

3. Suppose the price elasticity of demand for heating oil is 0.2 in the short run and 0.7 in the long run.

- a. 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.)
- b. Why might this elasticity depend on the time horizon?

$$3. a.) \quad \Delta P = \frac{2.20 - 1.80}{1.00} = 0.2$$

In short run

$$0.2 = \frac{\Delta Q}{0.2}$$

$$\Delta Q = 0.04$$

In long run

$$0.7 = \frac{\Delta Q}{0.2}$$

$$\Delta Q = 0.14$$

The quantity demanded of heating oil is getting increase when time past

- b.) As the time past, the elasticity is getting increased because you can find substitutes that cheaper in longrun. In shortrun sometimes you cannot find the substitute and in the longrun buyer may have/know more choice

7. Suppose that your demand schedule for pizza is as follows:

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

- a. 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.
- b. 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.

$$\frac{1}{\text{slope}} \cdot \frac{(P_1 + P_2)/2}{(Q_1 + Q_2)/2}$$

$$\text{Price elasticity of demand} = \frac{(Q_2 - Q_1) / [(Q_1 + Q_2)/2]}{(P_2 - P_1) / [(P_1 + P_2)/2]}$$

$$a) \text{ I.) } \quad \Delta Q = \frac{32 - 40}{36} = -0.22 \quad \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta P} = \frac{-0.22}{0.22} = -1$$

$$\Delta P = \frac{2}{9} = 0.22$$

$$\text{II.) } \quad \Delta Q = \frac{45 - 50}{49.5} = -0.105 \quad \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta P} = \frac{-0.105}{0.11} = -0.974$$

$$\Delta P = \frac{2}{9} = 0.22$$

$$b) \text{ Income Elasticity } \eta_I = \frac{\% \Delta Q}{\% \Delta I}$$

I.) Price is \$12

$$24 \rightarrow 30 \quad \% \Delta Q = \frac{30 - 24}{24} \times 100 = 25\%$$

$$20,000 \rightarrow 24,000 \quad \% \Delta I = \frac{24,000 - 20,000}{20,000} \times 100 = 20\%$$

II.) The price is \$16

$$8 \rightarrow 12 \quad \% \Delta Q = \frac{12 - 8}{8} \times 100 = 50\%$$

$$10,000 \rightarrow 24,000 \quad \% \Delta I = \frac{24,000 - 10,000}{10,000} \times 100 = 140\%$$

$$\eta_I = \frac{50\%}{140\%} = 0.357$$