

EC1110: Intermediate Microeconomics

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Math Exercise

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1. Derivative:

A. Take the first derivative of the following functions:

a) $Y = a + bX$

b) $Y = aX^b$

c) $Y = a + bX + cX^2$

d) $Y = \ln X + \sqrt{X}$

e) $Y = \log X^2$

B. Take the first and second derivatives of the following functions:

a) $Y = a + bx + cx^2$

b) $Y = \log x$

c) $Y = e^x x^2$

C. Take all partial derivatives of the following functions:

a) $f(x, y, z) = xyz + x^2y + z^3$

b) $f(x, y) = xy(x^2 + y^2)$

c) $f(x, y) = x \log y$

2. Inverse Function: find the inverse function of the following functions. (if $Y=f(X)$, then inverse function is $X=f(Y)$.)

a) $Y = 4 + 5x$

b) $C = \frac{5}{9}(F - 32)$

3. Chain Rule:

a) $y=f(z), z=g(x)$ Use the chain rule to calculate $\frac{dy}{dx}$

b) $P = (150 - 0.2q)^{0.5}$. Use the chain rule to calculate $\frac{dp}{dq}$

4. Cobb-Douglas Function: $x^\alpha y^\beta$ is generally called Cobb-Douglas functions.

a) Compute the first and second partial derivatives.

b) $3x + 2y = 6, x > 0, y > 0$. Then what is the maximum value of xy ?

c) $3x + 2y = 6, x > 0, y > 0$. What is the maximum value of $(1 - y)x$?