

Questions *Microeconomics* (with answers)

2a Elasticities

01 Price elasticity of demand 1

If the price rises by 3 %, the quantity demanded falls by 1.5 %. Calculate the price elasticity of demand.

02 Price elasticity of demand 2

If the price falls from 6 to 4, the quantity demanded rises from 8000 to 12000.

- ① Calculate the price elasticity of demand by using midpoints.
- ② What happens to turnover (Price * Quantity) due to the price change?

03 Price elasticity of demand 3

In a cinema many seats remain empty. The manager examines the following alternatives:

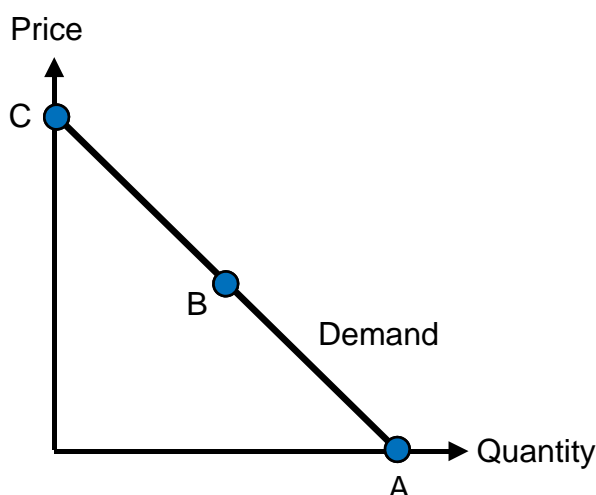
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| ① | Decrease in prices | 12 % | → | Increase in entries | 15 % |
| ② | Increase in prices | 10 % | → | Decrease in entries | 12 % |

Which alternative is chosen if the manager intends to maximize turnover?

Hint: Calculate the percentage change in turnover to be able to choose the alternative.

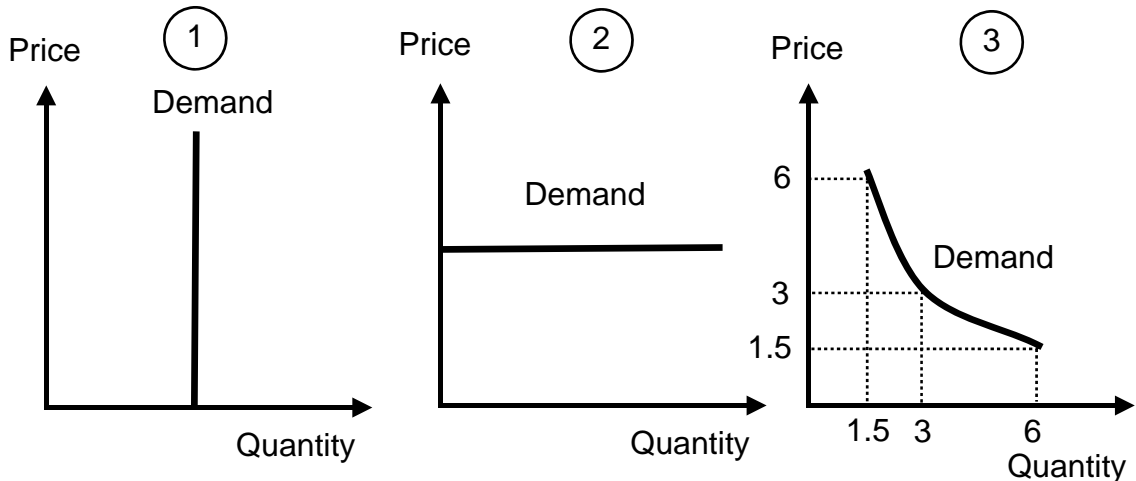
04 Price elasticity of demand 4

Characterize the price elasticity of demand if we move along the demand curve from A to B and finally to C.



05 Price elasticity of demand 5

Determine the price elasticity of demand in the special cases ① to ③:



06 Price elasticity of demand 6

How can the price elasticity of demand be measured at point X?



07 Income elasticity of demand 1

Which type of goods can be observed assuming the following income elasticities of demand?

- ① Good X: + 0.5
- ② Good Y: + 2.6
- ③ Good Z: - 0.4

08 Income elasticity of demand 2

The income elasticities of demand of two goods, A and B, are as follows:

- ① Good A: + 3.0
- ② Good B: - 0.2

Now income rises by 5%. By how much quantities demanded of A and B will change?

09 Cross-price elasticity of demand

How can the cross-price elasticity of demand be used to identify the relationship between two goods, C and D?

10 Elasticities and types of good

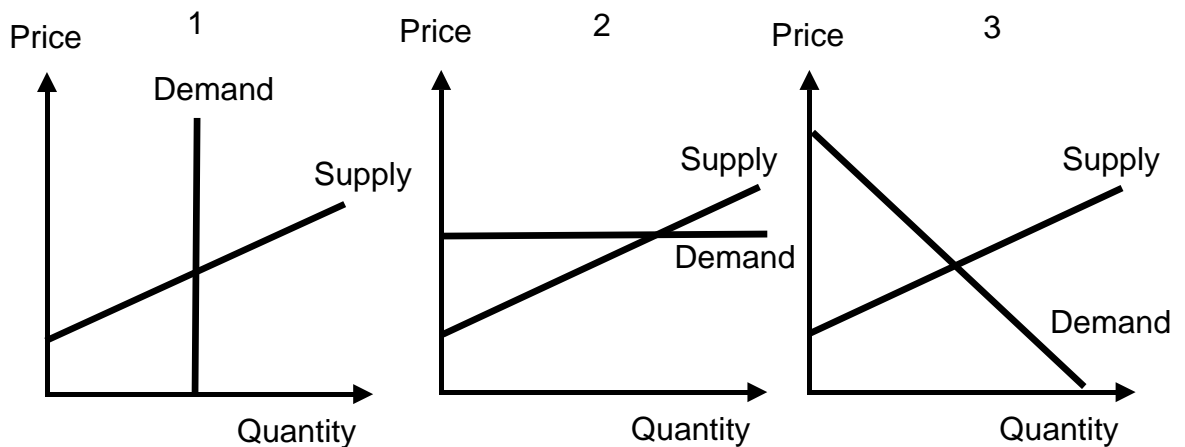
Characterize the good by taking the following elasticities into account:

- ① Price elasticity of demand: 0.5
- ② Income elasticity of demand: - 0.2
- ③ Cross-price elasticity of demand: - 0.3

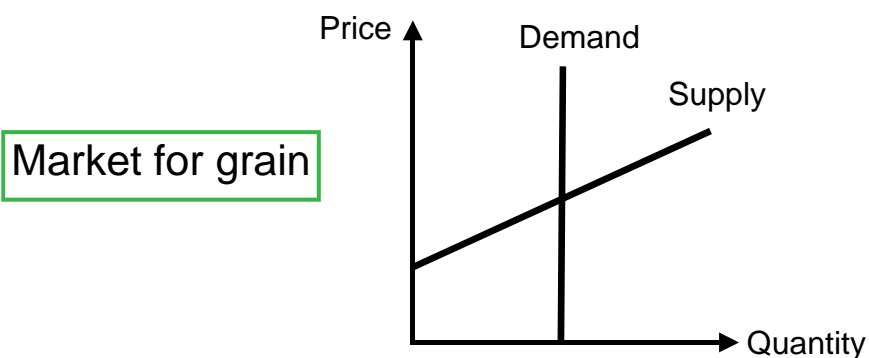
11 Elasticities and tax incidence

A new sales tax (for example \$ 1 per piece) is introduced.

- ① Who bears the tax in the cases 1, 2 and 3?
- ② Describe the relationship between price elasticity of demand and tax incidence.



12 Elasticity and turnover



What happens to turnover (Price * Quantity) if there is a bumper crop of grain?

To 2b Elasticities (Multiple Choice): www.economics/downloads/Elasticities.htm

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