

1. Assume that a monopolist has $TC(Q) = 14Q$ and the market demand is $P(Q) = 50 - 1Q$.
 - (a) What is the firm's marginal cost?
 - (b) What is the profit-maximizing price and quantity (P^*, Q^*) ?
 - (c) What is the total revenue at (P^*, Q^*) ?
 - (d) What is the total cost at (P^*, Q^*) ?
 - (e) What is the profit at (P^*, Q^*) ?
 - (f) What is the consumer surplus at (P^*, Q^*) ?
 - (g) What is the deadweight loss at (P^*, Q^*) ?

 2. Assume that a monopolist sells a product in the short-run with a total cost function

$$STC(Q) = \begin{cases} 103 + 26Q + 1Q^2 & Q > 0 \\ 100 & Q = 0 \end{cases}$$

The market demand curve is given by the equation $P(Q) = 50 - 2Q$.

 - (a) Find the marginal cost for the firm.
 - (b) Find the profit-maximizing output and price (P^*, Q^*) .
 - (c) What are the monopolist's profits?
 - (d) Does the monopolist want to stay in business?

 3. Assume that a monopolist has $TC = 3 + 26Q + 1Q^2$ and the market demand is $P(Q) = 50 - 2Q$.
 - (a) What is the profit-maximizing price and quantity (P^*, Q^*) ?
 - (b) What is the marginal cost at Q^* ?
 - (c) Calculate the price elasticity of demand at (P^*, Q^*) (use the equation for elasticity, not IEPR).
 - (d) Verify that the IEPR holds.

 4. Suppose that a monopolist faces $TC = 23 + 72Q$ and the market demand is $Q(P) = 100P^{-2}$
 - (a) Find the marginal cost for the firm.
 - (b) What is the price-elasticity of demand for the demand curve?
 - (c) What price should the monopolist set in the market?
 - (d) Would the monopolist have more or less freedom to raise the price if the demand were $Q(P) = 100P^{-4}$.

 5. A monopolist faces a demand curve $P = 50 - 2Q$ and initially faces a constant marginal cost $MC = 18$.
 - (a) Calculate the profit-maximizing monopoly quantity and price, and compute the monopolist's total revenue and profits at the optimal price.
 - (b) Suppose that the monopolist's marginal cost increases to $MC = 26$. Verify that the monopolist's total revenue goes down.

 - (c) Suppose that all firms in a perfectly competitive equilibrium had a constant marginal cost $MC = 18$. Find the long-run perfectly competitive industry price and quantity. Also what are the combined industry profits and revenue.
 - (d) Suppose that all firms' marginal costs increased to $MC = 26$. Verify that the increase in marginal cost causes total industry revenue to go up.
6. Suppose a monopolist producing Q units of output faces the demand curve $P = 40 - Q$. Its total cost when producing Q units of output is $TC = F + 2Q^2$, where F is a fixed cost.
 - (a) For what values of F can a profit-maximizing firm charging a uniform price earn at least zero economic profit?
 - (b) For what values of F can a profit-maximizing firm engaging in perfect first-degree price discrimination earn at least zero economic profit?

 7. A monopolist has $TC(Q) = 16 + 14Q$ faces customers that each have the demand $P(Q) = 50 - 1Q$. Calculate the consumer surplus that each customer receives and the profits that the firm earns from each customer when the firm uses:
 - (a) the profit-maximizing uniform price.
 - (b) a two-block tariff where they charge $P = 42$ in the first block, and whatever price leads to the highest profits in the second block. (Find the best price in the second block).
 - (c) the profit-maximizing two-block tariff.

 8. A seller produces output with a constant marginal cost $MC = 2$. Suppose there is one group of consumers with the demand curve $P_1 = 42 - 1Q_1$, and another with the demand curve $P_2 = 34 - 1Q_2$.
 - (a) If the seller can discriminate between the two markets, what prices would she charge to each group of consumers?
 - (b) If the seller cannot discriminate, but instead must charge a uniform price to consumers in both markets, what will be her profit-maximizing price?
 - (c) Which, if any, consumer group benefits from price discrimination? (Compare consumer surplus of groups)
 - (d) If instead $P_1 = 34 - 4Q_1$, does either group benefit from price discrimination?