ECON 3070 Problem Set 1

Math Review

1. The market for bike locks is described by the demand curve $P=120-6Q_d$ and the supply curve $Q_s=0.25P-5$. Answer the following questions:

- (a) When the price of bike locks is \$30 how many bike locks will be demanded? How many bike locks will be produced?
- (b) When the quantity demanded of bike locks is 12 what is the price consumers are willing to pay?
- (c) What is the market equilibrium values of price and quantity in the market of bike locks?

2. Solve the following system of equations:

(a)
$$m + 9t = 16, 4m - 2t = 5$$

(b)
$$x + y = 13, 4x - 3y = 24$$

Helpful Derivative Formulae:

Common Functions:

$$\frac{d}{dx}cf(x) = cf'(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}ax^n = n * ax^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[f(x) \pm g(x)] = f'(x) + g'(x)$$

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$$\frac{d}{dx}e^{x} = e^{x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[f(x)g(x)] = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$$

Rules:

$$\frac{d}{dx}ln(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[f(g(x))] = f'(g(x))g'(x)$$

3. Find the first derivative of F(x) with respect to x:

(a)
$$F(x) = 2x$$

(e)
$$F(x) = x^{1/2}$$

(b)
$$F(x) = 3x^2$$

(f)
$$F(x) = x^{2/3} + 4$$

(c)
$$F(x) = 0.5x^4 + 5x + 39$$

(g)
$$F(x) = \sqrt{x} * x^1$$

(d)
$$F(x) = x(x-2)$$

(h)
$$F(x) = 3x + 4k$$
, with k a scalar

4. Find the partial derivatives of the following

(a)
$$F(x,y) = 3x + 4y$$

(d)
$$U(x,y) = x^{\alpha}y^{\beta}$$

(b)
$$g(r, w) = rw^3 + r^2w^2$$

(e)
$$U(x,y) = x^{1/3}y^{2/3}$$

(c)
$$Q(L,K) = L^{1/2}K^{1/2}$$

(f)
$$Q(L,K) = 3L + 4K$$

- 5. Consider the function $g(x) = -x^2 + 10$.
 - (a) Does this function have a minimum or a maximum? How do you know?
 - (b) What is the minimum/maximum of this function? (Hint: use $\frac{\partial g}{\partial x}=0$.)