

Business, Economics, and  
Medical Applications

1. Find the number of units  $x$  that produce a maximum revenue  $R$   
(similar to p.212 #2)

$$R = 1500x^2 - x^3$$

2. Find the number of units  $x$  that produces the minimum average cost per unit  
(similar to p.212 #6)

$$C = 0.001x^3 + 2x + 16$$

$$\text{Note: } \bar{C} = \frac{C}{x}$$

3. Find the price that will maximize profit for the demand and cost functions, where  $p$  is the price,  $x$  is the number of units, and  $C$  is the cost.  
(similar to p.212 #9)

Demand Function	Cost Function
$p = 80 - x$	$C = 200 + 40x$

*Note:*

$$P = R - C$$

$$P = xp - C$$

4. Find the point of diminishing returns given the profit function  
(similar to p.212 #17)

$$P = \frac{1}{6}x^3 - 5x^2 + 2x + 20$$

5. Maximum Revenue  
(Similar to p.213 #21)

When a product costs \$20 per unit, sales are 400 units per week. After a \$10 increase, sales fell to 350 units per week. If the demand function is linear, what price per unit will yield a maximum total revenue?

Hint:  $R = xp$

### 6. Medical Science

The velocity of the air during a cough is modeled by:

$$v = k(R - r)r^2, \frac{1}{2}R \leq r < R$$

$k$  = a constant

$R$  = normal radius of trachea

$r$  = radius of trachea during a cough

Find the  $r$  that will maximize the velocity

### 7. Medical Science

The concentration  $C(t)$  in mg per cc of a certain drug is given by the formula:

$$C(t) = \frac{0.02t}{(t+3)^2}$$

$t$  = number of hours after drug was taken

How many hours after the drug was taken will the concentration be at a maximum, and what will be the maximum concentration?

### 8. Elasticity

(Similar to p.213 #27-32)

Find the price elasticity of demand for the demand function at the indicated  $x$ -value. Is the demand elastic, inelastic, or of unit elasticity at the indicated  $x$ -value? Identify the intervals of elasticity and inelasticity.

$$P = 500 - 2x, \quad x = 50$$

Price Elasticity of Demand

$$\eta(\text{eta}) = \frac{p/x}{dp/dx}$$

elastic when  $|\eta| > 1$

inelastic when  $|\eta| < 1$

unit elastic when  $|\eta| = 1$