Reading Outline, §4.4

Vocabulary/Definitions

- \circ Fixed costs
- o Economy of scale
- Revenue
- o Profit, as a function of revenue and cost
- $\circ\,$ Marginal cost and marginal revenue, as average rates of change
- o Marginal cost and marginal revenue, as derivatives
- Why maximum profit occurs when MR = MC

Understand

1. If the revenue of a business, R as a function of the quantity of items produced, q, is R(q) = 7.31q, what is the marginal revenue?

2. Suppose that the cost and revenue functions for a business are $C(q) = 2.5q^3 + 2$ and R(q) = 15q. At what value of q, the quantity of items produced, is the profit maximized?