

HW#5 Due February 25, 2021

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3. Suppose the price elasticity of demand for heating oil is 0.2 in the short run and 0.7 in the long run.
- If the price of heating oil rises from \$1.80 to \$2.20 per gallon, what happens to the quantity of heating oil demanded in the short run? In the long run? (Use the midpoint method in your calculations.)
 - Why might this elasticity depend on the time horizon?
7. Suppose that your demand schedule for pizza is as follows:

Price	Quantity Demanded (income = <u>\$20,000</u>)	Quantity Demanded (income = <u>\$24,000</u>)
\$8	40 pizzas	50 pizzas
10	32	45
12	24	30
14	16	20
16	8	12

- Use the midpoint method to calculate your price elasticity of demand as the price of pizza increases from \$8 to \$10 if (i) your income is \$20,000 and (ii) your income is \$24,000.
- Calculate your income elasticity of demand as your income increases from \$20,000 to \$24,000 if (i) the price is \$12 and (ii) the price is \$16.

3. a.) Short run (Mid point method)

$$\eta_D = \frac{\text{Percentage change in Quantity demanded}}{\text{Percentage change in Price}}$$

$$\eta_D = \frac{\% \Delta Q_D}{\% \Delta P}$$

$$0.2 = \frac{\% \Delta Q_D}{\frac{P_1 - P_0}{\frac{P_1 + P_0}{2}}}$$

$$0.2 = \frac{\% \Delta Q_D}{\left(\frac{0.4}{2}\right)}$$

$$(0.2)(0.2) = \% \Delta Q_D$$

$$0.04 = \% \Delta Q_D$$

So, if the price of elasticity is 0.2 in short run, and price increase 20% the the quantity demand will fall by 4%.

For long run

$$\eta_D = \frac{\% \Delta Q_D}{\% \Delta P}$$

$$\eta_D = \frac{\% \Delta Q_D}{\frac{(P_1 - P_0)}{\frac{(P_1 + P_0)}{2}}}$$

$$0.7 = \frac{\% \Delta Q_D}{\frac{(2.2 - 1.8)}{\frac{(2.2 + 1.8)}{2}}}$$

$$0.7 = \frac{\% \Delta Q_D}{0.2}$$

$$0.14 = \% \Delta Q_D$$

b.) In reality, elasticity determine by what will be the substitute. For examples, when people have more time, meaning that people have more opportunity to find substitute or even better.

∴ So, if the price of elasticity is 0.7 in long run and the price increases by 20%, the quantity demand will fall by 14%

$$7. \quad 1) i \quad \eta_D = \frac{\text{percentage change in } Q_D}{\text{percentage change in } P} \quad (1)$$

$$\eta_D = \frac{\% \Delta Q_D}{\% \Delta P}$$

$$\eta_D = \frac{\frac{Q_2 - Q_1}{\left(\frac{Q_2 + Q_1}{2}\right)}}{\frac{P_2 - P_1}{\left(\frac{P_2 + P_1}{2}\right)}}$$

$$\eta_D = \frac{\frac{32 - 40}{\left(\frac{32 + 40}{2}\right)}}{\frac{10 - 8}{\left(\frac{10 + 8}{2}\right)}}$$

$$\eta_D = \frac{\frac{-8}{36}}{\frac{2}{9}}$$

$$\eta_D = \frac{-8}{36} \cdot \frac{9}{2} = -1$$

$$\eta_D = \frac{\% \Delta Q_D}{\% \Delta P} \quad (2)$$

$$\eta_D = \frac{(Q_2 - Q_1) / Q_1}{(P_2 - P_1) / P_1}$$

$$= \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta P_1} \cdot \frac{P_1}{Q_1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\text{slope}} \cdot \frac{\bar{P}}{\bar{Q}} \quad ; \text{ mid point method.}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{(10-8)}{(32-40)}} \cdot \frac{(8+10)}{(40+32)}$$

$$= \frac{-8}{2} \cdot \frac{18}{72}$$

$$\eta_D = -1 \quad \neq$$

$$\text{ii.) } \eta_D = \frac{\text{percentage change in } Q_D}{\text{percentage change in } P} \quad (1)$$

$$\eta_D = \frac{\% \Delta Q_D}{\% \Delta P}$$

$$\eta_D = \frac{\frac{Q_2 - Q_1}{\left(\frac{Q_2 + Q_1}{2}\right)}}{\frac{P_2 - P_1}{\left(\frac{P_2 + P_1}{2}\right)}}$$

$$\eta_D = \frac{\frac{45 - 50}{\left(\frac{45 + 50}{2}\right)}}{\frac{10 - 8}{\left(\frac{10 + 8}{2}\right)}}$$

$$\eta_D = \frac{\frac{-5}{\left(\frac{95}{2}\right)}}{\frac{2}{9}}$$

$$\eta_D = \frac{-5}{\left(\frac{95}{2}\right)} \times \frac{9}{2} = \frac{-45}{95} = -0.4737$$

$$\eta_D = \frac{\% \Delta Q_D}{\% \Delta P} \quad (2)$$

$$\eta_D = \frac{(Q_2 - Q_1) / Q_1}{(P_2 - P_1) / P_1}$$

$$= \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta P} \cdot \frac{P_1}{Q_1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\text{slope}} \cdot \frac{P}{Q}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{(10 - 8)}{(45 - 50)}} \cdot \frac{(10 + 8)}{(45 + 50)}$$

$$= \frac{-5}{2} \cdot \frac{18^Q}{95^{19}}$$

$$\eta_D = -0.4737 \quad *$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b.) i) } \eta_I &= \frac{\% \Delta Q_D}{\% \Delta I} \\ &= \frac{30 - 24}{24} \\ &= \frac{24,000 - 20,000}{20,000} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{6}{24}}{\frac{1}{5}}$$

$$= \frac{30}{24}$$

$$\eta_I = 1.25$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ii) } \eta_I &= \frac{\% \Delta Q_D}{\% \Delta I} \\ &= \frac{12 - 8}{8} \\ &= \frac{24,000 - 20,000}{20,000} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{4}{8}}{\frac{1}{6}}$$

$$= \frac{20}{8}$$

$$\eta_I = 2.5$$