

Cost Curves

Short Run Production Function $Q = F(L, R) = f(L)$

→ only changes in the variable labor input can change the level of output

Average Product of Labor

$$AP = Q/L$$

Marginal Product of Labor

$$MP = \Delta Q / \Delta L$$

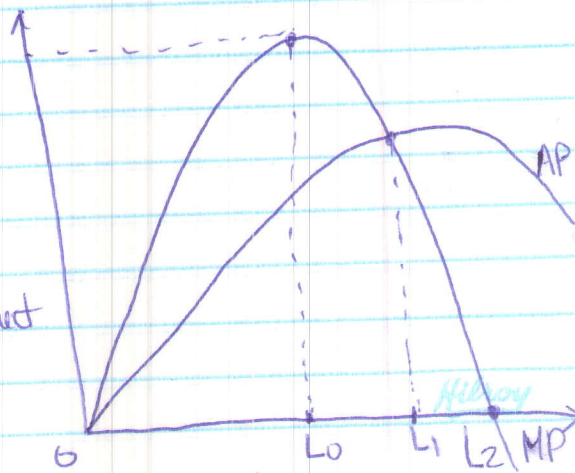
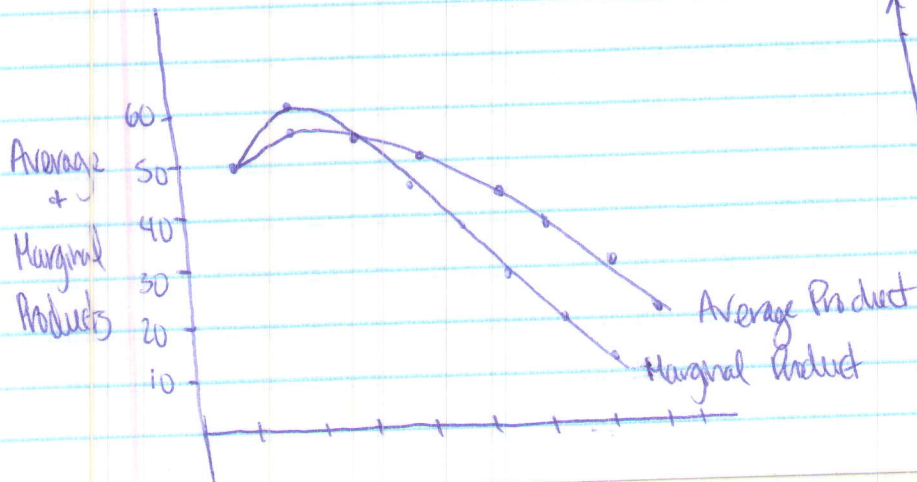
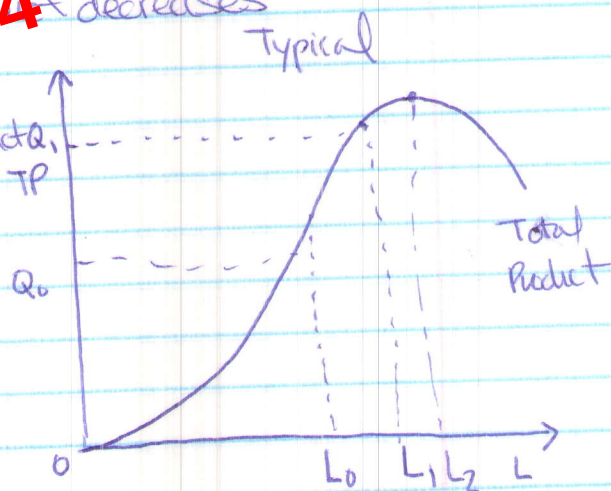
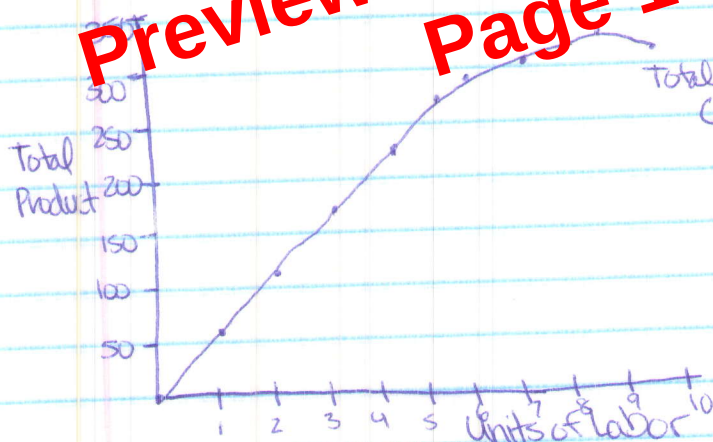
When AP is rising, $MP > AP$

When AP is falling, $MP < AP$

At maximum AP, $AP = MP$

Law of Diminishing Marginal Product

As usage of a variable input increases, a point is reached beyond which the marginal product decreases



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