

Quizzes and Communications

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Question 2003. X.2. Firm *A* has recently developed a new product called *K*, and may enjoy a monopolistic position, though a substitute for *K*, can be developed. Firm *B* wants to buy *K* on a long term basis at a reasonable fixed price. However, *B* has no information about either *A*'s pricing policy or potential competition. *B* can only guess: *A*'s average cost plus the "normal profit" is anywhere between \$20 and \$25; *A* won't tolerate new entries, so in order to prevent new entries *A* may set his price at his average cost plus the "normal profit", but the range of *A*'s entry preventing price is upwardly open ended. What is the probability that *A* will charge less than \$28 from *B*'s viewpoint?

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