MA162: Finite mathematics

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Schedule:

- HW 0.2 is due Thursday, Aug 30th, 2012.
- HW 1.1-1.4 are due Friday, Aug 31st, 2012.
- HW 2.1-2.2 are due Friday, Sep 7th, 2012.
- Exam 1 is Monday, Sep 24th, 5:00pm-7:00pm in BS107 and BS116.

Today we will cover 1.3 and 1.4: cost/revenue/profit and supply/demand.

Ch 1.3: Example 2: Cost, Revenue, Profit

- You can sell corn at $17 per bushel
- It costs you $4 per bushel to make it
- Before you even make a single bushel of corn, you are $1001 in debt
- How much are you in debt to make 10 bushels?
- How much do you sell those 10 bushels for?
- How does that work out for you?

Ch 1.3: Example 2: Cost, Revenue, Profit

- Well your costs are easy: \$1001 plus \$4 per bushel

$$C(x) = 1001 + 4x$$

- Your revenue is easy: \$17 per bushel

$$R(x) = 17x$$

- So profit is easy, you start \$1001 in the hole, and make \$13 per bushel

$$P(x) = -1001 + 13x$$

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- At 10 bushels, you've made \$170 but spent \$1041, so you are \$871 in debt
- At 20 bushels, you've made \$340 but spent \$1081, so you are \$741 in debt
- Every additional 10 bushels gets you an additional \$130 closer to breaking even
- \$741/\$130 is about 5.7 so probably need another 57 bushels, let's check:
- At 77 bushels, you've made \$1309 but spent \$1309, so you've just broken even
- At 100 bushels, you've made \$1700 but spent \$1401, so you are \$299 ahead
- $(100 - 77)(13) = (23)(13) = 299$. Not a coincidence.

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- **Marginal cost** is \$4 per bushel
- **Fixed cost** is \$1001
- **Marginal revenue** is \$17 per bushel
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- **Break-even production** is 77 bushels

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- So **fixed cost** is \$120

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- **Marginal cost** is \$4 each

- **Fixed cost** is \$300,
  since \$4 each for 50 is only \$200, not \$500

Ch 1.4: Intersecting lines: Examples 2-5

- The break-even point is when the **revenue equals the cost**
- $R(x) = C(x)$
- To solve $17x = 1001 + 4x$, move the xs over to get

$$13x = 1001 \qquad x = 1001/13 = 77$$

- A pessimistic phrasing is when the **profit is zero**
- $P(x) = 0$
- To solve $-1001 + 13x = 0$, move the 1001 over to get

$$13x = 1001 \qquad x = 1001/13 = 77$$

Ch 1.3: Example 3: Supply function

- All else being equal, more people are willing to supply at a higher price
- $x = 40p + 100$ describes the number x of bushels people are willing to supply at a price p in dollars per bushel.

  The 40 has units "bushels per (dollar per bushel)" and the 100 has units "bushels"
- How many bushels would be supplied at \$4 per bushel?
- How many bushels would be supplied at \$5 per bushel?
- How many bushels would be supplied at \$17 per bushel?
- How many extra bushels are supplied for every extra dollar per bushel in price?

Ch 1.3: Example 3: Demand function

- Demand is exactly the same, but is controlled by the buyers.
- The demand is 1170 bushels at \$4 per bushel
- The demand drops to 0 bushels at \$17 per bushel
- In the middle, we assume a "linear demand curve" or model
- How much did the demand drop?
- How much did the price increase?
- How much did demand drop per dollar of price increase?
- What would the demand at \$5 per bushel be?

Ch 1.4: Example 6-7: Market equilibrium

- How much is supplied at \$4 per bushel? How much is demanded? What is the shortfall?
- How about at \$5? What is the shortfall?
- How much does the shortfall decrease per dollar-per-bushel increase in price?
- When does the shortfall drop to 0?

Ch 1.4: Worked out

- At \$4, we calculated supply 260 bushels, demand was 1170 bushels, shortfall is 910
- At \$5, we calculated supply was 300 bushels, demand was 1080, shortfall is 780
- Each dollar the supply increases by 40 and the demand drops by 90, so the shortfall is dropping by $40 + 90 = 130$ bushels
- At \$4 the shortfall is 910, so we need to raise the price by another $910/130 = 7$ dollars per bushel to drop the shortfall to 0
- That is $\$4 + \$7 = \$11$ per bushel at market equilibrium

Ch 1.4: Example 6-7: Market equilibrium

- In a rational, free market, the demand (number of items bought) equals the supply (number of items sold)
- On the exam, a problem like this requires you to:
  - find the supply equation
  - find the demand equation
  - set them equal to each other
  - solve for the **equilibrium quantity**
  - substitute back in for the **equilibrium price** (or vice versa)

Ch 1.3 and 1.4 summary

- Concentrate on how the slope answers most of these questions with bunny hops
- There are also **tax** and **temperature** questions in the textbook
- The homework and exams will use words like: **linear depreciation, cost function, revenue function, profit function, fixed costs, variable costs, supply equation, demand equation, market equilibrium**
- Homework is due Friday, 1.1-1.4
- I am heading to the mathskeller now for a bit, and will be there from 2pm to 4pm this afternoon