

1) Assume that each of the following can be expressed as a linear cost function. Find that linear function.

- a) For a 1-day rental a car rental firm charges \$35 plus \$0.20 per mile.

$$C(x) = 35 + .20x$$

- b) You know that your marginal costs are \$120, and that 100 items cost \$15,000 to produce.

$$\begin{aligned} C(x) &= 120x + b \\ 15000 &= C(100) = (120)(100) + b \\ 15,000 &= 12,000 + b \end{aligned}$$

$$b = 3000$$

$$\boxed{C(x) = 120x + 3000}$$

2) The total cost (in dollars) of producing x ink cartridges is $C(x) = 24x + 18,000$. It is also known that each cartridge can be sold for \$28.

- a) What are the fixed costs?

$$18,000$$

- b) What is the total cost of producing 10,000 cartridges?

$$\begin{aligned} C(10,000) &= 240,000 + 18,000 \\ &= 258,000 \end{aligned}$$

- c) What is the average cost per cartridge when 10,000 cartridges are made?

$$\frac{258,000}{10,000} = 25.8$$

- d) What is the revenue function?

$$R(x) = 28x$$

- e) What is the break-even point?

$$28x = 24x + 18,000$$

$$4x = 18,000$$

$$x = 4,500$$

- f) What is the profit function?

$$\begin{aligned} P(x) &= R(x) - C(x) \\ &= 28x - (24x + 18,000) \\ &= 4x - 18,000 \end{aligned}$$