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# MICROECONOMICS

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#### **Market Structures**



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- Define the term Market Structures
- Identify the various market structures
- Differentiate the characteristics of the various market structures
- Compare and contrasts the market structures
- Give specific examples of products or service sold under each type of market structure
- Participate actively on the discussion and activities of the class



#### **Content Outline**

- Market Structure defined
- Types of Market structures
- Characteristics of the market structures
- Examples of products or service under each type



# Warm-up Activity

List your favourite brands for the following products:

Shampoo

Lotion

Soap

Jeans / Pants

Shirts / Blouse

Shoes / Rubber shoes

Snacks

Explain why you like these particular brands







#### What is Market Structure?



#### **Market Structure**

- Refers to the nature and degree of competition in the market for goods and services
- The structures of market both for goods market and service (factor) market are determined by the nature of competition prevailing in a particular market



#### Market structure

The markets in which firms operate differ in the degree of competition and in their structure

We can think of there being a spectrum of competition, from very competitive to a total absence of competition.

Along this spectrum we can identify FOUR market structures

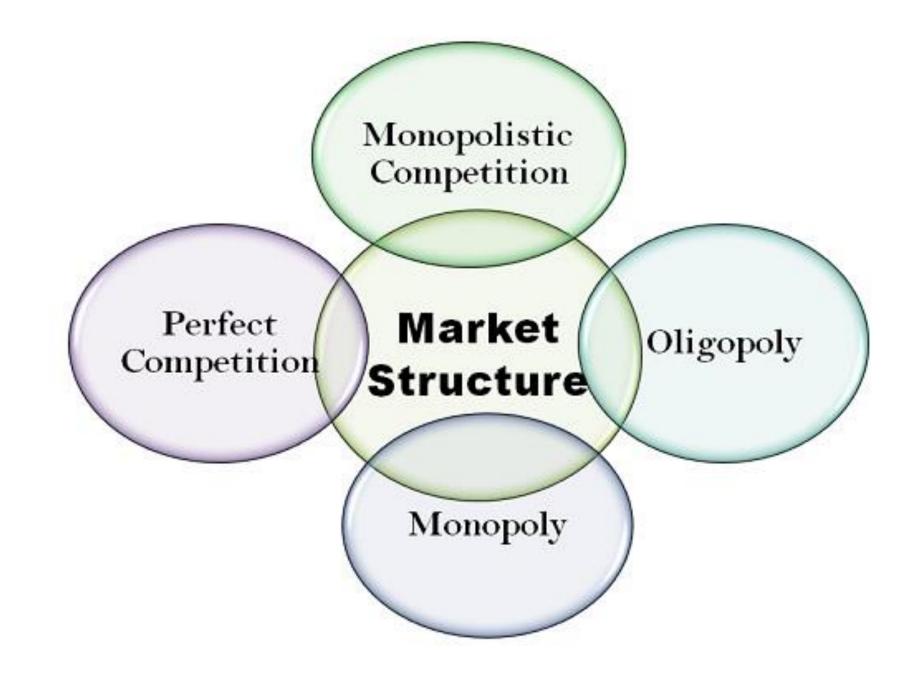


Perfect competition

Monopolistic competition

Oligopoly







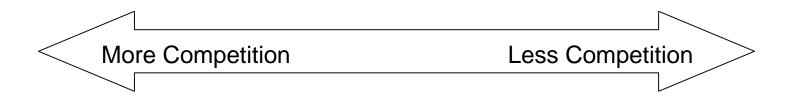
#### Pure / Perfect Competition



- Large number of buyers and sellers
- Identical product
- Well informed buyers and sellers



### Pure / Perfect Competition



- Meets all condition of perfect competition except for identical products.
  - Product differentiation
- Monopolistic competitors use non-price competition
  - Advertising, giveaways, or other promotions



#### **Monopolistic Competition**





• Same as <u>pure competition</u> except for **product differentiation** 

### **Monopolistic Competition**





Are these shampoos/conditioners different?



Pantene \$14.50

Frederic Fekkai \$54

## **Monopolistic Competition**



#### Are these mascaras different?

Maybelline	Sisley
\$4	\$43







- A few very large sellers dominate the industry
- Oligopolists act independently by lowering prices soon after the first seller announces the cut
- Collusion: formally agree to set prices
- Engage in price wars















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# Oligopoly









Few producers control supply and price

#### **Coca-Cola Classic**

- Coca-Cola classic
- Sprite
- Dasani
- Barq's
- Dannon
- Nestea
- Rockstar
- Evian

- Fanta
- Fresca
- Minute Maid
- Mr. Pibb
- Powerade
- Seagrams Ginger Ale & Mixers
- TAB





#### Pepsi-co

- Aquafina
- Pepsi
- Mountain Dew
- Sierra Mist
- Sobe
- Lipton Brisk Tea

- MUG Root Beer
- Slice
- Gatorade
- Dole Juice
- Tropicana





# **Cadbury Schweppes**

- 7 Up
- Canada Dry
- Clamato
- Dr Pepper
- Hawaiian
  Punch
- Mott's
- Orangina
- Snapple











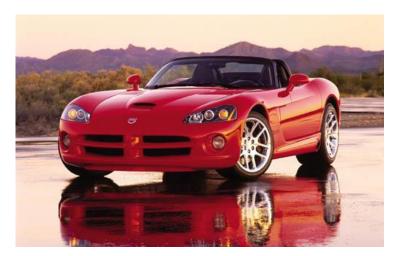




## Chrysler



- Chrysler
- Jeep
- Dodge





#### **General Motors**



- Chevrolet
- Buick
- Pontiac
- GMC
- Saturn
- Hummer
- SAAB
- Cadillac





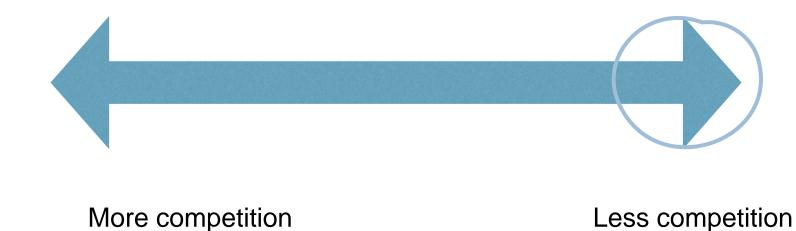


- Only one seller of a particular product
- Few monopolies





• One seller dominates the market with no close substitutes





• Natural Monopoly - efficient production by a single supplier

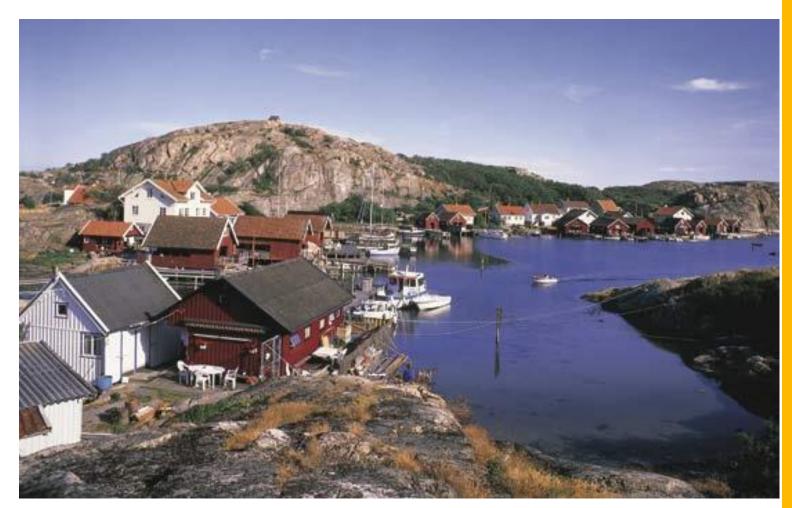






 Geographic Monopoly - small town





- 1. Technological Monopoly new invention
  - Patent: exclusive right for 17 years





- 1. Technological Monopoly new invention
  - Copyright: lifetime + 50 years





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2. Government Monopoly government owned businesses



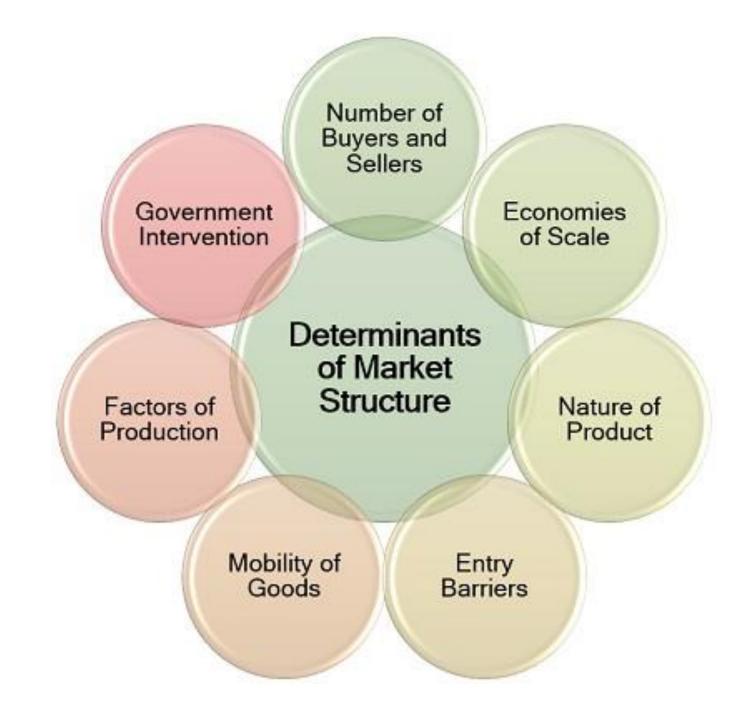




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Comparing Market Types					
Type of Market	Number of Producers	Kind of Competition	Barriers to Entry	Another Name for Firms	Special Traits
Monopoly	One	None	No entry possible	Price-setter	Only one firm
Oligopoly	A few	Primarily non-price competition	Medium barriers (difficult entry)	N/A	Firms can collude and behave as a monopolist
Monopolistic Competition	Many	Non-price competition; price competition	Low barriers (easy entry)	Price-maker	Product differentiation and branding
Perfect Competition	A great many	Price competition	No barriers (free entry)	Price-taker	Perfectly elastic demand









There are four basic types of market structures: perfect competition, imperfect competition, oligopoly, and monopoly.

Perfect competition describes a market structure, where a large number of small firms compete against each other with homogenous products.

Meanwhile, monopolistic competition refers to a market structure, where a large number of small firms compete against each other with differentiated products.

An Oligopoly describes a market structure where a small number of firms compete against each other.

A monopoly refers to a market structure where a single firm controls the entire market.



Activity: Cut articles or images of commodity goods and services (5), then classify them to what market structure they belong. Justify your answer



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