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**ATTENTION:** There are 4 questions on 4 pages. Solve all of them. Duration is 90 minutes. Simply giving a final result is not sufficient to answer any question, so show all the steps you pursued to get any final result. Otherwise your answer will not be evaluated as a correct answer.

1. a) A company's production function is given by  $P = 2LK + \frac{2000}{\sqrt{LK}}$ , where  $P$  is the total output generated by  $L$  units of labor and  $K$  units of capital. Determine the marginal production function with respect to  $L$  when  $K = 40$  units and  $L = 10$  units. (10 Points)

**Solution:**

$$P = 2LK + 2000(LK)^{-1/2} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial P}{\partial L} = 2K - 1000K(LK)^{-3/2} = 2K - \frac{1000K}{(LK)^{3/2}} = 2K - \frac{1000}{L\sqrt{LK}}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial P}{\partial L} \right|_{\substack{L=10 \\ K=40}} = 2(40) - \frac{1000}{10\sqrt{(40)(10)}} = 80 - 5 = 75$$

b) Evaluate the integral  $\int \frac{1-x}{e^x} dx$ . (10 Points)

**Solution:**

$$\int \frac{1-x}{e^x} dx = -(1-x)e^{-x} - \int -e^{-x}(-dx) = -(1-x)e^{-x} + e^{-x} + C \quad \begin{cases} u = 1-x \Rightarrow du = -dx \\ dv = e^{-x} dx \Rightarrow v = -e^{-x} \end{cases}$$

$$= xe^{-x} + C$$

2.a) Let  $q_A = 100 - 3p_A + 4p_B^{1/2}$  and  $q_B = 20p_A/p_B$  be demand functions, where  $p_A$  and  $p_B$  are prices for products A and B, respectively. Determine: (i) the marginal demand for A with respect to  $p_B$ , (ii) the marginal demand for B with respect to  $p_A$ , (iii) whether A and B are competitive, complementary, or neither. (10 Points)

**Solution:**

$$(i) \frac{\partial q_A}{\partial p_B} = 2p_B^{-1/2} > 0 \quad (ii) \frac{\partial q_B}{\partial p_A} = 20p_B^{-1} > 0$$

(iii) From (i) and (ii), the products A and B are competitive products.

b) Examine the function  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^3 - xy + 7$  for relative extrema using the second derivative test. (15 Points)

**Solution:**

The first derivatives of  $f(x, y)$  function:

$$f_x = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2x - y = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = 2x$$

$$f_y = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 3y^2 - x = 12x^2 - x = x(12x - 1) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{1}{12}$$

The critical points are at (0,0) and (1/12, 1/6). The second derivatives are as follows

$$f_{xx} = 2, \quad f_{xy} = -1, \quad f_{yy} = 6y$$

The function  $D(x, y)$  for second-derivative test is given by

$$D(x, y) = f_{xx}f_{yy} - f_{xy}^2 = 12y - 1$$

The (0, 0) point:  $D(0, 0) = -1 < 0$ , a saddle point

The (1/12, 1/6) point:  $D(\frac{1}{12}, \frac{1}{6}) = 12y - 1 = 12 \cdot \frac{1}{6} - 1 = 1 > 0$ ,  $f_{xx} = 2 > 0$  a relative minimum

3.a) If  $\ln \sqrt{x(z+1)} - 3y = 2x$ , then evaluate  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  using the implicit differentiation. (10 Points)

**Solution:**

$$\ln \sqrt{x(z+1)} - 3y = 2x$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \ln x + \frac{1}{2} \ln(z+1) - 3y = 2x \quad \Rightarrow \quad \ln x + \ln(z+1) - 6y = 4x$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\ln x + \ln(z+1) - 6y = 4x)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \ln x + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \ln(z+1) - 6 \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = 4 \frac{\partial x}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{z+1} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - 0 = 4 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = (z+1) \left( 4 - \frac{1}{x} \right)$$

b) If  $w = ye^{x-y}$  where  $x = rs$ ,  $y = s^2 + r^2$ , evaluate  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial r}$  when  $r = 1$  and  $s = -1$ . (10 Points)

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} &= \underbrace{\frac{\partial w}{\partial x}}_{ye^{x-y}} \underbrace{\frac{\partial x}{\partial r}}_s + \underbrace{\frac{\partial w}{\partial y}}_{(1-y)e^{x-y}} \underbrace{\frac{\partial y}{\partial r}}_{2r} \\ &= sye^{x-y} + 2r(1-y)e^{x-y} = (sy + 2r(1-y))e^{x-y} \end{aligned}$$

when  $r = 1$  and  $s = -1$ ,  $x = -1$  and  $y = 2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} \Big|_{\substack{r=1 \\ s=-1 \\ x=-1 \\ y=2}} &= \left( (sy + 2r(1-y))e^{x-y} \right)_{\substack{r=1 \\ s=-1 \\ x=-1 \\ y=2}} \\ &= (-2 + 2(1-2))e^{-1-2} = -4e^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

4.a) By using matrix reduction, solve the given system and determine whether it has unique solution or infinitely many solutions. (15 Points)

$$\begin{aligned} 2y + x &= 0 \\ 3x - 6z &= 0 \\ -y + x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -6 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} &\xrightarrow{\substack{-3R_1+R_2 \\ -R_1+R_3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & -6 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{6}R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\xrightarrow{\substack{-2R_2+R_1 \\ 3R_2+R_3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{3}R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{2R_3+R_1 \\ -R_3+R_2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The number of equation is the same as the unknowns; therefore it has unique solutions as  $x = 0, y = 0, z = 0$ .

4.b) Solve the given system by using the inverse of its coefficient matrix. (20 Points)

$$\begin{aligned} x - 2y &= -3 \\ 2x - y &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

**Solution:**

The equation can be written in matrix form as:

$$\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{B} \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

The inverse of the coefficient matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  can be found as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbf{A}|\mathbf{I}] &= \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-2R_1+R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{3}R_2} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right] \\ &\xrightarrow{2R_2+R_1} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right] = [\mathbf{I}|\mathbf{A}^{-1}] \end{aligned}$$

Hence we may solve the system of equations using the inverse of  $\mathbf{A}$  matrix by

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+4 \\ 2+2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

The solution set is  $\{5,4\}$ .