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1. Suppose that  $Y = x^3 - 5x^2 + 7x - 5$

a) Show the domain of  $X$  where the function exhibits the property of an increasing function.

b. Define the domain set of  $X$ . Is the function concave for all over the domain?

a) F.O.C

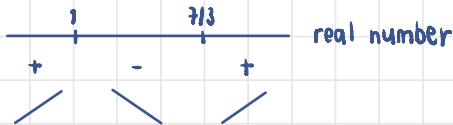
$$\frac{dY}{dX} = 3x^2 - 10x + 7$$

$$\text{Set } \frac{dY}{dX} = 0$$

$$3x^2 - 10x + 7 = 0$$

$$(3x - 7)(x - 1) = 0$$

$$x = 1, \frac{7}{3}$$



when  $f'(x)$  or  $y' > 0$ , it is implied that the function is increasing so,  $(-\infty, 1) \cup (\frac{7}{3}, \infty)$  is where the function exhibits the property of an increasing function

b) S.O.C

$$\frac{d^2Y}{dX^2} = 6x - 10$$

the function will concave when  $f''(x)$  or  $y'' < 0$   
thus, this function is not global concave since when it is more than  $\frac{5}{3}$ , it will be convex function [ $f''(x) > 0$ ]

2. Suppose that a firm's short-run production function is given by

$$Q(L) = 6L^2 - L^3$$

where  $Q(L)$  is the output level, and  $L$  is the number of workers

a. Derive the average product of labor ( $AP_L$ ) and the marginal product of labor ( $MP_L$ ).

$$AP_L = \frac{Q(L)}{L} = 6L - L^2$$

$$MP_L = \frac{dQ(L)}{dL} = 12L - 3L^2$$

b. What size of the work force ( $L^*$ ) maximizes the average output per labor,  $Q(L)/L$ ?

$$AP_L = 6L - L^2$$

$$\text{F.O.C } \frac{dAP_L}{dL} = 0$$

$$6 - 2L = 0$$

$$L^* = 3 \text{ units of labor}$$

$$\text{S.O.C } \frac{d^2AP_L}{dL^2} = -2 \text{ always less than } 0$$

it is a global concave function

so,  $L^* = 3$  is the average output per labor maximizer.

c. Use calculus to show that the  $MP_L$  curve must cross the  $AP_L$  curve at its maximum point.



Solve for  $L$  that  $MP_L$  curve cross the  $AP_L$  curve

$$MP_L = AP_L$$

$$12L - 3L^2 = 6L - L^2$$

$$0 = 2L^2 - 6L$$

$$0 = L(L-3)$$

$$L = 0, 3$$

from b) the maximum point of  $AP_L$  curve is  $L=3$   
which is where  $MP_L$  curve cross  $AP_L$  curve

d. Given that the firm faces the demand function

$$Q = 100 - 2P$$

derive the marginal revenue product (MRP) function.

$$Q = 100 - 2P$$

$$P = \frac{100 - Q}{2}$$

$$R = P(Q) \cdot Q$$

$$= 50Q - \frac{Q^2}{2}$$

$$\frac{dR}{dQ} = MRP = 50 - Q$$

3. Suppose a monopolist faces with the market demand equation given by,

$$P = 40 + \frac{105}{Q} - \frac{3}{2}Q^2$$

where  $P$  is the unit price and  $Q$  is the amount of quantity purchased. The monopolist is running the firm using the cost function given as follow,

$$C(Q) = 6Q^3 - 81Q^2 - 175Q + 10.$$

Consider the following questions.

a. Determine the level of revenue-maximizing output, and calculate the value of the elasticity of demand at that level of output?

$$R = P(Q) \cdot Q$$

$$= 40Q + 105 - \frac{3}{2}Q^3$$

$$\text{F.O.C. } \frac{dR}{dQ} = 40 - \frac{9}{2}Q^2 = 0$$

$$9Q^2 - 80 = 0$$

$$(3Q - \sqrt{80})(3Q + \sqrt{80}) = 0 \quad \text{impossible}$$

$$Q = \frac{-4\sqrt{5}}{3}, \frac{4\sqrt{5}}{3}; \quad Q^* \approx 3$$

$$\text{S.O.C. } \frac{d^2R}{dQ^2} = -9Q \quad \text{at } Q=3 \quad R''(3) = -27 < 0$$

concave

So,  $Q^* = 3$  is revenue-max solution #

$$\frac{dP}{dQ} = -105Q^{-2} - 3Q; \quad Q=3 \Rightarrow \frac{dP}{dQ} = \frac{-62}{3}$$

$$\frac{P(Q)}{Q} = \frac{40Q^1 + 105Q^{-2} - \frac{3}{2}Q}{Q}; \quad Q=3 \Rightarrow \frac{P(Q)}{Q} = \frac{40}{3} + \frac{35}{3} - \frac{9}{2} = \frac{41}{2}$$

$$\epsilon^d = \frac{dQ}{dP} \times \frac{P}{Q} = -\frac{3}{62} \times \frac{41}{2} = \frac{-123}{124} \#$$

elasticity of demand at  $Q=3$

b. Construct the profit function.

$$\begin{aligned}\pi &= P \cdot Q - C(Q) \\ &= \left(40 + \frac{105}{Q} - \frac{3}{2}Q^2\right)Q - (6Q^3 - 81Q^2 - 175Q + 10) \\ &= 40Q + 105 - \frac{3}{2}Q^3 - 6Q^3 + 81Q^2 + 175Q - 10\end{aligned}$$

$$\pi = -\frac{15}{2}Q^3 + 81Q^2 + 215Q + 95 \quad \#$$

c. Determine the profit-maximizing level of output. Confirm your result that the proposed solution is correct.

$$\pi = -\frac{15}{2}Q^3 + 81Q^2 + 215Q + 95$$

$$\text{F.O.C} \quad \frac{d\pi}{dQ} = 0$$

$$-45Q^2 + 162Q + 215 = 0$$

$$45Q^2 - 324Q - 430 = 0$$

$$Q = \frac{324 \pm \sqrt{(-324)^2 - 4(45)(-430)}}{2(45)}$$

$$Q = \frac{324 \pm 427.06}{90} = 8.345, -1.145$$

← impossible

$$\text{S.O.C} \quad \pi'' = -45Q + 162$$

$\pi''(Q=8.345) = -45(8.345) + 162 = -213.525$  which is less than 0  
it is concave at  $Q=8.345$ , then  $Q=8.345$  is profit-max solution #

d. Discuss the effect that would likely be happening if the government imposes a lump-sum tax on the monopolist.

lump-sum tax increases fixed cost of monopolist  
making average cost increases.

However, its price, quantity, and marginal cost remain the same. so, the amount of profit decreases.

4. The swimming pool maintenance sector consists of 100 identical firms, each having short-run total costs given by  $STC = 0.5q^2 + 10q + 5$ , where  $q$  is the number of swimming pools serviced per day.

a. What is the short-run supply curve for each pool maintenance firm? What is the short-run supply curve for the market as a whole?

$$\begin{aligned} \pi &= P \cdot q - STC \\ \pi &= P \cdot q - 0.5q^2 - 10q - 5 \\ \text{F.O.C. } \frac{d\pi}{dq} &= 0 \\ P - q - 10 &= 0 \\ q^* &= P - 10 \\ \text{S.O.C. } \frac{d^2\pi}{dq^2} &= -1 < 0 \\ &\text{concave} \\ &\text{then } q^* \text{ is profit-max} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} STC &= 0.5q^2 + 10q + 5 \\ TVC &= 0.5q^2 + 10q ; TFC = 5 \\ AVC &= 0.5q + 10 \\ \min(AVC) ; q=0 &\Rightarrow \min(AVC) = 10 \\ P &> \min(AVC) \\ P &> 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$q^s = q^* = \begin{cases} 0 & ; P \leq 10 \\ P - 10 & ; P > 10 \end{cases} \text{ for each}$$

$$q^s_{\text{market}} = \begin{cases} 0 & ; P \leq 10 \\ 100P - 1000 & ; P > 10 \end{cases}$$

b. Suppose the demand for the maintenance of swimming pools is given by  $Q = 1100 - 50P$ . What will be the equilibrium in this marketplace? What will each firm's total short-run profits be?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Market demand} &= \text{Market supply} \\ q^d = \begin{cases} 0 & ; P > 22 \\ 1100 - 50P & ; P < 22 \end{cases} & \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix} q^s = \begin{cases} 0 & ; P > 10 \\ 100P - 1000 & ; P < 10 \end{cases} \\ 1) & \quad 1100 - 50P = 0 \\ & \quad P = 22 \text{ not } < 22 \\ 2) & \quad 1100 - 50P = 100P - 1000 \\ & \quad 2100 = 150P \\ & \quad P^* = 14 \\ & \quad q^* = 400 \Rightarrow q^* \text{ for each firm} = \frac{400}{100} = 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{profit for each firm } \pi &= (14) \left( \frac{400}{100} \right) - (0.5)(4^2) - 10(4) - 5 \\ &= 56 - 8 - 40 - 5 \\ \pi &= 3 \text{ €} \end{aligned}$$

c. Suppose the government imposed a €3 tax on chemicals per pool maintained. How would this tax change the market equilibrium?

$$p^d - t = p^s$$

$$Q^d = \begin{cases} 0 & ; P > 22 \\ 1100 - 50P & ; P < 22 \end{cases} \quad \text{each} \Rightarrow Q^d = 11 - 0.5P^d \Rightarrow P^d = 22 - 2Q^d$$

$$Q^s = \begin{cases} 0 & ; P > 10 \\ 100P - 1000 & ; P < 10 \end{cases} \quad \text{each} \Rightarrow Q^s = P^s - 10 \Rightarrow P^s = Q^s + 10$$

$$p^d - t = p^s$$

$$22 - 2Q - 3 = Q + 10$$

$$9 = 3Q$$

$$Q^* = 3 \text{ for each firm} \Rightarrow \text{for market } Q^* = 300$$

$$p^d = 16$$

$$p^s = 13$$

or

$$Q^d = \begin{cases} 0 & ; P > 22 \\ 1100 - 50P & ; P < 22 \end{cases} \Rightarrow P^d = \frac{1100 - Q^d}{50}$$

$$Q^s = \begin{cases} 0 & ; P > 10 \\ 100P - 1000 & ; P < 10 \end{cases} \Rightarrow P^s = \frac{1000 + Q^s}{100}$$

$$p^d - t = p^s$$

$$\frac{1100 - Q^d}{50} - 3 = \frac{1000 + Q^s}{100}$$

$$2200 - 2Q - 300 = 1000 + Q$$

$$900 = 3Q$$

$$Q^* = 300$$

$$p^d = \frac{1100 - 300}{50} = 16$$

$$p^s = \frac{1000 + 300}{100} = 13$$

d. How would the burden of this tax be shared between owners of swimming pools and the firms that offer pool maintenance services?

	before	after
$Q^x$	400	300
$P^d$	14	16
$P^s$	14	13

$$\text{tax revenue} = 3 \times 300 = 900$$

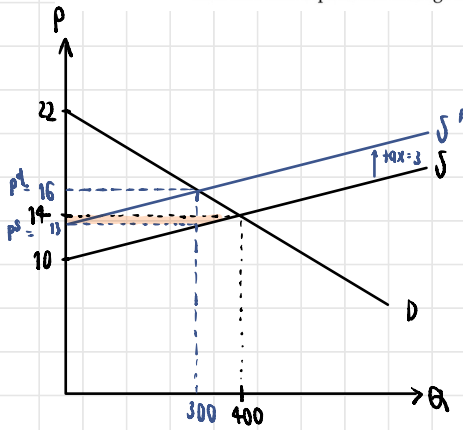
$$\text{burden on owners} = (16-14)(300) = 600 \Rightarrow 67\%$$

$$\text{burden on firms} = (14-13)(300) = 300 \Rightarrow 33\%$$

$$\text{burden per pool for owners} = 2 \text{ €}$$

$$\text{burden per pool for firms} = 1 \text{ €}$$

e. Calculate the total loss of producer surplus as a result of the new tax. Show that this loss equals the change in total short-run profits in this industry.



$$\text{Loss in producer surplus} = \frac{1}{2} (13-14) (400+300) = -350$$

▷ before tax

$$\text{from b) profit for each firm} = 3$$

$$\text{profits for industry} = 300$$

▷ after tax

$$\text{profit for each firm} = (13 \times 3) - (0.5)(3^2) - (10)(3) - 5 = -0.5$$

$$\text{profits for industry} = -50$$

$$\text{change in total short run profits in this industry} = -50 - 300 = -350$$

Thus, the loss of producer surplus equal to change in total short run profits in this industry which is -350 #