

Supplementary Material to “Does Cost Uncertainty in the Bertrand Model Soften Competition?”

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Abstract

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1 Introduction

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2 Derivations of results for the complete information model

Here I derive the expressions that are reported in Table 1 of Lagerlöf (2013), the column for the complete information model. I consider, in turn, expected price, expected industry profits, expected consumer surplus, and expected total surplus. First, however, I state and prove some intermediate results that I need to derive the expressions in Table 1.

2.1 Preliminaries

The probability density function of the lowest draw, $c_{(1)}$, is given by¹

$$g_1 [c_{(1)}] = n [1 - F [c_{(1)}]]^{n-1} f [c_{(1)}] = nx [1 - c_{(1)}]^{nx-1},$$

where

$$F (c_i) = 1 - (1 - c_i)^x$$

and

$$f (c_i) = x (1 - c_i)^{x-1}.$$

The expected value of $c_{(1)}$ is therefore given by

$$\begin{aligned} E [c_{(1)}] &= \int_0^1 c_{(1)} g_1 [c_{(1)}] dc_{(1)} = \int_0^1 c_{(1)} n [1 - F [c_{(1)}]]^{n-1} f [c_{(1)}] dc_{(1)} \\ &= - [1 - F [c_{(1)}]]^n c_{(1)} \Big|_0^1 + \int_0^1 [1 - F [c_{(1)}]]^n dc_{(1)} \\ &= \int_0^1 [1 - F [c_{(1)}]]^n dc_{(1)}, \end{aligned}$$

where the third equality is obtained by integrating by parts. Now, using the specific functional form that is assumed, we have

$$E [c_{(1)}] = \int_0^1 [1 - c_{(1)}]^{nx} dc_{(1)} = \frac{1}{1 + nx}. \quad (1)$$

Recall from Lagerlöf (2013) that the market price (i.e., the price charged by the firm with the lowest cost draw) equals

$$p^{II} = A + (1 - A) c_{(1)}, \quad \text{with } A = \frac{1}{(n - 1) x + 2}. \quad (2)$$

¹In order to derive this expression for g_1 , let G_1 be the cumulative distribution function associated with the density g_1 . The probability that n independent draws all yield a cost equal to c or higher is given by $1 - G_1 (c) = [1 - F (c)]^n$, so $G_1 (c) = 1 - [1 - F (c)]^n$ and $g_1 (c) = n [1 - F (c)]^{n-1} f (c)$.

Also recall from Lagerlöf (2013) that the equilibrium market price under complete information is

$$p^{CI} = \min \left\{ c_{(2)}, \frac{1 + c_{(1)}}{2} \right\}$$

and that the joint probability density function of $c_{(1)}$ and $c_{(2)}$ is given by [see, for example, Gumbel (1958/2004, p. 53)]

$$g_{1,2} [c_{(1)}, c_{(2)}] = n(n-1) f [c_{(1)}] f [c_{(2)}] [1 - F (c_{(2)})]^{n-2} \quad (3)$$

if $c_{(1)} \leq c_{(2)}$ and 0 otherwise.

Lemma 1 For any $a > 0$ we have

$$\int_0^1 (1-c)^a dc = \frac{1}{1+a}.$$

Proof: Straightforward and hence omitted.

Lemma 2 For any $a > 0$ we have

$$\int_0^1 c(1-c)^a dc = \frac{1}{(1+a)(2+a)}. \quad (4)$$

Proof: By differentiating the right-hand side, one can verify that the following holds:

$$\int c(1-c)^a dc = -(1-c)^{a+1} \frac{(a+1)c+1}{(1+a)(2+a)}. \quad (5)$$

Given (5), (4) follows immediately. \square

Lemma 3 For any $a > 0$ and any $b \in [0, 1]$ we have

$$\int_{\frac{1+b}{2}}^1 (1-c)^a dc = \frac{\left(\frac{1-b}{2}\right)^{a+1}}{1+a}. \quad (6)$$

Proof:

$$\int_{\frac{1+b}{2}}^1 (1-c)^a dc = \frac{1}{1+a} \left[-(1-c)^{a+1} \right]_{\frac{1+b}{2}}^1 = \frac{\left(1 - \frac{1+b}{2}\right)^{a+1}}{1+a},$$

which simplifies to the expression in (6).

Lemma 4 For any $a > 0$ and any $b \in [0, 1]$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_b^{\frac{1+b}{2}} c(1-c)^a dc &= \frac{b(1-b)^{1+a} \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2+a} \right]}{2+a} \\ &+ \frac{(1-b)^{1+a} \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2+a} (3+a) \right]}{(1+a)(2+a)}. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Proof: Using (5) we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_b^{\frac{1+b}{2}} c(1-c)^a dc \\
&= \left[- (1-c)^{a+1} \frac{(a+1)c+1}{(1+a)(2+a)} \right]_b^{\frac{1+b}{2}} \\
&= (1-b)^{a+1} \frac{(a+1)b+1}{(1+a)(2+a)} - \left(\frac{1-b}{2} \right)^{a+1} \frac{(a+1)\frac{1+b}{2}+1}{(1+a)(2+a)} \\
&= \frac{(1-b)^{a+1}}{(1+a)(2+a)} \left[(a+1)b+1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{a+2} [(a+1)(1+b)+2] \right],
\end{aligned}$$

which simplifies to (7). \square

Lemma 5 For any $a > 0$ and any $b \in [0, 1]$ we have

$$\int_b^{\frac{1+b}{2}} (1-c)^a dc = \frac{(1-b)^{a+1} \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{a+1} \right]}{1+a}. \quad (8)$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_b^{\frac{1+b}{2}} (1-c)^a dc &= \left[- \frac{(1-c)^{a+1}}{1+a} \right]_b^{\frac{1+b}{2}} = \frac{(1-b)^{a+1}}{1+a} - \frac{\left(1 - \frac{1+b}{2} \right)^{a+1}}{1+a} \\
&= \frac{(1-b)^{a+1}}{1+a} - \frac{(1-b)^{a+1} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{a+1}}{1+a},
\end{aligned}$$

which simplifies to (8). \square

2.2 Expected price

The expected price is

$$\begin{aligned}
E[p^{CI}] &= \underbrace{\int_0^1 \int_{c(1)}^{\frac{1+c(1)}{2}} c_{(2)} g_{1,2} [c_{(1)}, c_{(2)}] dc_{(2)} dc_{(1)}}_{=D_1} \\
&\quad + \underbrace{\int_0^1 \int_{\frac{1+c(1)}{2}}^1 \frac{1+c(1)}{2} g_{1,2} [c_{(1)}, c_{(2)}] dc_{(2)} dc_{(1)}}_{=D_2}. \quad (9)
\end{aligned}$$

Using (3), we can write the first term of (9), D_1 , as

$$D_1 = n(n-1) \int_0^1 f[c_{(1)}] \left[\int_{c(1)}^{\frac{1+c(1)}{2}} c_{(2)} f[c_{(2)}] [1-F(c_{(2)})]^{n-2} dc_{(2)} \right] dc_{(1)}. \quad (10)$$

The “inside integral” of (10) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{c_{(1)}}^{\frac{1+c_{(1)}}{2}} c_{(2)} f [c_{(2)}] [1 - F (c_{(2)})]^{n-2} dc_{(2)} \\
= & x \int_{c_{(1)}}^{\frac{1+c_{(1)}}{2}} c_{(2)} (1 - c_{(2)})^{x-1+(n-2)x} dc_{(2)} \\
= & x \frac{c_{(1)} (1 - c_{(1)})^{(n-1)x} \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(n-1)x+1} \right]}{(n-1)x + 1} + x \frac{(1 - c_{(1)})^{(n-1)x} \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(n-1)x+1} [(n-1)x + 2] \right]}{(n-1)x [(n-1)x + 1]},
\end{aligned}$$

where the last equality uses Lemma 4. Plugging this expression back into (10) one has

$$\begin{aligned}
& D_1 \\
= & \frac{n(n-1)x^2 \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(n-1)x+1} \right]}{(n-1)x + 1} \int_0^1 c_{(1)} (1 - c_{(1)})^{nx-1} \\
& + \frac{n(n-1)x^2 \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(n-1)x+1} [(n-1)x + 2] \right]}{(n-1)x [(n-1)x + 1]} \int_0^1 (1 - c_{(1)})^{nx-1} dc_{(1)} \\
= & \frac{(n-1)x \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(n-1)x+1} \right]}{(nx+1) [(n-1)x + 1]} + \frac{\left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(n-1)x+1} [(n-1)x + 2] \right]}{[(n-1)x + 1]} \\
= & \frac{(n-1)x + (nx+1)}{(nx+1) [(n-1)x + 1]} \\
& - \frac{\{(n-1)x + (nx+1) [(n-1)x + 2]\} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(n-1)x+1}}{(nx+1) [(n-1)x + 1]}, \tag{11}
\end{aligned}$$

where the second equality uses Lemmas 1 and 2. Using (3), we can write the second term of (9), D_2 , as

$$\begin{aligned}
D_2 &= n(n-1) \int_0^1 \frac{1+c_{(1)}}{2} f [c_{(1)}] \left[\int_{\frac{1+c_{(1)}}{2}}^1 f [c_{(2)}] [1 - F (c_{(2)})]^{n-2} dc_{(2)} \right] dc_{(1)} \\
&= n(n-1)x^2 \int_0^1 \frac{1+c_{(1)}}{2} (1 - c_{(1)})^{x-1} \left[\int_{\frac{1+c_{(1)}}{2}}^1 (1 - c_{(2)})^{x-1+x(n-2)} dc_{(2)} \right] dc_{(1)} \\
&= \frac{n(n-1)x^2}{2} \int_0^1 (1+c_{(1)}) (1 - c_{(1)})^{x-1} \left[\frac{\left(\frac{1-c_{(1)}}{2}\right)^{x(n-1)}}{x(n-1)} \right] dc_{(1)} \\
&= nx \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x(n-1)+1} \left[\int_0^1 (1 - c_{(1)})^{xn-1} dc_{(1)} + \int_0^1 c_{(1)} (1 - c_{(1)})^{xn-1} dc_{(1)} \right] \\
&= nx \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x(n-1)+1} \left[\frac{1}{nx} + \frac{1}{nx(nx+1)} \right] = \frac{(nx+2) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x(n-1)+1}}{nx+1}, \tag{12}
\end{aligned}$$

where the third equality uses Lemma 3 and the last equality uses Lemmas 1 and 2.

So summing up, using (11) and (12), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
E [p^{CI}] &= \frac{\overbrace{\frac{(n-1)x + (nx+1)}{(nx+1)[(n-1)x+1]} - \frac{\{(n-1)x + (nx+1)[(n-1)x+2]\} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(n-1)x+1}}{(nx+1)[(n-1)x+1]}}^{\text{from (11)}}}{\underbrace{\frac{(nx+2)[(n-1)x+1] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x(n-1)+1}}{(nx+1)[(n-1)x+1]}}_{\text{from (12)}}}.
\end{aligned}$$

The numerator terms multiplied by $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(n-1)x+1}$ reduce to the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
& (nx+2)[(n-1)x+1] - \{(n-1)x + (nx+1)[(n-1)x+2]\} \\
&= (nx+2)[(n-1)x+1] - (n-1)x - (nx+1)[(n-1)x+1] - (nx+1) \\
&= [(n-1)x+1] - (n-1)x - (nx+1) = -nx.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$E [p^{CI}] = \frac{(2n-1)x+1}{(nx+1)[(n-1)x+1]} - \frac{nx \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(n-1)x+1}}{(nx+1)[(n-1)x+1]},$$

which is identical to the expression in Table 1.

2.3 Expected industry profits

The expected industry profits are

$$\begin{aligned}
E [\Pi^{CI}] &= \overbrace{\int_0^1 \int_{c(1)}^{\frac{1+c(1)}{2}} [1-c(2)] [c(2)-c(1)] g_{1,2} [c(1), c(2)] dc(2) dc(1)}^{=K_1} \\
&+ \underbrace{\int_0^1 \int_{\frac{1+c(1)}{2}}^1 \left[1 - \frac{1+c(1)}{2}\right] \left[\frac{1+c(1)}{2} - c(1)\right] g_{1,2} [c(1), c(2)] dc(2) dc(1)}_{=K_2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Rewrite the first term, K_1 , using (3):

$$\begin{aligned}
K_1 &= n(n-1) \int_0^1 \int_{c(1)}^{\frac{1+c(1)}{2}} [1-c(2)] [c(2)-c(1)] f [c(1)] f [c(2)] [1-F(c(2))]^{n-2} dc(2) dc(1) \\
&= n(n-1) x^2 \int_0^1 \int_{c(1)}^{\frac{1+c(1)}{2}} [1-c(2)] [c(2)-c(1)] [1-c(2)]^{x-1+(n-2)x} [1-c(1)]^{x-1} dc(2) dc(1) \\
&= n(n-1) x^2 \int_0^1 [1-c(1)]^{x-1} \overbrace{\left[\int_{c(1)}^{\frac{1+c(1)}{2}} c(2) [1-c(2)]^{(n-1)x} dc(2) \right]}^{=K_{11}} dc(1) \\
&\quad - n(n-1) x^2 \underbrace{\int_0^1 c(1) [1-c(1)]^{x-1} \left[\int_{c(1)}^{\frac{1+c(1)}{2}} [1-c(2)]^{(n-1)x} dc(2) \right] dc(1)}_{=K_{12}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Rewrite the K_{11} term, using Lemma 4 (the first equality) and Lemmas 1 and 2 (the second equality):

$$\begin{aligned}
K_{11} &= \int_0^1 [1 - c_{(1)}]^{x-1} \left[\frac{c_{(1)} (1 - c_{(1)})^{1+(n-1)x} \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2+(n-1)x}\right]}{2 + (n-1)x} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{(1 - c_{(1)})^{1+(n-1)x} \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2+(n-1)x} [3 + (n-1)x]\right]}{[1 + (n-1)x][2 + (n-1)x]} \right] dc_{(1)} \\
&= \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2+(n-1)x}}{(1 + nx)(2 + nx)[2 + (n-1)x]} + \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2+(n-1)x} [3 + (n-1)x]}{(1 + nx)[1 + (n-1)x][2 + (n-1)x]} \\
&= \frac{[1 + (n-1)x] \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2+(n-1)x}\right] + (2 + nx) \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2+(n-1)x} [3 + (n-1)x]\right]}{(1 + nx)(2 + nx)[1 + (n-1)x][2 + (n-1)x]} \\
&= \frac{[1 + (n-1)x] + (2 + nx) - \{[1 + (n-1)x] + (2 + nx)[3 + (n-1)x]\} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2+(n-1)x}}{(1 + nx)(2 + nx)[1 + (n-1)x][2 + (n-1)x]}.
\end{aligned}$$

Rewrite the term K_{12} , using Lemma 5 (the first equality) and Lemma 2 (the second equality):

$$\begin{aligned}
K_{12} &= \int_0^1 c_{(1)} [1 - c_{(1)}]^{x-1} \left[\frac{(1 - c_{(1)})^{1+(n-1)x} \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{1+(n-1)x}\right]}{1 + (n-1)x} \right] dc_{(1)} \\
&= \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{1+(n-1)x}}{(1 + nx)(2 + nx)[1 + (n-1)x]}.
\end{aligned}$$

Now rewrite the second term, K_2 :

$$\begin{aligned}
K_2 &= \int_0^1 \int_{\frac{1+c_{(1)}}{2}}^1 \left[1 - \frac{1+c_{(1)}}{2}\right] \left[\frac{1+c_{(1)}}{2} - c_{(1)}\right] g_{1,2} [c_{(1)}, c_{(2)}] dc_{(2)} dc_{(1)} \\
&= \frac{n(n-1)}{4} \int_0^1 \int_{\frac{1+c_{(1)}}{2}}^1 [1 - c_{(1)}]^2 f [c_{(1)}] f [c_{(2)}] [1 - F (c_{(2)})]^{n-2} dc_{(2)} dc_{(1)} \\
&= \frac{n(n-1)x^2}{4} \int_0^1 [1 - c_{(1)}]^2 [1 - c_{(1)}]^{x-1} \left[\int_{\frac{1+c_{(1)}}{2}}^1 [1 - c_{(2)}]^{x-1+(n-2)x} dc_{(2)} \right] dc_{(1)} \\
&= \frac{n(n-1)x^2}{4(n-1)x} \int_0^1 [1 - c_{(1)}]^{x+1} \left[\left(\frac{1 - c_{(1)}}{2}\right)^{(n-1)x} \right] dc_{(1)} \\
&= \frac{nx \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(n-1)x}}{4} \int_0^1 [1 - c_{(1)}]^{nx+1} dc_{(1)} = \frac{nx \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(n-1)x+2}}{2 + nx},
\end{aligned}$$

where the second equality uses (3), the fourth equality uses Lemma 3, and the last equality uses Lemma 1.

Summing up we have

$$\begin{aligned}
E [\Pi^{CI}] &= K_1 + K_2 = n(n-1)x^2(K_{11} - K_{12}) + K_2 \\
&= n(n-1)x^2 \times \\
&\quad \frac{[1 + (n-1)x] + (2+nx) - \{[1 + (n-1)x] + (2+nx)[3 + (n-1)x]\} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2+(n-1)x}}{(1+nx)(2+nx)[1 + (n-1)x][2 + (n-1)x]} \\
&\quad - n(n-1)x^2 \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{1+(n-1)x}}{(1+nx)(2+nx)[1 + (n-1)x]} + \frac{nx \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(n-1)x+2}}{2+nx}. \tag{13}
\end{aligned}$$

The terms in (13) that do not involve $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(n-1)x+2}$ or $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(n-1)x+1}$ become:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{n(n-1)x^2 \{1 + (n-1)x + (2+nx) - [(n-1)x + 2]\}}{(nx+1)(nx+2)[(n-1)x+1][(n-1)x+2]} \\
&= \frac{n(n-1)x^2(1+nx)}{(nx+1)(nx+2)[(n-1)x+1][(n-1)x+2]} = \frac{n(n-1)x^2}{(nx+2)[(n-1)x+1][(n-1)x+2]}. \tag{14}
\end{aligned}$$

The other terms in (13) except the last one become:

$$L_A = -\frac{n(n-1)x^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(n-1)x+2}}{(nx+1)(nx+2)[(n-1)x+1][(n-1)x+2]} \times L_B$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
L_B &= [1 + (n-1)x] + (2+nx)[3 + (n-1)x] - 2[2 + (n-1)x] \\
&= (n-1)x[1 + (2+nx) - 2] + 1 + 3(2+nx) - 4 \\
&= (n-1)x(nx+1) + 3(nx+1) = [(n-1)x+3](nx+1).
\end{aligned}$$

So

$$L_A = -\frac{n(n-1)x^2[(n-1)x+3] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(n-1)x+2}}{(nx+2)[(n-1)x+1][(n-1)x+2]}.$$

Adding L_A to the last term in (13):

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{nx \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(n-1)x+2}}{nx+2} + L_A \\
&= \frac{nx \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(n-1)x+2}}{2+nx} - \frac{n(n-1)x^2[(n-1)x+3] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(n-1)x+2}}{(nx+2)[(n-1)x+1][(n-1)x+2]} \\
&= \frac{nx \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(n-1)x+2} \{[(n-1)x+1][(n-1)x+2] - (n-1)x[(n-1)x+3]\}}{(nx+2)[(n-1)x+1][(n-1)x+2]} \\
&= \frac{nx \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(n-1)x+1}}{(nx+2)[(n-1)x+1][(n-1)x+2]}. \tag{15}
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, adding (14) and (15) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
E [\Pi^{CI}] &= \frac{n(n-1)x^2}{(nx+2)[(n-1)x+1][(n-1)x+2]} + \frac{nx \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(n-1)x+1}}{(nx+2)[(n-1)x+1][(n-1)x+2]} \\
&= \frac{nx \left[(n-1)x + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(n-1)x+1} \right]}{(nx+2)[(n-1)x+1][(n-1)x+2]},
\end{aligned}$$

which is identical to the expression in Table 1.

2.4 Expected consumer surplus

The expected consumer surplus can be calculated as

$$E[S^{CI}] = \underbrace{\int_0^1 \int_{c(1)}^{\frac{1+c(1)}{2}} \frac{[1-c(2)]^2}{2} g_{1,2}[c(1), c(2)] dc(2) dc(1)}_{=M_1} + \underbrace{\int_0^1 \int_{\frac{1+c(1)}{2}}^1 \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - \frac{1+c(1)}{2}\right]^2 g_{1,2}[c(1), c(2)] dc(2) dc(1)}_{=M_2}.$$

Rewrite the first term, M_1 :

$$\begin{aligned} & M_1 \\ = & \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \int_0^1 \int_{c(1)}^{\frac{1+c(1)}{2}} [1-c(2)]^2 f[c(1)] f[c(2)] [1-F(c(2))]^{n-2} dc(2) dc(1) \\ = & \frac{n(n-1)x^2}{2} \int_0^1 [1-c(1)]^{x-1} \left[\int_{c(1)}^{\frac{1+c(1)}{2}} [1-c(2)]^2 [1-c(2)]^{x-1} [1-c(2)]^{x(n-2)} dc(2) \right] dc(1) \\ = & \frac{n(n-1)x^2}{2} \int_0^1 [1-c(1)]^{x-1} \left[\int_{c(1)}^{\frac{1+c(1)}{2}} [1-c(2)]^{x(n-1)+1} dc(2) \right] dc(1) \\ = & \frac{n(n-1)x^2}{2} \int_0^1 [1-c(1)]^{x-1} \left[\frac{(1-c(1))^{x(n-1)+2} \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x(n-1)+2}\right]}{x(n-1)+2} \right] dc(1) \\ = & \frac{n(n-1)x^2 \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x(n-1)+2}\right]}{2[x(n-1)+2]} \int_0^1 [1-c(1)]^{nx+1} dc(1) \\ = & \frac{n(n-1)x^2 \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x(n-1)+2}\right]}{2(nx+2)[x(n-1)+2]}, \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

where the first equality uses (3), the fourth equality uses Lemma 5, and the last equality uses Lemma 1.

Rewrite the second term, M_2 :

$$\begin{aligned}
M_2 &= \frac{n(n-1)}{8} \int_0^1 [1-c_{(1)}]^2 f[c_{(1)}] \left[\int_{\frac{1+c_{(1)}}{2}}^1 f[c_{(2)}] [1-F(c_{(2)})]^{n-2} dc_{(2)} \right] dc_{(1)} \\
&= \frac{n(n-1)x^2}{8} \int_0^1 [1-c_{(1)}]^{x+1} \left[\int_{\frac{1+c_{(1)}}{2}}^1 [1-c_{(2)}]^{x-1} [1-c_{(2)}]^{x(n-2)} dc_{(2)} \right] dc_{(1)} \\
&= \frac{n(n-1)x^2}{8} \int_0^1 [1-c_{(1)}]^{x+1} \left[\int_{\frac{1+c_{(1)}}{2}}^1 [1-c_{(2)}]^{x(n-1)-1} dc_{(2)} \right] dc_{(1)} \\
&= \frac{n(n-1)x^2}{8} \int_0^1 [1-c_{(1)}]^{x+1} \left[\frac{\left(\frac{1-c_{(1)}}{2}\right)^{x(n-1)}}{x(n-1)} \right] dc_{(1)} = \frac{nx \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x(n-1)}}{8} \int_0^1 [1-c_{(1)}]^{xn+1} dc_{(1)} \\
&= \frac{nx \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x(n-1)}}{8(nx+2)} = \frac{nx \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x(n-1)+2}}{2(nx+2)}, \tag{17}
\end{aligned}$$

where the first equality uses (3), the fourth equality uses Lemma 3, and the last equality uses Lemma 1.

Finally adding (16) and (17), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
E[S^{CI}] &= \frac{n(n-1)x^2 \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x(n-1)+2}\right]}{2(nx+2)[x(n-1)+2]} + \frac{nx \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x(n-1)+2}}{2(nx+2)} \\
&= \frac{nx \left\{ (n-1)x + [x(n-1)+2 - (n-1)x] \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x(n-1)+2} \right\}}{2(nx+2)[x(n-1)+2]} \\
&= \frac{nx \left[(n-1)x + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x(n-1)+1} \right]}{2(nx+2)[x(n-1)+2]},
\end{aligned}$$

which is identical to the expression in Table 1.

2.5 Expected total surplus

The expected total surplus can be calculated as

$$\begin{aligned}
E[W^{CI}] &= E[S^{CI}] + E[\Pi^{CI}] \\
&= \frac{nx \left[(n-1)x + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x(n-1)+1} \right]}{2(nx+2)[x(n-1)+2]} + \frac{nx \left[(n-1)x + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(n-1)x+1} \right]}{(nx+2)[(n-1)x+1][(n-1)x+2]} \\
&= \frac{nx \left[(n-1)x + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x(n-1)+1} \right] [(n-1)x+1]}{2(nx+2)[(n-1)x+1][x(n-1)+2]} + \frac{2nx \left[(n-1)x + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(n-1)x+1} \right]}{2(nx+2)[(n-1)x+1][(n-1)x+2]} \\
&= \frac{nx [(n-1)x+3] \left[(n-1)x + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x(n-1)+1} \right]}{2(nx+2)[(n-1)x+1][x(n-1)+2]},
\end{aligned}$$

which is identical to the expression in Table 1.

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