

# **Market Structures**

**Cost Curves** 

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK of ST. LOUIS

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**Cost Curve Collection** 

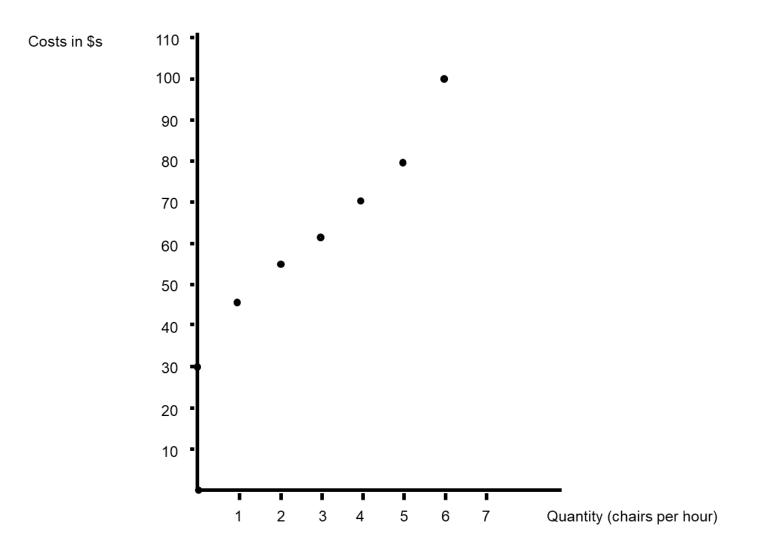
Slides 3 - 18 could be considered a set with two separate tasks. Slide 3: Cost Curve Schedule Slides 4 - 10: Total & Fixed Cost Curves Slides 11 - 18: Marginal & Average Cost Curves

The slide 3 table could be printed so that students would have it handy while viewing the graphs. For best results, print the table in "landscape" orientation.

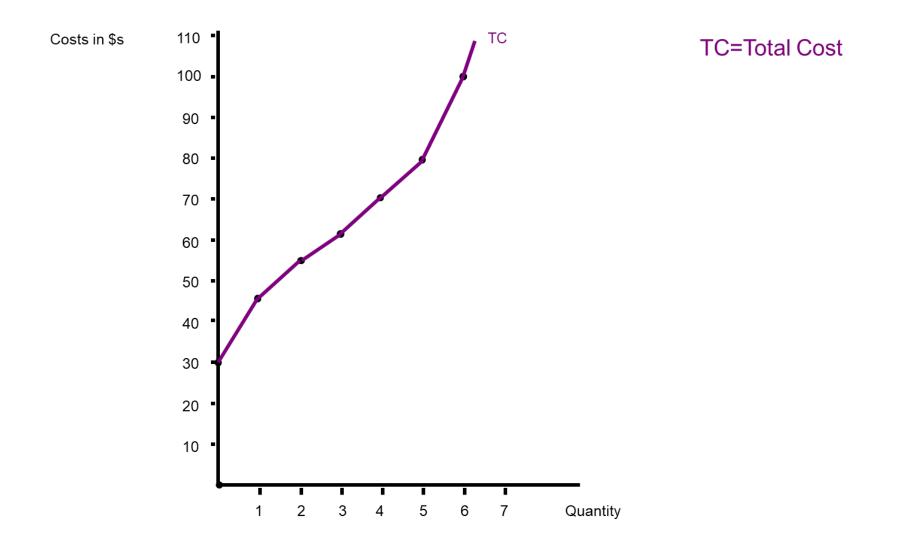
# **General Cost Curve Schedule**

Quantity	Total Cost (TC)	Fixed Cost (FC)	Variable Cost (VC)	Marginal Cost (MC)	Average Fixed Cost (AFC)	Average Variable Cost (AVC)	Average Total Cost (ATC)
0	30	30	0				
1	45	30	15	15.00	30.00	15.00	45.00
2	55	30	25	10.00	15.00	14.50	27.50
3	63	30	33	8.00	10.00	11.00	21.00
4	70	30	40	7.00	7.50	10.00	17.50
5	80	30	50	10.00	6.00	10.00	16.00
6	100	30	70	20.00	5.00	11.67	16.67
7	130	30	100	30.00	4.28	14.28	18.57

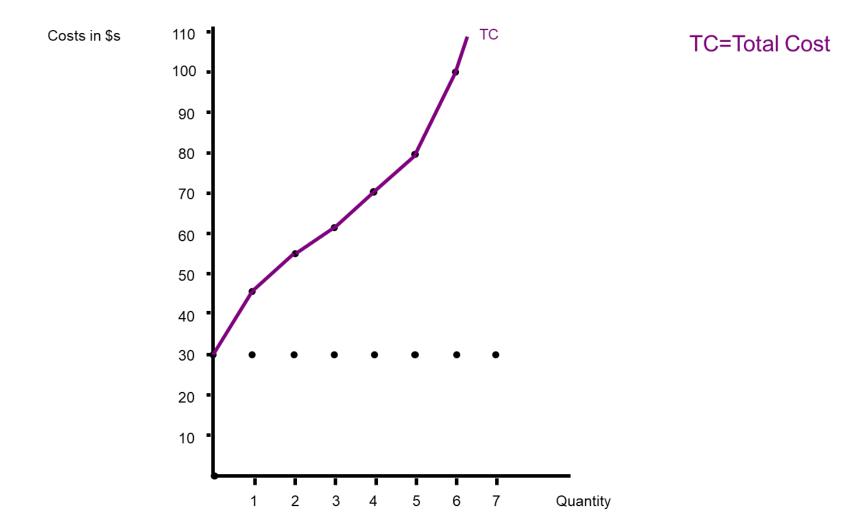
# Step 1: Plot Total Cost



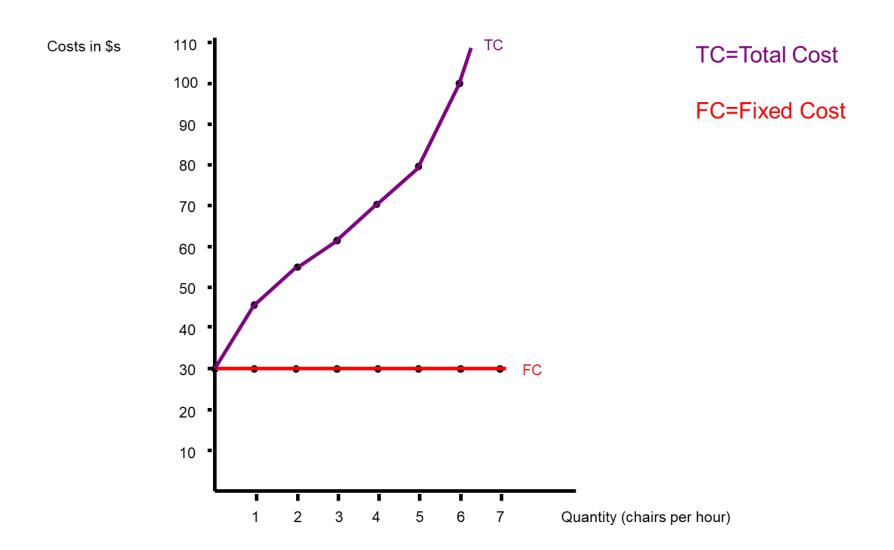
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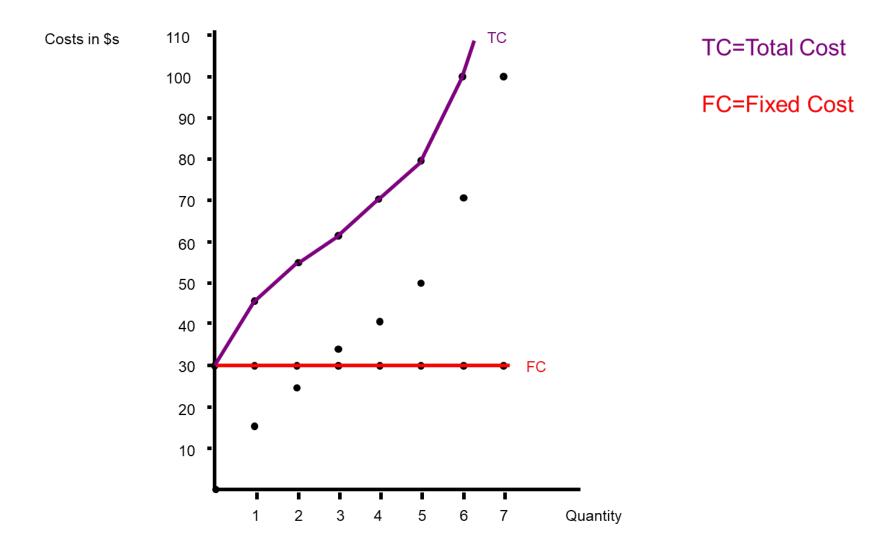
# Step 2: Plot Fixed Cost



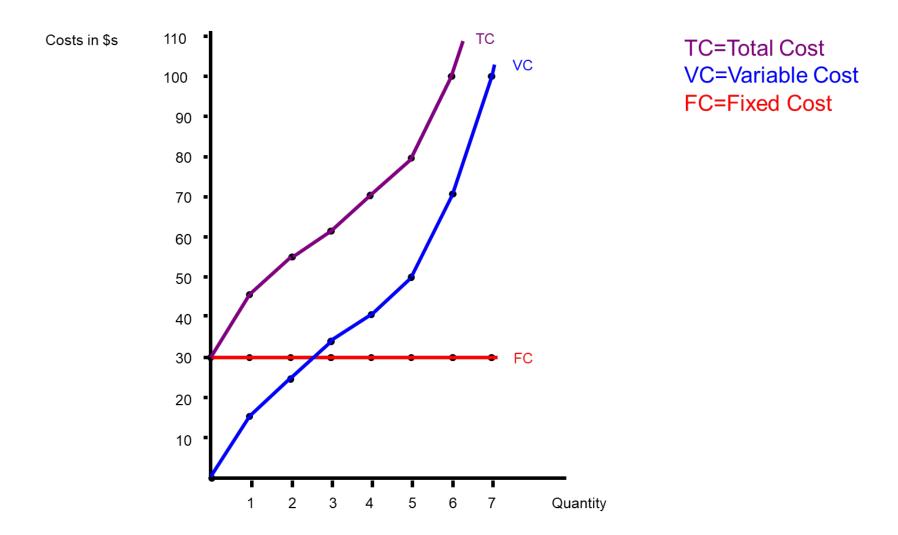
**Fixed Cost** 



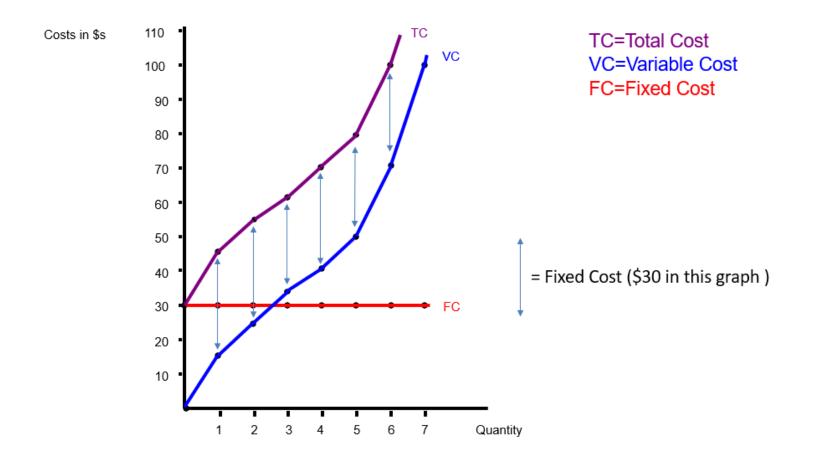
## **Step 3 Plot Variable Cost**



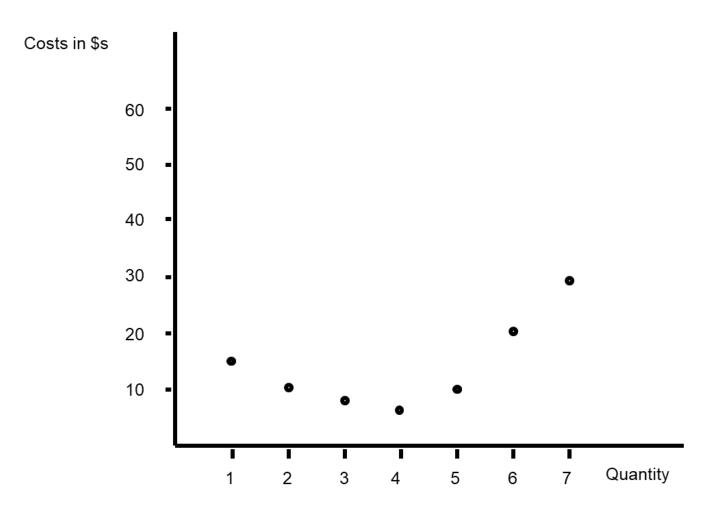
Variable Cost



# NOTE: The distance between Variable Cost & Total Cost Curves is ALWAYS the Fixed Cost

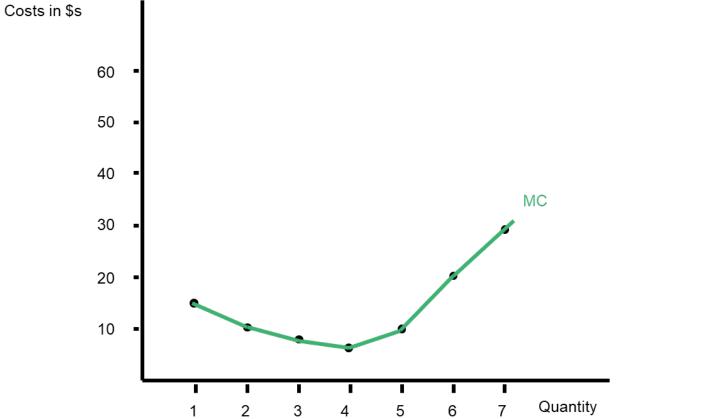


# **Step 1: Plot Marginal Cost**

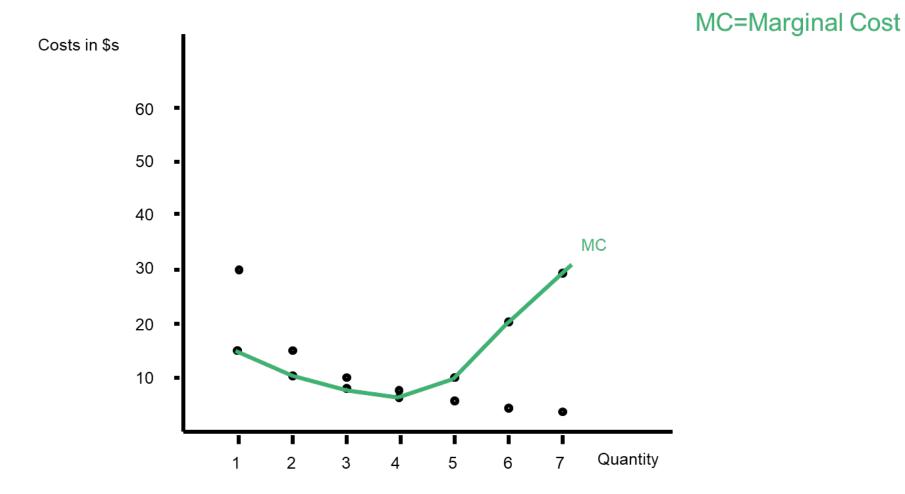


# **Marginal Cost**

#### MC=Marginal Cost

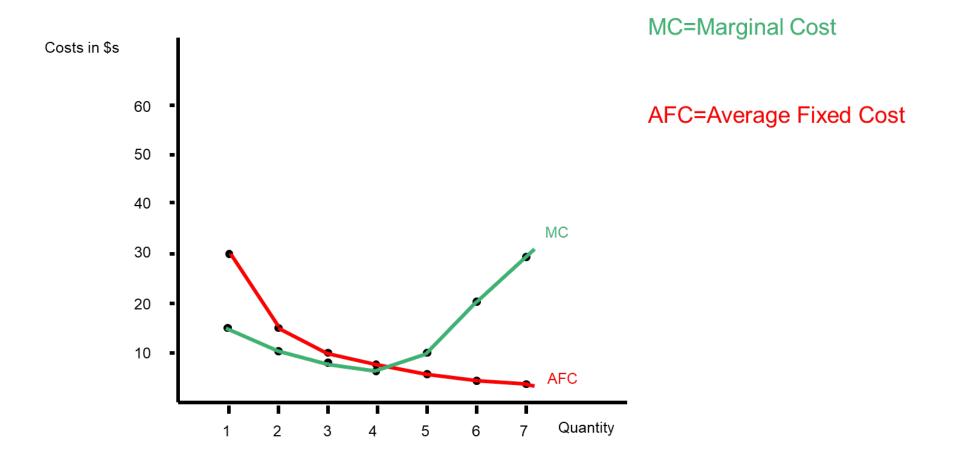


### **Step 2: Plot Average Fixed Cost**

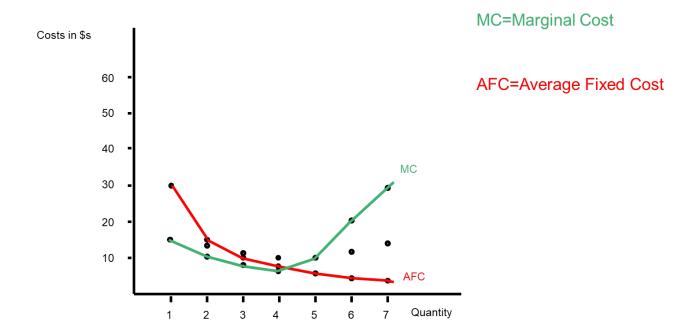


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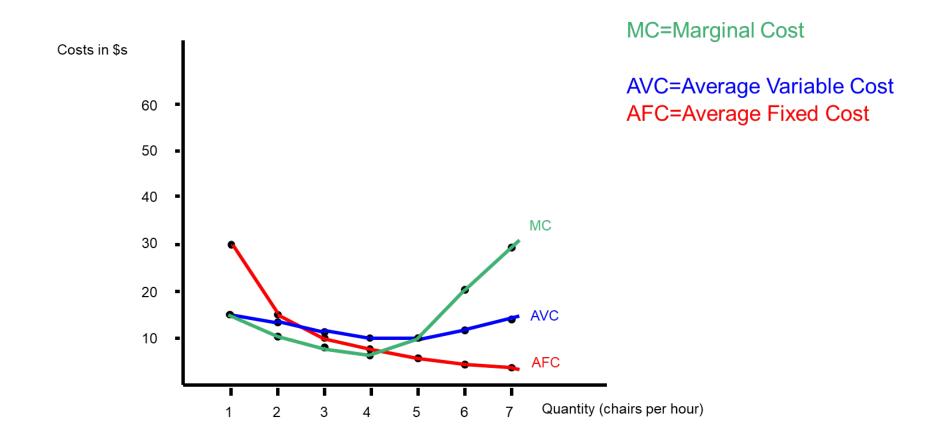
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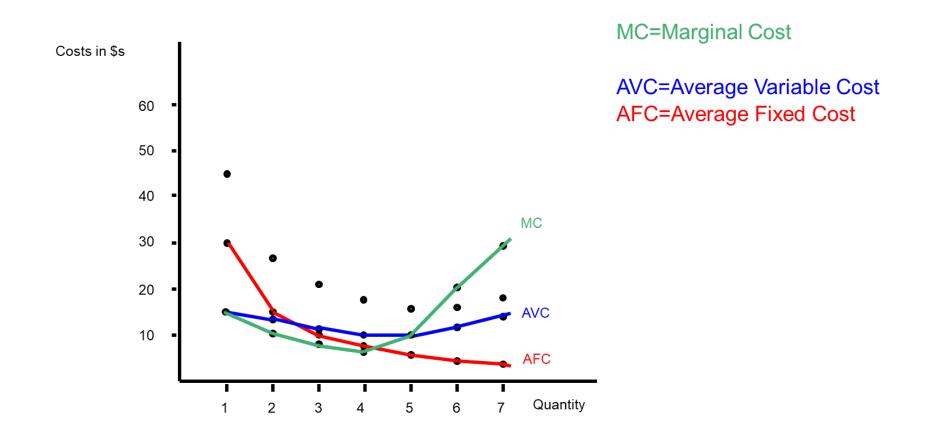
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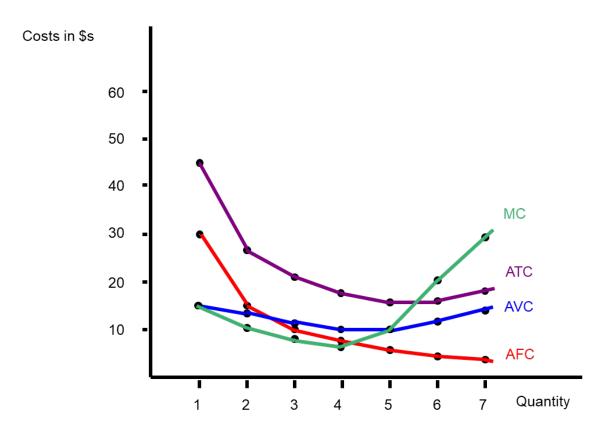
#### Average Variable Cost



# Step 4: Plot Average Total Cost



#### **Average Total Cost**



MC=Marginal Cost ATC=Average Total Cost AVC=Average Variable Cost AFC=Average Fixed Cost