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1. [3 parts, 1 point each] Let  $C(q)$  represent the cost,  $R(q)$  the revenue, and  $\pi(q)$  the total profit (in dollars) of producing  $q$  units.

- (a) We know that  $C'(40) = 83$  and  $R'(40) = 50$ . Approximate the change in profit if production is increased from 40 units to 41 units.

$$\Delta\pi \approx \pi'(40) = R'(40) - C'(40) = 50 - 83 = \boxed{-\$33 \text{ dollars}}$$

- (b) We know that  $C'(102) = 70$  and  $R'(102) = 89$ . Approximate the change in profit if production is increased from 102 units to 103 units.

$$\Delta\pi \approx \pi'(102) = 89 - 70 = \boxed{\$19}$$

- (c) The profit function  $\pi(q)$  is maximized when  $q = 175$ . What is the relationship between  $C'(175)$  and  $R'(175)$ ?

$$MC = MR$$

$$\boxed{C'(175) = R'(175)}$$

2. [3 parts, 1 point each] The cost function is given by  $C(q) = 500 + 10q$ .

- (a) Find the marginal cost when the production level is 50 units.

$$MC = C'(q) = \boxed{10 \text{ dollars per unit}}$$

- (b) Find the average cost when the production level is 50 units.

$$AC = \frac{C(50)}{50} = \frac{500 + 10 \cdot 50}{50} = \boxed{\$20 \text{ per unit}}$$

- (c) When the production level is 50 units, what effect will increasing the production have on the average cost? Explain.

Since  $MC < AC$ , increasing production will decrease average cost.

3. [2 parts, 1 point each] At a price of \$5 per ticket, a musical theater group can fill every seat in the theater, which has a capacity of 1200. For every additional dollar charged, the number of people buying tickets decreases by 75.

(a) Find the demand  $q$  for tickets in terms of the ticket price  $p$ . [Hint: The demand  $q$  is a linear function of  $p$ . Once you know the slope and a point on the line, you can use the point-slope formula to write down the equation.]

$$m = -75 \quad \cdot (q_0, p_0) = (1200, 5)$$

Eqn:  $q - q_0 = m(p - p_0)$

$$q - 1200 = -75(p - 5)$$

$$q - 1200 = -75p + 375$$

$$\boxed{q = -75p + 1575}$$

(b) What ticket price maximizes revenue?

$$R = q \cdot p = (-75p + 1575)p$$

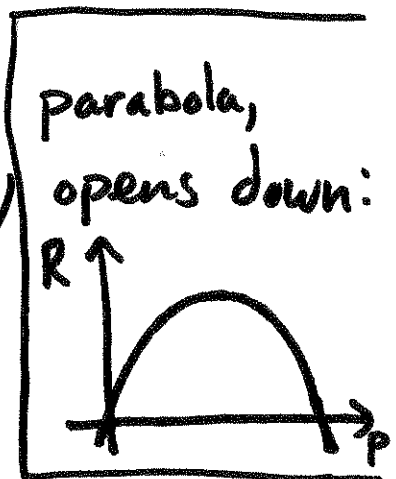
$$= -75p^2 + 1575p$$

$$R' = -150p + 1575$$

Set  $R' = 0$ :  $-150p + 1575 = 0$

$$-150p = -1575$$

$$p = 10.5$$



Revenue is maximized when tickets cost  $\boxed{\$10.50}$