text{ for } R_t > 0)$$

$$\gamma_t \geq 0 \quad (0 = \text{for } R_t < \bar{R}), \quad t = 1, \dots, T$$

- The reservoir constraint is now an equality constraint and λ_t is free in sign
- The price flexibility becomes less than -1, and the water value negative for period 1
- We get the social solution for water use and prices

Illustration of monopoly solution with reservoir and spill



Monopoly and trade

- Optimisation problem

$$\max \sum_{t=1}^T (p_t(x_t)x_t + p_t^{XI} e_t^{XI})$$

subject to

$$x_t = e_t^H - e_t^{XI}$$

$$-\bar{e}^{XI} \leq e_t^{XI} \leq \bar{e}^{XI},$$

$$R_t \leq R_{t-1} + w_t - e_t^H$$

$$R_t \leq \bar{R}$$

$$x_t, e_t^H, R_t \geq 0$$

$$T, \bar{R}, \bar{e}^{XI}, p_t^{XI} \text{ given, } e_t^{XI} \text{ free, } t = 1, \dots, T$$

Market power

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- The Lagrangian

$$\begin{aligned}
 L = & \sum_{t=1}^T p_t (e_t^H - e_t^{XI}) \cdot (e_t^H - e_t^{XI}) + p_t^{XI} e_t^{XI} \\
 & - \sum_{t=1}^T \lambda_t (R_t - R_{t-1} - w_t + e_t^H) \\
 & - \sum_{t=1}^T \gamma_t (R_t - \bar{R}) \\
 & - \sum_{t=1}^T \alpha_t (e_t^{XI} - \bar{e}^{XI}) \\
 & - \sum_{t=1}^T \beta_t (-e_t^{XI} - \bar{e}^{XI})
 \end{aligned}$$

Market power

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- The first-order conditions

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial e_t^H} = p_t'(e_t^H - e_t^{XI})(e_t^H - e_t^{XI}) + p_t(e_t^H - e_t^{XI}) - \lambda_t \leq 0$$

$$(= 0 \text{ for } e_t^H > 0)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial e_t^{XI}} = -p_t'(e_t^H - e_t^{XI})(e_t^H - e_t^{XI}) - p_t(e_t^H - e_t^{XI}) - \alpha_t + \beta_t + p_t^{XI} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial R_t} = -\lambda_t + \lambda_{t+1} - \gamma_t \leq 0 \quad (= 0 \text{ for } R_t > 0)$$

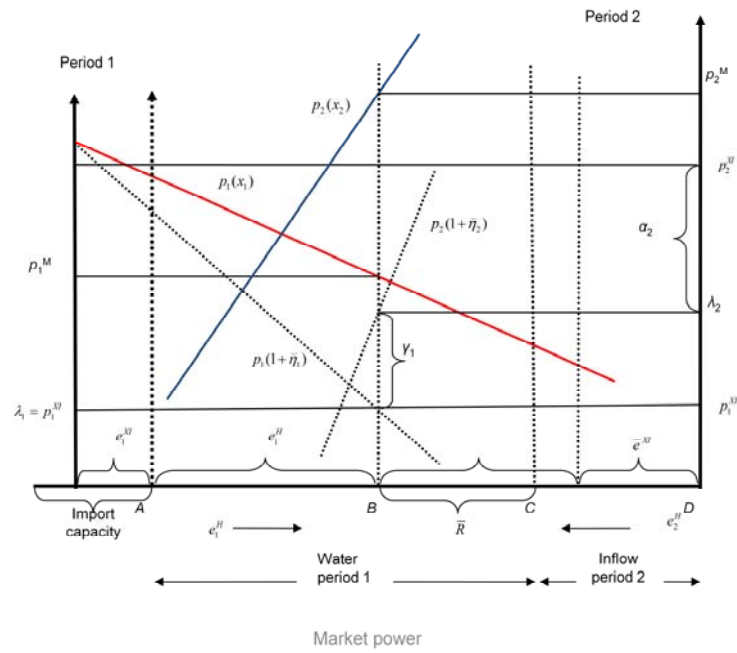
$$\lambda_t \geq 0 \quad (= 0 \text{ for } R_t < R_{t-1} + w_t - e_t^H)$$

$$\gamma_t \geq 0 \quad (= 0 \text{ for } R_t < \bar{R})$$

$$\alpha_t \geq 0 \quad (= 0 \text{ for } e_t^{XI} < \bar{e}^{XI})$$

$$\beta_t \geq 0 \quad (= 0 \text{ for } e_t^{XI} < -\bar{e}^{XI})$$

Monopoly and trade, figure



Monopoly with thermal plants

- Optimisation problem

$$\max \sum_{t=1}^T p_t(x_t) \cdot x_t - c(e_t^{Th})$$

subject to

$$x_t = e_t^H + e_t^{Th}$$

$$R_t \leq R_{t-1} + w_t - e_t^H$$

$$R_t \leq \bar{R}$$

$$e_t^{Th} \leq \bar{e}^{Th}$$

$$R_t, e_t^H, e_t^{Th} \geq 0, \quad t = 1, \dots, T$$

$$T, w_t, R_0, \bar{R}, \bar{e}^{Th} \text{ given, } R_T \text{ free}$$

Market power

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- The Lagrangian

$$\begin{aligned} L = & \sum_{t=1}^T [p_t(e_t^H + e_t^{Th})(e_t^H + e_t^{Th}) - c(e_t^{Th})] \\ & - \sum_{t=1}^T \theta_t(e_t^{Th} - \bar{e}^{Th}) \\ & - \sum_{t=1}^T \lambda_t(R_t - R_{t-1} - w_t + e_t^H) \\ & - \sum_{t=1}^T \gamma_t(R_t - \bar{R}) \end{aligned}$$

- Necessary first-order conditions

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial e_i^H} = p'_i(e_i^H + e_i^{Th})(e_i^H + e_i^{Th}) + p_i(e_i^H + e_i^{Th}) - \lambda_i \leq 0$$

$$(\text{= } 0 \text{ for } e_i^H > 0)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial e_i^{Th}} = p'_i(e_i^H + e_i^{Th})(e_i^H + e_i^{Th}) + p_i(e_i^H + e_i^{Th}) - c'(e_i^{Th}) - \theta_i \leq 0$$

$$(\text{= } 0 \text{ for } e_i^{Th} > 0)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial R_i} = -\lambda_i + \lambda_{i+1} - \gamma_i \leq 0 \quad (\text{= } 0 \text{ for } R_i > 0)$$

$$\lambda \geq 0 \quad (\text{= } 0 \text{ for } R_i < R_{i-1} + w_i - e_i^H)$$

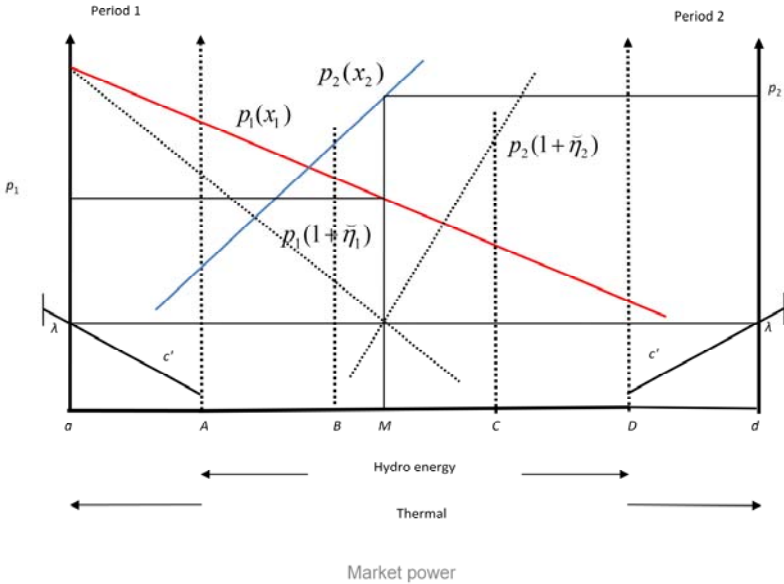
$$\theta_i \geq 0 \quad (\text{= } 0 \text{ for } e_i^{Th} < \bar{e}^{Th})$$

$$\gamma_i \geq 0 \quad (\text{= } 0 \text{ for } R_i < \bar{R})$$

- Using both hydro and thermal in the same period the marginal revenue substitutes for the marginal willingness to pay in the social optimal solution

$$p_t(x_t)(1 + \tilde{\eta}_t) = \lambda_t = c'(e_t^{Th}) + \theta_t$$

Hydro and thermal plants



Dominant hydro with a thermal competitive fringe

- Optimisation problem

$$\max \sum_{t=1}^T p_t(x_t) e_t^H$$

subject to

$$x_t = e_t^H + e_t^{Th} \quad R_t \text{ free}$$

$$R_t \leq R_{t-1} + w_t - e_t^H$$

$$R_t \leq \bar{R}$$

$$p_t(x_t) = c'(e_t^{Th})$$

$$x_t, e_t^H, e_t^{Th} \geq 0, \quad t = 1, \dots, T$$

$$T, \bar{R} \text{ given}, R_T \text{ free}$$

Market power

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- The fringe response to change in hydro production

- Differentiation of the fringe 1. order condition

$$p_t(e_t^H + e_t^{Th}) = c'(e_t^{Th}) \quad (t = 1, \dots, T)$$

$$p_t'(e_t^H + e_t^{Th})(de_t^H + de_t^{Th}) = c''(e_t^{Th})de_t^{Th} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{de_t^{Th}}{de_t^H} = \frac{-p_t'(e_t^H + e_t^{Th})}{p_t'(e_t^H + e_t^{Th}) - c''(e_t^{Th})} < 0 \quad (t = 1, \dots, T)$$

- The relationship between the fringe output and hydro output

$$e_t^{Th} = f_t(e_t^H), f_t' < 0 \quad (t = 1, \dots, T)$$

- The Lagrangian

$$\begin{aligned} L = & \sum_{t=1}^T p_t (e_t^H + f_t(e_t^H)) e_t^H \\ & - \sum_{t=1}^T \lambda_t (R_t - R_{t-1} - w_t + e_t^H) \\ & - \sum_{t=1}^T \gamma_t (R_t - \bar{R}) \end{aligned}$$

- First-order order conditions

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial e_t^H} = p_t(e_t^H + e_t^{Th}) + p_t'(e_t^H + e_t^{Th})e_t^H \left(1 + \frac{de_t^{Th}}{de_t^H}\right) - \lambda_t \leq 0$$

(= 0 for $e_t^H > 0$)

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial R_t} = -\lambda_t + \lambda_{t+1} - \gamma_t \leq 0 \quad (= 0 \text{ for } R_t > 0)$$

$$\lambda_t \geq 0 \quad (0 = \text{for } R_t < R_{t-1} + w_t - e_t^H)$$

$$\gamma_t \geq 0 \quad (0 = \text{for } R_t < \bar{R}), \quad t = 1, \dots, T$$

- Inserting the fringe output reaction

$$1 + \frac{de_t^{Th}}{de_t^H} = 1 + \frac{-p_t'(e_t^H + e_t^{Th})}{p_t'(e_t^H + e_t^{Th}) - c''(e_t^{Th})} = \frac{-c''(e_t^{Th})}{p_t'(e_t^H + e_t^{Th}) - c''(e_t^{Th})} > 0$$

- The conditional marginal revenue function

$$MR_{t|p_t=c} = p_t \left(1 + \tilde{\eta}_t \frac{e_t^H}{e_t^H + e_t^{Th}} \right) + p_t' \frac{de_t^{Th}}{de_t^H} e_t^H, t = 1, \dots, T$$

Competitive thermal fringe

