

ECON 7002	QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN ECONOMICS	L	T	P	C
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Pre-requisites/Exposure	Under Graduate Level Mathematics				
Co-requisites	, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics				

Course Objectives

The objectives of this course are:

- a) To understand optimization and its application in energy economics.
- b) To know the procedure of dynamic analysis and its application in energy economics
- c) To know linear programming problems and its application in energy economics
- d) To know game theory and its application in energy economics

Course Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course a student will be able to:

CO1: give **conceptual clarity** of the quantitative methods in Economics.

CO2: **apply** the quantitative methods in energy economics

CO3: **comprehend** various quantitative methods and its energy sector application.

CO4: **formulate** models using quantitative methods in economics

Catalog Description

Basic knowledge of mathematics is essential for effective understanding of economic theories. Specifically, mathematical concepts such as differentiation, integration and differential equation are necessary to understand basic principles of micro- and macro-economics. The optimization technique is crucial to understand the behavior of both consumers and producers. Classroom activities will be designed to encourage students to play an active role in the construction of their own knowledge and in the design of their own learning strategies. We will combine traditional lectures with other active teaching methodologies, such as assignments, group discussions, and cooperative group solving problems. Class participation is a fundamental aspect of this course. Students will be encouraged to actively take part in all group activities.

Course Content

Module: 1 Comparative Static Analysis**(6 lecture hours)**

- Comparative statics, concept of Derivative and their use in comparative statics
- Comparative statics analysis of general- function models

Module: 2 Optimization**(6 lecture hours)**

- Maxima and Minima
- Optimization with two or more choice variables
- Exponential and logarithmic functions
- Optimization with equality constraints

Module: 3 Dynamic Analysis**(7 lecture hours)**

- Economic Dynamics and Integral calculus
- First and higher order differential equations

Module: 4 Linear Programming, Integer Programming and Goal Programming**(3 lecture hours)**

- General concept and formulation of LPP
- Convex set
- Simplex method: Finding the extreme and optimal extreme points
- Integer programming
- Goal programming

Module: 5 Game Theory**(10 lecture hours)**

- Game theory: Concept and Definitions of games
- Dominance Game, Nash-equilibrium and Mixed strategies
- Extensive Games with Perfect Information
- Extensive Games with Imperfect Information
- Strictly Competitive Games and Maxminimization
- Repeated Games: The Prisoner's Dilemma
- Zero-sum games and computation

Text Books

- Chiang, A. C. (1984). Fundamental methods of mathematical economics.
- Taha, H. A. (2005). Operations research: An introduction (for VTU). Pearson Education India.
- Pan, Z. (2010). Introduction to game theory.

Modes of Evaluation: Quiz/Assignment/ presentation/ extempore/ Written Examination
Examination Scheme:

Components	Class Test	Assignment	Project Report	Presentation	ESE
Weightage (%)	10	10	10	20	50

Relationship between the Course Outcomes (COs) and Program Outcomes (POs)

Mapping between COs and POs		
	Course Outcomes (COs)	Mapped Programme Outcomes
CO1	give conceptual clarity of the quantitative methods in Economics.	PO 1,2, 3,4,7,8,9,10, 11,13, 14
CO2	apply the quantitative methods in energy economics	PO 1,2, 3, 7,8,9,10, 11,14
CO3	comprehend various quantitative methods and its energy sector application.	PO 1,2, 3,6 8,9,10, 11, 13,14
CO4	formulate models using quantitative methods in economics	PO 4,5, 8,12,13, 14

Program Outcome / Course Outcome mapping

CO	CO 1	CO 2	CO 3	CO 4
PO 1	3	3	3	
PO 2	3	3	3	
PO 3	3	3	3	
PO 4	3			3
PO 5				3
PO 6			2	
PO 7	3	3		
PO 8	3	3	3	3
PSO 9	3	3	3	
PSO 10	3	3	3	
PSO 11	3	3	3	
PSO 12				3
PSO 13	3		3	3
PSO 14	3	3	3	3

				Students will be able to develop and evaluate alternate managerial choices and identify optimal solutions.
				Students will demonstrate effective application capabilities of their theoretical understanding of economics theories – Microeconomics, Macroeconomics and trade theories to the renewable and non-
				Students will exhibit effective decision-making skills, employing analytical and critical thinking ability.
				Students will demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills in presenting frameworks, models and regulations of the energy
				Students will be able to work effectively in teams and demonstrate team-working capabilities.
				Students will exhibit leadership and networking skills.
				Students will demonstrate sensitivity towards ethical and moral issues and have ability to address them in energy economics.
				Students will demonstrate employability traits in line with the needs of
				Students will demonstrate strong conceptual knowledge of economic theory in the context of renewable and non-renewable energy sectors.
				Students will demonstrate effective understanding of economics as it is applicable to energy markets, energy pricing, energy trading and risk
				Students will demonstrate analytical skills in designing solutions for energy efficiency.
				Students will exhibit the ability to evaluate working of energy policies.
				Students will have domestic and global perspective towards legal frameworks and environmental regulations with respect to energy sectors.
				Students will exhibit deployable skills pertinent to the renewable and non-renewable energy sectors.
PO 1	2			
PO 2	2			
PO 3	2			
PO 4	2			
PO 5	1			
PO 6	1			
PO 7	2			
PO 8	3			
PSO 9	2			
PSO 10	2			
PSO 11	2			
PSO 12	1			
PSO 13	2			
PSO 14	3			
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- 1 – Weakly mapped
- 2 – Moderately mapped
- 3 – Strongly mapped

Model Question Paper



Name:

Enrolment No:

End Semester Examination-Dec. 2017

Program/course: MA Economics (Energy Economics)
Subject: QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN ECONOMICS
Code : ECON 7002

Semester : III
Max. Marks : 100
Duration : 3 Hrs

Section A (attempt all)

Q1. Fill in the blanks

i.	i. $\frac{d}{dx}(x^0) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$	[2]	CO1
ii.	$\frac{d}{dx} x^n = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$	[2]	CO1
iii.	$\frac{d}{dx}(x^5 + 3x^2 + 7) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$	[2]	CO1
iv.	If $R = PQ$ and $P = 20 - Q$, then $\frac{dR}{dQ} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$	[2]	CO1
v.	$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{z(x)}{v(x)} \right] = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.	[2]	CO1
vi.	$\frac{dR}{dL} = \frac{dR}{dQ} \cdot \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$	[2]	CO1
vii.	If $Q = 96K^{0.2} L^{0.8}$ then $MPP_K = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.	[2]	CO1
viii.	Let $y = f(x_1, x_2)$. Then the total differential is: $dy = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.	[2]	CO1
ix.	While solving a LP model graphically, the area is bounded by the <u> </u> . a) Infeasible region b) Feasible Region c) Unbounded solution d) None of these	[2]	CO1

x.	Constraints in a model represents _____. a) Limitations b) Balancing c) Requirements d) All the above	[2]	CO1
SECTION B			
Answer any four questions		5 X4= 20	
Q2.	Using implicit function rule find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ of the following function. $F(x, y) = 3x^2 + 2xy + 4x^3 = 0$	[5]	CO3, CO4
Q3.	Describe Prisoners' dilemma with example.	[5]	CO3, CO4
Q4.	If the marginal cost (MC) of a firm is the following function of output, $C'(Q) = 2e^{0.2Q}$ and if the fixed cost is $C_F = 90$, find the total cost function $C(Q)$.	[5]	CO3, CO4
Q5.	Find the total differential, given, $U = \frac{G_1}{G_1 + G_2}$	[5]	CO3, CO4
Q6.	If the marginal propensity to save (MPS) is the following function of income, $S'(Y) = 0.3 - 0.1Y^{-0.5}$, and if the aggregate saving S is nil when income Y is 81 find the saving function $S(Y)$.	[5]	CO3, CO4
SECTION C			
Answer any two questions		2 X 15 = 30	
Q7.	A local travel agent is planning a charter trip to a major sea resort. The eight/seven night package includes the fare for board and lodging and selected tour options. The charter trip is restricted to 200 persons and past experience indicates that there will not be any problem for getting 200 persons. The problem for the travel agent is to determine the no. of deluxe, standard and economy tour packages to offer for this charter. These three plans each differ according to seating and service for the flight, quality of accommodations, meal plans and other tour options. The following table summarizes the estimated prices for the three packages and corresponding expenses for the travel agent. The travel agent has hired an aircraft for the flat fee of Rs. 2,00,000 for the entire trip.	[15]	CO1, CO4

Prices and costs for four packages per person

Tour plan	price(Rs.)	Hotel cost (Rs.)	meal& other expenses in (Rs.)
Deluxe	10,000	3,000	4,750
Standard	7,000	2,200	2,500
Economy	6,500	1,900	2,200

In planning the trip, the following consideration must be taken into account:

- i. At least 10% of the packages must be deluxe
- ii. At least 35% but no more than 70% must be standard
- iii. At least 30% must be of the economy type.
- iv. The maximum no. of deluxe packages available in any aircraft is restricted to 60
- v. The hotel desires that at least 120 of the tourists should be on deluxe and standard packages together.

The travel agent wishes to determine the no. of packages to offer in each type so as to maximize the total profit.

Formulate the above problem as LP model

Q8.	Considering two players, describe dominant strategy equilibrium and examine why dominating strategy equilibrium is worse for both the players than non-equilibrium situation.	[15]	CO3, CO4
Q9.	Find the partial total derivatives $\frac{\partial w}{\partial u}$ and $\frac{\partial w}{\partial v}$ if $w = ax^2 + bxy + cu$, where $x = \alpha u + \beta v$ and $y = \gamma u$.	[15]	CO3, CO4
Section D			
Answer any one question		1 X 30 = 30	
Q10.	Given $U = (x+2)(y+1)$ and $Px = 4$, $Py = 6$, and $B = 130$: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Write the Lagrangian function. ii. Find the optimal level of purchase x^* and y^*. iii. Is the second order sufficient condition for maximum satisfied? 	[30]	CO1, CO3, CO4

Q11.	Write out bordered Hessian for a constrained optimization problem with four choice variables and two constraints. Then state specifically the second-order sufficient condition for a maximum and a minimum of z respectively.	[30]	CO1, CO3, CO4