

Elasticities (summary)

Elasticity	Formula	Cases
Price elasticity of demand (e)	$e = \frac{\% \text{ change in quantity demanded}}{\% \text{ change in price}}$ (e in absolute values)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perfectly elastic demand ($e = \infty$) • Perfectly inelastic demand ($e = 0$) • Unit elastic demand ($e = 1$) • Elastic demand ($e > 1$) • Inelastic demand ($e < 1$)
Cross-price elasticity of demand (Ce)	$C_e = \frac{\% \text{ change in quantity demanded of good X}}{\% \text{ change in the price of good Y}}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substitutes ($C_e > 0$) • Complements ($C_e < 0$)
Income elasticity of demand (Ie)	$I_e = \frac{\% \text{ change in quantity demanded}}{\% \text{ change in income}}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inferior goods ($I_e < 0$) • Normal goods ($I_e > 0$); in addition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •• Income elastic (Luxuries) ($I_e > 1$) •• Income inelastic (Necessities) ($I_e < 1$)
Price elasticity of supply (Se)	$S_e = \frac{\% \text{ change in quantity supplied}}{\% \text{ change in price}}$	