

You may **skip ONE** of the following problems.

1. We have the following supply and demand functions:

$$p_s(x) = 30 \ln(x+1) + 20 \quad \text{and} \quad p_d(x) = -0.1x^3 + 0.5x^2 - 2x + 150.$$

To find the Market equilibrium we set the supply and demand curves equal to each other and then plug the equilibrium quantity into either function.

$$30 \ln(x+1) + 20 = -0.1x^3 + 0.5x^2 - 2x + 150 \quad \checkmark \quad \implies \quad q_E = 9.493.$$

$$30 \ln(x+1) + 20 \quad \text{where } x=9.493 \quad \checkmark \quad \implies \quad p_E = p_s(9.493) = p_d(9.493) = \$90.52$$

$$\text{Market equilibrium } (q_E, p_E) = \underline{(9.493, \$90.52)}$$

$$\text{Recall that consumer surplus is given by } \int_0^{q_E} p_d(q) dq - q_E \cdot p_E$$

$$(\text{int } -0.1x^3 + 0.5x^2 - 2x + 150 \text{ from } 0 \text{ to } 9.493) - 9.493(90.52) \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{The consumer surplus is } \$ \underline{414.08}$$

2. Southern Freedonia has determined that their Lorentz curve is given by  $L(x) = \frac{e^{x^2} - 1}{e - 1}$ .

The first question asks us to solve:  $L(x) = 0.10$ .

$$(e^{(x^2)} - 1) / (e - 1) = 0.10 \quad \checkmark \quad \implies \quad x = 0.39820.$$

The poorest 39.820% of the population receive 10% of the income.

Recall that the Gini Index is given by  $1 - 2 \int_0^1 L(x) dx$ .

$$1 - 2 \int_0^1 (e^{(x^2)} - 1) / (e - 1) dx \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{Southern Freedonia's Gini Index is } \underline{0.461495}.$$

3. We know that  $P'(q) = -4q^3 + 30q^2 + 50$  for some profit function  $P(q)$ . In addition, we also know that  $q = 10$  is a break even quantity for  $P(q)$ .

Since we have  $P'(q)$ , we can find the  $P(q)$  up to an arbitrary constant using:  $P(q) = \int P'(q) dq$ .

$$\text{int } -4q^3 + 30q^2 + 50 \quad \checkmark \quad \implies \quad P(q) = -q^4 + 10q^3 + 50q + C$$

Next, we know that there is a break even quantity at  $q = 10$ . This means that  $P(10) = 0$ . If we plug  $q = 10$  into  $P(q)$ , we should get zero. This allows us to find the value of  $C$ .

$$-q^4 + 10q^3 + 50q + C \quad \text{where } q=10 \quad \checkmark \quad \implies \quad 0 = P(10) = C + 500. \text{ Therefore, } C = -500.$$

$$P(q) = \underline{-q^4 + 10q^3 + 50q - 500}$$