

Answer to Question #88266 - Math - Calculus

Question

a manufacturer knows that if x hundred of products are demanded in a particular week his total cost function would be $TC=14+3x$ and the corresponding revenue function $TR=19x-2x^2$

derive the profit function

find the breakeven point

calculate the level of demand that maximizes the profit of the company and hence

calculate the maximum profits

Solution

Cost function

$$C.F = 14 + 3x$$

Revenue function

$$R.F = 19x - 2x^2$$

Thus Profit function

P.F=Revenue Function-Cost function

$$P.F = 19x - 2x^2 - 14 - 3x$$

For breakeven point

Revenue function=cost function

$$19x - 2x^2 = 14 + 3x$$

$$2x^2 - 16x + 14 = 0$$

$$2x(x-1)-14(x-1)=0$$

$$(x-1)(2x-14)=0$$

$$x-1=0 \text{ or } 2x-14=0$$

$$x=1 \text{ or } 2x=14$$

$$x=1 \text{ or } x=7$$

we get

$$x=1; 7$$

Both value of x are the break even points

Now compute the maximum value of profit

Set derivative of profit function to be equal to zero

$$\text{Thus } 19-4x-3=0$$

$$\text{We get } x=4$$

The maximum value of profit is

$$(19 \times 4) - (2 \times 4^2) - 14 - (3 \times 4)$$

$$=18$$

at $x=4$.