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## • Elasticity of Demand

- price elasticity of demand :  $\epsilon_d = \frac{\% \Delta Q_d}{\% \Delta P}$

- income " :  $\epsilon_I = \frac{\% \Delta Q_d}{\% \Delta I}$

- cross-price " :  $\epsilon_{xy} = \frac{\% \Delta Q_d^x}{\% \Delta P_y}$

## Today. Elasticity of Supply

- price elasticity of supply :  $\epsilon_s$

• Consumer surplus & Producer surplus.

## Calculation of $\epsilon_s$

1. Linear Supply Curve :

$$\epsilon_s = \frac{-1 \cdot \Delta Q_s}{-1 \cdot \Delta P} = \frac{\Delta Q_s / \bar{Q}_s}{\Delta P / \bar{P}}$$

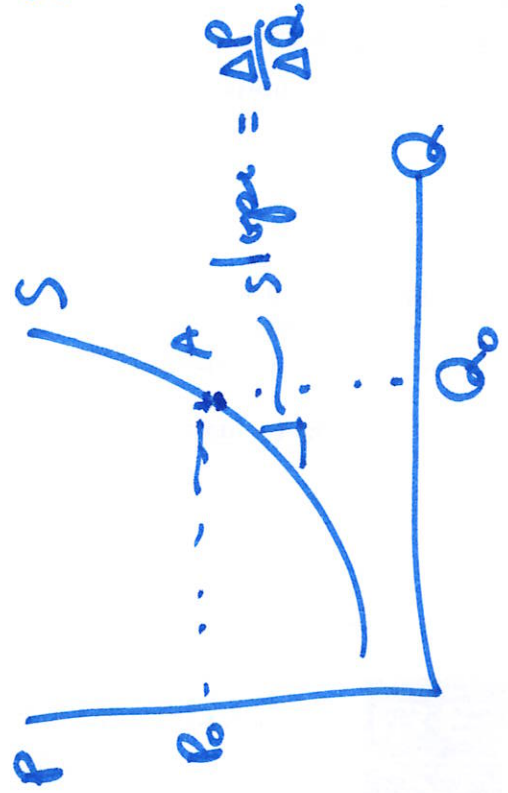
$$\text{where } \bar{Q}_s = \frac{Q_s^1 + Q_s^2}{2}$$

$$\bar{P} = \frac{P^1 + P^2}{2}$$

2. Non-linear supply curve :

$$\epsilon_s = \frac{-1 \cdot \Delta Q_s}{-1 \cdot \Delta P} = \frac{\Delta Q_s / Q_s}{\Delta P / P} = \frac{\Delta Q_s}{\Delta P} \cdot \frac{P}{Q_s}$$

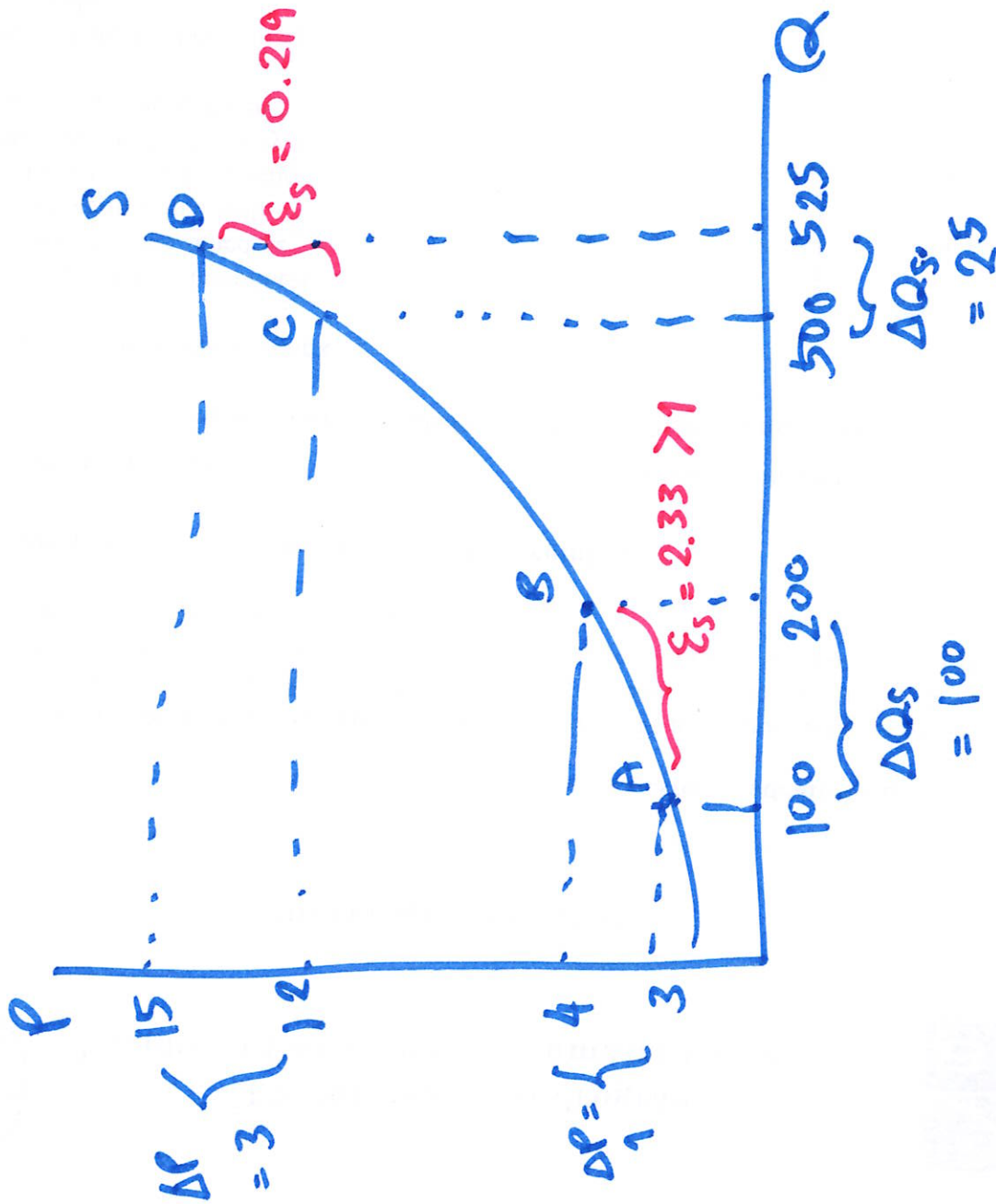
$$\therefore \epsilon_s^A = \frac{1}{\text{slope of supply}} \cdot \frac{P_0}{Q_0}$$



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# Ex

Use mid-point method



A → B:

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_s &= \frac{\% \Delta Q_s}{\% \Delta P} \\ &= \frac{(100) / 150}{1 / 3.5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\epsilon_s = 2.33$$

C → D

$$\epsilon_s = \frac{25 / 512.5}{3 / 13.5}$$

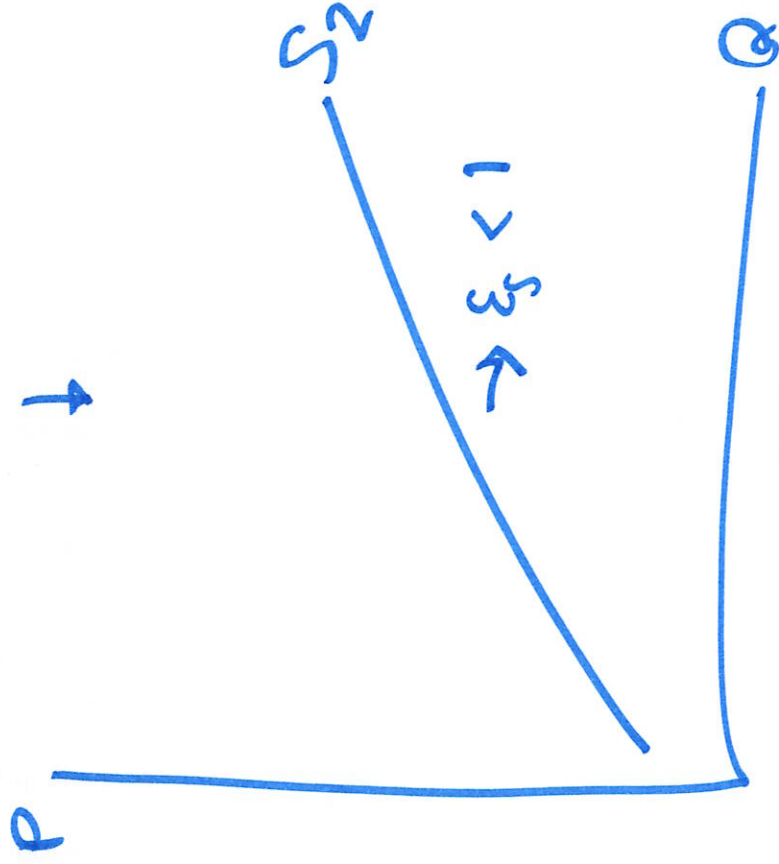
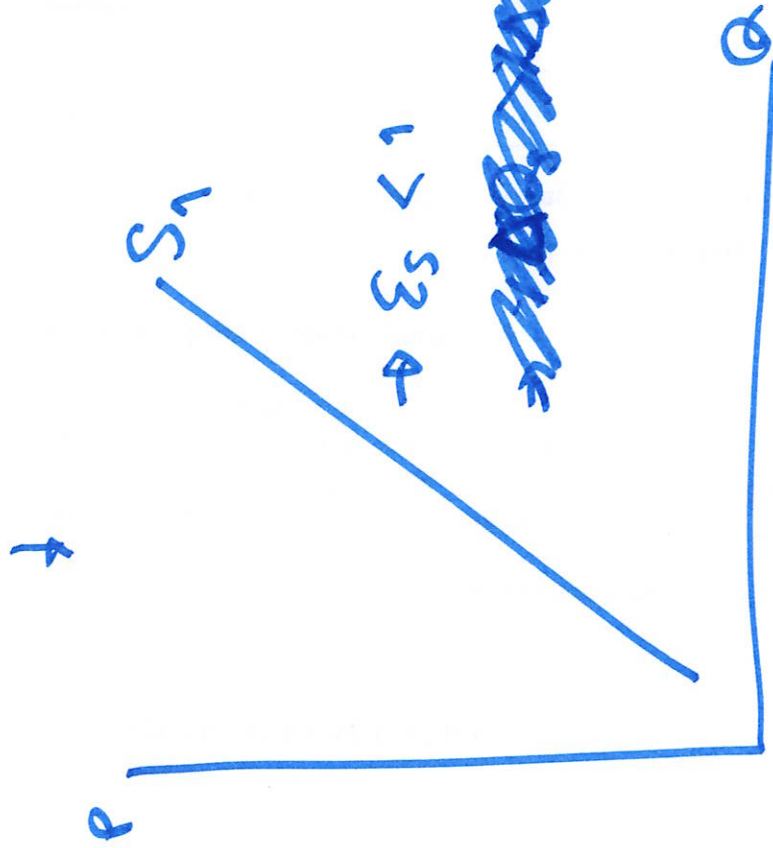
$$\epsilon_s = 0.219$$

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Ex Rubber Gloves vs. Tires.

↳ rubber  
↳ natural

↳ natural rubber  
↳ synthetic rubber  
(oil or petroleum).



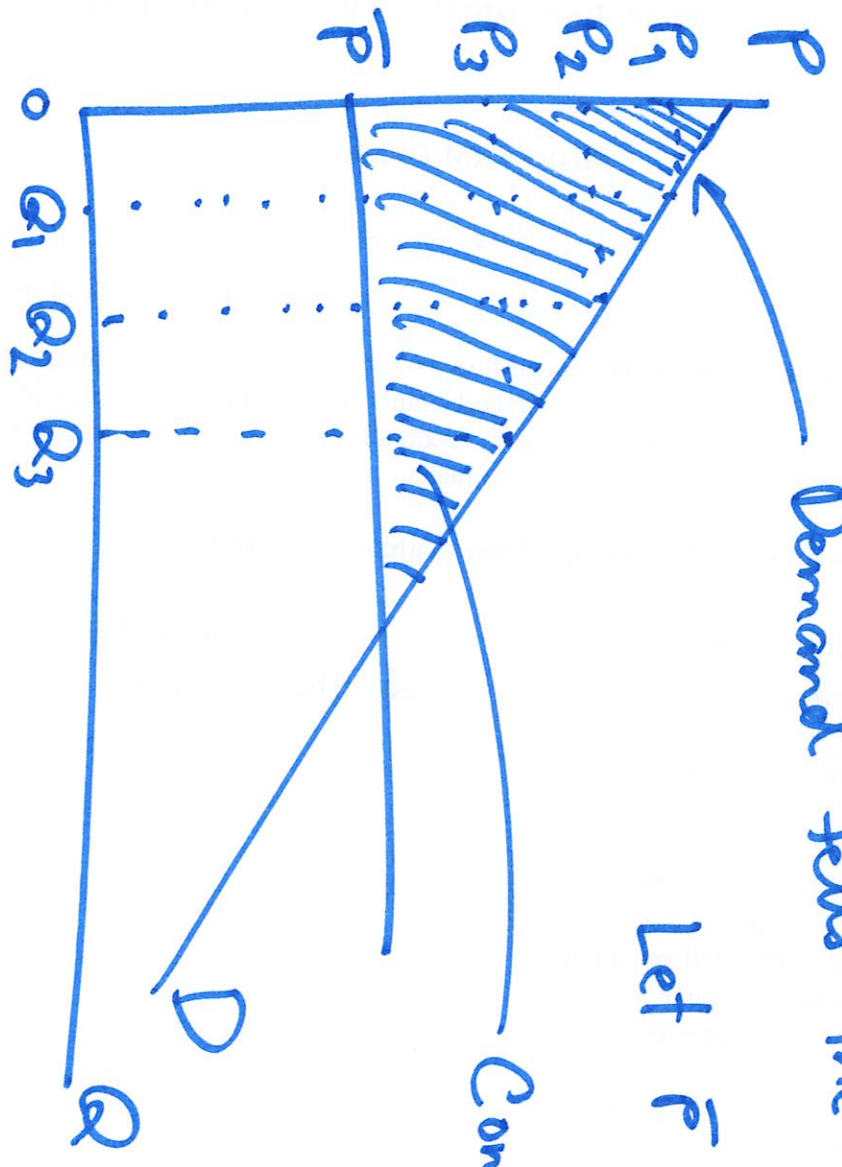
Topic 4 : Consumer Surplus, Producer Surplus, & Market Efficiency.

- Recall 3 questions: what, how, for whom
  - 'For whom' → allocation of resources
  - Want to illustrate how to measure 'welfare' of consumers & producers.
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    - "well-being"
- Consumer surplus & Producer surplus.

# Consumer Surplus

Demand tells the ~~the~~ willingness to pay.

Let  $\bar{P}$  = actual price.



Consumer surplus (CS)

$$CS = MTP - \bar{P}$$