

Rule ①

* derivative of the exponential

Function: $y = e^{f(t)}$

: $y = e^x, x = f(t)$

$$\frac{d}{dt} e^{f(t)} = f'(t) \cdot e^{f(t)}$$

Rule ②

* derivative of the logarithmic

Function: ~~$y = \ln f(t)$~~ $y = \ln f(t)$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \ln f(t) = \frac{f'(t)}{f(t)}$$

Rule ③ instantaneous rate of growth

$$r_y \equiv \frac{dy/dt}{y} = \frac{\text{Marginal function}}{\text{Total function}}$$

is the instantaneous rate of change - the rate of change at a particular moment

a) Find the derivatives of the following functions \rightarrow with respect to t

$$\textcircled{1} y = e^{rt}$$

$$\textcircled{4} y = \ln t^c$$

$$\textcircled{2} y = e^{-t}$$

$$\textcircled{3} y = \ln(at)$$

Solutions

$$\textcircled{1} \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} e^{rt} = r \cdot e^{rt}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} e^{-t} = -e^{-t}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \ln(at) = \frac{1}{at} \cdot a = \frac{1}{t}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} t^c = \frac{1}{t^c} \cdot c t^{c-1} = \frac{c}{t}$$

Q2) Find the first four derivatives of the rational function using the product rule
 $y = g(x) = \frac{x}{1+x} \quad (x \neq -1)$

Solution

$$\left. \begin{aligned} g(x) &= x(1+x)^{-1} \\ g'(x) &= (1+x)^{-2} \\ g''(x) &= -2(1+x)^{-3} \\ g'''(x) &= 6(1+x)^{-4} \\ g^{(4)}(x) &= -24(1+x)^{-5} \end{aligned} \right\} x \neq -1$$

Q) Find the rate of growth of
 $V = A e^{rt}$, where t denotes Time.

Solution)

* The rate of growth of (V) is r .

Prove
b) Taking (\ln)

$$\begin{aligned}\ln V &= \ln A + rt \ln e \\ &= \ln A + rt\end{aligned}$$

Note (A) is constant

$$\frac{d \ln V}{dt} = 0 + \frac{d(rt)}{dt} = r$$

Q2) Find the rate of growth of

$$y = 4^t$$

$$\ln y = \ln 4^t = t \ln 4$$

$$\frac{d \ln y}{dt} = \ln 4$$

Summary

Rate of growth

When a variable (y) is a function of time, $y = f(t)$, its instantaneous rate of growth is defined as:

$$r_y = \frac{dy/dt}{y} = \frac{f'(t)}{f(t)} = \frac{\text{marginal function}}{\text{Total function}}$$

Note: $\frac{d}{dt} \frac{f'(t)}{f(t)} = \frac{d \ln f(t)}{dt}$

* Finding Extreme (Maximum/Minimum) points
for an objective function in the case of
more than one choice variable.

1) First-order condition

$$\text{if } Z = f(x)$$

$$dZ = f'(x) \cdot dx = \text{zero}$$

"the first order differential condition"

remember

↳ while the first-order differential condition is necessary for an extremum, it is not sufficient, since, an inflection point can also satisfy the condition that $dZ = 0$.

2) Second-order condition * differential equivalent.

$$f''(x) < 0 \text{ (Maximum)} \rightarrow d^2Z < 0$$

$$f''(x) > 0 \text{ (Minimum)} \rightarrow d^2Z > 0$$

$$\text{that is, } d^2Z \equiv d(dZ) = d[f'(x)dx] \\ \equiv f''(x) dx^2$$

Difference between differential & derivative

↳ both terms refer to interrelationship
↳ derivative refers to the rate of change of one variable with respect to another.

→ Equations which define relationship between ~~these~~ variables and their derivatives are called differential equations.

→ differentiation: is the process of finding derivatives.

~~the~~
briefly speaking

The derivative of a function is the rate of change of ^{the} output value with respect to its input value, whereas differential is the actual change of the function.

x differentials are represented as:

$$dx, dt, dz$$

where

dx : represents a small change in x

dt : " " " " t

dz : " " " " z .

that is:

$$\boxed{dy = f'(x) \cdot dx}$$

we usually add the condition
"For arbitrary values of $dx \neq 0$ "

⊗ Extreme Values of a function of ^{Variables} Two Variable

let's say $z = f(x, y)$

→ First order Condition. "Two independent variables"

$$dz = \text{zero}$$

"For arbitrary values of dx & $dy \neq 0$ "

that is, the total differential is \downarrow

$$dz = f_x dx + f_y dy = \text{zero}$$

this implies that:

$$f_x = f_y = \text{zero}$$

or

$$\left[\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 0 \right]$$

} the equivalent derivative version of the first-order condition

* Second order Condition

→ $d^2z < 0$ # for arbitrary values of dx & dy
not equal to zero

↳ Maximum

→ $d^2z > 0$ " for arbitrary values of dx & dy
not equal to zero "

↳ Minimum

Note that:

$d^2z < 0$ iff $f_{xx} < 0$; $f_{yy} < 0$; $f_{xx}f_{yy} > f_{xy}^2$

$d^2z > 0$ iff $f_{xx} > 0$; $f_{yy} > 0$; $f_{xx}f_{yy} > f_{xy}^2$

Condition	Maximum	Minimum
First order necessary	$f_x = f_y = 0$	$f_x = f_y = 0$
Second order sufficient	$f_{xx} < 0$ $f_{yy} < 0$ $f_{xx}f_{yy} > f_{xy}^2$	$f_{xx} > 0$ $f_{yy} > 0$ $f_{xx}f_{yy} > f_{xy}^2$ ✓

Q) Find the extreme values of the following function:

$$Z = x + 2ey - e^x - e^{2y}$$

Solution

$$f_x = 1 - e^x$$

$$f_{xx} = -e^x$$

$$f_{xy} = \text{zero}$$

$$f_y = 2e - 2e^{2y}$$

$$f_{yy} = -4e^{2y}$$

$$f_{yx} = \text{zero}$$

* 1st order Condition:

$$1 - e^x = \text{zero}$$

$$2e - 2e^{2y} = \text{zero}$$

$$\text{that is } x^* = 0 \quad \& \quad y^* = \frac{1}{2}$$

* 2nd order Condition:

$$\text{at } x^* = 0 \quad \& \quad y^* = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f_{xx} = -1 < 0$$

$$f_{yy} = -4e < 0$$

$$f_{xy}^2 = \text{zero}$$

$$f_{xx} f_{yy} = 4e > f_{xy}^2$$

} Maximum
stationary points
 $(0, \frac{1}{2}, -1)$

* Hessian Matrix "determinant"

It is a square matrix of second-order partial derivatives.

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 x_2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 x_3} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 x_3} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_3 x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_3 x_2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_3^2} \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3}$$

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 x_2} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2} \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 2}$$

the Hessian determinant: $|H|$
It is also called "the discriminant"

it should be noted that:

d^2z is positive definite iff

$$f_{xx} > 0 \ \& \ |H| > 0$$

d^2z is negative definite iff

$$f_{xx} < 0 \ \& \ |H| < 0$$

(5) given that $f_{xx} = -2$, $f_{xy} = 1$

$f_{yy} = -1$ at a certain point on a function

$$z = f(x, y)$$

does d^2z have a definite sign at that point regardless of the values of dx & dy ?

Solution

The discriminant of the quadratic form

$$d^2z = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 > 0$$

thus d^2z is negative definite

* the second order condition using the Hessian determinant:

2nd order Condition

$$|H| = \begin{vmatrix} f_{11} & f_{12} & f_{13} \\ f_{21} & f_{22} & f_{23} \\ f_{31} & f_{32} & f_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

the leading Principal Minors are: negative

$$H_1 = |f_{11}|$$

$$H_2 = \begin{vmatrix} f_{11} & f_{12} \\ f_{21} & f_{22} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$H_3 = \begin{vmatrix} f_{11} & f_{12} & f_{13} \\ f_{21} & f_{22} & f_{23} \\ f_{31} & f_{32} & f_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

Maximum

if $|H_1| < 0$ definite

& $|H_2| > 0$

& $|H_3| < 0$

Minimum

Positive definite

if $|H_1| > 0$

& $|H_2| > 0$

& $|H_3| > 0$

8) Find the relative extremum 11

of the average-cost function

$$AC = f(Q) = Q^2 - 5Q + 8$$

Solution

$$f'(Q) = 2Q - 5$$

↳ a linear function

$$f'(Q) = \text{zero}$$

then

$$Q^* = 2.5 \quad \text{at} \quad AC = 1.75$$

critical values are

$$f''(Q) = 2 > 0$$

a relative Minimum

Q) Find the extreme values of

$$Z = 2x_1^2 + x_1x_2 + 4x_2^2 + x_1x_3 + x_3^2 + 2$$

Solution

* 1st order Condition:-

$$f_1 = f_2 = f_3 = 0$$

$$f_1 = 4x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

$$f_2 = x_1 + 8x_2 = 0$$

$$f_3 = x_1 + 2x_3 = 0$$

$$x_1^* = x_2^* = x_3^* = 0$$

Stationary points are $(0, 0, 0, 2)$

* 2nd order Condition

$$H = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 8 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \quad \begin{cases} |H_1| = 4 > 0 \\ |H_2| = 31 > 0 \\ |H_3| = 54 > 0 \end{cases}$$

We can conclude that $Z^* = 2$ (Minimum)

(Case of two choice variables & two price parameters)

Q) If firm A) is a two-product firm (Perfect Competition)

Working under Pure Competition. the firm's revenue function is given by!

$$R_1 = P_{10} Q_1 + P_{20} Q_2$$

The firm's Cost Function is assumed to be!

$$C = 2Q_1^2 + Q_1 Q_2 + 2Q_2^2$$

$$\text{given } P_{20} = 18 \\ P_{10} = 12$$

→ Find the level of Q_1 & Q_2 that will maximize profits.

* the Profit Function: note $(P_{10} \text{ \& } P_{20} \text{ are exogenous})$

$$\pi = R - C = P_{10} Q_1 + P_{20} Q_2 - 2Q_1^2 - Q_1 Q_2 - 2Q_2^2$$

* 1st order conditions:

$$\frac{\partial \pi}{\partial Q_1} = P_{10} - 4Q_1 - Q_2 \quad \left| \quad \frac{\partial \pi}{\partial Q_2} = P_{20} - Q_1 - 4Q_2 \right.$$

$$\text{then } \boxed{4Q_1 + Q_2 = P_{10}} \quad \boxed{Q_1 + 4Q_2 = P_{20}}$$

by Solving the two simultaneous equations:

$$\boxed{Q_1^* = \frac{4P_{10} - P_{20}}{15}}$$

$$\& \boxed{Q_2^* = \frac{4P_{20} - P_{10}}{15}}$$

$$\boxed{Q_1^* = 2}$$

$$\& \boxed{Q_2^* = 4}$$

$$\& \boxed{\pi^* = 48}$$



*2nd order Condition

$$|H| = \begin{vmatrix} \pi_{11} & \pi_{12} \\ \pi_{21} & \pi_{22} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -4 & -1 \\ -1 & -4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} |H_1| = -4 < 0 \\ |H_2| = 15 > 0 \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} |H_1| = -4 < 0 \\ |H_2| = 15 > 0 \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{negative definite} \\ \text{Maximum} \end{array}$$

Note Since the signs of the leading principal minors do not depend on where they are evaluated d^2z is everywhere negative definite. ("strictly") concave



in this case, we have a unique absolute maximum.

The Case of two choice variables & two price parameters (Monopoly)

Q) if firm (B) is a two product firm working under a monopolist market, the firm's ~~revenue~~ demand functions are given by:-

$$Q_1 = 40 - 2P_1 + P_2 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$Q_2 = 15 + P_1 - P_2 \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

The cost function is given by: $C = Q_1^2 + Q_1 Q_2 + Q_2^2$

- Q) what are the relationship between the two goods?
- Q) Find the average revenue functions.
- Q) Find the output levels that will maximize profit?

Q) the two goods are substitutes, because an increase in the price of one will raise the demand for the other.

Q) average revenue functions $P_1 \equiv AR_1$ & $P_2 \equiv AR_2$

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$$-2P_1 + P_2 = Q_1 - 40$$

$$P_1 - P_2 = Q_2 - 15$$

by using Cramer's rule to solve P_1 & P_2

$$P_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} Q_1 - 40 & 1 \\ Q_2 - 15 & -1 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}} = 55 - Q_1 - Q_2$$

$$P_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} -2 & Q_1 - 40 \\ 1 & Q_2 - 15 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}} = 70 - Q_1 - 2Q_2$$

E) the firm's total revenue:

$$R = P_1 Q_1 + P_2 Q_2 = 55 Q_1 + 70 Q_2 - 2 Q_1 Q_2 - Q_1^2 - 2 Q_2^2$$

then the Profit Function will be:-

$$\pi = R - C$$

$$= (55 Q_1 + 70 Q_2 - 3 Q_1 Q_2 - 2 Q_1^2 - 3 Q_2^2)$$

The objective function with two choice variables:-

$$\pi'_1 = 55 - 3 Q_2 - 4 Q_1 \quad \& \quad \pi'_2 = 70 - 3 Q_1 - 6 Q_2$$

$$\pi''_{11} = -4 \quad \& \quad \pi''_{22} = -6 \quad \pi''_{12} = -3$$

1st order Condition

$$\begin{aligned} 4 Q_1 + 3 Q_2 &= 55 \\ 3 Q_1 + 6 Q_2 &= 70 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow (Q_1^*, Q_2^*) = (8, 6.7)$$



$$P_1^* = 39.3 \quad P_2^* = 4.67 \quad \pi^* = 488.3$$

2nd order Condition

$$|H| = \begin{vmatrix} -4 & -3 \\ -3 & -6 \end{vmatrix}$$

$|H_1| = -4 < 0$
 $|H_2| = 15 > 0$ } negative definite "everywhere"
strictly concave
unique absolute maximum ✓

Case of Monopolist "Price discrimination"

Suppose that a monopolist Company (C) has the following 'average-revenue functions'

$$P_1 = 63 - 4Q_1 \rightarrow R_1 = 63Q_1 - 4Q_1^2$$

$$P_2 = 105 - 5Q_2 \rightarrow R_2 = 105Q_2 - 5Q_2^2$$

$$P_3 = 75 - 6Q_3 \rightarrow R_3 = 75Q_3 - 6Q_3^2$$

if the total cost function is given by:

$$C = 20 + 15Q$$

Q) Find the equilibrium quantities & prices

Solution

$$R_1' = 63 - 8Q_1$$

$$R_2' = 105 - 10Q_2 \quad \text{and} \quad C' = 15$$

$$R_3' = 75 - 12Q_3$$

Setting $R_1' = R_2' = R_3' = MC$ $R_1' = MC$ & $R_2' = MC$
 $R_3' = MC$
we can find:

$$Q_1^* = 6 \quad \& \quad Q_2^* = 9 \quad \& \quad Q_3^* = 5$$

$$\pi^* = 679$$

$$P_1^* = 39 \quad \& \quad P_2^* = 60 \quad \& \quad P_3^* = 45$$

~~4th 2nd order Condition~~

Note) the point elasticity of demand is lowest in the second market, in which the highest price is charged.

4th 2nd order condition is "Satisfied" "Maximum"

$$Q_1 = 15.75 - 0.25(P_1) \rightarrow \frac{\Delta Q_1}{\Delta P_1} = -0.25 P_1$$

$$Q_2 = 21 - 0.2(P_2) \rightarrow \frac{\Delta Q_2}{\Delta P_2} = -0.2 P_2$$

$$Q_3 = 12.5 - 0.16(P_3) \rightarrow \frac{\Delta Q_3}{\Delta P_3} = -0.16 P_3$$

$$E_1 = -0.25 \cdot \frac{P_1^*}{Q_1^*} = -1.625$$

$$E_2 = -0.2 \cdot \frac{P_2^*}{Q_2^*} = \boxed{-1.34} \leftarrow \text{lowest elasticity}$$

$$E_3 = 0.16 \cdot \frac{P_3^*}{Q_3^*} = -1.44$$

Labor & Capital "Optimal choice of inputs"

If you have ~~the~~ Firm (D) working under a competitive environment with the following ^{Revenue} ~~Profit~~ Function & Cost Function

$$\cancel{\pi = R - C = pQ - wL - rK}$$

$$R = pQ \quad ; \quad Q = L^\alpha K^\beta \text{ "Cobb-Douglas"} \\ C = wL + rK \quad Q = f(L, K) \downarrow \text{ "Function"}$$

where p (Price); Q (output); L (Labor); K (Capital)
 w, r input prices for L & K

- a) what are the main exogenous variables?
b) what are the ^{p, w, r} main endogenous variables?
c) what are the optimal levels of L & K ?
when $\alpha = \beta$ \rightarrow that maximize π .

Solution

$$\pi = pQ - C$$

$$\pi = pL^\alpha K^\alpha - wL - rK$$

1st order conditions

$$\frac{\partial \pi}{\partial L} = p\alpha L^{\alpha-1} K^\alpha - w = 0 \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial \pi}{\partial K} = p\alpha L^\alpha K^{\alpha-1} - r = 0 \rightarrow (2)$$

From (1) $P\alpha L^{\alpha-1} K^\alpha = w$

$$K = \left(\frac{w}{P\alpha} L^{1-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$$

Substituting into (2)

$$P\alpha L^\alpha K^{\alpha-1} - r = P\alpha L^\alpha \left[\left(\frac{w}{P\alpha} L^{1-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \right]^{\alpha-1} - r = 0$$

$$r = P^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \alpha^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} w^{(\alpha-1)/\alpha} L^{(2\alpha-1)/\alpha}$$



$$L^* = (P\alpha w^{\alpha-1} r^{-\alpha})^{\frac{1}{(1-2\alpha)}}$$

$$K^* = (P\alpha r^{\alpha-1} w^{-\alpha})^{\frac{1}{(1-2\alpha)}}$$

We can substitute L^* & K^* into the production function to get Q^*

$$Q^* = \left(\frac{\alpha^2 P^2}{wr} \right)^{\alpha/(1-2\alpha)}$$