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ClearAll["Global`*"]

(* Initialize by defining utilities, uhigh and ulow,
and state-contingent predicted utilities, uhighlow and ulowhigh *)

uhigh = u + Δ;

ulow = u;

uhighlow = ulow + (1 - α) Δ;
ulowhigh = ulow + α Δ;

(* Get predicted utilities when currently motivated and unmotivated, respectively *)

umot = μ uhigh + (1 - μ) ulowhigh;
uunmot = μ uhighlow + (1 - μ) ulow;

(* Create Lists of assumptions for ease of reference *)

(* η ∈ [0,1] reflects the degree to which return
costs fall back to the firm upon return by consumers *)

asslist = {u > 0, Δ > 0, 1 > α > 0, 1 > μ > 0, 1 > η ≥ 0};
assand = u > 0 && Δ > 0 && 1 > α > 0 && 1 > μ > 0 && 1 ≥ η ≥ 0;

(* Define expected utility (for welfare) *)

exput = μ uhigh + (1 - μ) ulow;

(* Print umot and uunmot for comparison *)

FullSimplify[{umot, uunmot}]
{u + Δ (α + μ - α μ), u - (-1 + α) Δ μ}

■ Baseline

(* Strategy 1: exclusive targeting,
cater only to motivated consumers by charging p =
pexcl equal to the predicted utility of motivated consumers umot *)

dexcl = μ; pexcl = umot; profexcl = FullSimplify[dexcl * (pexcl - c), asslist]
μ (-c + u + Δ (α + μ - α μ))

(* Compute Consumer Welfare and Total Welfare *)

cwexcl = FullSimplify[dexcl * (exput - pexcl), asslist];

(* Strategy 2: full targeting, cater to all consumers by charging p =
pfull equal to the predicted utility of unmotivated consumers uunmot *)

dfull = 1;
pfull = uunmot;
proffull = FullSimplify[dfull * (pfull - c), asslist]
-c + u - (-1 + α) Δ μ

cwfull = FullSimplify[dfull * (exput - pfull), asslist];

(* Obtain cost threshold such that exclusive targeting preferred iff c > ctilde *)

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temp = Simplify[Reduce[profexcl > proffull && assand, c, Reals], asslist]


$$c > u + \frac{\Delta \mu (-1 - \alpha (-2 + \mu) + \mu)}{-1 + \mu}$$


ctilde = temp[[2]]


$$u + \frac{\Delta \mu (-1 - \alpha (-2 + \mu) + \mu)}{-1 + \mu}$$


(* Cooling Off Policy is unchanged as Return Costs do not apply *)

■ Return Policy

(* Strategy 1: Exclusive targeting,
cater only to initially motivated consumers who consume in the motivated state *)

(* Internalize costs equal to  $\mu$  [initial purchase]  $\times$ 
 $(1-\mu)$  [fraction of consumers returning the good]  $\times$ 
 $\eta c$  [degree of internalization times cost] *)
(* demand prices and profit under return policy
if only motivated consumers are targeted *)

dexclrp =  $\mu^2$ ;
pexclrp = uhigh;
profexclrp = FullSimplify[dexclrp * (pexclrp - c) -  $\mu (1 - \mu) \eta c$ ]
 $\mu (-c \eta + (u + \Delta) \mu + c (-1 + \eta) \mu)$ 

cwexclrp = FullSimplify[dexclrp * (uhigh - pexclrp), asslist];

(* Strategy 2: Intermediate targeting,
cater only to second period motivated consumers by charging p =
pmedrp equal to predicted utility in motivated state by unmotivated consumers *)

dmedrp =  $\mu$ ;
pmedrp = uhighlow;
profmedrp = FullSimplify[dmedrp * (pmedrp - c) -  $(1 - \mu) \eta c$ , asslist]
 $-c \eta + (u + \Delta - \alpha \Delta) \mu + c (-1 + \eta) \mu$ 

cwmedrp = FullSimplify[dmedrp * (uhigh - pmedrp), asslist];

(* Strategy 3: Full targeting, cater to all consumers by
charging price equal to consumption utility in unmotivated state *)

dfullrp = 1;
pfullrp = ulow;
proffullrp = FullSimplify[dfullrp * (pfullrp - c)]
 $-c + u$ 

cwfullrp = FullSimplify[exput - pfullrp];

(* Thresholds from pairwise comparison of strategies *)

(* Threshold 1: Medium targeting preferred to full targeting iff  $c > c1rp$  *)

Simplify[Reduce[profmedrp > proffullrp && assand, c, Reals], asslist]
 $(u + c (-1 + \eta)) (-1 + \mu) > (-1 + \alpha) \Delta \mu$ 

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temp = FullSimplify[Solve[profmedrp == proffullrp, c], asslist]
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$$\left\{ \left\{ c \rightarrow \frac{u - u \mu + (-1 + \alpha) \Delta \mu}{(-1 + \eta) (-1 + \mu)} \right\} \right\}$$

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c1rp = c /. temp[[1]]
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$$\frac{u - u \mu + (-1 + \alpha) \Delta \mu}{(-1 + \eta) (-1 + \mu)}$$

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(* Threshold 2:
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Exclusive targeting preferred to intermediate targeting iff c > c2rp *)
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Simplify[Reduce[profexclrp > profmedrp && assand, c, Reals], asslist]
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$$c (\eta (-1 + \mu) - \mu) (-1 + \mu) + \mu (u (-1 + \mu) + \Delta (-1 + \alpha + \mu)) > 0$$

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temp = FullSimplify[Solve[profexclrp == profmedrp, c], asslist]
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$$\left\{ \left\{ c \rightarrow \frac{\mu (u + \Delta - \alpha \Delta - (u + \Delta) \mu)}{(\eta (-1 + \mu) - \mu) (-1 + \mu)} \right\} \right\}$$

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c2rp = c /. temp[[1]]
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$$\frac{\mu (u + \Delta - \alpha \Delta - (u + \Delta) \mu)}{(\eta (-1 + \mu) - \mu) (-1 + \mu)}$$

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(* Threshold 3: Exclusive targeting preferred to full targeting iff c > c3rp *)
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Simplify[Reduce[profexclrp > proffullrp && assand, c, Reals], asslist]
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$$c + (u + \Delta) \mu^2 + c \eta \mu^2 > u + c \mu (\eta + \mu)$$

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temp = FullSimplify[Solve[profexclrp == proffullrp, c], asslist]
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$$\left\{ \left\{ c \rightarrow \frac{u - (u + \Delta) \mu^2}{(-1 + \mu) (-1 + (-1 + \eta) \mu)} \right\} \right\}$$

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c3rp = c /. temp[[1]]
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$$\frac{u - (u + \Delta) \mu^2}{(-1 + \mu) (-1 + (-1 + \eta) \mu)}$$

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(* Reduce Cases *)
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FullSimplify[c1rp > c3rp, asslist]
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$$u (\eta - \eta \mu) + \Delta \mu (-1 + \alpha (1 + \mu - \eta \mu)) > 0$$

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FullSimplify[c3rp > c2rp, asslist]
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$$u (\eta - \eta \mu) + \Delta \mu (-1 + \alpha (1 + \mu - \eta \mu)) > 0$$

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FullSimplify[c1rp < c3rp, asslist]
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$$u (\eta - \eta \mu) + \Delta \mu (-1 + \alpha (1 + \mu - \eta \mu)) < 0$$

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FullSimplify[c3rp < c1rp, asslist]
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$$u \eta (-1 + \mu) + \Delta \mu (1 + \alpha (-1 + (-1 + \eta) \mu)) < 0$$

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(* Sign of this determines ordering *)
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- Show that Full to Exclusive is not possible for low η (know this for $\eta = 0$)

(* Towards Establishing this define difference between c2rp and ctilde *)

diff = FullSimplify[c2rp - ctilde, asslist]

$$\frac{\Delta \mu (-1 + \alpha + \eta - 2 \alpha \eta + (-1 + \alpha) (-1 + \eta) \mu) + u (\eta - \eta \mu)}{\eta (-1 + \mu) - \mu}$$

diffder = FullSimplify[D[diff, η], asslist]

$$\frac{\mu (u (-1 + \mu) + \Delta (-1 + \alpha + \mu))}{(\eta + \mu - \eta \mu)^2}$$

(* Difference is monotone in $\eta \rightarrow$ if increasing,
then can rule out Full \rightarrow Exclusive, otherwise upper bound on η ensures it *)

- Analyze Behavior for targeting combinations

(* Full Pre & Post *)

FullSimplify[{dfullrp == dfull, pfullrp < pfull, cwfullrp > cwfull}, asslist]

{True, True, True}

(* Full Pre & Intermediate Post *)

FullSimplify[{dmedrp < dfull, pmedrp > pfull, cwmedrp == cwfull}, asslist]

{True, True, True}

(* Excl Pre & Full Post *)

FullSimplify[{dfullrp > dexcl, pfullrp < pexcl, cwfullrp > cwexcl}, asslist]

{True, True, True}

(* Excl Pre & Intermediate Post *)

FullSimplify[{dmedrp == dexcl, pmedrp < pexcl, cwmedrp > cwexcl}, asslist]

{True, $1 + \alpha (-2 + \mu) < \mu$, True}

(* Excl Pre & Post *)

FullSimplify[{dexclrp < dexcl, pexclrp > pexcl, cwexclrp > cwexcl}, asslist]

{True, True, True}

(* Potential Additional Case: Full Pre & Excl Post *)

(* Only possible for η large *)

FullSimplify[{dexclrp < dfull, pexclrp > pfull, cwexclrp < cwfull}, asslist]

{True, True, True}

(* With market size additional case can be
distinguished from other two (only relevant for large η) *)