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1. The cost function $C = 5Q + \frac{1}{6}Q^2$. Find the average and marginal cost when the quantity production $Q = 4$.

Solution

Given,

$$C = 5Q + \frac{1}{6}Q^2$$

$$\text{i.e. } C(Q) = 5Q + \frac{1}{6}Q^2$$

We know,

$$AC(Q) = \frac{C(Q)}{Q}$$

$$= \frac{5Q + \frac{1}{6}Q^2}{Q}$$

$$= \frac{5Q}{Q} + \frac{Q^2}{6Q}$$

$$\therefore AC(Q) = 5 + \frac{Q}{6}$$

When $Q = 4$,

$$AC(4) = 5 + \frac{4}{6}$$

$$= 5 + \frac{2}{3}$$

$$= \frac{17}{3}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned}
 MC(Q) &= \frac{d}{dQ} [C(Q)] \\
 &= \frac{d}{dQ} \left[5Q + \frac{1}{6} Q^2 \right] \\
 &= \frac{d}{dQ} (5Q) + \frac{d}{dQ} \left(\frac{1}{6} Q^2 \right) \\
 &= 5 + \frac{1}{6} \times 2Q \\
 &= 5 + \frac{Q}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

when $Q = 4$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 MC(4) &= 5 + \frac{4}{3} \\
 &= \frac{15+4}{3} \\
 &= \frac{19}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the average cost and marginal cost when the quantity production $Q = 4$ is $\frac{17}{3}$ and $\frac{19}{3}$ respectively.

2. Find an expression for the MC when $AC = 2Q + 5 + \frac{30}{Q}$, Calculate the value of marginal cost when $Q = 50$.

Solution

Given,

$$AC = 2Q + 5 + \frac{30}{Q}$$

$$\text{i.e. } AC(Q) = 2Q + 5 + \frac{30}{Q}$$

We know,

$$AC(Q) = \frac{TC(Q)}{Q}$$

$$\text{or, } TC(Q) = AC(Q) \times Q$$

$$\text{or, } TC(Q) = \left(2Q + 5 + \frac{30}{Q}\right) \times Q$$

$$\therefore TC(Q) = 2Q^2 + 5Q + 30$$

Now,

$$MC(Q) = \frac{d}{dQ} [TC(Q)]$$

$$= \frac{d}{dQ} (2Q^2 + 5Q + 30)$$

$$\therefore MC(Q) = 4Q + 5$$

When $Q = 50$,

$$\begin{aligned} MC(50) &= 4 \times 50 + 5 \\ &= 205 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore The value of marginal cost is 205 when $Q = 50$.

3. The demand function for a good is $P = 125 - 3Q$

a) Find expressions for TR, MR and AR.

b) Evaluate TR, MR and AR at $Q = 10$ and $Q = 25$

c) Calculate the value of Q for which $MR = 0$, $AR = 0$, $TR = 0$

Solution

Given demand function: $P = 125 - 3Q$

$$a) \quad TR = P \times Q \\ = (125 - 3Q) \times Q$$

$$\therefore TR(Q) = 125Q - 3Q^2$$

Also,

$$MR = \frac{d}{dQ} [TR(Q)]$$

$$= \frac{d}{dQ} (125Q - 3Q^2)$$

$$\therefore MR(Q) = 125 - 6Q$$

Also,

$$AR = \frac{TR(Q)}{Q}$$

$$= \frac{125Q - 3Q^2}{Q}$$

$$= 125 - 3Q$$

b)

When $Q = 10$,

$$TR(10) = (125 \times 10) - (3 \times 10^2) = 1250 - 300 = 950$$

$$MR(10) = 125 - 6 \times 10 = 125 - 60 = 65$$

$$AR(10) = 125 - 3 \times 10 = 125 - 30 = 95$$

When $Q = 25$,

$$TR(25) = (125 \times 25) - (3 \times 25^2) = 3125 - 1875 \\ = 1250$$

$$MR(25) = 125 - 6 \times 25 = 125 - 150 = -25$$

$$AR(25) = 125 - 3 \times 25 = 125 - 75 = 50$$

c)

When,

$$MR = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{d}{dq} [TR(Q)] = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{d}{dq} (125Q - 3Q^2) = 0$$

$$\text{or, } 125 - 6Q = 0$$

$$\text{or, } 6Q = 125$$

$$\therefore Q = \frac{125}{6}$$

When $AR = 0$

$$\text{or, } \frac{TR(Q)}{Q} = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{125Q - 3Q^2}{Q} = 0$$

$$\text{or, } 125 - 3Q = 0$$

$$\text{or, } 3Q = 125$$

$$\therefore Q = \frac{125}{3}$$

When $TR = 0$

$$125Q - 3Q^2 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } 3Q^2 - 125Q = 0$$

$$\text{or, } Q(3Q - 125) = 0$$

Either,

$$Q = 0$$

& or,

$$3Q - 125 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } 3Q = 125$$

$$\therefore Q = \frac{125}{3}$$

4. The revenue function of a commodity is $R(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 9$; find the average and marginal revenue when the level of output is 5.

Solution

Given,

$$R(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 9$$

$$AR(x) = \frac{R(x)}{x}$$

$$= \frac{x^3 - 3x^2 - 9}{x}$$

when the output is 5,

$$AR(5) = \frac{5^3 - 3 \times (5)^2 - 9}{5}$$

$$= \frac{41}{5}$$

Again,

$$MR(x) = \frac{d}{dx} [R(x)]$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} (x^3 - 3x^2 - 9)$$

$$= 3x^2 - 6x$$

when the output is 5,

$$MR(5) = 3 \times (5)^2 - 6 \times 5$$

$$= 75 - 30$$

$$= 45$$

Therefore, the average and marginal revenue when the level of output is 5 are $\frac{41}{5}$ and 45 respectively.

5. A firm forms the demand function $Q = 150 - P$. Its total cost function is $C = \frac{Q^2}{2}$. Find the profit function and the marginal function profit function and the average profit and their values when the level of production is 30.

Solution

Given demand function: $Q = 150 - P$ or $P = 150 - Q$

Total cost function: $C = \frac{Q^2}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total Revenue (TR)} &= P \times Q \\ &= (150 - Q) \times Q \\ &= 150Q - Q^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total Profit} &= \text{TR} - \text{TC} \\ &= 150Q - Q^2 - \frac{Q^2}{2} \\ &= \frac{300Q - 2Q^2 - Q^2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \pi(Q) = \frac{300Q - 3Q^2}{2}$$

$$\text{Marginal Profit} = \frac{d}{dQ} [\pi(Q)]$$

$$\text{i.e. } M[\pi(Q)] = \frac{d}{dQ} \left[\frac{300Q - 3Q^2}{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{d}{dQ} (300Q - 3Q^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times (300 - 6Q)$$

$$\therefore M[\pi(Q)] = 150 - 3Q$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Average Profit} &= \frac{\pi(Q)}{Q} \\ &= \frac{300Q - 3Q^2}{2Q}\end{aligned}$$

When the level of production is 30,

$$\begin{aligned}\pi(30) &= \frac{(300 \times 30) - 3 \times (30)^2}{2} \\ &= \frac{9000 - 2700}{2} \\ &= 3150\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}M[\pi(30)] &= 150 - 3 \times 30 \\ &= 150 - 90 \\ &= 60\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}A[\pi(30)] &= \frac{(300 \times 30) - 3 \times (30)^2}{2 \times 30} \\ &= \frac{9000 - 2700}{60} \\ &= 105\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the value of profit, marginal profit and average profit when the level of profit is 30 is 3150, 60 and 105 respectively.

6. The demand function for a good is $P = \frac{1}{3}Q^2 - 10Q + 75$. Find the marginal revenue function and its value at $Q = 3$.

Solution

Given demand function: $P = \frac{1}{3}Q^2 - 10Q + 75$.

$$TR(Q) = P \times Q$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{3}Q^2 - 10Q + 75 \right) \times Q$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}Q^3 - 10Q^2 + 75Q$$

Now,

$$MR(Q) = \frac{d}{dQ} [TR(Q)]$$

$$= \frac{d}{dQ} \left[\frac{1}{3}Q^3 - 10Q^2 + 75Q \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \times 3Q^2 - 20Q + 75$$

$$= Q^2 - 20Q + 75$$

When $Q = 3$,

$$MR(3) = (3)^2 - 20 \times 3 + 75$$

$$= 9 - 60 + 75$$

$$= 24$$

\therefore The marginal revenue when $Q = 3$ is 24.

7. If the total cost is $C = Q^2 + 8Q + 2$, find the average cost, marginal cost when $Q = 5$ and $Q = 10$.

Solution

Given,

$$C(Q) =$$

$$C(Q) = Q^2 + 8Q + 2$$

$$\text{Average cost i.e. } AC(Q) = \frac{C(Q)}{Q}$$

$$= \frac{Q^2 + 8Q + 2}{Q}$$

$$\text{Marginal cost i.e. } MC(Q) = \frac{d}{dQ} [C(Q)]$$

$$= \frac{d}{dQ} (Q^2 + 8Q + 2)$$

$$= 2Q + 8$$

When $Q = 5$,

$$AC(5) = \frac{5^2 + 8 \times 5 + 2}{5} = \frac{67}{5}$$

$$MC(5) = 2 \times 5 + 8 = 18$$

When $Q = 10$,

$$AC(10) = \frac{10^2 + 8 \times 10 + 2}{10} = \frac{91}{5}$$

$$MC(10) = 2 \times 10 + 8 = 28$$

8. The total cost is $C = 200x - 30x^2 + \frac{2}{3}x^3$. Find the average cost and marginal cost.

Solution

Given,

$$C(x) = 200x - 30x^2 + \frac{2}{3}x^3$$

$$AC(x) = \frac{C(x)}{x}$$

$$= \frac{200x - 30x^2 + \frac{2}{3}x^3}{x}$$

$$\therefore AC(x) = 200 - 30x + \frac{2}{3}x^{-4}$$

$$MC(x) = \frac{d}{dx} [C(x)]$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} \left(200x - 30x^2 + \frac{2}{3}x^3 \right)$$

$$= 200 - 60x + \frac{2}{3} \cdot x \cdot (-3) x^{-4}$$

$$= 200 - 60x - 2x^{-4}$$

$$\therefore MC(x) = 200 - 60x - 2x^{-4}$$