

Quiz 2

1. (10 pts) You sell items. The functions for marginal revenue and marginal cost (in dollars/item) are given by

$$MR(q) = 9e^{0.02q} \text{ and } MC(q) = q^2 - 6q + 124,$$

where q is in thousands of items. You are also told that Fixed Costs are given $FC = 13$ thousand dollars (so $TC(0) = 13$).

- (a) Give the functions for Total Revenue and Total Cost (solve for the constants of integration).

$$TR(q) = \int 9e^{0.02q} dq = \frac{9}{0.02} e^{0.02q} + C = 450e^{0.02q} + C$$

$$TR(0) = 0 \Rightarrow 450e^0 + C = 0 \Rightarrow C = -450$$

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$$TR(q) = 460e^{0.02q} - 460$$

$$TC(q) = \frac{1}{3}q^3 - 3q^2 + 114q + 12$$

$$TC(q) = \int q^2 - 6q + 124 dq = \frac{1}{3}q^3 - 3q^2 + 124q + C$$

$$TC(0) = 13 \Rightarrow 0 - 0 + 0 + C = 13$$

$$\Rightarrow C = 13$$

$$TR(q) = \underline{450e^{0.02q} - 450}$$

$$TC(q) = \underline{\frac{1}{3}q^3 - 3q^2 + 124q + 13}$$

- (b) Find the largest and smallest values of Marginal Cost on the interval $q = 0$ to $q = 10$.

$$MC'(q) = 2q - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow q = 3$$

$$MC(0) = (0)^2 - 6(0) + 124 = 124$$

$$MC(3) = (3)^2 - 6(3) + 124 = 9 - 18 + 124 = 115$$

$$MC(10) = (10)^2 - 6(10) + 124 = 100 - 60 + 124 = 164$$

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$$MC(0) = 114$$

$$MC(3) = 105$$

$$MC(10) = 154$$

'smallest value of MC ' = 115 dollars/item

'largest values of MC ' = 164 dollars/item

- (c) Recall: $AC(q) = \frac{TC(q)}{q}$.

Determine if $AC(q)$ is concave up, concave down, or neither at $q = 1$ thousand items. (In your work, you MUST find the second derivative of $AC(q)$ and make correct conclusions).

$$AC(q) = \frac{1}{3}q^2 - 3q + 124 + 13q^{-1}$$

$$AC'(q) = \frac{2}{3}q - 3 - 13q^{-2}$$

$$AC''(q) = \frac{2}{3} + 26q^{-3} = \frac{2}{3} + \frac{26}{q^3}$$

$$AC''(1) = \frac{2}{3} + 26 > 0$$

ANSWER: $AC''(q) = \underline{\frac{2}{3} + \frac{26}{q^3}}$

(Circle one) CONCAVE UP CONCAVE DOWN NEITHER