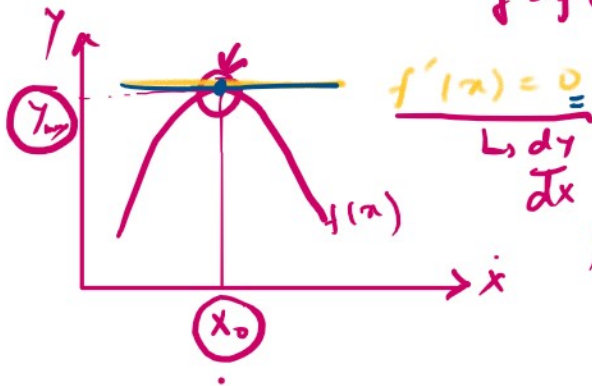


Maxima, Minima and point of inflexion.

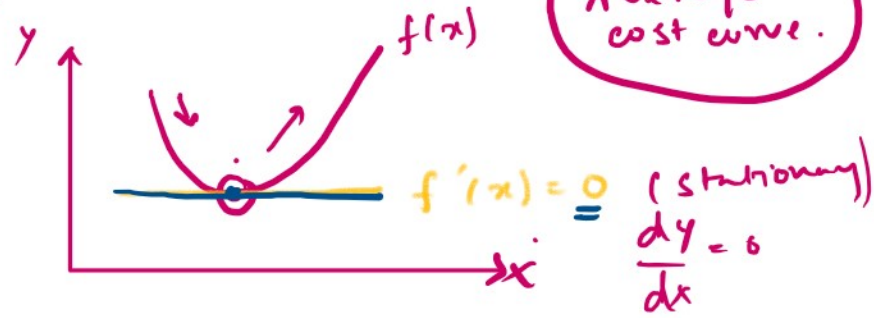
$y = f(x)$



(stationary)

Necessary condition

Average cost curve.



For **Maxima** $y = f(x)$

- a) $f'(x) = 0$ (Necessary)
- ie $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

b) s.o.c (Sufficiency condition)

$f''(x) < 0$

$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} < 0$

(Concavity)

For **minima**

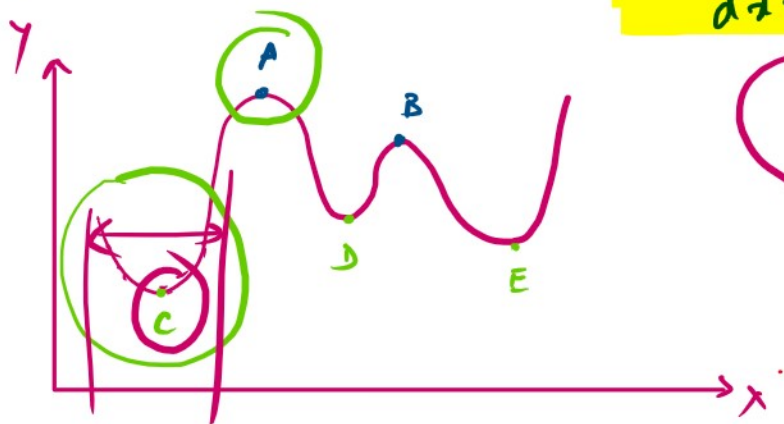
- a) $f'(x) = 0$ (Necessary)
- ie $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

b) s.o.c (Sufficiency)

ie $f''(x) > 0$

or, $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} > 0$ (Convexity)

$y = f(x)$



Point of Inflexion: (i) $f'(x) = 0$ ✓

At a Stationary point

Point of Inflexion:

$$y = f(x)$$

(A)

(i) $f(x) = 0$ ✓

(ii) $f''(x) = 0$ ✓

(iii) $f'''(x) \neq 0$ ✓

point of
inflexion

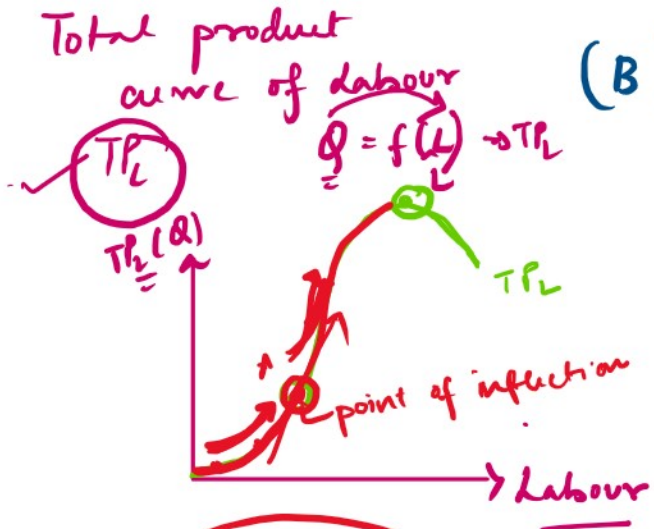
(B)

(ii) $f'(x) \neq 0$

(i) $f''(x) = 0$

(iii) $f'''(x) \neq 0$

point of
inflexion
and Non
stationary.



pt of inflexion is the point where a curve changes it's curvature

↳ (second-order derivative)

pt $\frac{dQ}{dL} \neq 0$ (increasing)

Non-stationary

$\frac{d^2Q}{dL^2} = 0 \Rightarrow$ point of inflexion

$\frac{d^3Q}{dL^3} \neq 0$ [Ex of TP_L]

Note:
First Derivative \rightarrow slope $\rightarrow 0$
Second Derivative \rightarrow curvature
convex \leftrightarrow concave
straight.

Summary: $y = f(x)$

(1) For maxima $\rightarrow f'(x) = 0$
 $f''(x) < 0$

(2) For minima $\rightarrow f'(x) = 0$
 $f''(x) > 0$

Stationary $\rightarrow f'(x) = 0$

(3) Pt of inflexion (stationary) \rightarrow $f'(x) = 0$
 $f''(x) = 0$
 $f'''(x) \neq 0$

(4) Pt of inflexion (Non-stationary) \rightarrow $f'(x) \neq 0$
 $f''(x) = 0$
 $f'''(x) \neq 0$

Note: $TP_L = Q$ (total product)

$$AP_L = \frac{TP_L}{L} = \frac{Q}{L}$$

$$MP_L = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial L} \quad (\text{also slope of } TP_L)$$

Revenue:

$$TR = P \times Q$$

$$AR = \frac{TR}{Q}$$

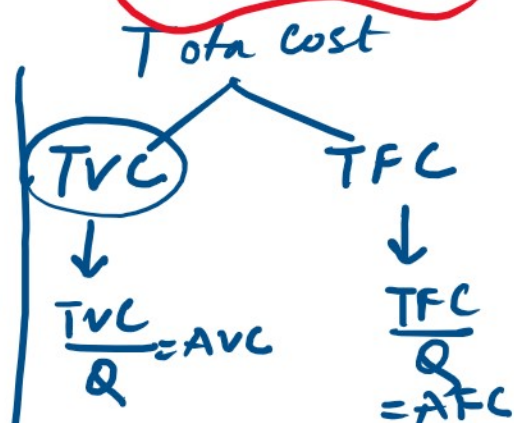
$$MR = \frac{dTR}{dQ} \quad (\text{slope of } TR)$$

Cost:

TC = total cost

$$AC = \frac{TC}{Q}$$

$$MC = \frac{\partial TC}{\partial Q} \quad (\text{slope of } TC)$$



Suppose, $C = 500 + 100Q$ Total cost function

$$TC = TFC + TVC$$

$$AC = \frac{C}{Q} = \frac{500}{Q} + \frac{100Q}{Q} = \frac{500}{Q} + 100$$

$$AFC = TFC - 500 \quad \text{and} \quad AVC = \frac{TVC}{Q} = \frac{100Q}{Q}$$

Profit function of firm $\Pi = TR - TC$

$$AFC = \frac{TFC}{Q} = \frac{500}{Q} \quad \text{and} \quad AVC = \frac{TVC}{Q} = \frac{100Q}{Q}$$

$$AVC = 100$$

Obtain the extrema for the function
 $C = q^3 + 2q^2 - 4q + 4$

for cost minimisation

F.O.C is $\frac{dc}{dq} = 0$

or, $(3q^2 + 4q - 4) = 0$

$(3q - 2)(2 + q) = 0$

$\therefore q = 2/3$ or $q = -2$

Since $q = \text{production}$, q cannot be -ve

$\therefore q = 2/3$

S.O.C $\frac{d^2c}{dq^2}$ at $q = 2/3$ is

$\frac{d^2c}{dq^2} = 6q + 4 = \frac{2}{3} \times 6 + 4$

$= 4 + 4 = 8 > 0$

\therefore S.O.C for minimisation is satisfied

\therefore at $q = 2$ units c is minimised.

\therefore at $q = \frac{2}{3}$ units C is minimised.
What is the minimum cost?

$$C = q^3 + 2q^2 - 4q + 7$$

$$\text{at } q = 2/3 \rightarrow C_{\min} = (2/3)^3 + 2(2/3)^2 - 4 \times \frac{2}{3} + 7$$

Q: Obtain the inflexion point for

$$y = x^3 + 6x^2 + 5x - 30.$$

Examine whether this point is a stationary or non-stationary.

Ans. $y = x^3 + 6x^2 + 5x - 30$

$$\checkmark \frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 + 12x + 5$$

$$\checkmark \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 6x + 12$$

$$\checkmark \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = 6 \neq 0$$

At point of inflexion

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$$

$$6x + 12 = 0$$

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$$x = -2$$

Now $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at $x = -2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dy}{dx} &= 3(-2)^2 + 12(-2) + 5 \\
 &= 3 \times 4 - 24 + 5 \\
 &= 12 - 24 + 5 \\
 &= -12 + 5 \\
 &= -7 < 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ Non-stationary.

3. The total cost (C) and total Revenue (R) function of a firm by $C = 4q^2 + 10$ ✓
and $R = -2q^2 + 6q$ ✓

Find the output level (q) at which profit of the firm is maximum.

Ans

Profit function, $\pi = TR - TC$

$$\pi = (-2q^2 + 6q) - (4q^2 + 10)$$

$$\pi = -2q^2 - 4q^2 + 6q - 10$$

$$\pi = -6q^2 + 6q - 10$$

F.O.C for profit maximisation $\Rightarrow \frac{d\pi}{dq} = 0$

$$-12q + 6 = 0$$

$$q = \frac{1}{2} \text{ units}$$

$$A.O.C \Rightarrow \frac{d^2\pi}{dq^2} = -12 < 0$$

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\therefore at $q = \frac{1}{2}$ units firm's profit is maximised.

3.

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 + 4}$$

$$f.O.C \Rightarrow f'(x) = 0$$

↓
 $x = \text{value}$

$$x = 5, -3$$

S.O.C

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = x + 2$$

$$\text{at } x = 5 \Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 7 > 0$$

(minimum extreme)

$$\text{at } x = -3 \Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -1 < 0$$

(maximum extreme)

4. The demand curve faced by a firm is

$$p = 20 - 3q$$

If the firm's average cost (AC) function is

$$AC = (10 - 5q)$$

\therefore H.O. optimum

$AC = (10q - 5)$, find the optimum output level of firm assuming the objective is to maximum profit.

① TR?

TC = ?

$$TR = P \times Q$$

$$\text{and } AR = \frac{TR}{Q} = \frac{P \times Q}{Q} = P$$

$$AR = 20 - 3Q \quad \therefore TR = (20 - 3Q)Q$$

$$TR = 20Q - 3Q^2$$

② $AC = \frac{TC}{Q}$

$$\therefore TC = AC \cdot Q \Rightarrow TC = 10Q^2 - 5Q$$

$$\pi = TR - TC$$

f.o.c $\frac{d\pi}{dQ} = 0$

s.o.c $\frac{d^2\pi}{dQ^2} < 0$