

Example 2.I: A monopolist firm faces the market demand given by $P = 10 - Q$. Consider the following questions if the cost function $C(Q) = 4Q$.

note: Monopolist \rightarrow 7 unit \rightarrow 8 \$
 5 " \rightarrow 5 \$
 3 " \rightarrow 7 \$

- What is the revenue-maximizing level of output?

Find revenue function $\rightarrow R(Q)$

$$R(Q) = (\text{price per unit}) \times (\text{unit of output})$$

$$= P \times Q$$

$\hookrightarrow P(Q)$ is market demand

$$= (10 - Q)Q = 10Q - Q^2 \rightarrow \text{revenue } f^2 \text{ is "quadratic function"}$$

$$\text{then, } = \frac{-b}{2a} \rightarrow Q = \frac{-10}{2(-1)} = 5 \text{ units} \rightarrow \text{Calculate the level of maximized revenue?}$$

$$= R(Q) = 10(5) - (5)^2 = 50 - 25 = 25 \text{ $}$$

- What is the break-even output?

Break - even output ($\pi = 0$)

this means "Q" ensure sufficient level of revenue to cover the cost $\rightarrow \begin{cases} R = C \\ \pi = 0 \end{cases}$

$$\pi = R - C$$

$$= (10Q - Q^2) - (4Q) = 10Q - Q^2 - 4Q$$

$$= 6Q - Q^2; \pi(Q) = 0$$

$$6Q - Q^2 = 0$$

$$Q(6 - Q) = 0 \rightarrow Q = 0, 6$$

- What is the profit-maximizing level of output?

$$\pi(Q) = 6Q - Q^2$$

$$a = -1; b = 6, c = 0$$

$$[Q]: \frac{-b}{2a} \rightarrow \frac{-6}{2(-1)} = 3 \text{ units}$$

$$\bullet \text{ maximized profit: } \pi(3) = 6(3) - 3^2 = 18 - 9 = 9$$

\bullet price that monopolist should charge \rightarrow plus (+) $Q = 3$ into the market demand

$$P = 10 - Q = 10 - 3 = 7 \text{ $/unit}$$

note: another advance approach

$$\frac{d\pi}{dQ} = 0 \rightarrow Q^*$$

$$\text{from } Q^* \rightarrow \frac{d^2\pi}{dQ^2} < 0 \mid Q = Q^*$$