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1. Frank builds modular homes. After extensive research he has collected the following data:

Houses Built	1	10	70	150	15	90	145
Demand Price	\$250,000	\$175,000	\$135,000	\$115,000			
Supply Price					\$75,000	\$125,000	\$180,000

For example, if Frank charges \$175,000 for his modular homes, he can expect to sell about 10. Also, if he is willing to pay an average of \$125,000 per house, he can get 90 built.

- (a) Use the table of data to find supply and demand price functions. Use a **power** model for the demand function and an **exponential** model for the supply function.

Demand function: $p_d =$ _____

Supply function: $p_s =$ _____

The market equilibrium is $(q_E, p_E) = \left(\text{_____}, \text{_____} \right)$.

[Round the quantity to 3 decimal places and the price to dollars and change.]

If Frank charges \$130,000 per house, how many can he expect to sell? _____

[Round to 3 decimal places.]

If Frank builds 100 houses, what will his (average supply) cost per house be? \$ _____

- (b) Use your model for the demand function to find a revenue function. Use your supply function to model the variable cost per house and the fact that Frank has fixed costs of \$65,000 to find his cost function. Finally, use your revenue and cost functions to find profit, marginal revenue, marginal cost, and marginal profit functions.

Frank has _____ break even points. These occur at $q =$ _____ houses.

[Round all break even quantities to 3 decimal places.]

Frank's 35th house brings in \$ _____ revenue.

The 35th house costs him \$ _____ to build.

Frank maximizes his profit when he sells _____ houses.

Frank needs to sell each house for \$ _____ to maximize his profit.

His maximum possible profit is \$ _____.

- (c) Does Frank's cost function have a minimum? In a few sentences explain why or why not.

2. Use Excel to compute the following limits. If the limit does not exist write “DNE”.

(a) SKIP ME $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{e^{-x}}{\ln(x^2 - 16)} = \underline{\text{SKIP THIS PART}}$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{1}{(x - 5)^3} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

3. Recall that the **derivative** of $f(x)$ is defined to be

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + h) - f(x)}{h}$$

where $\frac{f(x + h) - f(x)}{h}$ is called the **difference quotient** of $f(x)$.

Let $f(x) = 3 - (x - 2)^2 + 2|x - 2|$.

- (a) Compute the difference quotient of $f(x)$ when $x = 1.5$ and $h = 0.25$. [Note: “ $|x - 2|$ ” refers to the absolute value of $x - 2$. In Excel, “=ABS(A1)” would compute the absolute value of the number in cell A1.]

$$\frac{f(1.5 + 0.25) - f(1.5)}{0.25} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Now use Excel to compute the limit as $h \rightarrow 0$. This shows that $f'(1.5) \approx \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.

- (b) Use Excel to repeat the previous part for $x = 2$ (compute $f'(2)$). Does the limit ($h \rightarrow 0$) of the difference quotient at $x = 2$ exist? If it does exist, what is it? If it does not exist, why not? Explain your answer in a sentence or two.