

Calculations for Examples 1, 2 and 3 in ‘Auction design in the presence of collusion’ by Gregory Pavlov

**Example 1.**

The optimal cutoff in the Myerson mechanism is defined as  $\theta^* = (1 - F(\theta^*)) / f(\theta^*)$  if such  $\theta^*$  exists, and  $\underline{\theta}$  otherwise. Hence, the optimal cutoff as a function of the lower bound of the support is

$$\theta^*(\underline{\theta}) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}\underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } 0 \leq \underline{\theta} \leq 1 \\ \underline{\theta} & \text{if } \underline{\theta} > 1 \end{cases}.$$

Thus

$$\theta^*(\underline{\theta}) + \frac{F(\theta^*(\underline{\theta}))}{f(\theta^*(\underline{\theta}))} = 2\theta^*(\underline{\theta}) - \underline{\theta} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq \underline{\theta} \leq 1 \\ \underline{\theta} & \text{if } \underline{\theta} > 1 \end{cases}.$$

The Myerson revenue as a function of  $\underline{\theta}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi^*(\underline{\theta}) &= \theta^*(\underline{\theta}) (1 - F^2(\theta^*(\underline{\theta}))) + \int_{\theta^*(\underline{\theta})}^{\underline{\theta}+1} (1 - F(\theta))^2 d\theta \\ &= \theta^*(\underline{\theta}) (1 - (\theta^*(\underline{\theta}) - \underline{\theta})^2) + \frac{1}{3} (1 + \underline{\theta} - \theta^*(\underline{\theta}))^3. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the values for the optimal cutoffs it is easy to verify that

$$R^*(\underline{\theta}) = \frac{\Pi^*(\underline{\theta})}{(1 - F^2(\theta^*(\underline{\theta})))} = \begin{cases} \frac{(\underline{\theta}+1)(5-\underline{\theta})}{3(3-\underline{\theta})} & \text{if } 0 \leq \underline{\theta} \leq 1 \\ \underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{3} & \text{if } \underline{\theta} > 1 \end{cases}.$$

Note that  $\theta^*(\underline{\theta}) + (F(\theta^*(\underline{\theta})) / f(\theta^*(\underline{\theta})))$  is greater than  $R^*(\underline{\theta})$  if and only if  $\underline{\theta} \leq \frac{1}{2}(7 - \sqrt{33}) \approx 0.628$ .

**Example 2.**

Denote  $\underline{\theta} = 10$ . From the analysis of Example 1 we know that the Myerson revenue cannot be achieved. By Theorem 4 the optimal price is

$$R^{**} = \theta^{**} + \frac{F(\theta^{**})}{f(\theta^{**})}, \text{ where } \theta^{**} = \arg \max_{\theta \in [\underline{\theta}, \theta']} \left( \theta + \frac{F(\theta)}{f(\theta)} \right) (1 - F^n(\theta)),$$

and where  $\theta'$  is such that

$$\int_{\theta'}^{\bar{\theta}} \left( \tilde{\theta} - \frac{1 - F(\tilde{\theta})}{f(\tilde{\theta})} - \left( \theta' + \frac{F(\theta')}{f(\theta')} \right) \right) dF^n(\tilde{\theta}) = 0.$$

Substituting the formulas for  $F$  and  $f$  in the last equation gives:

$$2 \int_{\theta'}^{\bar{\theta}} \left( 2\tilde{\theta} - 2\theta' - 1 \right) \left( \tilde{\theta} - \underline{\theta} \right) d\tilde{\theta} = 0.$$

Solving for  $\theta'$  yields  $\theta' = \underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{4}(\sqrt{33} - 5) \approx 10.186$ .

Next note that

$$\left( \theta + \frac{F(\theta)}{f(\theta)} \right) (1 - F^2(\theta)) = (2\theta - \underline{\theta}) (1 - (\theta - \underline{\theta})^2).$$

This function achieves maximum at  $\theta = \frac{1}{6}\sqrt{\underline{\theta}^2 + 12} + \frac{5}{6}\underline{\theta} \approx 10.097$ . Since this number is smaller than  $\theta'$ , we conclude that we found  $\theta^{**}$ , and thus the optimal price is

$$R = \theta^{**} + \frac{F(\theta^{**})}{f(\theta^{**})} = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{\underline{\theta}^2 + 12} + \frac{2}{3}\underline{\theta} \approx 10.194.$$

The principal's revenue is  $R(1 - F^2(\theta^{**})) \approx 10.098$ .

Now consider an alternative cartel interim efficient allocation with respect to the asymmetric menu  $c(p_1, p_2) = (R + \varepsilon)p_1 + Rp_2$ , where  $R$  is the same as above and  $\varepsilon = 0.05$ , relative to the weight functions  $W_1 = \overline{W}$  and  $W_2 = \widetilde{W}$  where

$$\widetilde{W}(\theta_2) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \theta_2 \in [\underline{\theta}, \underline{\theta} + \frac{3}{4}) \\ 1 & \text{if } \theta_2 \in [\underline{\theta} + \frac{3}{4}, \underline{\theta} + 1] \end{cases}.$$

The virtual utility of the first agent is

$$V_1(\theta_1) = \theta_1 + \frac{F(\theta_1) - W_1(\theta_1)}{f(\theta_1)} = \theta_1 + \frac{F(\theta_1)}{f(\theta_1)} = 2\theta_1 - \underline{\theta} \text{ for every } \theta_1.$$

The virtual utility of the second agent is

$$V_2(\theta_2) = \theta_2 + \frac{F(\theta_2) - W_2(\theta_2)}{f(\theta_2)} = \begin{cases} 2\theta_2 - \underline{\theta} & \text{if } \theta_2 \in [\underline{\theta}, \underline{\theta} + \frac{3}{4}) \\ 2\theta_2 - \underline{\theta} - 1 & \text{if } \theta_2 \in [\underline{\theta} + \frac{3}{4}, \underline{\theta} + 1] \end{cases}.$$

The solution has to satisfy the monotonicity constraints  $IC^*$ . A standard approach is to drop the monotonicity constraints and to replace the virtual utilities  $V_1, V_2$  by the *ironed* virtual utilities  $\overline{V}_1, \overline{V}_2$  in the problem.<sup>1</sup> The solution will satisfy the monotonicity constraints and will also be optimal in the original problem.

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<sup>1</sup>See for example Guesnerie and Laffont (1984), Myerson (1981).

The ironed virtual utility of the first agent  $\bar{V}_1$  is the same as  $V_1$ , since the original virtual utility is strictly increasing. The ironed virtual utility of the second agent  $\bar{V}_2$  is different, since  $V_2$  has a downward jump at  $\underline{\theta} + \frac{3}{4}$ .

$$\bar{V}_2(\theta_2) = \begin{cases} 2\theta_2 - \underline{\theta} & \text{if } \theta_2 \in [\underline{\theta}, \underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2}) \\ \underline{\theta} + 1 & \text{if } \theta_2 \in [\underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2}, \underline{\theta} + 1] \end{cases}.$$

Hence, the cartel interim efficient allocation with respect to the new menu  $(\Sigma, c)$  relative to the weights  $\bar{W}, \widetilde{W}$  solves the following problem.

$$\max_p E [(\bar{V}_1(\theta_1) - (R + \varepsilon)) p_1(\theta) + (\bar{V}_2(\theta_2) - R) p_2(\theta)]$$

subject to

$$F^* : p(\theta) \in \Sigma \text{ for every } (\theta_1, \theta_2) \in \Theta;$$

$$BB^* : E [(2\theta_1 - (\underline{\theta} + 1) - (R + \varepsilon)) p_1(\theta) + (2\theta_2 - (\underline{\theta} + 1) - R) p_2(\theta)] \geq 0.$$

The optimal allocation satisfies

$$(p_1(\theta_1, \theta_2), p_2(\theta_1, \theta_2)) = \begin{cases} (0, 0) & \text{if } (\theta_1, \theta_2) \in I_{00} \\ (1, 0) & \text{if } (\theta_1, \theta_2) \in I_{10} \\ (0, 1) & \text{if } (\theta_1, \theta_2) \in I_{01} \end{cases},$$

where  $I_{00}$ ,  $I_{10}$  and  $I_{01}$  are the following subsets of the type space  $\Theta = [\underline{\theta}, \bar{\theta}]^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} I_{00} &= \{\bar{V}_1(\theta_1) - R - \varepsilon < 0, \bar{V}_2(\theta_2) - R < 0\} = \left\{ \theta_1 < \frac{1}{2}(R + \underline{\theta} + \varepsilon), \theta_2 < \frac{1}{2}(R + \underline{\theta}) \right\}, \\ I_{10} &= \{\bar{V}_1(\theta_1) - R - \varepsilon > \max \{\bar{V}_2(\theta_2) - R, 0\}\} = \left\{ \theta_1 > \max \left\{ \theta_2 + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon, \frac{1}{2}(R + \underline{\theta} + \varepsilon) \right\} \right\}, \\ I_{01} &= \{\bar{V}_2(\theta_2) - R > \max \{\bar{V}_1(\theta_1) - R - \varepsilon, 0\}\} = \left\{ \theta_2 > \max \left\{ \theta_1 - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon, \frac{1}{2}(R + \underline{\theta}) \right\} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Denote  $r = R - \underline{\theta}$ . The principal's expected revenue is

$$(\underline{\theta} + r + \varepsilon) \Pr \{(\theta_1, \theta_2) \in I_{10}\} + (\underline{\theta} + r) \Pr \{(\theta_1, \theta_2) \in I_{01}\},$$

where

$$\Pr \{(\theta_1, \theta_2) \in I_{10}\} = \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon\right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}r\right) \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}r\right) = \frac{5}{8} - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon - \frac{1}{8}r^2,$$

$$\Pr \{(\theta_1, \theta_2) \in I_{01}\} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon\right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}r + \varepsilon\right) \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}r\right) = \frac{3}{8} - \frac{1}{8}r^2 + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon - \frac{1}{4}r\varepsilon.$$

Substituting the values  $(\varepsilon, r, \underline{\theta}) = (0.05, \frac{1}{3}(\sqrt{112} - 10), 10)$  we get the revenue of approximately 10.103.

The interim expected allocations are

$$E_{\theta_2} [p_1(\theta_1, \theta_2)] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \theta_1 \in (\underline{\theta}, \underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2}r + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon) \\ \theta_1 - \underline{\theta} - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon & \text{if } \theta_1 \in (\underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2}r + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, \underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon) \\ 1 & \text{if } \theta_1 \in (\underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon, \underline{\theta} + 1) \end{cases},$$

$$E_{\theta_1} [p_2(\theta_1, \theta_2)] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \theta_2 \in (\underline{\theta}, \underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2}r) \\ \theta_2 - \underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon & \text{if } \theta_2 \in (\underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2}r, \underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2}) \\ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon & \text{if } \theta_2 \in (\underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2}, \underline{\theta} + 1) \end{cases}.$$

The monotonicity constraints  $IC^*$  are satisfied since the interim expected allocations are nondecreasing.

Finally, we verify that the constraint  $BB^*$  holds.

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\underline{\theta}}^{\underline{\theta}+1} (2(\theta_1 - \underline{\theta}) - (1 + r + \varepsilon)) E_{\theta_2} [p_1(\theta_1, \theta_2)] d\theta_1 + \int_{\underline{\theta}}^{\underline{\theta}+1} (2(\theta_2 - \underline{\theta}) - (1 + r)) E_{\theta_1} [p_2(\theta_1, \theta_2)] d\theta_2 \\ &= \int_{\underline{\theta}+\frac{1}{2}r+\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon}^{\underline{\theta}+\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon} (2(\theta_1 - \underline{\theta}) - (1 + r + \varepsilon)) \left(\theta_1 - \underline{\theta} - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon\right) d\theta_1 + \int_{\underline{\theta}+\frac{1}{2}+\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}^{\underline{\theta}+1} (2(\theta_1 - \underline{\theta}) - (1 + r + \varepsilon)) 1 d\theta_1 \\ & \quad + \int_{\underline{\theta}+\frac{1}{2}r}^{\underline{\theta}+\frac{1}{2}} (2(\theta_2 - \underline{\theta}) - (1 + r)) \left(\theta_2 - \underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon\right) d\theta_2 + \int_{\underline{\theta}+\frac{1}{2}}^{\underline{\theta}+1} (2(\theta_2 - \underline{\theta}) - (1 + r)) \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right) d\theta_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{4}r\varepsilon - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon - r + \frac{1}{4}r^2 + \frac{1}{12}r^3 + \frac{1}{4}\varepsilon^2 + \frac{1}{8}r^2\varepsilon + \frac{7}{24}. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the values  $(\varepsilon, r) = (0.05, \frac{1}{3}(\sqrt{112} - 10))$  we get approximately 0.086, which is nonnegative as required.

**Example 3.**

Consider an alternative cartel interim efficient allocation relative to the same weight functions as in Example 2, with respect to a cost function described by the lower envelope (*vex*) over the following:  $c(0, 0) = 0$ ,  $c(1, 0) = R + \varepsilon$ ,  $c(0, 1) = c\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = R$ .

After replacing the virtual utilities  $V_1, V_2$  with the ironed virtual utilities  $\bar{V}_1, \bar{V}_2$  (as in Example 2), we can say that the cartel interim efficient allocation with respect to the new menu  $(\Sigma, c)$  relative to the weights  $\bar{W}, \widetilde{W}$  solves the following problem.

$$\max_p E [\bar{V}_1(\theta_1)p_1(\theta) + \bar{V}_2(\theta_2)p_2(\theta) - c(p(\theta))]$$

subject to

$$F^* : p(\theta) \in \Sigma \text{ for every } (\theta_1, \theta_2) \in \Theta;$$

$$BB^* : E [(2\theta_1 - (\underline{\theta} + 1))p_1(\theta) + (2\theta_2 - (\underline{\theta} + 1))p_2(\theta) - c(p(\theta))] \geq 0.$$

The optimal allocation satisfies

$$(p_1(\theta_1, \theta_2), p_2(\theta_1, \theta_2)) = \begin{cases} (0, 0) & \text{if } (\theta_1, \theta_2) \in I_{00} \\ (1, 0) & \text{if } (\theta_1, \theta_2) \in I_{10} \\ (0, 1) & \text{if } (\theta_1, \theta_2) \in I_{01} \\ \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) & \text{if } (\theta_1, \theta_2) \in I_{\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}} \end{cases},$$

where  $I_{00}$ ,  $I_{10}$  and  $I_{01}$  are the following subsets of the type space  $\Theta = [\underline{\theta}, \bar{\theta}]^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} I_{00} &= \left\{ \bar{V}_1(\theta_1) - R - \varepsilon < 0, \bar{V}_2(\theta_2) - R < 0 \text{ and } \frac{1}{2}\bar{V}_1(\theta_1) + \frac{1}{2}\bar{V}_2(\theta_2) - R < 0 \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \theta_1 < \frac{1}{2}(\underline{\theta} + R + \varepsilon), \theta_2 < \frac{1}{2}(\underline{\theta} + R) \text{ and } \theta_1 + \theta_2 < \underline{\theta} + R \right\}, \\ I_{10} &= \left\{ \bar{V}_1(\theta_1) - R - \varepsilon > \max \left\{ \frac{1}{2}\bar{V}_1(\theta_1) + \frac{1}{2}\bar{V}_2(\theta_2) - R, 0 \right\} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \theta_1 > \frac{1}{2}(\underline{\theta} + R + \varepsilon) \text{ and } \theta_1 > \theta_2 + \varepsilon & \text{if } \theta_2 < \underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2} \\ \theta_1 > \underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon & \text{if } \theta_2 > \underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right\}, \\ I_{01} &= \left\{ \bar{V}_2(\theta_2) - R > \max \left\{ \frac{1}{2}\bar{V}_1(\theta_1) + \frac{1}{2}\bar{V}_2(\theta_2) - R, 0 \right\} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \theta_2 > \frac{1}{2}(\underline{\theta} + R), \theta_2 > \theta_1 \text{ and } \theta_1 < \underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2} \right\}, \\ I_{\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}} &= \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{1}{2}\bar{V}_1(\theta_1) + \frac{1}{2}\bar{V}_2(\theta_2) - R > \max \left\{ \bar{V}_1(\theta_1) - R - \varepsilon, \bar{V}_2(\theta_2) - R \right\}, \\ \frac{1}{2}\bar{V}_1(\theta_1) + \frac{1}{2}\bar{V}_2(\theta_2) - R > 0 \end{array} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \theta_1 + \theta_2 > \underline{\theta} + R, 0 < \theta_1 - \theta_2 < \varepsilon & \text{if } \theta_2 < \underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2} \\ \underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2} < \theta_1 < \underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon & \text{if } \theta_2 > \underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Denote  $r = R - \underline{\theta}$ . The principal's expected revenue is

$$(\underline{\theta} + r) \Pr \left\{ (\theta_1, \theta_2) \in I_{10} \cup I_{\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}} \cup I_{01} \right\} + \varepsilon \Pr \{ (\theta_1, \theta_2) \in I_{10} \},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr \left\{ (\theta_1, \theta_2) \in I_{10} \cup I_{\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}} \cup I_{01} \right\} &= 1 - \frac{1}{4}r^2 - \frac{1}{4}r\varepsilon + \frac{1}{8}\varepsilon^2, \\ \Pr \{ (\theta_1, \theta_2) \in I_{10} \} &= \frac{1}{2} - \varepsilon + \frac{1}{4}(1 - r + \varepsilon) \left( \frac{1}{2}r - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon + \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{5}{8} - \frac{1}{8}r^2 - \varepsilon + \frac{1}{4}r\varepsilon - \frac{1}{8}\varepsilon^2. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the values  $(\varepsilon, r, \underline{\theta}) = (0.05, \frac{1}{3}(\sqrt{112} - 10), 10)$  we get the revenue of approximately 10.105.

The interim expected allocations are

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\theta_2} [p_1(\theta_1, \theta_2)] &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \theta_1 \in (\underline{\theta}, \underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2}r) \\ \theta_1 - \underline{\theta} - \frac{1}{2}r & \text{if } \theta_1 \in (\underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2}r, \underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2}r + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon) \\ \theta_1 - \underline{\theta} - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon & \text{if } \theta_1 \in (\underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2}r + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon, \underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2}) \\ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(\theta_1 - \underline{\theta}) - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon & \text{if } \theta_1 \in (\underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2}, \underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon) \\ 1 & \text{if } \theta_1 \in (\underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon, \underline{\theta} + 1) \end{cases}, \\ E_{\theta_1} [p_2(\theta_1, \theta_2)] &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \theta_2 \in (\underline{\theta}, \underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2}r - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon) \\ \theta_2 - \underline{\theta} - \frac{1}{2}r + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon & \text{if } \theta_2 \in (\underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2}r - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon, \underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2}r) \\ \theta_2 - \underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon & \text{if } \theta_2 \in (\underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2}r, \underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2}) \\ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } \theta_2 \in (\underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2}, \underline{\theta} + 1) \end{cases}. \end{aligned}$$

The monotonicity constraints  $IC^*$  are satisfied since the interim expected allocations are nondecreasing.

Finally, we verify that the constraint  $BB^*$  holds, i.e.

$$E [(2\theta_1 - (\underline{\theta} + 1)) p_1(\theta) + (2\theta_2 - (\underline{\theta} + 1)) p_2(\theta) - c(p(\theta))] \geq 0.$$

Integration over the set  $I_{00}$  yields 0.

Integration over the set  $I_{10}$  yields:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2}r + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon}^{\underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon} \int_{\underline{\theta}}^{\theta_1 - \varepsilon} (2(\theta_1 - \underline{\theta}) - (r + \varepsilon + 1)) d\theta_2 d\theta_1 + \int_{\underline{\theta} + \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon}^{\underline{\theta} + 1} \int_{\underline{\theta}}^{\theta_1 - \varepsilon} (2(\theta_1 - \underline{\theta}) - (r + \varepsilon + 1)) d\theta_2 d\theta_1 \\ &= \frac{1}{24}r^3 - \frac{1}{8}r^2\varepsilon + \frac{1}{8}r^2 + \frac{1}{8}r\varepsilon^2 + \frac{3}{4}r\varepsilon - \frac{5}{8}r - \frac{1}{24}\varepsilon^3 + \frac{1}{8}\varepsilon^2 - \frac{3}{8}\varepsilon + \frac{5}{24}. \end{aligned}$$

Integration over the set  $I_{01}$  yields:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\underline{\theta}+\frac{1}{2}r}^{\underline{\theta}+\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\underline{\theta}}^{\theta_2} (2(\theta_2 - \underline{\theta}) - (r + 1)) d\theta_1 d\theta_2 + \int_{\underline{\theta}+\frac{1}{2}}^{\underline{\theta}+1} \int_{\underline{\theta}}^{\underline{\theta}+\frac{1}{2}} (2(\theta_1 - \underline{\theta}) - (r + 1)) d\theta_1 d\theta_2 \\ = & \frac{1}{24}r^3 + \frac{1}{8}r^2 - \frac{3}{8}r + \frac{1}{12}. \end{aligned}$$

Integration over the set  $I_{\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}}$  yields:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\underline{\theta}+\frac{1}{2}r-\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon}^{\underline{\theta}+\frac{1}{2}r} \int_{2\underline{\theta}+r-\theta_2}^{\theta_2+\varepsilon} ((\theta_1 - \underline{\theta}) + (\theta_2 - \underline{\theta}) - (1 + r)) d\theta_1 d\theta_2 \\ & + \int_{\underline{\theta}+\frac{1}{2}r}^{\underline{\theta}+\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\theta_2}^{\theta_2+\varepsilon} ((\theta_1 - \underline{\theta}) + (\theta_2 - \underline{\theta}) - (1 + r)) d\theta_1 d\theta_2 \\ & + \int_{\underline{\theta}+\frac{1}{2}}^{\underline{\theta}+1} \int_{\underline{\theta}+\frac{1}{2}}^{\underline{\theta}+\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon} ((\theta_1 - \underline{\theta}) + (\theta_2 - \underline{\theta}) - (1 + r)) d\theta_1 d\theta_2 \\ = & \frac{1}{4}r^2\varepsilon - \frac{1}{4}r\varepsilon^2 - \frac{1}{2}r\varepsilon + \frac{1}{12}\varepsilon^3 + \frac{1}{4}\varepsilon^2 - \frac{1}{8}\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Summing up all the integrals we get

$$\frac{1}{12}r^3 + \frac{1}{8}r^2\varepsilon + \frac{1}{4}r^2 - \frac{1}{8}r\varepsilon^2 + \frac{1}{4}r\varepsilon - r + \frac{1}{24}\varepsilon^3 + \frac{3}{8}\varepsilon^2 - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon + \frac{7}{24}.$$

Substituting the values  $(\varepsilon, r) = (0.05, \frac{1}{3}(\sqrt{112} - 10))$  we get approximately 0.086, which is nonnegative as required.