Market Size, Strategic Location Decision, and Social Welfare *

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Abstract

We examine whether firm's location choice is efficient for viewpoint of social welfare when there exist a fixed number of firms, each of which enters either large size market or small size one. We establish: location in large markets is excessive from viewpoint of both the social surplus and producer surplus, while it is insufficient from consumer surplus.

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