

Quiz # 10

Name: Key*You must show your work to get full credit.*1. Let $C(q)$ be the cost of producing q items. Assume

$$C(300) = \$943.00, \quad \text{and} \quad C'(300) = 1.40 \text{ dollars/item}$$

(a) Estimate the total cost of producing 303 items.

Cost is \$947.20

$$\begin{aligned} C(303) &\approx C(300) + C'(300)(303 - 300) \\ &= 943 + (1.4)(3) \\ &= 947.2 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Estimate the total cost of producing 298 items.

Cost is \$940.20

$$\begin{aligned} C(298) &\approx C(300) + C'(300)(298 - 300) \\ &= 943 + (1.4)(-2) \\ &= 940.2 \end{aligned}$$

2. A company makes tee shirts for a roll band to sell at concerts. They are currently making 500 shirts for each concert. The marginal cost and revenue of doing this is $C'(500) = .65$ and $R'(500) = .58$

(a) What is the profit in making producing the 501-st tee shirt.

This is the marginal profit which is

Marginal profit is

-.07

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{the marginal revenue} - \text{marginal cost} \\ &= R'(500) - C'(500) \\ &= .58 - .64 = -.07 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Should the company increasing or decrease production from 500 tee shirts. Write at least one complete sentence explaining your answer.

From part (a) of this problem we see that producing the 501st tee shirt gives a loss of 7¢. So profit is increased by decreasing production.