

HW#10 Due November 10, 2020

4. Nimbus, Inc., makes brooms and then sells them door-to-door. Here is the relationship between the number of workers and Nimbus's output during a given day:

fixed
200

cost \$100 a day

$\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta L}$ $\frac{TC}{Q}$ $\frac{\Delta TC}{\Delta Q}$, $\frac{\Delta VC}{\Delta Q}$

Workers	Output	Marginal Product	Total Cost	Average Total Cost	Marginal Cost
	Q	MP	TC	ATC	MC
0	0		200	0	
1	20	20	300	15	20
2	50	30	400	8	10/3
3	90	40	500	5.5	2.5
4	120	30	600	5	10/3
5	140	20	700	5	5
6	150	10	800	5.3	10
7	155	5	900	5.8	20

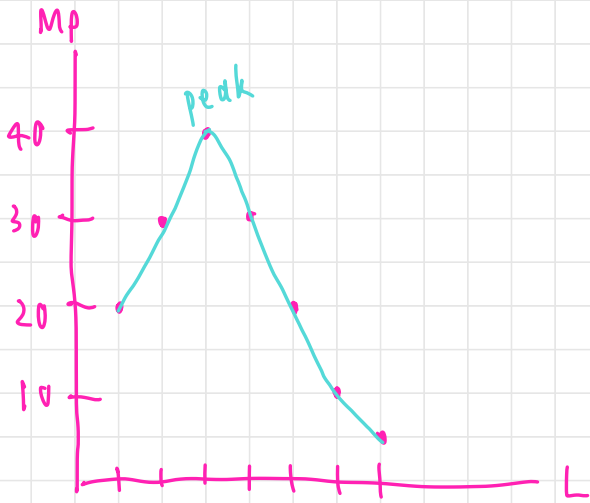
- Fill in the column of marginal products. What pattern do you see? How might you explain it?
 - A worker costs \$100 a day, and the firm has fixed costs of \$200. Use this information to fill in the column for total cost.
 - Fill in the column for average total cost. (Recall that $ATC = TC/Q$.) What pattern do you see?
 - Now fill in the column for marginal cost. (Recall that $MC = \Delta TC / \Delta Q$.) What pattern do you see?
5. You are the chief financial officer for a firm that sells gaming consoles. Your firm has the following average-total-cost schedule:

TC = 180k

Quantity	Average Total Cost
600 consoles	\$300
601	301

Your current level of production is 600 consoles, all of which have been sold. Someone calls, desperate to buy one of your consoles. The caller offers you \$550 for it. Should you accept the offer? Why or why not?

2. Marginal product pattern

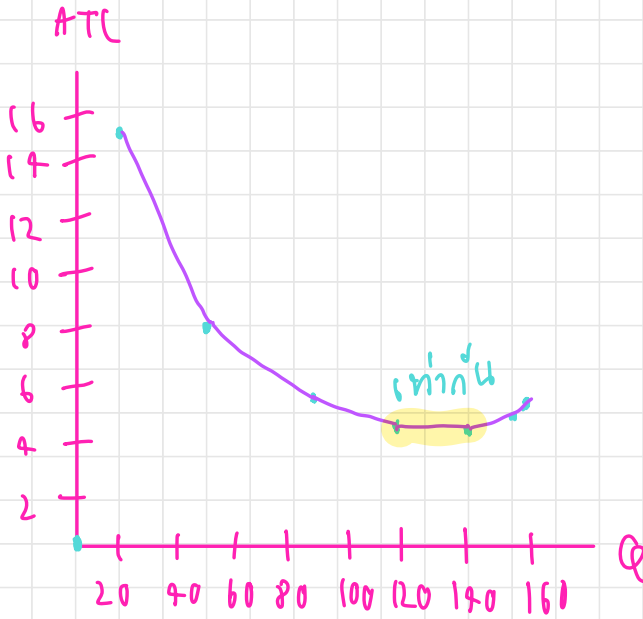


when we add more workers, MP rises until it reaches its peak at $MP = 40$ when $L = 3$.

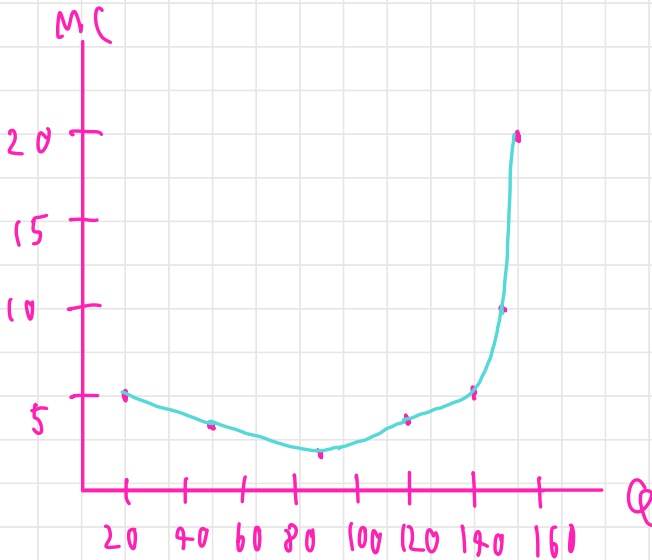
When L is $1 \leq X \leq 3$, MP increases by 10 per 1 additional unit of worker.

When L is $X > 3$, MP decreases due to 'Law of diminishing', mismatch between amount of workers and capital one.

c. ATC pattern



d. MC



5.

ATC of 600 consoles is \$300

$$ATC = \frac{TC}{Q}$$

so 1 ——— is \$0.5

600 ——— is \$300

so 1 ——— is \$0.5017

Ans: Should accept the offer even if additional unit of console contributes to a rise in ATC.

Creating 600 consoles costs \$300, so the Capital of 1 console is only \$0.5. Creating 601 consoles cost \$301, so the capital of 1 console is \$0.5017, increases a little bit. In conclusion, someone offers to buy you 1 console with \$550, and your cost is just \$0.5017, so you should sell it because you still get a profit