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MATH 108

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HW 2: Due 01/29

*“All wish to possess knowledge, but few,
comparatively speaking, are willing to pay
the price.”*

— Decimus Junius Juvenalis

Problem 1. (10pts) Suppose that the revenue and cost function for a certain item are given by $R(q) = 67.99q$ and $C(q) = 13.47q + 495000$, respectively.

- (a) How much does the company sell each item for? How much does it cost to make each item?
- (b) What are the fixed costs for the production of this good?
- (c) What is the profit or loss if the company produces and sells ten-thousand of these items?
- (d) What is the break-even point? At least many items does this company need to sell in order to make a profit on this item?

Problem 2. (10pts) Leslie owns a wine and spirit store called *Planet of the Grapes*. She rents the building for \$24,730 per month. The average bottle of wine or spirit at her store sells for \$11.56. The average cost of ordering, stocking, and selling these wines/spirits is \$5.21 per bottle.

- (a) What are the fixed and variable costs for Leslie's business?
- (b) Find the cost function for Leslie's business.
- (c) Find the revenue function for Leslie's business.
- (d) Find the break-even point for Leslie's business.
- (e) What is the minimal average amount of bottles Leslie must sell per month to make a profit?
- (f) How many bottles must Leslie sell each month on average to make a profit of \$15,000 (translating to a yearly profit of \$180,000)? Does this seem feasible?

Problem 3. (10pts) Suppose a company produces two items, q_1 and q_2 , and has a cost function given by $C(q_1, q_2) = 7.23q_1 + 82.56q_2 + 15721.12$.

- (a) What are the fixed costs for producing these two items?
- (b) What is the total cost associated with producing 30 of the first item and 65 of the second item?
- (c) How much does it cost to produce the first item? How much does it cost to produce the second item?

Problem 4. (10pts) Suppose that you have a revenue function given by $R(q) = 89q$ and a cost function given by $C(q) = 45q + 7200$.

- (a) What are the revenue and cost at a production/sale level of 60 units?
- (b) Without finding the profit function, find the break-even point for the production/sale of this item.
- (c) Find the profit function, $P(q)$.
- (d) Compute $P(60)$. Explain how you could use (a) to find $P(60)$.