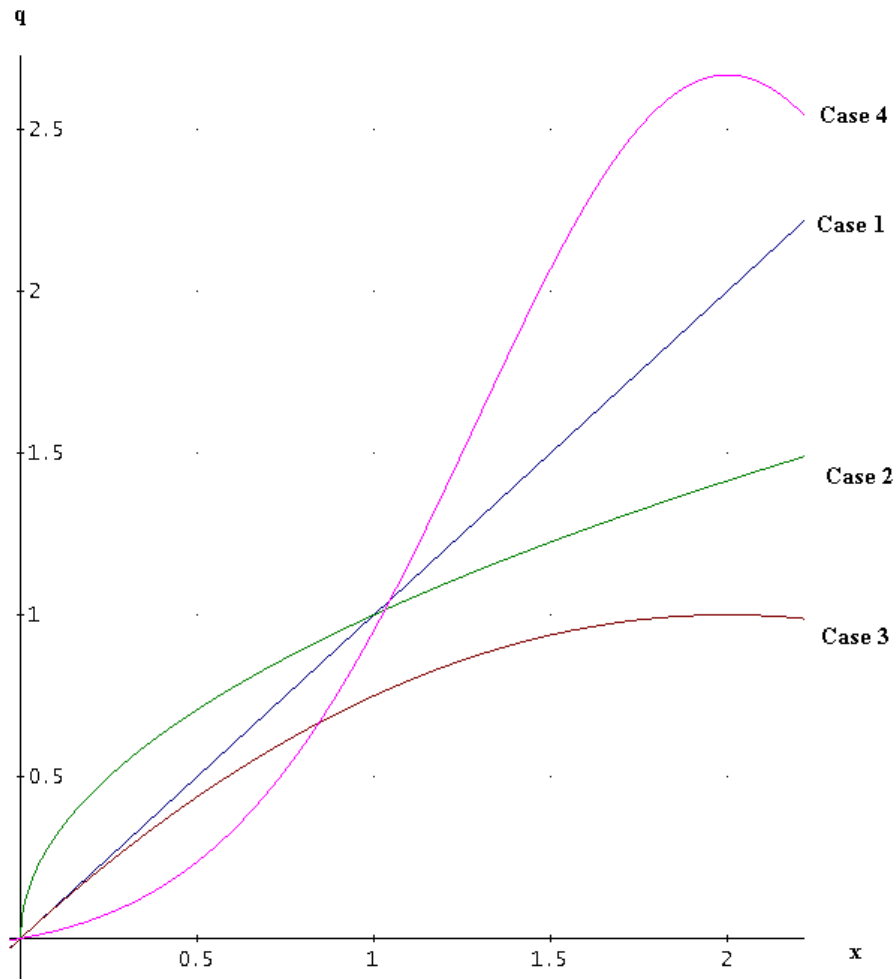


# Fundamental Economic Functions

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**Figure 1.** Alternative versions of the function  $q(x)$ .

**Case 1**

$$q = x$$

$$x = q$$

$$C(q) = F + rq$$

Example:

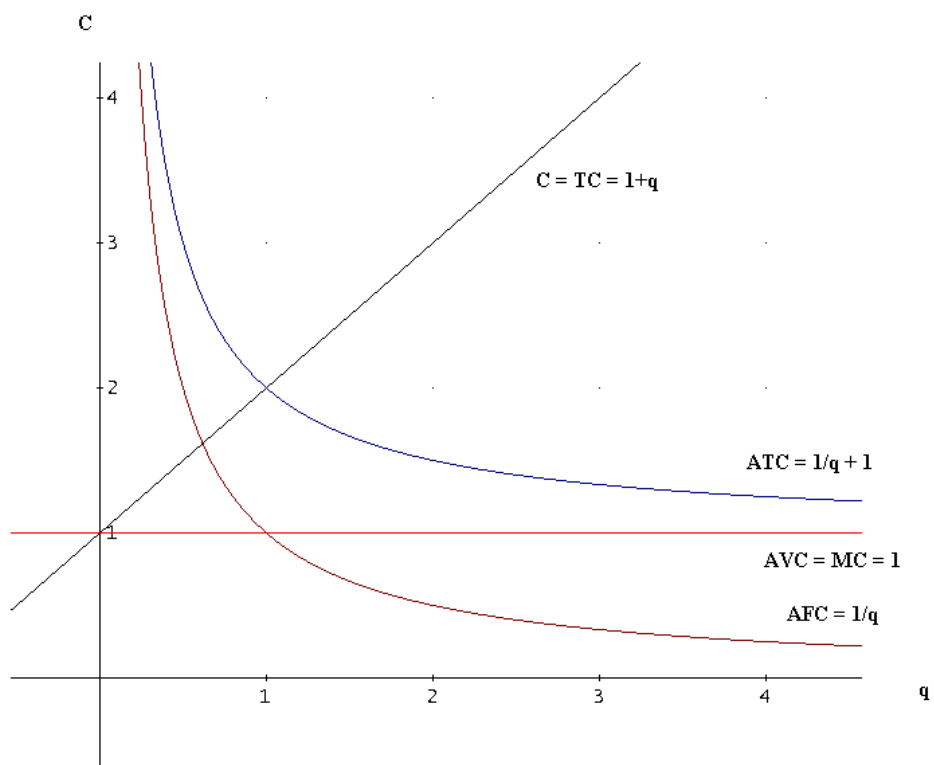
$$C = TC = 1 + q$$

$$ATC = \frac{1+q}{q} = \frac{1}{q} + 1$$

$$AFC = \frac{1}{q}$$

$$AVC = \frac{q}{q} = 1$$

$$MC = \frac{dC}{dq} = 1$$



**Figure 2.** CASE 1.

**Case 2**

$$q = \sqrt{x}$$

$$x = q^2$$

$$C(q) = F + rq^2$$

Example:

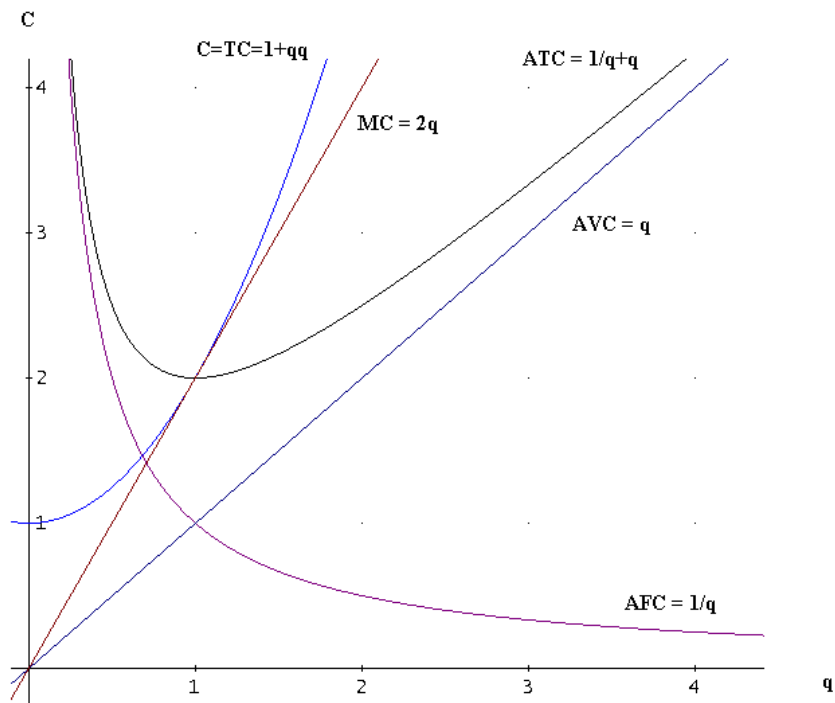
$$C = TC = 1 + q^2$$

$$ATC = \frac{1+q^2}{q} = \frac{1}{q} + q = q^{-1} + q$$

$$AFC = \frac{1}{q}$$

$$AVC = \frac{q^2}{q} = q$$

$$MC = \frac{dC}{dq} = 2q$$



**Figure 3.** CASE 2.

**Case 3**

$$q = x - \frac{1}{4}x^2 \quad 0 \leq x \leq 2$$

$$-\frac{1}{4}x^2 + x - q = 0$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 4q = 0$$

$$x = -\left(\frac{-4}{2}\right)^{(+)} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{-4}{2}\right)^2 - 4q}$$

$$x = 2 - \sqrt{4 - 4q}$$

$$x = 2 - 2\sqrt{1 - q}$$

$$x = 2 - 2(1 - q)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$C(q) = F + rx(q)$$

$$C(q) = F + r\left(2 - 2(1 - q)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)$$

*Example:*

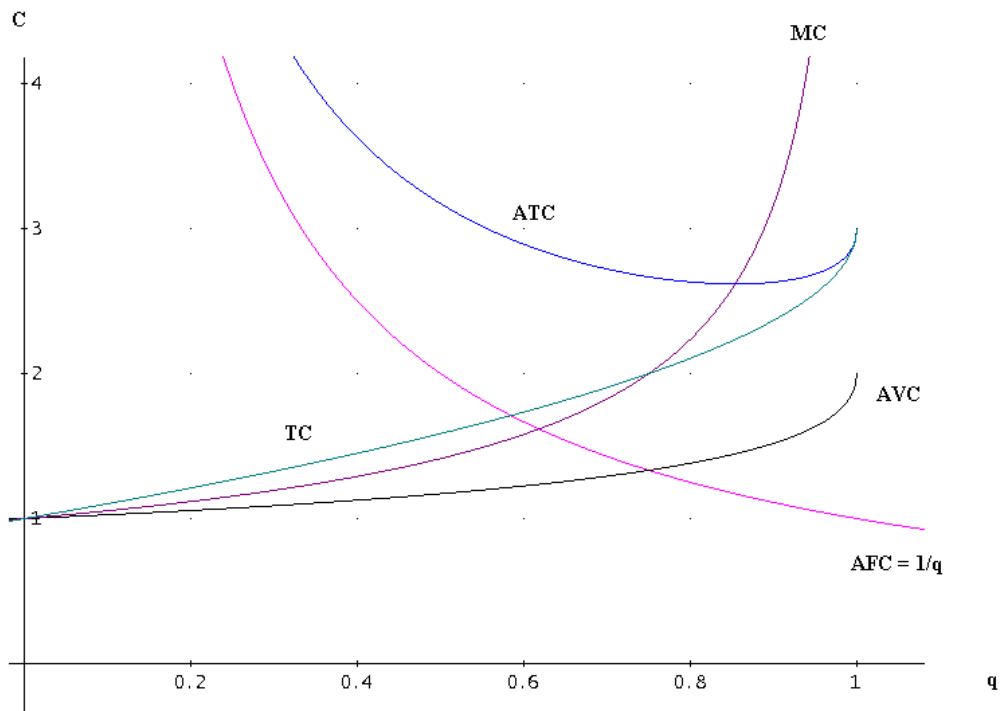
$$C = TC = 1 + \left(2 - 2(1 - q)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)$$

$$ATC = \frac{1 + \left(2 - 2(1 - q)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)}{q}$$

$$AFC = \frac{1}{q}$$

$$AVC = \frac{2 - 2(1 - q)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{q}$$

$$MC = \frac{dC}{dq} = -(1 - q)^{\frac{1}{2}}(-1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - q}}$$



**Figure 4.** CASE 3.

**Case 4**

$$q = e^{-3+4x-x^2} - k, \quad k = e^{-3}$$

$$q + k = e^{-3+4x-x^2}$$

$$\ln(q + k) = -3 + 4x - x^2$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 3 + \ln(q + k) = 0$$

$$x = 2 - \sqrt{1 - \ln(q + e^{-3})}$$

$$x = 2 - (1 - \ln(q + k))^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$MC = \frac{dC}{dq} = -\frac{1}{2}(1 - \ln(q + k))^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{-1}{q + k} \right) (1)$$

$$MC = \frac{dC}{dq} = \frac{1}{2(q + k)} (1 - \ln(q + k))^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$MC = \frac{dC}{dq} = \frac{1}{2(q + k)\sqrt{1 - \ln(q + k)}}$$

$$x = 2 - \sqrt{4 - 3 - \ln(q + k)}$$

$$x = 2 - \sqrt{1 - \ln(q + e^{-3})}$$

$$x = 2 - (1 - \ln(q + k))^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$C(q) = F + rx(q)$$

$$C(q) = F + r \left( 2 - \sqrt{1 - \ln(q + e^{-3})} \right)$$

*Example:*

$$C = TC = 1 + \left( 2 - \sqrt{1 - \ln(q + e^{-3})} \right)$$

$$ATC = \frac{1 + \left( 2 - \sqrt{1 - \ln(q + e^{-3})} \right)}{q}$$

$$AFC = \frac{1}{q}$$

$$AVC = \frac{2 - \sqrt{1 - \ln(q + e^{-3})}}{q}$$

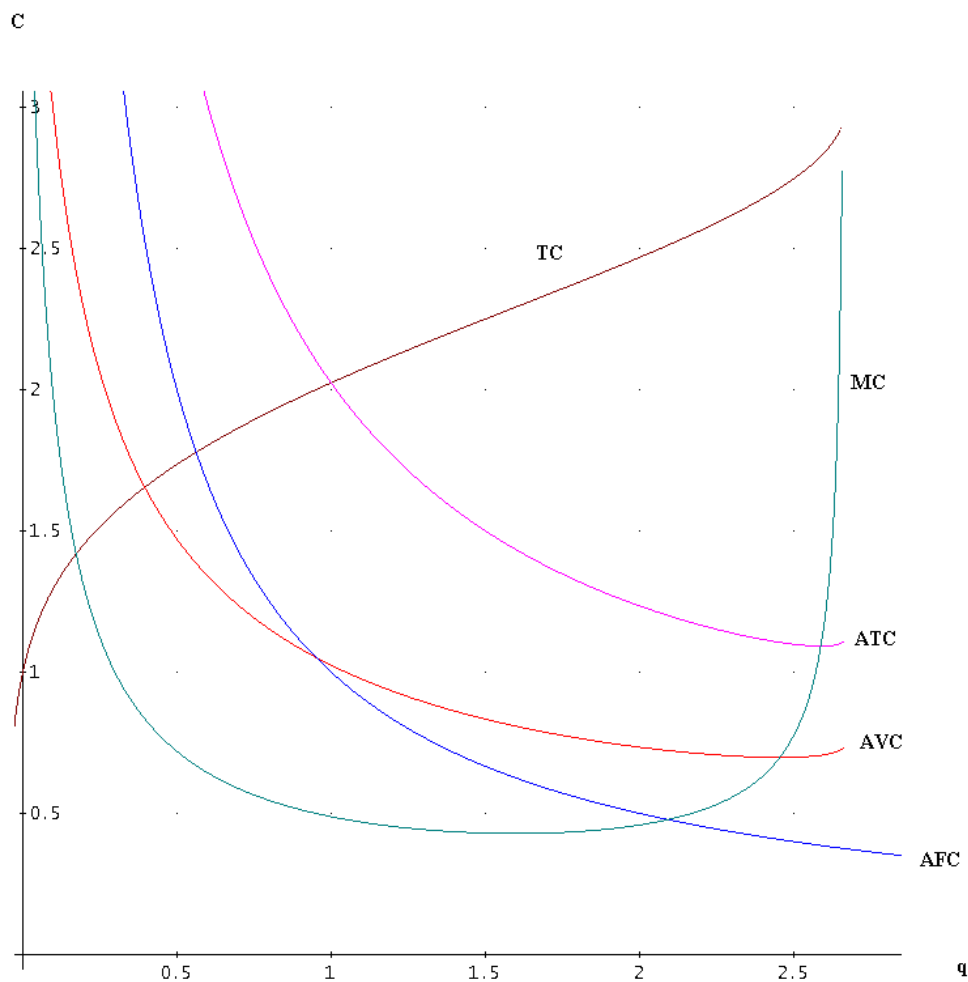
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$$x = 2 - (1 - \ln(q + k))^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

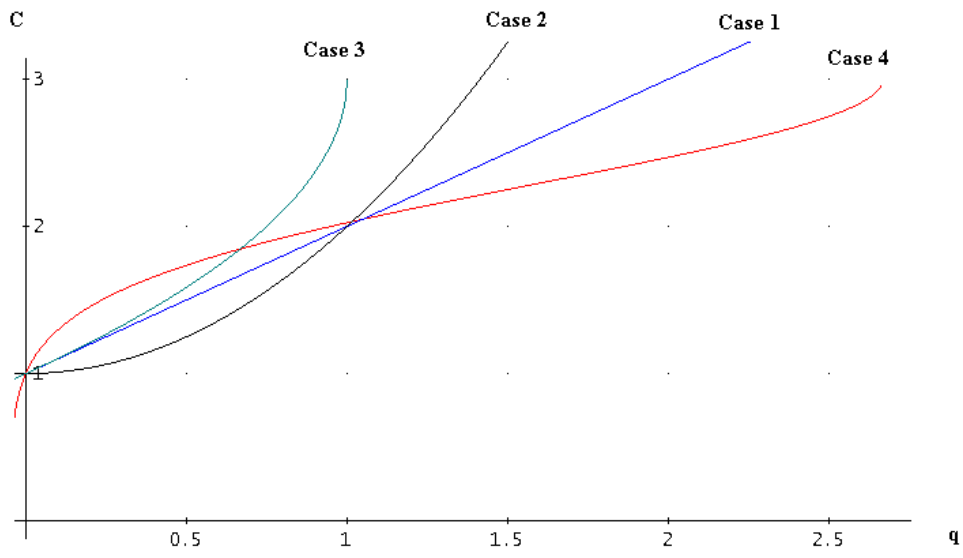
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$$MC = \frac{dC}{dq} = \frac{1}{2(q + k)\sqrt{1 - \ln(q + k)}}$$



**Figure 5.** CASE 4.



**Figure 6.**  $C(q) = TC(q)$  = total cost functions (for the different cases).