

Q! what is the purpose of an economic model?

Ans An economic model is like a simple map. its purpose is to simplify a complex real-world economic situation so we can understand it. Example it, and make predictions about it. Just like a map doesn't show every single tree or house, a model focuses only to the most important part of a problem.

Q2 How can marginal analysis be used to explain rational behaviour?

Ans Marginal analysis means thinking about a little bit more or a little bit less of something. Rational behaviour means people make decisions by comparing the benefit and costs.

Example - imagine you are eating slices of pizza. The first slice gives you a benefit. The second slice is also good. But by the third or fourth slice the extra benefit of eating one more slice gets smaller. If you rational you will stop eating when the marginal benefit of the next slice is less than the marginal cost (like feeling too full or the price of the slice). Marginal analysis explains that rational people make decisions by comparing the extra benefit to the extra cost.

③ Give an example of a behavioural assumption in an economic model. What is the purpose of using behavioural assumptions in economic models?

Ans Example - A common behavioural assumption is that people generally try to make themselves as happy as possible with the money they have.

• purpose - The purpose of using behavioural assumptions is to give the model a starting point for how people will act. It's like setting the rules for a board game. By assuming how people will behave, economists can build a model that predicts what might happen next such as how a change in price will affect how much people buy.

④ A person makes decisions by habit. This person considers neither the benefit nor the costs of his or her actions. Can the person be considered rational?

Ans According to the standard economic definition of rationality, this person would not be considered rational. Rational behaviour requires conscious comparison. However, sometimes a

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