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second class

Economic helps us understand how people and firms make choices under scarcity.

the main assumption: individuals pursue clear goals like maximum satisfaction or maximum profit.

Marginal analysis: an activity is worth doing if the additional benefits exceed the additional costs.

economic models:

Simplified representations using logic, graphs, or math to predict how variables (like prices, wages, unemployment) change with conditions.

Economists assume that:

firms aim to maximize profits.

consumers seek maximum satisfaction.

scarcity forces choices, and each choice has an opportunity cost.