

OPTIMIZATION OF COST AND REVENUE FUNCTIONS

Optimization of cost and revenue functions is a process of finding maximum or minimum value of the functions.

* Optimization of Revenue : (TR or R)

Producer wants to maximize his revenue. For this he tried to produce such a quantity at which revenue can be maximized.

⇒ How to find Maxima or Minima.

When 1st Derivative is set equal to zero.

* Maxima

if 2nd Derivative is less than zero (-)

* Minima

if 2nd derivative is greater than zero (+)

NOTATIONS: AR (average revenue)

TR (Total revenue)

Related Question :

Q # 01 Demand function is given $P(Q) = 500 - 0.1Q$

"TR" (total revenue) = $(P)(Q)$

$$TR = (500 - 0.1Q)Q \Rightarrow 500Q - 0.1Q^2$$

Necessary Condition FOC Take 1st derivative and set it = 0

$$\frac{d(TR)}{dQ} = \frac{d}{dQ}(500Q - 0.1Q^2) \Rightarrow 500 - 0.2Q$$

set it as $500 - 0.2Q = 0$ for $Q = ?$

$$500 = 0.2Q$$

$$Q = 2500$$

Sufficient Condition

SOC Taking $\frac{d^2(TR)}{dQ^2} = \frac{d}{dQ}(500 - 0.2Q)$

$$\frac{d^2 TR}{dQ^2} = -0.2 < 0 \text{ (so maxima)}$$

22. Then $Q = 2500$ is Maximum Quantity where

$$TR = 500(2500) - 0.1(2500)^2 = 1250000 - 625000$$

$$TR = 625000$$

⇒ Question: Demand function $P = 10 - Q/2$

Find level of production at which R is maximum

As we know $R = P \times Q$

$$\text{So, } R = (10 - Q/2)Q \Rightarrow 10Q - Q^2/2$$

Set 1st Derivative '0' to find Q So

$$\text{Necessary } \Rightarrow \text{ FOC } \frac{dR}{dQ} = 0 \quad \text{So } d(10Q - Q^2/2) = 0$$

Condition

$$= 10 - 2Q/2 = 0 \Rightarrow 10 - Q = 0$$

$$Q = 10$$

$$\text{Sufficient } \Rightarrow \text{ SOC } \frac{d^2R}{dQ^2} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dQ}(10 - Q)$$

Condition

$$\frac{d^2R}{dQ^2} = -1 < 0 \quad (\text{So max})$$

Maximum revenue attained at $Q = 10$ where

$$TR = 10(10) - (10)^2/2 \Rightarrow 100 - 50 = 50$$

⇒ QUESTION : 03

Revenue of product $R = 100 - \frac{400}{x+5} - x$

Find x for maximum revenue.

$$\text{Total Revenue } R = 100 - \frac{400}{x+5} - x$$

$$\text{Necessary Condition } \Rightarrow \text{ FOC } \frac{dR}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(100 - \frac{400}{x+5} - x \right)$$

Set 1st Deri = 0

$$\frac{400}{(x+5)^2} - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{400}{(x+5)^2} = 1$$

$$400 = (x+5)^2 \Rightarrow (x+5)^2 = (20)^2$$

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QUESTION

⇒ Relation of price & Quantity is given as $P = 20 - 3Q$. This relation is basically known as Demand function. Find revenue function and Marginal revenue and level of production.

Sol : Given $P = 20 - 3Q$

i) Revenue is obtained by multiplying 'P' and Q. So, $R = PQ$

$$R = (20 - 3Q)Q = 20Q - 3Q^2$$

i) Revenue function

$$R = 20Q - 3Q^2$$

ii) Next, to find Marginal revenue. Differentiate the revenue function.

$$\frac{dR}{dQ} = \frac{d}{dQ} (20Q - 3Q^2)$$

$$\frac{dR}{dQ} = 20 - 6Q$$

iii) level of production at which R is maximum:-

set $\frac{dR}{dQ} = 0$ to find Q

$$\text{So, } 20 - 6Q = 0 \quad Q = 20/6$$

$$\text{So } Q = 3.34$$

$$\text{Taking } \frac{d^2R}{dQ^2} = \frac{d}{dQ} (20 - 6Q) = -6 < 0$$

So maximum revenue at $Q = 3.34$

$$\text{where } TR = R = 20(3.34) - 3(3.34)^2 \Rightarrow 66.8 - 33.4$$

$$TR = 33.4$$

$$x = 20 - 5 = 15$$

Sufficient Condition

$$\text{SOC } \frac{d^2R}{dx^2} = -2 < 0$$
$$(x+5)^3$$

So at $x=15$ TR is $100 - \frac{400}{15+5} - 15$

$$TR = 100 - 20 - 15 = 65$$

OPTIMIZATION OF COST FUNCTION:

Cost optimization is a business-focused, continuous discipline to drive spending, and cost reduction while maximizing business value. It includes:

Obtaining best price and terms for all business purchases.

$$TC = TFC + TVC$$

Maximum Condition set $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ then

2nd derivative $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} < 0$

QUESTION: A company estimate $C = 800 + 0.04Q + 0.002Q^2$

Find production level that minimize AC per unit.

$$C = 800 + 0.04Q + 0.002Q^2$$

Average cost AC as we know $AC = \frac{TC}{Q}$

$$AC = \frac{800 + 0.04Q + 0.002Q^2}{Q}$$

$$AC = 800/Q + 0.04 + 0.002Q$$

Now Take 1st Derivative & set it '0'

$$\frac{dAC}{dQ} = \frac{d}{dQ} \left(\frac{800}{Q} + 0.04 + 0.002Q \right)$$
$$= -\frac{800}{Q^2} + 0.002 = 0$$

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$$\frac{800}{Q^2} = 0.002 \Rightarrow Q^2 = 800 / 0.002$$

$$Q = \sqrt{400000} = 632.455$$

Now 2nd derivative $\frac{d^2AC}{dQ^2} = \left(\frac{d}{dQ} \left(-\frac{800}{Q^2} + 0.002 \right) \right)$

$$= \frac{1600}{Q^3} > 0$$

So production level is $Q = 632$ units.

⇒ **QUESTION: 02**

Minimum Marginal Cost

$$AC = Q^2 - 5Q + 14$$

As we know $MC = \frac{dTC}{dQ}$

$$\text{So } TC = (AC)Q = Q^3 - 5Q^2 + 14Q$$

$$\text{Now } MC = \frac{d}{dQ} (Q^3 - 5Q^2 + 14Q)$$

$$MC = 3Q^2 - 10Q + 14$$

$$\text{Set } \frac{dMC}{dQ} = 0 \quad \frac{d}{dQ} (3Q^2 - 10Q + 14) = 0$$

$$6Q - 10 = 0$$

$$Q = 1.67$$

Now taking 2nd Derivative

$$\frac{d^2MC}{dQ^2} = 6 > 0 \quad \text{So Min marginal cost.}$$

$$MC = 3(1.67)^2 - 10(1.67) = \boxed{5.63 = MC}$$

⇒ **QUESTION: 03**

Find Minimum Total Cost:

$$TC = Q^3 - 25Q^2 + 10Q + 7$$

$$\text{FOC } \frac{d(TC)}{dQ} = \frac{d}{dQ} (Q^3 - 25Q^2 + 10Q + 7)$$

$$= 3Q^2 - 50Q + 10$$

$$\text{Put } \frac{dTC}{dQ} = 0$$