

# Elasticity of Demand

1. own price elasticity

$$e_p = \left| \frac{\partial Q}{\partial P} \right| \times \frac{P}{Q}$$

2. cross price elasticity

$$e_{c}^{x,y} = \frac{\partial Q^x}{\partial P_y} \times \frac{P_y}{Q^x}$$

3. Income elasticity of demand

$$e_{mp} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial Y} \times \frac{Y}{Q}$$

Q demand for:  $Q_b = 4850 - 5P_b + 1.5P_p + 0.1Y$

$Y = 10,000$

$P_b = 200$

$P_p = 100$

income elasticity  $e_{mp} = \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial Y} \right) \cdot \frac{Y}{Q}$

Taking partial derivative of  $Q_b$  w.r.t  $Y$

$$\frac{\partial Q_b}{\partial Y} = 0.1$$

when  $Y = 10,000$

$P_b = 200$

$P_p = 100$

$$Q_b = 4850 - 5 \times 200 + 1.5 \times 100 + 0.1 \times 10000$$

$$= 4850 - 1000 + 150 + 1000$$

$$Q_b = 5000$$

$$\therefore e_y = \frac{\partial Q_b}{\partial Y} \times \frac{Y}{Q_b} = 0.1 \times \frac{10000}{5000} = 0.2 \text{ (ans)}$$

$e_y = 0.2 < 1$  (inelastic demand)

$$e_{b,p} = \left( \frac{\partial Q_b}{\partial P_p} \right) \times \frac{P_p}{Q_b}$$

Cross price  $e_c^{b,p} = \left( \frac{\partial Q_b}{\partial P_p} \right) \times \frac{P_p}{Q_b}$

Taking partial derivative of  $Q_b$  w.r.t  $P_p$ ,

$$\frac{\partial Q_b}{\partial P_p} = 1.5 \quad \text{and } P_p = 100 \quad Q_b = 5000$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore e_c^{b,p} &= 1.5 \times \frac{100}{5000} \\ &= \frac{150}{5000} = 0.03 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Beef and pork are substitute goods.

1.  $e_c > 0 \Rightarrow$  substitute
  2.  $e_c < 0 \Rightarrow$  complementary
  3.  $e_c = 0 \Rightarrow$  neutral goods.

own price elasticity of demand.

$$e_p = \frac{\partial Q_b}{\partial P_b} \times \frac{P_b}{Q_b}$$

$$\text{Here, } \frac{\partial Q_b}{\partial P_b} = -5, \quad P_b = 200, \quad Q_b = 5000$$

$$\begin{aligned} e_p &= -5 \times \frac{200}{5000} \\ &= -\frac{5}{50} = -\frac{5}{10} = -0.5 \end{aligned}$$

$$|e_p| = 0.5 < 1$$

... demand)

Inelastic demand

Cost formulae

-  $TC = \text{cost}$

-  $AC = \frac{TC}{Q}$

-  $MC = \frac{\partial TC}{\partial Q}$

Revenue formulae

$TR = P \times Q$

$AR = \frac{TR}{Q} = \frac{P \times Q}{Q} = P$

$MR = \frac{\partial TR}{\partial Q}$

Product formulae

$TR_L = Q$  or  $TR_K = Q$

$AP_L = \frac{Q}{L}$  &  $AP_K = \frac{Q}{K}$

$MP_L = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial L}$  &  $MP_K = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial K}$

$TC = x^2 - 0.5xy + y^2$

Find the MC of x and MC of y.

$MC_x = \frac{\partial TC}{\partial x}$

$= 2x - 0.5y$

and  $MC_y = \frac{\partial TC}{\partial y}$

$= -0.5x + 2y$

Review:

minimisation

FOC  $f_1 = 0$   $f_2 = 0$

SOC  $f_{11} > 0$   $f_{22} > 0$

(H.O.C)  $f_{11} \cdot f_{22} > f_{12}^2$

Maximisation

FOC  $f_1 = 0$   $f_2 = 0$

$f_{11} < 0$   $f_{22} < 0$

SOC  $f_{11} \cdot f_{22} > f_{12}^2$

$f(x, y) > f_{11} \cdot f_{22} > f_{12}^2$

given profit function of a firm

$$\pi = 64x - 2x^2 + 4xy - 4y^2 + 32y - 14$$

F.O.C  $\pi_x = \frac{\partial \pi}{\partial x} = 64 - 4x + 4y = 0$  ✓

or,  $4x - 4y = 64$   
 $x - y = 16$  — (1)

$$\pi_y = \frac{\partial \pi}{\partial y} = 4x - 8y + 32 = 0$$

$$4x - 8y = -32$$

$$x - 2y = -8$$
 — (2)

Solving (1) and (2)

$$\begin{array}{r} x - y = 16 \\ (-) \quad x - 2y = -8 \\ \hline y = 24 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore x = 16 + y = 16 + 24 = 40$$

$\therefore x = 16$  and  $y = 40$  units

L.O.C  $\pi_{xx} = \frac{\partial^2 \pi}{\partial x^2} = -4$

S.O.C

$$\pi_{xx} = \frac{\partial^2 \pi}{\partial x^2} = -4 < 0$$

$$\pi_{yy} = \frac{\partial^2 \pi}{\partial y^2} = -8 < 0$$

$$\pi_{xy} = \frac{\partial^2 \pi}{\partial x \partial y} = 4$$

$$\pi_{xx} \pi_{yy} = -4 \times -8 = 32$$

$$\pi_{xy}^2 = 16$$

$$\therefore 32 > 16$$

$$\pi_{xx} \cdot \pi_{yy} > \pi_{xy}^2$$

$\therefore$  at  $x = 24$  and  $y = 40$  units  
 $\pi$  is maximised.

$$f(x, y) = 0$$

$$\sqrt{2x = y}$$

$$\sqrt{2x - y = 0}$$

$$f = x^2 + xy + y^3$$

explicit fn  $x = y$

implicit fn  $x - y = 0$

Suppose  $x^2 + xy + y^3 = 0$  (implicit fn)

Can you arrange this function with 'x' on LHS and 'y' on R.H.S.?

This implicit fn cannot be changed into explicit fn.

Suppose you are given

an implicit fn

$$x^2 - x + y = 0$$

then you can write

$$x^2 - x = y$$

explicit fn

Implicit function rule:

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$$z = f(x, y)$$

then,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{f_x}{f_y}$

Ex:  $x^2 + 6x - 13 - y = 0$  implicit

what is  $dy/dx$ ?

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{f_x}{f_y}$$

$$f_x = 2x + 6 \quad \text{and} \quad f_y = -1$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2x+6}{-1} = 2x+6$$

(using implicit fn rule)

Inverse rule:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{dx/dy}$

$$\text{or, } \frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{1}{dy/dx}$$

what is  $\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{1}{dy/dx} = \frac{1}{2x+6}$  (ans)

What is  $\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{dy/dx}{\frac{1}{2x+e}}$  (ans)