

Chapter Outline

- 5.1. The Buyer's Problem
- 5.2. Putting It All Together
- 5.3. From the Buyer's Problem to the Demand Curve
- 5.4. Consumer Surplus
- 5.5. Demand Elasticities

Key Ideas

- 1. The buyer's problem has three parts:
 - 1. what you like,
 - 2. prices, and
 - 3. your budget.
- 2. An optimizing buyer makes decisions at the margin.
- 3. An individual's demand curve reflects an ability and willingness to pay for a good or service.

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Key Ideas

- 4. Consumer surplus is the difference between what a buyer is willing to pay for a good and what the buyer actually pays.
- 5. Elasticity measures a variable's responsiveness to changes in another variable.

Evidence-Based Economics Example

Would a smoker quit the habit for \$100 a month?

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= incentives



What would motivate you?

Why does the demand curve have a negative slope? • Why the price has to fall to buy another unit?

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- Why does a soda machine only dispense one bottle or can at a time, but
- a newspaper vending machine opens up so that you can take as many as you want?



The Buyer's Problem

- 1. What do you like?
- 2. How much does it cost?
- 3. How much money do you have?



The Buyer's Problem: What You Like: Tastes and Preferences What do you like? Everyone has different likes and dislikes, but we assume everyone has two things in common: We all want the biggest bang for our buck What we actually buy reflects our tastes

2. What we actually buy reflects our tastes and preferences

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The Buyer's Problem: Prices of Goods and Services

- How much does it cost?
- We also assume two characteristics of prices:
- 1. Prices are fixed—no negotiation
- 2. We can buy as much as we want of something without driving the price up (because of an increase in demand)

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The Buyer's Problem: The Budget Set How Much Money You Have to Spend

- How much money do you have?
- There are lots of things to do with your money, but we assume:
- 1. There is no saving or borrowing, only buying
- 2. That even though we use a straight line to represent purchase choices, we only purchase whole units









Putting It All 7	ogether	
 The next day have time to you a check Will you go l 	y, he calls and say buy the car and v for \$100,000 inste	s he doesn't will just give ead.
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		Sweaters	\$25		Jeans \$5	50
Quantity	Total Benefits (A)	Marginal Benefits (B)	Marginal Benefits per Dollar Spent = (B) / \$25	Total Benefits (C)	Marginal Benefits (D)	Marginal Benefits per Dollar Spent = (D) / \$50
0	0			0		
1	100	100	4	160	160	3.2
2	185	85	3.4	310	150	3
3	260	75	3	410	100	2
4	325	65	2.6	490	80	1.6
5	385	60	2.4	520	30	0.6
6	435	50	2	530	10	0.2
7	480	45	1.8	533	3	0.06
8	520	40	1.6	535	2	0.04
9	555	35	1.4	536	1	0.02
10	589	34	1.36	537	1	0.02
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> Consumer Equilibrium Condition:

$$\frac{MB_s}{P_s} = \frac{MB_j}{P_j}$$
> What if $MB_s = \$75$ and $MB_j = \$100?$

















From t	he Bur	ver's F	Proble	m to t	the De	mand	Curve
		Sweaters \$2	5		Jean	s \$50	Carte
Quantity	Total Benefits	Marginal Benefits	Marginal Benefits per Dollar	Total Benefits	Marginal Benefits	Marginal Benefits per Dollar	Marginal Benefits per Dollar
	(A)	(B)	Spent = (B) / \$25	(C)	(D)	Spent = (D) / \$50	Spent = (D) \$75
0	0			0			
1	100	100	4	160	160	3.2	2.13
2	185	85	3.4	310	150	3	(2)
3	260	75	3	410	100	2	1.33
4	325	65	2.6	490	80	1.6	1.07
5	385	60	2.4	520	30	0.6	0.4
6	435	50	(2)	530	10	0.2	0.13
7	480	45	1.8	533	3	0.06	0.04
8	520	40	1.6	535	2	0.04	0.03
9	555	35	1.4	536	1	0.02	0.01
10	589	34	1.36	537	1	0.02	0.01
11	622	33	1.32	538	1	0.02	-0.02
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From the Buyer's Problem to the Demand Curve

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Consumer Surplus









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Demand Elasticities

- Suppose you play in a band.
 Your band has a steady gig with a bar that gives you the cover charge without taking a cut.
- You and your band are interested in increasing the money you make from this gig and are talking about changing the cover charge.

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Should you increase it or decrease it?



Demand Elasticities

Why are last-minute Broadway show tickets so cheap?

Demand Elasticities

- Elasticity
- A measure of how sensitive one variable is to changes in another

Demand Elasticities

- Three measures of elasticity:
- 1. Price elasticity of demand
- 2. Cross-price elasticity of demand
- 3. Income elasticity of demand







Demand Elasticities: Elasticity Measures

Good Category	Price	Elasticity ³
Olive Oil		1.92
Peanut Butter		1.73
Ketchup		1.36
Wine		1.00
Laundry Detergent	(0.81
Shampoo	(0.79
Potato chips	(0.45
Cigarettes	(0.40
Exhibit 5.13 E	xamples of Various Price I	Elasticities
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Demand Elasticities:

Price Elasticity of Demand

- Let's look at another point on the demand curve for jeans:
 - Original price = 25; original quantity = 4 pair
- What if
- Price increased to \$30 (20% increase)
- and as a result, the optimal quantity fell to 3 (25% decrease)

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▶ ED = -25%/20% = -1.25

Demand Elasticities:

Midpoint Method for Calculation

 Problem: The above method gives different answers depending on where you start.







Demand Elasticities and Total Revenue

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 - Should you increase it or decrease it?

Demand Elasticities and Total Revenue

 $TR = P \times Q$

If demand is inelastic, when price increases, quantity decreases—a little:

$$TR = P \times Q = TR$$

- The price increase pushes total revenue up,
 the quantity decrease pushes total revenue down,
- but the price increase is more than the
- quantity decrease,so the final result is that total revenue increases.

Demand Elasticities and Total Revenue $TR = \int P \times \Phi Q = \int TR$

- If price decreases, total revenue also decreases.
- As a result of lower price, quantity increases,
 - but because demand is inelastic, quantity increases only slightly.
- Net result is that total revenue decreases.











Demand Elasticities: Determinants

- Determinants of Price Elasticity of Demand
- 1. Number and closeness of substitutes
- 2. Budget share spent on the good
- 3. Time horizon available to adjust to price changes

Demand Elasticities: Determinants

Why are last-minute airplane tickets so expensive?





Why are last-minute Broadway show tickets so cheap?

Demand Elasticities:

Cross-Price Elasticity of Demand

- 2. Cross-price elasticity of demand answers:
- How much does the quantity demanded of one good change when the price of another changes?
- Mathematically:
- the percentage change in demand of good 1 due to a percentage change in the price of good 2:

 $\frac{\text{Cross-price elasticity}}{\text{of demand}} = \frac{\% \text{ change in } Q^d \text{ for good } 1}{\% \text{ change in price of good } 2}$

Demand Elasticities:

Cross-Price Elasticity of Demand

1.6 0.6 0.5
0.6 0.5
0.5
-0.2
-0.7
-0.7
oss-Price Elasticities

Demand Elasticities:

Income Elasticity of Demand

- 3. Income elasticity of demand answers:
- How much does quantity demanded change when income changes?
- Mathematically:
- the percentage change in demand of a good due to a percentage change in income

Income elasticity _	Percentage change in \mathcal{Q}^d
of demand	Percentage change in Income

Demand Elast	icities:		
ncome Elastic	city of D	emand	
Goods		Income E	lasticity ⁵
Foreign Vac	ation	2.	10
Domestic V	acation	1.	70
Vacation Ho	ome	1.	20
Healthcare		1.	18
Meats		1.	15
Housing		1.	00
Fruits and V	legetables	0.	61
Gasoline		0.	48
Cereal		0.	32
Environmen	ıt	0.	25
Electricity		0.	23
Rice		-0.	44
Public Trans	sit	-0.	75
Exhibit 5.	15 Examples of	Various Income	Elasticities
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Conclusion

- Demand is derived from Buyer's Problem
- Consumer Surplus is the Gain from Trade

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- Elasticity (= Sensitivity) of Demand
 - Price Elasticity of Demand
 - Cross-Price Elasticity of Demand
 - Income Elasticity of Demand

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