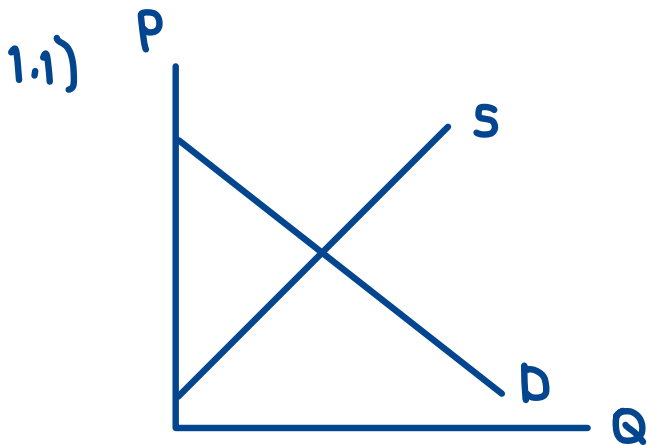


EE320 Placement test

1. Attempt all.
2. Submit your work (in .pdf) on the Moodle. The required format of your filename is **studentID\_PT**
3. You will get **TWO** bonus points if you submit this placement test by the deadline.
4. **This placement test is due on Friday 14<sup>th</sup>, at 11 AM. Late submission will not be accepted.**

1. Suppose that market demand is given by  $P = 10 - Q^2$  and the market supply is given by  $Q = a + P$ , where  $P$  is the unit price,  $Q$  is the quantity of output, and  $a$  is the coefficient in the supply equation.
  - 1.1) Graph the market demand and market supply curve in a P-Q diagram. Set the value of  $a$  equal to  $-14$ .
  - 1.2) Solve for the market equilibrium quantity ( $Q^*$ ) and price ( $P^*$ ) when  $a = -14$ . Show your work.
  - 1.3) If " $a$ " increases to  $-12$ , what would happen to the market equilibrium quantity and price? State the qualitative predictions without redoing the algebra.



$$P = 10 - Q^2$$

$$Q = -14 + P$$

$$Q + 14 = P$$

1.2)  $10 - Q^2 = Q + 14$

$$P = 10 - \left[ \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1-16}}{-2} \right] = P^*$$

$$-Q^2 - Q - 4 = 0$$

$$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1-16}}{-2} = Q^*$$

1.3) I think it both will increase.

2. Suppose that the revenue function is given by  $R(Q) = \ln(Q^2 + 1) + 3\left(\frac{Q}{Q+1}\right)$ ,  $Q \geq 0$ . Use the derivative technique and calculate the marginal revenue function. Is the revenue function an increasing or decreasing function?

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{d}{dQ} (\ln(Q^2+1)) + \frac{d}{dQ} \left(\frac{3Q}{Q+1}\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{Q^2+1} \times 2Q\right) + \frac{3(Q+1) - 3Q}{(Q+1)^2} \\ &= \frac{2Q}{Q^2+1} + \frac{3}{(Q+1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

It is increasing function.

3. Suppose that the profit function is given by  $\pi(Q) = -\frac{1}{3}Q^3 - Q^2 + 8Q - 1$  where  $Q$  is the level of output. Use the calculus and solve for the level of profit-maximizing output. Confirm your answer with the second derivative.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dQ} \left( -\frac{1}{3}Q^3 - Q^2 + 8Q - 1 \right) \\ &= -3 \times \frac{1}{3}Q^2 - 2Q + 8 \\ &= -Q^2 - 2Q + 8 \rightarrow \text{first derivative} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dQ} (-Q^2 - 2Q + 8) \\ &= -2Q - 2 \rightarrow \text{Second derivative} \end{aligned}$$

4. Suppose that  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 9 \\ 10 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ , calculate the following object. Show your work.

4.1  $A + B$  cannot do

4.2  $A * B$  
$$\begin{bmatrix} (8 \times 1 + 9 \times 4) & (8 \times 2 + 9 \times 5) & (8 \times 3 + 9 \times 6) \\ (10 \times 1 + 11 \times 4) & (10 \times 2 + 11 \times 5) & (10 \times 3 + 11 \times 6) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 44 & 61 & 78 \\ 54 & 75 & 96 \end{bmatrix}$$
  $2 \times 3$

4.3  $\det(A)$   $8 \times 11 - 9 \times 10$   
 $= 88 - 90$   
 $= -2$

4.4  $\det(B)$   
 cannot do (square matrices)

4.5  $\det(C)$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & | & 12 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & | & 45 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 & | & 78 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (1 \times 5 \times 9) + (2 \times 6 \times 7) + (3 \times 4 \times 8) - (7 \times 5 \times 3) + (8 \times 6 \times 1) + (9 \times 4 \times 2)$$

$$= 45 + 84 + 96 - 105 + 48 + 72$$

$$= 0$$

5. Suppose that  $U(x, y) = x^a y^b + \ln\left(\frac{x}{x+y}\right)$ . Use the partial derivative technique, calculate  $\frac{\partial U}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial U}{\partial y}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} &= ax^{a-1}y^b + \frac{\cancel{x+y}}{x} \left( \frac{(x+y)^{-1}}{(x+y)^2} \right) \\ &= ax^{a-1}y^b + \frac{y}{x(x+y)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial U}{\partial y} &= x^a by^{b-1} + \frac{\cancel{x+y}}{x} \left( -x \left( \frac{1}{\cancel{x+y}^2} \right) \right) \\ &= x^a by^{b-1} - \frac{x}{x(x+y)}\end{aligned}$$