

Microeconomics

A. Chapter 2

1. Derive linear demand function

| Points | A | B | C | D | E |
|--------|----|----|----|----|----|
| P_X | 16 | 12 | 8 | 4 | 0 |
| Q_X | 0 | 20 | 40 | 60 | 80 |

Answer

Since, linear demand function $Q_{d_x} = a - bP_X$

Based on given schedule

$Q_{d_x} = 80$ at $P_X = 0$

$a = 80$

At any two consecutive [i.e. A and B and so on]

$$b = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta P}$$

$$= \frac{20}{-4}$$

$$= -5$$

$$= |-5|$$

$$= 5$$

$Q_{d_x} = 80 - 5P_X$

2. Derive linear supply function

| Points | A | B | C | D | E |
|--------|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| P_x | 0 | 8 | 16 | 24 | 32 |
| Q_x | 40 | 80 | 120 | 160 | 200 |

Answer

Since, linear supply function $Q_{d_x} = a + bP_x$

Based on given schedule

$Q_{d_x} = 40$ at $P_x = 0$

$a = 40$

At any two consecutive [i.e. A and B and so on]

$$b = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta P}$$

$$= \frac{40}{8}$$

$= 5$

$Q_{d_x} = 40 + 5P_x$

3. Find the equilibrium quantity and price in a market if $Q_d = 126 - 6p$ and $Q_s = 8p$

→ From above

$$8p = 126 - 6p$$

$$\text{Or, } 14p = 126$$

$$P = 9$$

$$Q = 8 * 9$$

$$=72$$

4. Suppose there are 200 identical consumers in the market for the commodity X, with demand function $Q_d=380-10x$ and 100 identical producers of the commodity X, each with a supply function given by $Q_s=40+4p$

a. Find the market demand and market supply function and determine the equilibrium price and equilibrium quantity in the market

→ Individual demand function $Q_d=380-10x$

Since there are 200 consumer

Market demand function $Q_d=200(380-10x)$

$$=76000-2000x$$

Individual supply function $Q_s=40+4p$

Since there are 100 producer

Market supply function $Q_s=100(40+4p)$

$$=4000+400p$$

$$76000-2000x=4000+400x$$

$$2400x=72000$$

$$x=30$$

$$q=4000+400*30$$

$$=4000+12000$$

$$=16000$$

b. What happen if the government grants per unit cash subsidy to all the producers of commodity X

→ When government grants per unit cash subsidy to all the producers of commodity X, cost of production of all producer decrease. As a result, their supply functions increases due to more production. After increase in market supply functions, equilibrium price decrease but equilibrium quantity increase

5. Suppose the demand function $Q_d=1000-20x$ and supply function $Q_s=100+40p$

a. Fill the table given below

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| Price | Quantity demand | Quantity supply |
|-------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 5 | $1000-20(5)=900$ | $100+40(5)=300$ |
| 10 | $1000-20(10)=800$ | $100+40(10)=500$ |
| 15 | $1000-20(15)=700$ | $100+40(15)=700$ |
| 20 | $1000-20(20)=600$ | $100+40(20)=900$ |
| 25 | $1000-20(25)=500$ | $100+40(25)=1100$ |

b. Find equilibrium price and quantity

→ $Q_d=Q_s$

$$1000-20x=100+40x$$

$$60x=900$$

$$x=15$$

$$Q=100+40x$$

$$=100+40*15$$

$$=100+600$$

$$=700$$

c. Show graph

6. The individual demand function $Q_d=24-4x$ and market supply function $Q_s=40p$. if there are 10 individual customers in the market for commodity X, find

a. Market demand function

→ Individual demand function $Q_d=24-4x$

Since there are 10 consumer

Market demand function $Q_d=10(24-4x)$

$$=240-40x$$

b. Market demand schedule and market supply schedule

c. Derive market demand curve and market supply curve

d. Obtain equilibrium price and quantity mathematically

→ $Q_d=Q_s$

$$40x=240-40x$$

$$80x=240$$

$$X=30$$

$$Q=30*40$$

$$=120$$

7. A market consist of three consumers A, B and C, whose individual demand equations are $Q_{dA}=30-P$, $Q_{dB}=22.5-0.75p$ and $Q_{dC}=37.5-1.25p$ and the industry supply equation is $Q_s=40+3.5p$

a. Find market demand function and derive market demand curve

→ Market demand function $Q_d=Q_{dA}+Q_{dB}+Q_{dC}$

$$=30-P+22.5-0.75p+37.5-1.25p$$

$$=90-3p$$

b. Determine the equilibrium price and quantity mathematically

→ $Q_d=Q_s$

$$90-3p=40+3.5p$$

$$6.5p=50$$

$$P=7.69$$

$$Q=90-3*7.69$$

$$=90-23.07$$

$$=66.93$$

c. Determine the amount that will be purchased by each individual

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$$Q_{dA}=30-7.69$$

$$=22.31$$

$$Q_{dB}=22.5-0.75*7.69$$

$$=22.5-5.7675$$

$$=16.7325$$

$$Q_{dC}=37.5-1.25*7.69$$

$$=37.5-9.6125$$

$$=27.8875$$

8. Compute cross elasticity

| | Commodity | Before | | After | |
|---------------|-----------|--------|----------|-------|----------|
| | | Price | Quantity | Price | Quantity |
| Case 1 | X | 10 | 100 | 15 | 80 |
| | Y | 25 | 50 | 25 | 60 |
| Case 2 | X | 20 | 200 | 30 | 160 |
| | Y | 40 | 150 | 40 | 80 |

→ Case I

In term of percent

$$E_p = \frac{\frac{60-50}{50} * 100}{\frac{15-10}{10} * 100}$$

$$= \frac{10 * 2}{5 * 10}$$

$$= \frac{20}{50}$$

$$=0.4 > 0$$

Case II

In term of percent

$$Ep = \frac{\frac{80-100}{100} * 100}{\frac{30-20}{20} * 100}$$

$$= \frac{-20}{10 * 5}$$

$$= \frac{-20}{50}$$

$$= -0.4 < 0$$

B. Chapter 4

9. Let the production function $Q=20L+10L^2-L^3$. Derive marginal product function. Compute profit maximizing units of labour and maximum output

$$\rightarrow MR = 20 + 20L - 3L^2$$

$$0 = 20 + 20L - 3L^2$$

$$L = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{-20 \pm \sqrt{20^2 - 4 * (-3) * 20}}{2 * (-3)}$$

$$= \frac{-20 \pm \sqrt{640}}{-6}$$

$$= \frac{-20 \pm 25.3}{-6}$$

+ve value

$$L = 7.55$$

-ve value

$$L = -0.88$$

$$\text{So } L = 8$$

$$Q = 20L + 10L^2 - L^3$$

$$= 20 \cdot 8 + 10 \cdot 8^2 - 8^3$$

$$= 200 + 640 - 512$$

$$= 328$$

10. Let the production function $Q = 100\sqrt{LK}$, $r = 50$, $w = 40$, $P = 2$, $C = 1000$

a. Compute marginal productivities of two inputs

$$\rightarrow MP_K = \frac{dQ}{dK}$$

$$= \frac{d100\sqrt{LK}}{dK}$$

$$= 100L^{1/2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot K^{1/2-1}$$

$$= 50 L^{1/2} \cdot K^{-1/2}$$

$$MP_L = \frac{dQ}{dL}$$

$$= \frac{d100\sqrt{LK}}{dL}$$

$$= 100K^{1/2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot L^{1/2-1}$$

$$= 50 K^{1/2} \cdot L^{-1/2}$$

b. Derive expansion path

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$$\frac{MPK}{MPL} = \frac{w}{r}$$

$$\frac{50 L^{1/2} K^{-1/2}}{50 K^{1/2} L^{-1/2}} = \frac{50}{40}$$

$$\frac{L^{1/2} K^{-1/2}}{K^{1/2} L^{-1/2}} = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\frac{L}{K} = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$L = \frac{5}{4} K$$

c. Compute units of labour and capital that maximize output

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$$rK + wL = C$$

$$50K + 40L = 1000$$

$$5K + 4L = 100$$

$$5K + 4\left[\frac{5}{4}K\right] = 100$$

$$10K = 100$$

$$K = 10 \text{ units}$$

$$L = \frac{5}{4} * 10$$

$$= 12.5 \text{ units}$$

d. Compute maximum output and profit

$$\rightarrow Q=100\sqrt{LK}$$

$$=100\sqrt{12.5 * 10}$$

$$=1118$$

$$\text{Profit}=\text{TR}-\text{TC}$$

$$=P*Q-\text{TC}$$

$$=2*1118-1000$$

$$=2236-1000$$

$$=1236$$

11. Let the production function $Q=AL^{0.8}K^{0.5}$, $Q=AL^{0.6}K^{0.4}$, $Q=AL^{0.3}K^{0.5}$,

a. Compute factor intensity

$$\rightarrow \frac{0.8}{0.5} > 1 \text{ labour intensive}$$

$$\frac{0.6}{0.4} > 1 \text{ labour intensive}$$

$$\frac{0.3}{0.5} < 1 \text{ capital intensive}$$

b. Compute degree of return to scale

$$\rightarrow 0.5+0.8=1.3 > 1 \text{ IRS}$$

$$0.6+0.4=1 \text{ CRS}$$

$$0.3+0.5=0.8 < 1 \text{ DRS}$$

c. Compute $MRTS_{KL}$ where $L=20$ and $k=10$

\rightarrow We know that

$$MRTS_{KL} = \frac{\beta}{\alpha} * \frac{L}{K}$$

$$MRTS_{KL} = \frac{0.5}{0.8} * \frac{20}{10}$$

$$= \frac{10}{8}$$

$$= 1.25$$

$$MRTS_{KL} = \frac{0.4}{0.6} * \frac{20}{10}$$

$$= \frac{8}{6}$$

$$= \frac{4}{3}$$

$$MRTS_{KL} = \frac{0.5}{0.3} * \frac{20}{10}$$

$$= \frac{10}{3}$$

C. Chapter 5

12. Let cost function $C=128+169Q-Q^2+Q^3$ find TFC, TVC, TC, AC, AFC, AVC and MC at output 64.5 units

→ At $Q=0$

$$C=128+169Q-Q^2+Q^3$$

$$=128+0-0+0$$

$$=128$$

$$TFC=128$$

At 64.5 units

$$TVC=169Q-Q^2+Q^3$$

$$=169*64.5-(64.5)^2+(64.5)^3$$

$$=10900.5-4160.25+268336.125$$

$$=275076.375$$

$$TC=TFC+TVC$$

$$=128+275076.375$$

$$=275204.375$$

$$AFC=\frac{128}{64.5}$$

$$=1.98$$

$$AVC=\frac{TVC}{Q}$$

$$=\frac{169Q-Q^2+Q^3}{Q}$$

$$=169-Q+Q^2$$

$$\text{At } Q=64.5$$

$$AVC=169-64.5+4160.25$$

$$=4264.75$$

$$AC=AVC+AFC$$

$$=4264.75+1.98$$

$$=4266.73$$

$$MC=\frac{dTVC}{dQ}$$

$$= \frac{d(169Q - Q^2 + Q^3)}{dQ}$$

$$= 169 - 2Q + 3Q^2$$

At $Q=64.5$

$$= 169 - 2 \cdot 64.5 + 3(64.5)^2$$

$$= 169 - 129 + 12480.75$$

$$= 12520.75$$

13. Compute TC, AC, AFC, AVC and MC at FC=100 in the given table

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|---------------|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Output | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| TVC | 0 | 10 | 18 | 24 | 32 | 50 | 80 | 124 | 180 | 200 |

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| Output | TVC | TFC | TC | AFC | AVC | AC | MC |
|---------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| 0 | | 100 | 100 | | | | |
| 1 | 10 | 100 | 110 | 100 | 101 | 110 | 10 |
| 2 | 18 | 100 | 118 | 50 | 9 | 59 | 8 |
| 3 | 24 | 100 | 124 | 33.3 | 8 | 41.3 | 6 |
| 4 | 32 | 100 | 132 | 25 | 8 | 33 | 8 |
| 5 | 50 | 100 | 150 | 20 | 10 | 30 | 18 |
| 6 | 80 | 100 | 180 | 16.7 | 13.3 | 30 | 30 |
| 7 | 124 | 100 | 224 | 14.3 | 17.7 | 32 | 44 |
| 8 | 180 | 100 | 280 | 12.5 | 22.5 | 35 | 56 |
| 9 | 200 | 100 | 380 | 11.1 | 28.9 | 40 | 80 |

14. If $AR=20$ and $MR=10$ find ep

→ We know that

$$ep = \frac{AR}{AR - MR}$$

$$= \frac{20}{20 - 10}$$

$$= \frac{20}{10}$$

$$= 2$$

D. Chapter 6

1. If $P=20-Q$ and $C=Q^2+8Q+2$ find the price and total profit

→ We know that

$$R = P * Q$$

$$= 20Q - Q^2$$

$$\text{Profit} = R - C$$

$$= 20Q - Q^2 - (Q^2 + 8Q + 2)$$

$$= -2Q^2 + 12Q - 2$$

For order condition

$$\text{First derivative} = 0$$

$$-4Q + 12 = 0$$

$$12 = 4Q$$

$$Q = 3$$

Second order derivative of profit

$$-4 < 0$$

Therefore profit function can be maximize

$$\text{At } Q=3$$

$$P=20-Q$$

$$=20-3$$

$$=17$$

$$\text{Profit} = -2Q^2 + 12Q - 2$$

$$= -2 \cdot 9 + 12 \cdot 3 - 2$$

$$= -18 + 36 - 2$$

$$= 16$$

$$TR = P \cdot Q$$

$$= 17 \cdot 3$$

$$= 51$$