
SI 646, Information Economics
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Be prepared to debate the following issues in class. You should be prepared to argue both for and against each assertion.

1. When network externalities are important, “Once a product or standard achieves wide acceptance, it becomes more or less entrenched. Competition in such industries is ‘for the field’ rather than ‘within the field.’” (Harold Demsetz. Why regulate utilities? Journal of Law and Economics, 11, 1968, at p. 57.)


3. Is a market share of 90% or so sufficient to enable a software firm to charge prices that are above the competitive level?