

Lecture 01 Practice Solutions

Solutions

1.

Market research indicates that consumers will buy x thousand units of a particular kind of coffee maker when the unit price is

$$p = -0.2x + 50$$

dollars. What is the revenue function, $R(x)$, for this production process?

$$R(x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Solution:

The demand function is $D(x) = -0.2x + 50$, so the revenue is

$$R(x) = xD(x) = -0.2x^2 + 50x$$

thousand dollars.

Correct answer is: $R(x) = -0.2x^2 + 50x$

2.

Market research indicates that consumers will buy x thousand units of a particular kind of coffee maker when the unit price is

$$p = -0.15x + 52$$

dollars. The cost of producing the x thousand units is

$$C(x) = 3.04x^2 + 2.9x + 84$$

thousand dollars. What is the profit function, $P(x)$, for this production process?

$$P(x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Solution:

The demand function is $D(x) = -0.15x + 52$, so the revenue is

$$R(x) = xD(x) = -0.15x^2 + 52x$$

thousand dollars, and the profit is

$$\begin{aligned} P(x) &= R(x) - C(x) \\ &= -0.15x^2 + 52x - (3.04x^2 + 2.9x + 84) \\ &= -3.19x^2 + 49.1x - 84 \end{aligned}$$

thousand dollars.

Correct answer is: $P(x) = -3.19x^2 + 49.1x - 84$

3.

Market research indicates that consumers will buy x thousand units of a particular kind of coffee maker when the unit price is

$$p = -0.27x + 59$$

dollars. The cost of producing the x thousand units is

$$C(x) = 2.33x^2 + 1.8x + 104$$

thousand dollars. For what values of x is production of the coffee makers profitable?

Production is profitable for $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.

Solution:

The demand function is $D(x) = -0.27x + 59$, so the revenue is

$$R(x) = xD(x) = -0.27x^2 + 59x$$

thousand dollars, and the profit is

$$\begin{aligned} P(x) &= R(x) - C(x) \\ &= -0.27x^2 + 59x - (2.33x^2 + 1.8x + 104) \end{aligned}$$

$$= -2.6x^2 + 57.2x - 104$$

thousand dollars.

Production is profitable when $P(x) > 0$. We find that

$$P(x) = -2.6x^2 + 57.2x - 104$$

$$= -2.6(x^2 - 22x + 40)$$

$$= -2.6(x - 2)(x - 20)$$

Since the coefficient -2.6 is negative, it follows that $P(x) > 0$ only if the terms $(x - 2)$ and $(x - 20)$ have different signs; that is, when $x - 2 > 0$ and $x - 20 < 0$. Thus, production is profitable for $2 < x < 20$.

Correct answer is: Production is profitable for $2 < x < 20$.

4.

Suppose the total cost in dollars of manufacturing q units of a certain commodity is given by the function $C(q) = q^3 - 60q^2 + 500q + 100$. Compute the cost of manufacturing 3 units of the commodity.

Cost of 3 units = \$ _____

Solution:

The cost of manufacturing 3 units is the value of the total cost function when $q = 3$. That is,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cost of 3 units} &= C(3) \\ &= (3)^3 - 60(3)^2 + 500(3) + 100 \\ &= \$1087 \end{aligned}$$

Correct answer is: 1087

5.

Suppose the total cost in dollars of manufacturing q units of a certain

commodity is given by the function $C(q) = q^3 - 10q^2 + 500q + 200$. Compute the cost of manufacturing the 6th unit of the commodity.

Cost of 6th unit = \$ _____

Solution:

The cost of manufacturing 6 units is the value of the total cost function when $q = 6$. That is,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cost of 6 units} &= C(6) \\ &= (6)^3 - 10(6)^2 + 500(6) + 200 \\ &= 3056\end{aligned}$$

The cost of manufacturing the 6th unit is the difference between the cost of manufacturing 6 units and the cost of manufacturing 5 units. That is,

$$\text{Cost of 6th unit} = C(6) - C(5) = 3056 - 2575 = \$481$$

Correct answer is: 481

6.

Find the composite function $f(g(x))$, where $f(u) = u^2 + 2u + 5$ and $g(x) = x + 1$.

$$f(g(x)) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Solution:

Replace u by $x + 1$ in the formula for $f(u)$ to get

$$\begin{aligned}f(g(x)) &= (x + 1)^2 + 2(x + 1) + 5 \\ &= (x^2 + 2x + 1) + (2x + 2) + 5 \\ &= x^2 + 4x + 8\end{aligned}$$

Correct answer is: $f(g(x)) = 4x + 8 + x^2$

7.

If $f(x) = x^5 - 3 + 4(x - 3)^3$, find functions $g(u)$ and $h(x)$ such that $f(x) = g(h(x))$.

$g(u) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ and $h(x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Solution:

The form of the given function is

$$f(x) = \square^5 + 4(\square)^3$$

where each box contains the expression $x - 3$. Thus, $f(x) = g(h(x))$, where

$$g(u) = u^5 + 4u^3 \text{ and } h(x) = x - 3$$

outer function *inner function*

Correct answer is: $g(u) = u^5 + 4u^3$ and $h(x) = x - 3$

8.

Find the composite function $f(g(x))$.

$$f(u) = 7u^2 + 3u - 3 \text{ and } g(x) = x + 10$$

$f(g(x)) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} f(g(x)) &= f(x + 10) \\ &= 7(x + 10)^2 + 3(x + 10) - 3 = 7x^2 + 143x + 727. \end{aligned}$$

Correct answer is: $f(g(x)) = 7x^2 + 143x + 727$

9.

A difference quotient is an expression of the general form

$$\frac{f(x + h) - f(x)}{h}$$

where f is a given function of x and h is a number.

Find the difference quotient for $f(x) = 4x - 9x^2$.

Solution:

$$\text{For } f(x) = 4x - 9x^2,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f(x + h) - f(x)}{h} &= \frac{[4(x + h) - 9(x + h)^2] - [4x - 9x^2]}{h} \\ &= \frac{[4x + 4h - 9x^2 - 18hx - 9h^2 - 4x + 9x^2]}{h} \\ &= \frac{4h - 18hx - 9h^2}{h} \\ &= 4 - 18x - 9h \end{aligned}$$

Correct answer is: $- 18x + 4 - 9h$

10.

Find the indicated function.

$$f(x + 53) \text{ where } f(x) = \frac{x - 94}{x}$$

$$f(x + 53) = \frac{\quad}{\quad}$$

Solution:

$$f(x + 53) = \frac{(x + 53) - 94}{x + 53}$$

$$= \frac{x - 41}{x + 53}$$

Correct answer is: $f(x + 53) = \frac{x - 41}{x + 53}$

11.

At a certain factory, the total cost of manufacturing q units during the daily production run is $C(q) = q^2 + q + 400$ dollars. On a typical workday, $q(t) = 10t$ units are manufactured during the first t hours of a production run.

When will the total manufacturing cost reach \$4060?

Your Answer: _____ hours

Solution:

$$C(q) = q^2 + q + 400 \text{ and } q(t) = 10t,$$

$$\text{thus } C[q(t)] = C(10t) = (10t)^2 + 10t + 400 = 100t^2 + 10t + 400.$$

$$100t^2 + 10t + 400 = 4060$$

$$100t^2 + 10t - 3660 = 0$$

Divide by 10 to get smaller numbers, then

$$10t^2 + t - 366 = (10t + 61)(t - 6) = 0 \text{ or } t = 6 \text{ hours.}$$

$$\text{Disregard } t = -\frac{61}{10}.$$

Correct answer is: 6

12.

Find the domain and range of the function $f(x) = \frac{1}{x - 5}$.

- A. The domain is the set of all numbers $x \neq 5$.
The range is the set of all numbers $y \neq 0$.

- B. The domain is the set of all numbers $x > 5$.
The range is the set of all numbers $y > 0$.

- C. The domain is the set of all numbers $x \neq 0$.
The range is the set of all numbers $y \neq 5$.

- D. The domain is the set of all numbers $x < 5$.
The range is the set of all numbers $y \neq 0$.

Solution:

Since division by any number other than 0 is possible, the domain of f is the set of all numbers $x \neq 5$.

The range of f is the set of all numbers y except 0, since for any $y \neq 0$, there is an x such that $y = \frac{1}{x-5}$; in particular, $x = 5 + \frac{1}{y}$.

Correct answer is: A

13.

Find the domain of $g(t) = \sqrt{t+5}$.

All real numbers t for which _____

Solution:

Since negative numbers do not have real square roots, $g(t)$ can be evaluated only when $t+5 \geq 0$, so the domain of g is the set of all numbers t such that $t \geq -5$.

Correct answer is: All real numbers t for which $t \geq -5$

14.

Find the domain of the function $f(t) = \frac{t + 2}{t^2 + 9t + 18}$.

- A. The domain is the set of all numbers $t \neq -3$ and $t \neq -6$.
- B. The domain is the set of all numbers $t > -3$ and $t < -6$.
- C. The domain is the set of all numbers $t \neq 3$ and $t \neq 6$.
- D. The domain is the set of all numbers $x \neq 0$.

Solution:

$$f(t) = \frac{t + 2}{t^2 + 9t + 18}$$

$$t^2 + 9t + 18 = (t + 3)(t + 6) \neq 0$$

if $t \neq -3$ and $t \neq -6$.

Correct answer is: A

15.

Find the domain of $g(x) = \sqrt{4x - 4}$.

All real numbers x for which _____.

Solution:

Since negative numbers do not have real square roots, the domain is all real numbers such that

$$4x - 4 \geq 0,$$

$$\text{or } x \geq 1.$$

Correct answer is: All real numbers x for which $x \geq 1$.

