

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:



Workers	Output	Marginal Product	Total Cost	Average Total Cost	Marginal Cost
				$\frac{TC}{Q}$	$\frac{\Delta TC}{\Delta Q}$
0	0		200	-	
1	20	20	300	15	$\frac{300-200}{20-0} = 5$
2	50	30	400	8	$\frac{100}{20} = 5$
3	90	40	500	5.55	$\frac{100}{20} = 5$
4	120	30	600	5	$\frac{100}{20} = 5$
5	140	20	700	5	$\frac{100}{20} = 5$
6	150	10	800	5.33	$\frac{100}{20} = 5$
7	155	5	900	5.81	$\frac{100}{20} = 5$

- 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. $TC = 200 + 100L$
 - 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:

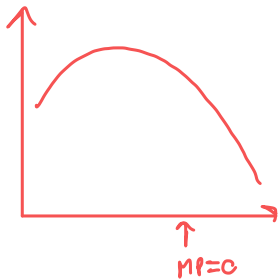
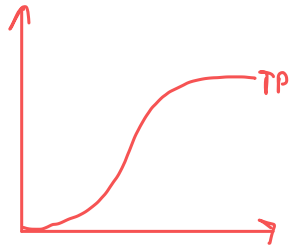
Quantity	Average Total Cost	TC	MC
			$\frac{\Delta TC}{\Delta Q}$
600 consoles	\$300	180,000	
601	301	189,901	901

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?

\therefore not sell because $MC > MR$ (marginal revenue)

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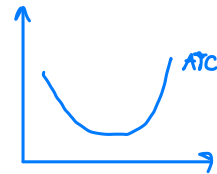
a) When adding 1 more workers since 0 to 4 workers, MP will increase a lot
(more production)



c) Average will increase and then decreasing

When there are 0-3 workers : $ATC \downarrow$

4-5 workers : $ATC_{\min} ; AC_{\min} = MC$

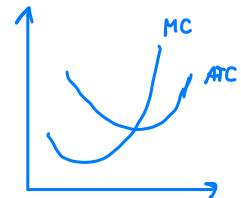


d) MC will decrease and then increase

When there are 0-3 workers : $MC < ATC ; ATC \downarrow$

4-5 workers : $ATC_{\min} ; AC_{\min} = MC$

6-7 worker : $ATC \uparrow ; MC > ATC$



5) we will not sell it price since our 601th's $MC = \$901$

we offer the price only $\$550$

\therefore since $P < MC$; we will have negative marginal profit
on 601th unit, and make overall profit \downarrow