

BOUMAL'S TEORY OF SALES MAXIMISATION

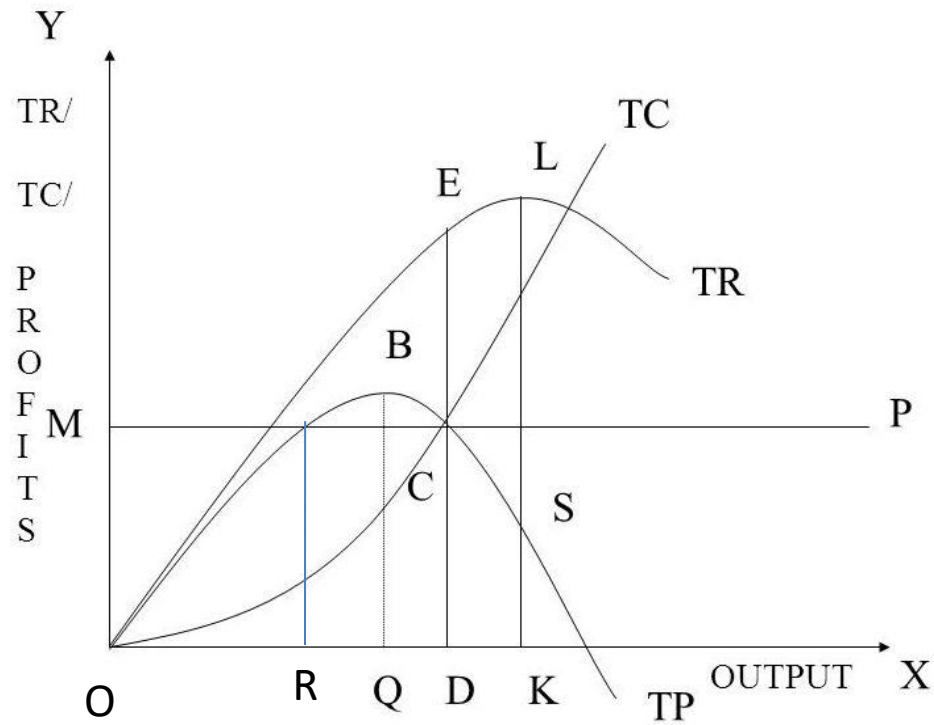
- According to Baumoul, ***“The sales maximization goal says that managers of firms seek to maximization their sales revenue subject to the constraint of earning a satisfactory profits.”***
- Primary objective: sales maximization
- Producing more keeping low price and advertisement
- Maximization of sales revenue subject to minimum profit constraint

Assumption

- Single time period
- Oligopoly firm
- Sales maximization objective
- Cost curved U-shaped
- Minimum profit constraint determined
- Demand curve downwards
- Minimum profit constraint determined

Baumol's theory

Baumol'S Model



- In figure, TC & TR used profit maximization, were $TR - TC$ is maximum
- TR still rising
- MP is Profit constraint which is maintain by producers
- Point 'E' is the maximum sales and point 'C' is the profit constraint which is maintain by producers always.

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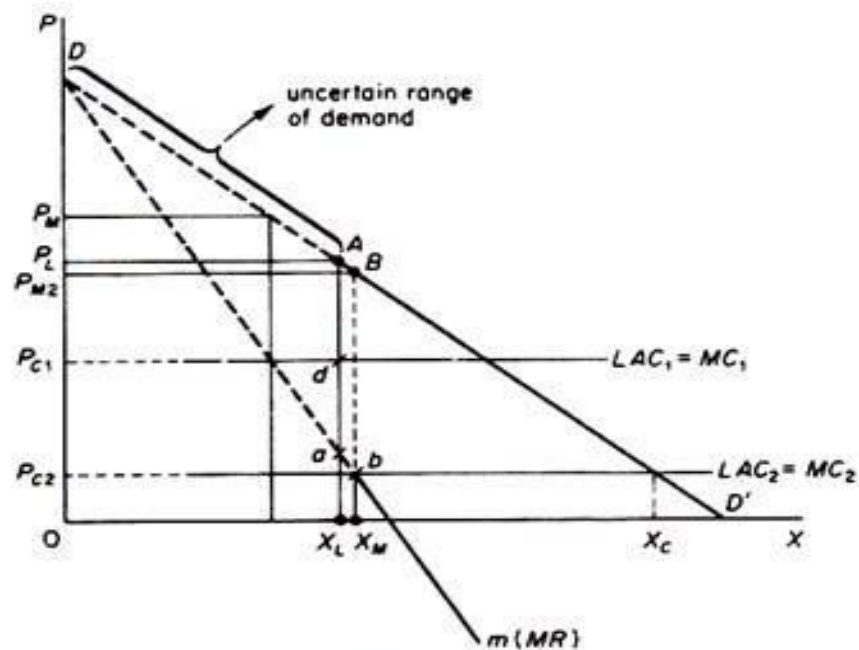
Limit Pricing Theory

- According to Bain explains why firms over a long period of time were keeping their price at a level of demand where the elasticity was below unity, that is, they did not charge the price which would maximize their revenue.

Assumption

- Oligopoly with price leader
- Firms types: small, medium and large firm
- There is effective collusion among the established Oligopolists.
- The established firms can compute a limit price, below which entry will not occur.
- Economics of scale: small firms have high AC, large firm have lower AC
- Large firm is the price leadership which is follow by the small firms

Limit pricing figure



Limit pricing theory

- In figure:
- Both AR and MR curve are downward sloping
- $LAC=LMC$
- PC firm: $P=P_c$. Equilibrium at B, $Q=Q_c$, $AR=LAC_c$. Normal profit
- Monopoly firm: $P=P_m$, equilibrium at m, $MC=MR$, Increase MC. $Q=Q_m$. Abnormal profits = $(P_m - P_c)Q_m$.
- Limit price firm: price fixed at $P_L > P_c$, but $> P_m$. Point of entry of potential firms. Abnormal profits = $(P_L - P_c)Q_c$ $<$ monopoly profits, but $>$ perfect competition

Limit pricing theory

- Monopoly price is fixed at the elastic part of the demand curve.
- Monopoly firm makes large abnormal profit.
- Attracts new firms, and monopoly loses its market.
- If firm fix a price $<P_m$ but $>P_c$.
- They still earn some abnormal profits, but not maximum profits.
- At this price, D curve is inelastic ($MR < 0$)
- Firms make only normal profits, price of new entry.
- Oligopoly market remain stable.

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