

No notes or calculators. Show all work.

1. (4 points) Find the equation of the line between the points $(3, 4)$ and $(6, 2)$ in slope-intercept form.

Answer:

$$\text{The slope is } m = \frac{4 - 2}{3 - 6} = -\frac{2}{3}$$

Since we are not given the y-intercept directly, we can use point-slope form first and then rewrite the equation in slope-intercept form. (A second way is to use slope-intercept form first, plug in a point for x and y, and then solve for b.)

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$y - 2 = \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)(x - 6)$$

$$y = -\frac{2}{3}x + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \cdot 6 + 2$$

$$y = -\frac{2}{3}x + 6$$

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2. (4 points) Consider the supply and demand curves below. Find the equilibrium price and equilibrium quantity. Be sure to clearly label each value.

$$D(q) = p = 8 - q \qquad S(q) = p = \frac{2}{5}q + 1$$

Answer:

Recall that the equilibrium point (and thus the eq. price and quantity) is the intersection point of the supply and demand curves.

$$D(q) = S(q)$$

$$8 - q = \frac{2}{5}q + 1$$

$$7 = \frac{7}{5}q \rightarrow q = 5 \quad \text{is the equilibrium quantity}$$

Now plug in the equilibrium quantity into either $D(q)$ or $S(q)$ and solve for p

$$D(5) = p = 8 - 5 \rightarrow p = 3 \quad \text{is the equilibrium price}$$

3. (2 points) The fixed cost for producing running shoes is \$3060. It costs \$5060 to produce 40 items. Write the cost function for producing x running shoes.

Answer:

We need to find m and b such that we have a cost function $C(x) = mx + b$. We have immediately that the fixed cost, or b , is \$3060.

We are given the data point $C = 5060$ when $x = 40$. Using that point, we can solve for m .

$$\begin{aligned}C(40) &= m \cdot 40 + 3060 = 5060 \\40m &= 5060 - 3060 \\m &= \frac{2000}{40} = 50\end{aligned}$$

So the cost function is

$$C(x) = 50x + 3060$$