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MATH 108 HW #3 Answer Key

p. 38, #36.

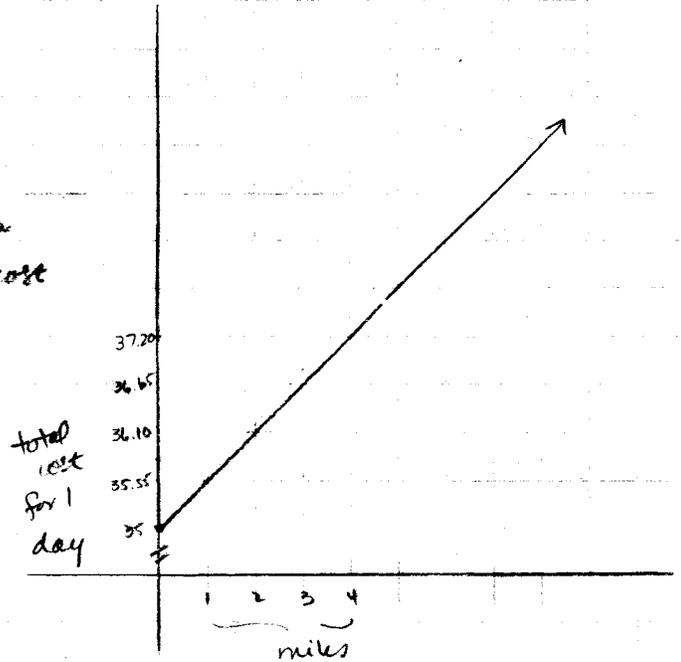
a) $C(m) = 35 + .55m$, where $m = \#$ miles driven and C is total cost

b) $C(50) = 35 + .55(50) = 35 + 27.50 = 62.50$

c) $72 = 35 + .55(m)$

$$\frac{72 - 35}{.55} = m$$

$m = \frac{37}{.55} = 67.2 \sim 67$ miles.

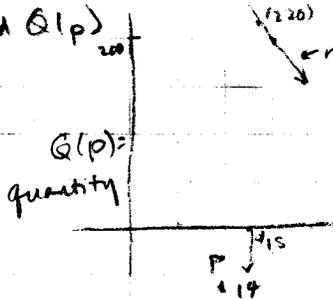


p. 55 #34.

Need: Profit function = Revenue - Cost. Let $Q(p)$ = quantity, p = price per item.
 $= \# \text{ sold} \times \text{price per item} - \# \text{ sold} \times \text{cost per item}$

$$P(p) = Q(p) \cdot p - Q(p) \cdot 3$$

Step 1: find $Q(p)$



each decrease of 1 in p ($\Delta p = -1$) means an increase of 20 in $Q(p)$ ($\Delta Q = 20$), where slope is $\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta p}$.

$-m = -20$
 - one point is $(15, 200)$
 $-30 - 200 = -20(p - 15) = -20p + 300$
 $Q(p) = \boxed{p = -20p + 500}$ quantity = demand function.

Revenue = $R(p) = p \cdot Q(p) = p(-20p + 500) = -20p^2 + 500p$

Cost = $3 \cdot Q(p) = 3(-20p + 500) = -60p + 1500$

Profit = $R(p) - C(p) = -20p^2 + 500p - (-60p + 1500)$

$$= -20p^2 + 500p + 60p - 1500$$

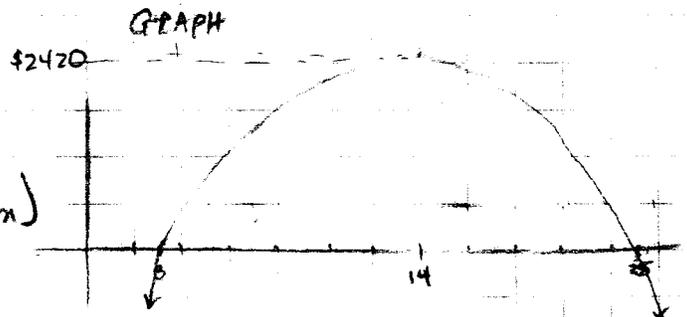
$$= \boxed{-20p^2 + 560p - 1500 = P(p)} \leftarrow \text{profit function}$$

$$= -20(p^2 - 28p + 75)$$

$$= -20(p - 25)(p - 3)$$

optimal selling price is \$14

(vertex of a parabola that opens down)



#48. (p.56)

a) let $x = \#$ of tables sold

$$R = 70 \cdot x$$

$$C = 8000 + 30x$$

Break even occurs where $R = C$

$$70x = 8000 + 30x$$

$$40x = 8000$$

$$x = \frac{8000}{40} = \boxed{200 \text{ tables}}$$

b) Profit = Revenue - Cost

$$= 70x - (8000 + 30x) = -8000 + 40x$$

For Profit to be \$6000: $6000 = -8000 + 40x$

$$14000 = 40x$$

$$x = \frac{14000}{40} = \boxed{350 \text{ tables}}$$

c) Profit @ 150 tables (will be a loss)

$$P(150) = -8000 + 40(150) = -8000 + 6000 = -\$2000$$

(\$2000 loss)

