

Seminários do DFM

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"Transição de fase da demanda explicada pela heterogeneidade das preferências intrínsecas dos consumidores"

In 1991 Gary S. Becker presented "A Note on Restaurant Pricing and Other Examples of Social Influences on Price" explaining why many successful restaurants, plays, sporting events, and other activities do not raise their prices even with persistent excess demand. The main reason for this is due to the discontinuity of stable demands, which is explained in Becker's (1991) analysis. In the present talk we present a discrete time stochastic model of socially in-teracting consumers deciding for one of two establishments. With this model we show that the discontinuity of stable demands, proposed by Gary S. Becker, depends crucially on an additional factor: the dispersion of the consumers' intrinsic preferences for the Establishments.

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