

# Business Applications of Quadratic Functions.

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## Supply and Demand

Ex1: Find market equilibrium.

$$S: p = q^2 + 8q + 16$$

$$D: p = 216 - 2q$$

Why limit results to quadrant I?

Ex2:  $S: p = q^2 + 8q + 22$

$$D: p = 198 - 4q - \frac{1}{4}q^2$$

Ex3:  $D: p^2 + 4q = 1600$

$$S: 300 - p^2 + 2q = 0$$

Let  $x = 1000's$  of units.

Ex4: Find equilibrium given that a tax of \$12.50 is placed on the supplier & then passed on to the consumer.

$$S: p = \frac{q + 50}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad D: p = \frac{100 + 20q}{q}$$

Ex5: If a firm has the following cost and revenue functions, find the breakeven points.

$$C(x) = 3600 + 25x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 \quad \& \quad R(x) = (175 - \frac{1}{2}x)x$$

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- Find the break-even point(s).
- Find the profit  $P(x)$ .
- Interpret  $P(x)$ .
- What should Boeing do to max profit.

Ex 2: Find max profit (in grams)

If  $C(x) = 120x + 15000$

$$R(x) = 370x - x^2$$

Ex 3: A company has fixed costs of \$400 and variable costs of  $\frac{1}{2}x + 1000$  dollars per unit. Find  $C(x)$ .

Ex 4:  $x = \#$  of units sold.

fixed cost = \$28000

variable costs =  $\frac{2}{5}x + 222$  per unit

selling price =  $1250 - \frac{3}{5}x$  per unit

- Find  $C(x)$  or  $R(x)$
- Find the breakeven point(s)
- max profit.

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- e.) What should Boeing do to maximize its B2 manufacturing profit?

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↳ price determined  
by market

MONOPOLY  
MARKET

miracle medicine.  
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a. Find the Revenue function

↙ Demand.

$$R(x) = p \cdot x = (1600 - x) \cdot x = 1600x - x^2$$

b. Find the maximum Revenue and the number of units sold that will maximize Revenue.

$$x = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{1600}{2(-1)} = 800$$

The max revenue is \$640,000 when 800 units are sold.

$$R(800) = 640,000$$

c. Find the price that will maximize revenue.

$$p = 1600 - x \text{ @ } x = 800$$

$$\Rightarrow p = 800$$

The price that maximizes revenue is \$800/unit.

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