

Fundamental of Economics Date:

Chapter 05

Topics : 3

Elasticity and its application

The elasticity of Demand

- allows us to analyze supply and demand with greater precision
- is a measure of how much buyers and sellers respond to changes in market

* The price elasticity of Demand and its determinants :

* Availability of close substitute

* Necessities versus Luxuries

* Definition of the market

* Time horizon.

Demand

- The larger the number of close substitutes.
- if the good is a luxury
- the longer the time period.

$$\text{Price elasticity of Demand} = \frac{\text{Percentage change in quantity demanded}}{\% \text{ changes in Price}}$$

The Midpoint Method

► The midpoint formula is preferable when calculating the price elasticity of demand because it gives the same answer regardless of the direction of the change.

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

Point A : Price = \$4 Quantity = 120

Point B : Price = \$6 Quantity = 80

Price ↓ Quantity ↑

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$$\therefore \text{Price elasticity of demand} = \frac{(80 - 120) / (80 + 120)/2}{(6 - 4) / ((6+4)/2)}$$

Midpoint Method

$$\frac{-40 / 200 / 2}{2 / 5}$$

$$2 / 5$$

$$\text{Price elasticity of demand} = \frac{2 / 5}{2 / 5} = 1$$

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Inelastic Demand

- Quantity of demanded doesn't respond strongly to price changes.
- Price elasticity of demand is less than one.

Elastic Demand :

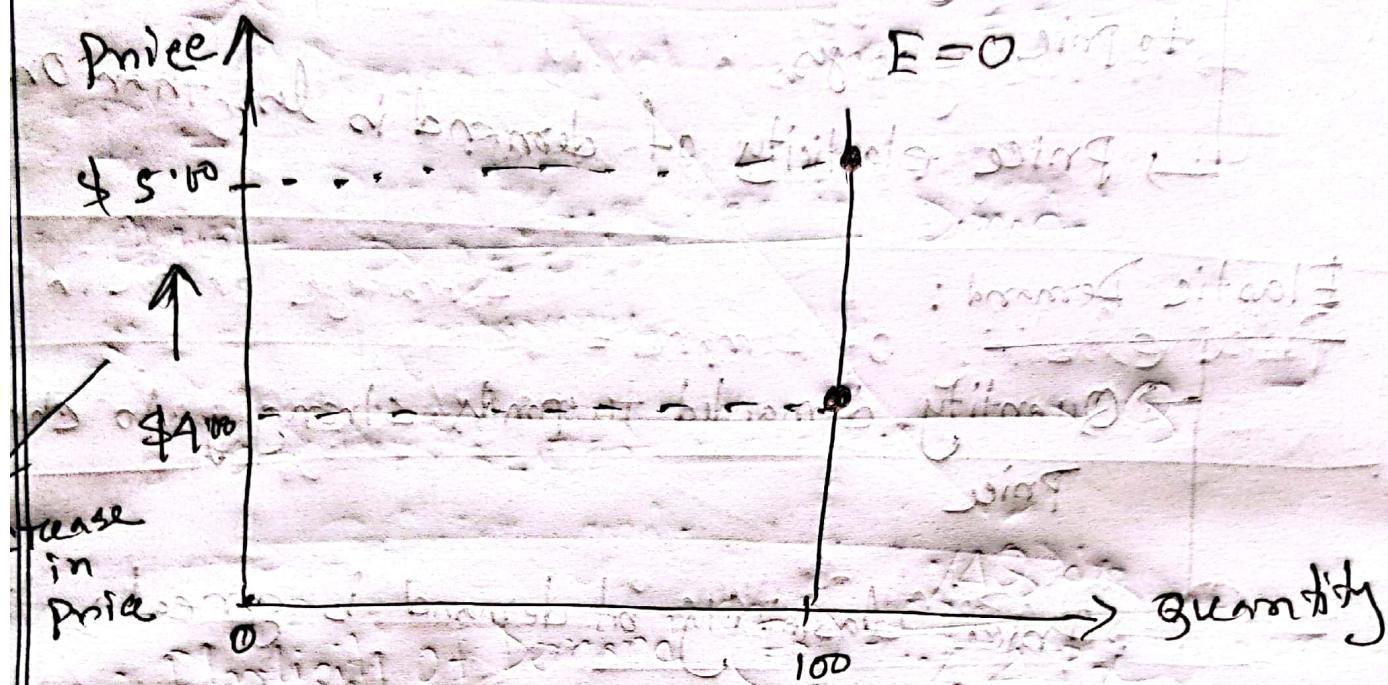
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Perfectly Inelastic :

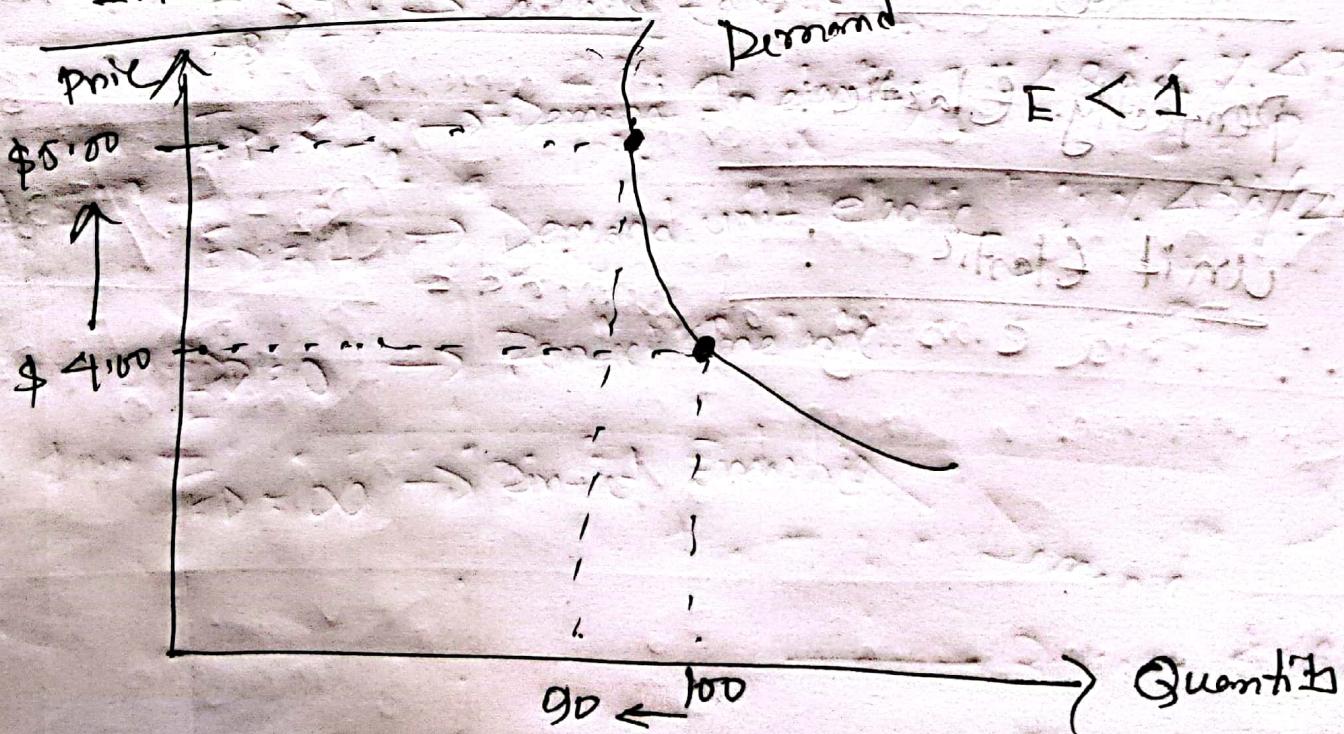
Perfectly Elastic :

Unit Elastic :

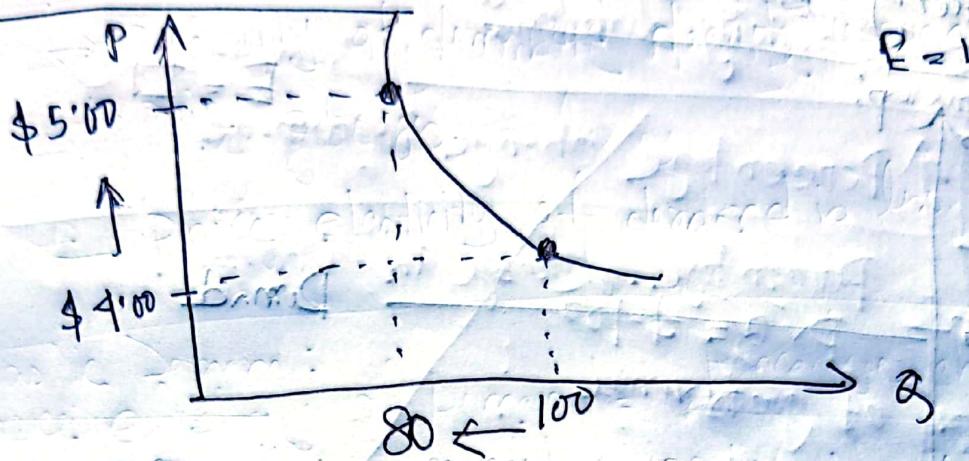
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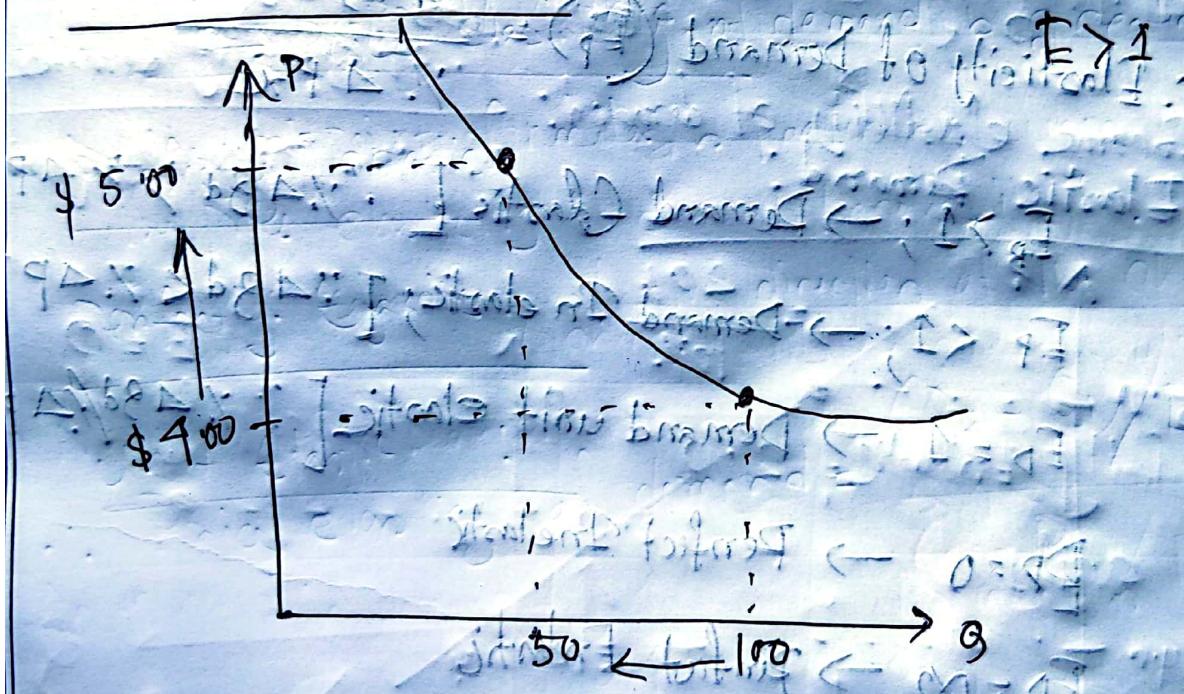
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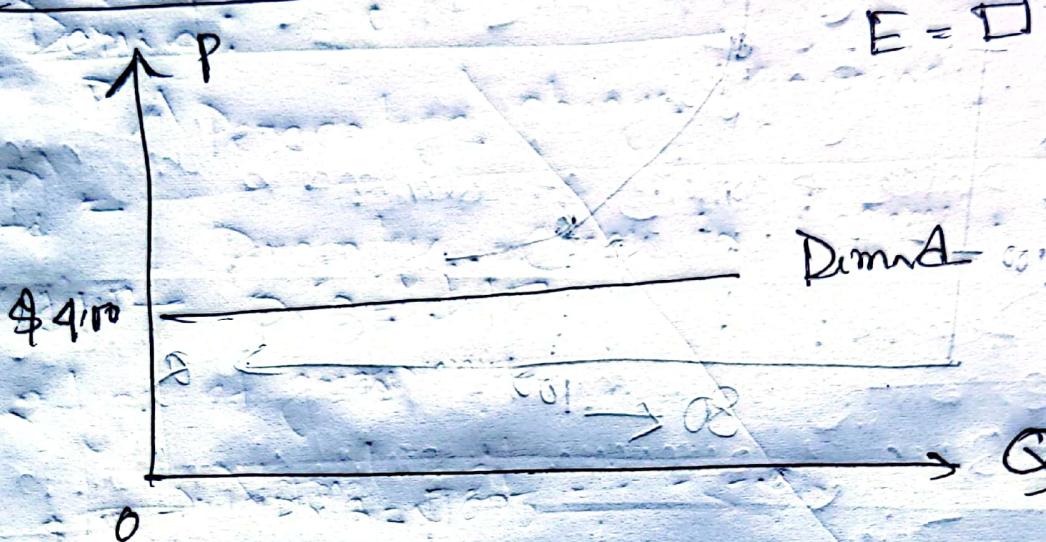
Unit Elastic Demand



Elastic Demand



Perfectly Elastic Demand ?



$$\therefore \text{Elasticity of Demand } (E_D) = \frac{\% \Delta Q_d}{\% \Delta P_d}$$

$E_D > 1$; \rightarrow Demand Elastic [$\because \% \Delta Q_d > \% \Delta P_d$]

$E_D < 1$; \rightarrow Demand Inelastic; [$\because \Delta Q_d < \% \Delta P_d$]

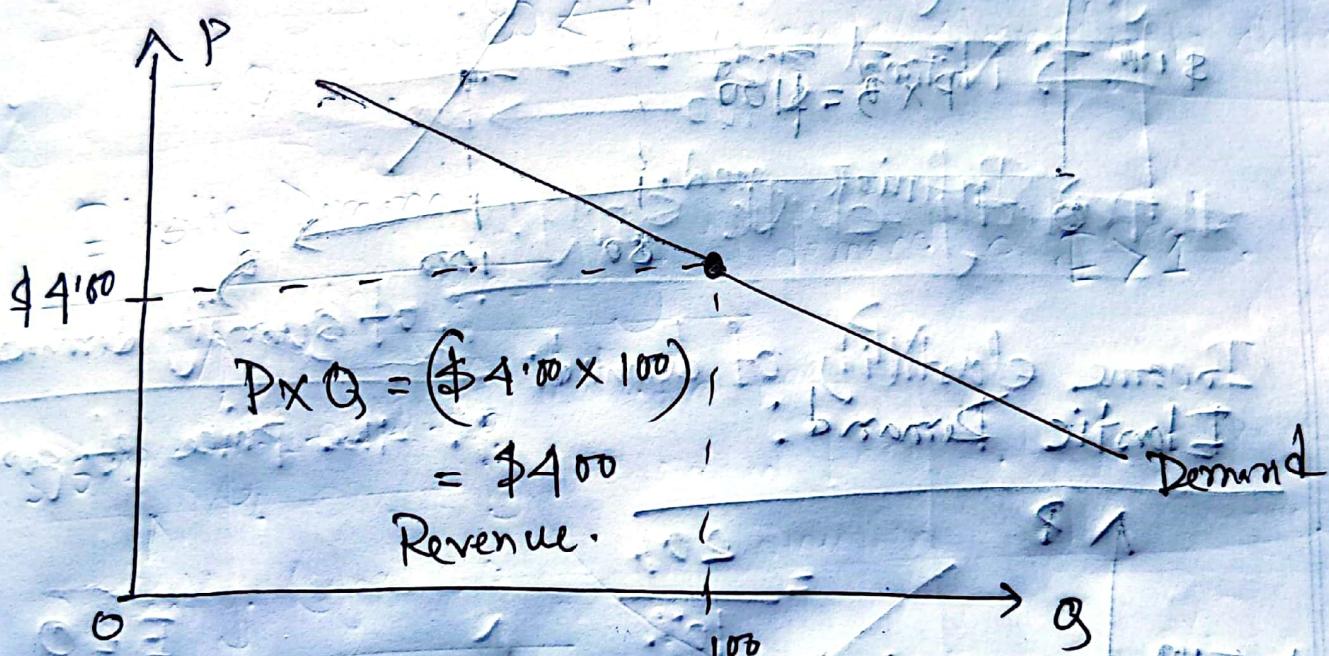
$E_D = 1$ \rightarrow Demand unit elastic [$\because \% \Delta Q_d / \% \Delta P_d$]

$E_D = 0$ \rightarrow Perfect Inelastic

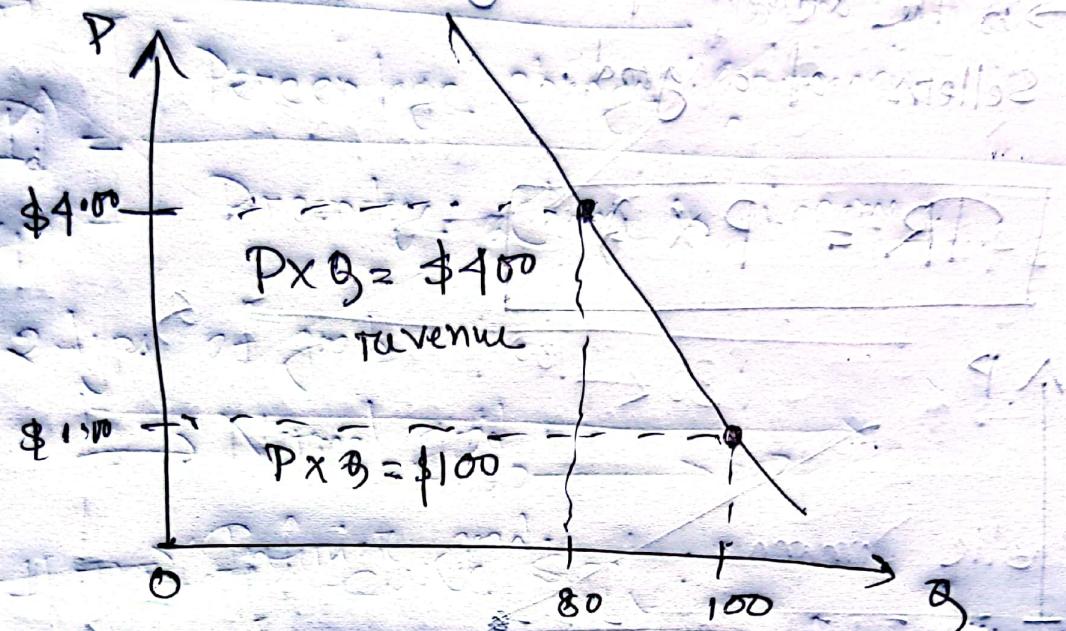
$E_D = \infty$ \rightarrow Perfect Elastic

Total Revenue → Is the amount paid by buyers and received by sellers of a good.

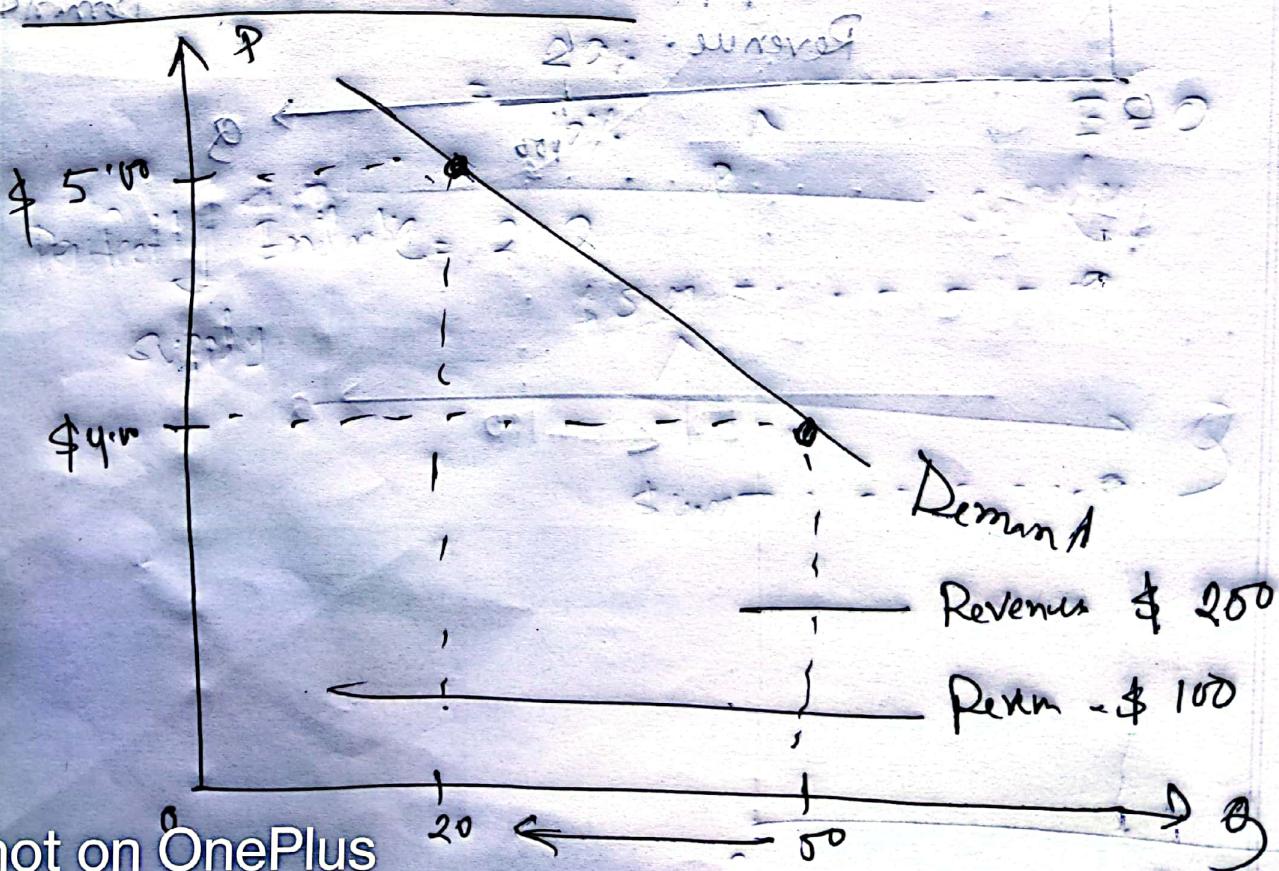
$$TR = P \times Q$$



How total Revenue Changes when price changes; Indirect Demand:

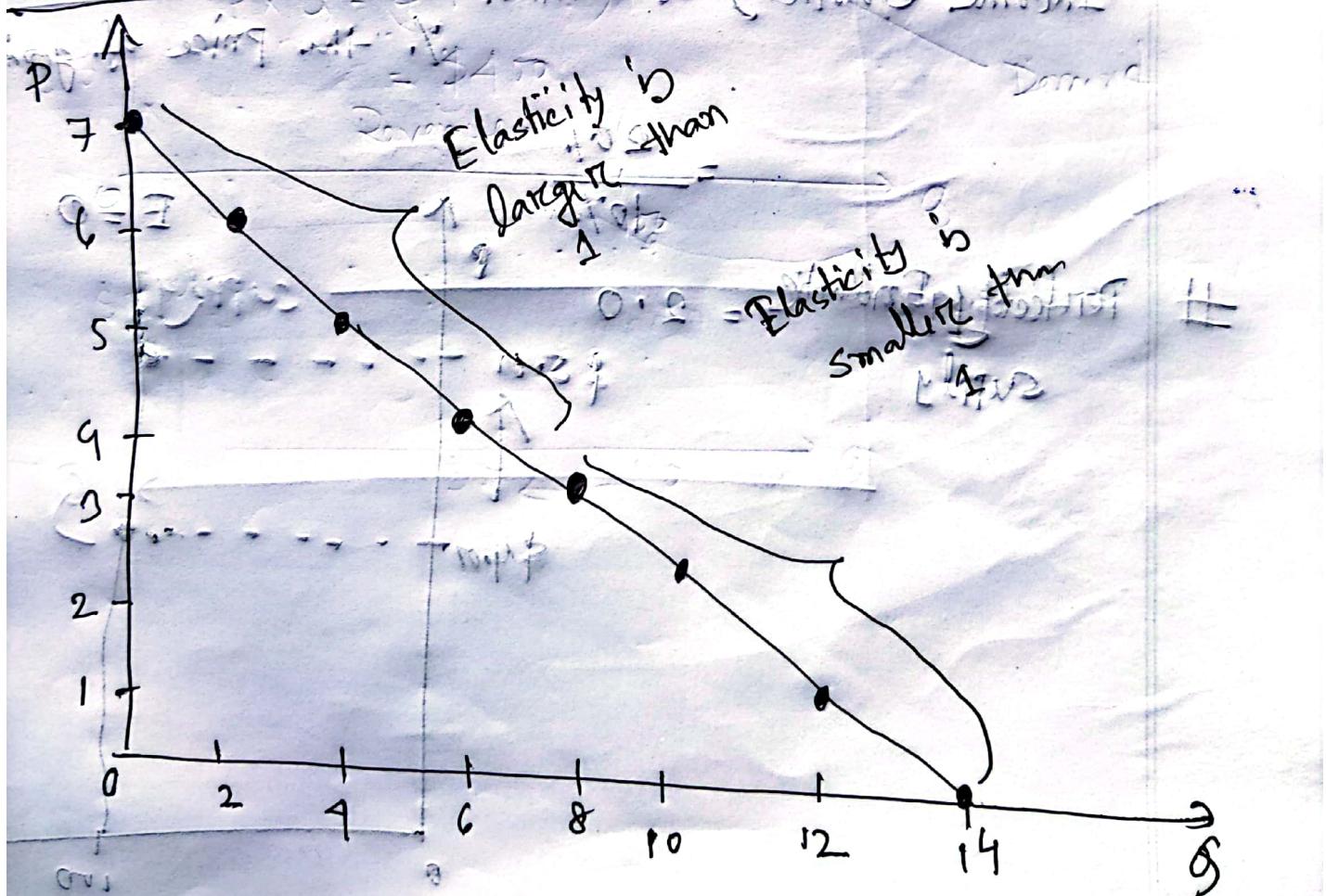


Elastic Demand:



Elasticity and Total Revenue along a linear Demand Curve

Price	Quantity	Total revenue (P x Q)	Percent change in Price	Percent Change in quantity	Elasticity	Description
\$7	0	\$0				
6	2	12	15	200	1.0	elastic
5	4	20	18	67	3.7	11
4	6	24	22	40	1.8	11
3	8	24	29	29	1.0	unit elastic
2	10	20	40	22	0.6	inelastic
1	12	12	67	18	0.3	11
0	14	0	200	15	0.1	11



Income elasticity demand:

 $E_d =$

Percentage change in demand

Percentage change in income.

2 types of goods

Normal good

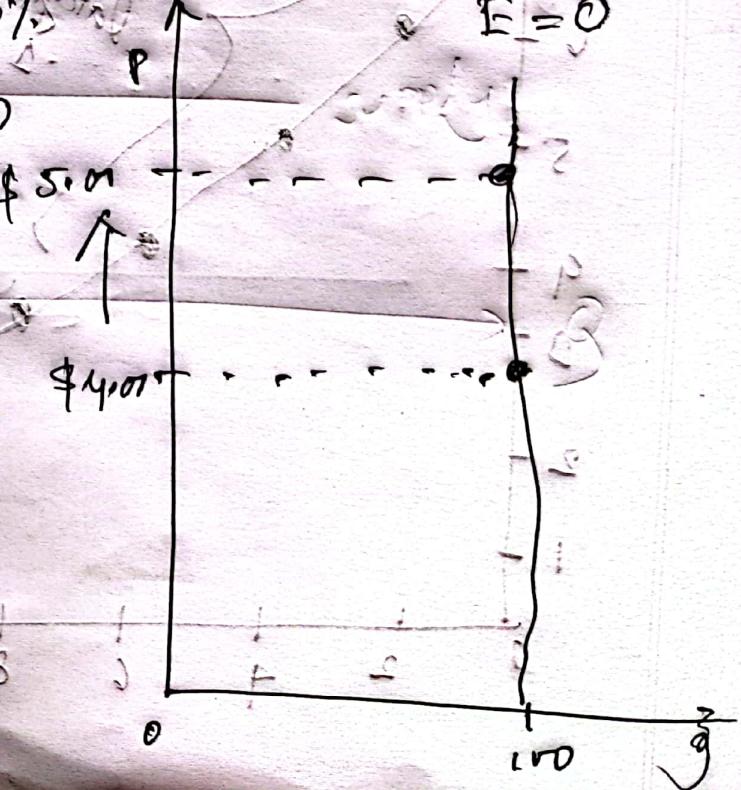
Inferior good.

Income elasticity of demand: $\frac{\% \text{ of quantity demand}}{\% \text{ in the price of good}}$

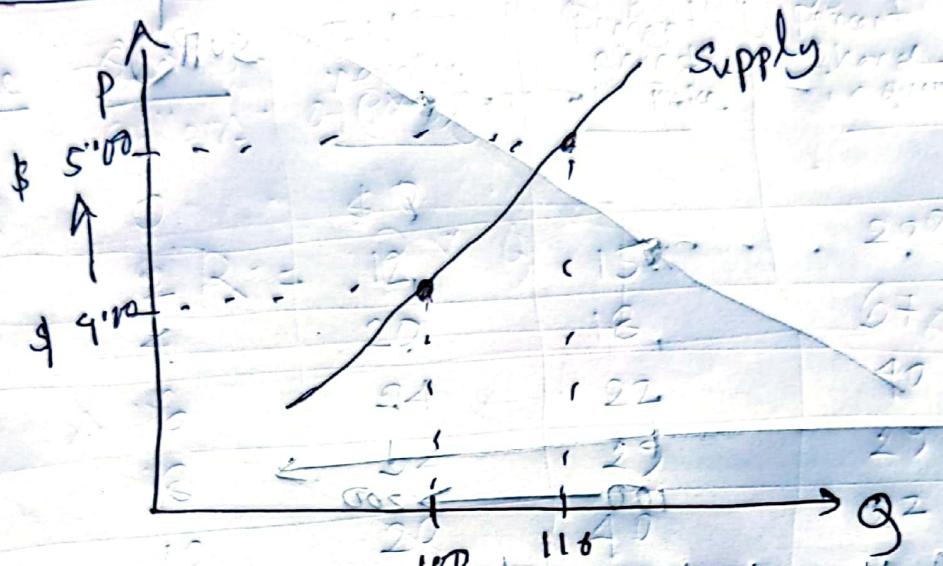
$$= \frac{20\%}{10\%}$$

Perfectly Elastic $E_d = 2.0$

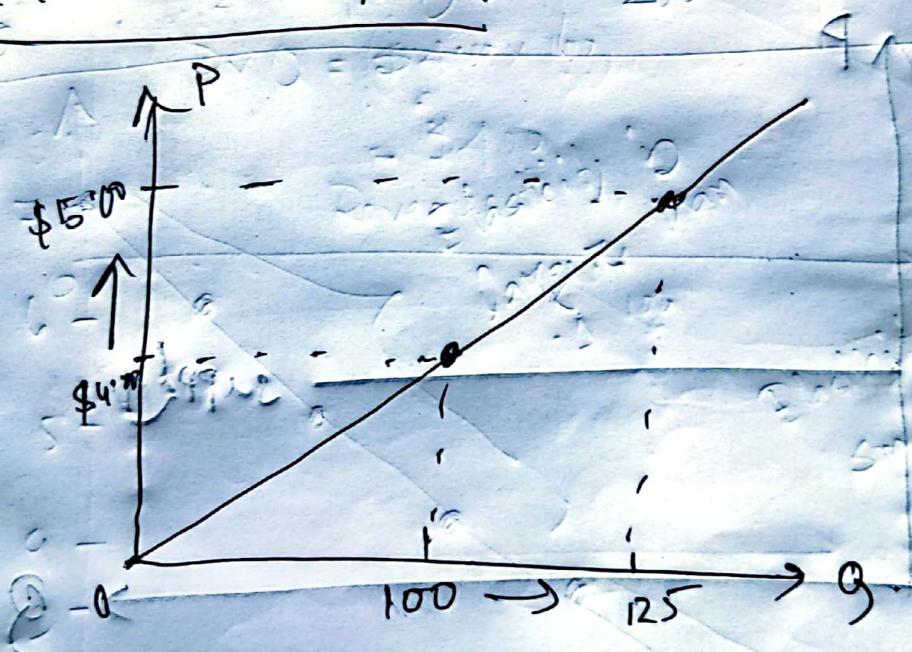
Supply



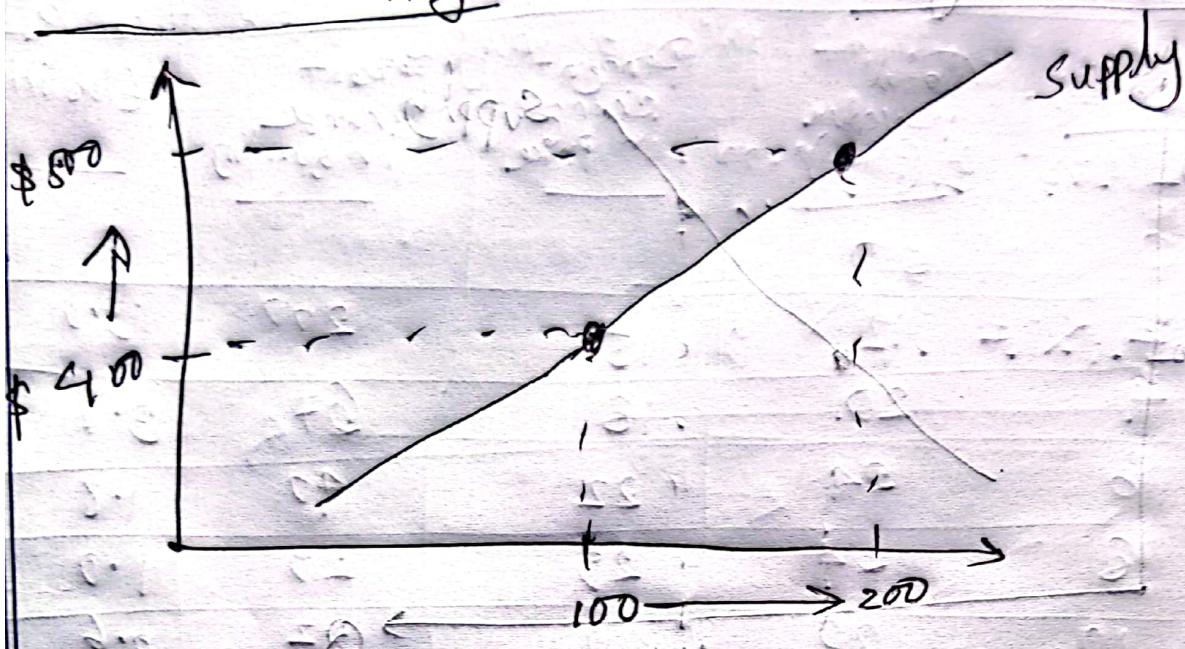
Inelastic Supply



Unit elastic supply



Elastic Supply :



perfectly elastic supply :

