

Business Problem

Steps to maximize profit:

Step 1: Determine demand equation.

$$q = A \cdot p + B \quad P = Aq + B$$

Data point: pair (P, q)

Our data pts: $(P_1, q_1) = (2, 3000)$

$(P_2, q_2) = (1.90, 3100)$

$$\text{slope} = A = \frac{P_1 - P_2}{q_1 - q_2} = \frac{2 - 1.90}{3000 - 3100} = \frac{0.1}{-100} = -\frac{1}{1000}$$

$$\Rightarrow P = -\frac{1}{1000}q + B$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 = -\frac{1}{1000}3000 + B \Rightarrow B = 5$$

demand equation:

$$P = -\frac{1}{1000}q + 5$$

Step 2: Write the revenue function

$$R(q) = p \cdot q = \left(-\frac{1}{1000}q + 5\right) \cdot q = -\frac{1}{1000}q^2 + 5q$$

Step 3: Write cost function:

$$C(q) = F + V(q)$$

$$C(q) = 3250 + 0.75 \cdot q$$

Step 4: Write the profit function:

$$P(q) = R(q) - C(q) \\ = -\frac{1}{1000}q^2 + 5q - (3250 + 0.75q)$$

$$= \frac{-q^2 + 5000q - 3250,000 - 750q}{1000}$$

$$P(q) = \frac{-q^2 + 4250q - 3,250,000}{1000}$$

Step 5: Maximize profit

$$q_{\max} = \frac{q_- + q_+}{2}$$

$$q_-, q_+ \text{ satisfy } P(q_{\pm}) = 0$$

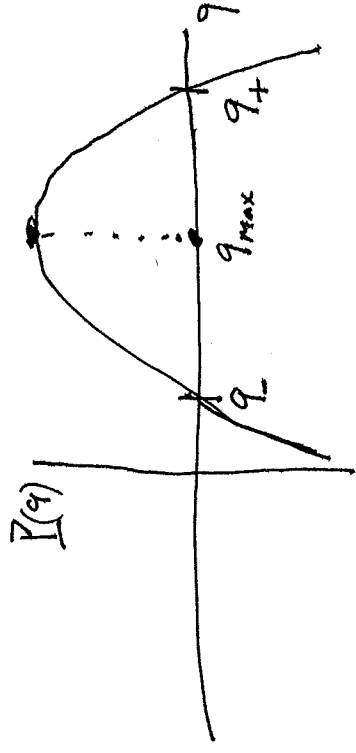
$$\frac{-q^2 + 4250q - 3,250,000}{1000} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow q^2 - 4250q + 3250000 = 0$$

$$\underline{\text{Quadratic formula:}} \quad q_{\pm} = \frac{4250 \pm \sqrt{(4250)^2 - 4 \cdot 3250000}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1000}{11} q_- \quad \frac{3250}{11} q_+$$

$$\boxed{q_{\max} = \frac{q_- + q_+}{2} = 2125}$$



$$P(q_{\max}) = P(2125) = 1,265.625$$

More steps:

$$P(q_{\max}) = \frac{-2125^2 + 4250 \cdot 2125 - 3250000}{1000} = \boxed{1265.625}$$

Price that maximizes profit (from demand equation):

$$P_{\max} = -\frac{1}{1000} q_{\max} + 5 = -\frac{1}{1000} \cdot 2125 + 5 = -2.125 + 5 = \boxed{2.875 \$}$$