

HW #3 solutions

5.2 $D \geq Q$: profit $(P-C)Q$
 demand $\uparrow$ quantity $\downarrow$ price $\downarrow$
 loss $\emptyset$ cost $\uparrow$

$D < Q$: profit $(P-C)D$
 loss $C(Q-D)$

Thus, expected profit + loss are:

$$E(Q) = \underbrace{\int_Q^{\infty} dD f(D) (P-C)Q}_{D \geq Q} + \underbrace{\int_0^Q dD f(D) (P-C)D - \int_0^Q dD f(D) C(Q-D)}_{D < Q} \quad \textcircled{=}$$

D is a random var. with pdf $f(D)$ and cdf $F(D)$.

$$\textcircled{=} (P-C)Q(1-F(Q)) + P \int_0^Q dD f(D)D - CQ F(Q).$$

Then $\frac{d}{dQ} E(Q) = (P-C)(1-F(Q)) - (P-C)Qf(Q) + P Q f(Q) - C F(Q) - C Q f(Q) = (P-C) - P F(Q) = 0,$
 such that $\uparrow Q \rightarrow Q^*$

$$\underline{\underline{F(Q^*) = \frac{P-C}{P}, \text{ as desired}}}$$

6.2 Consider $p(x) \approx q(x)$:

$$p(x) = q(x) + \underbrace{\Delta(x)}_{\ll 1, \forall x}$$

Then

$$D(p||q) = \sum_x p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \quad \textcircled{=}$$

↑ KL divergence ↑

$$\textcircled{=} \sum_x (q + \Delta) \log \left(1 + \frac{\Delta}{q} \right) \approx \sum_x (q + \Delta) \left[\frac{\Delta}{q} - \frac{\Delta^2}{2q^2} \right] \quad \textcircled{=}$$

↑ omit args for brevity

$$\textcircled{=} \sum_x \left[\Delta - \frac{\Delta^2}{2q} + \frac{\Delta^2}{q} \right] \uparrow = \sum_x \frac{\Delta^2}{2q}$$

↑ $\Theta(\Delta^2)$

$$\sum_x \Delta(x) = \sum_x (p(x) - q(x)) = 0$$

Thus, $D(p||q) \approx \frac{1}{2} \sum_x \frac{(p(x) - q(x))^2}{q(x)}$ in this case.

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