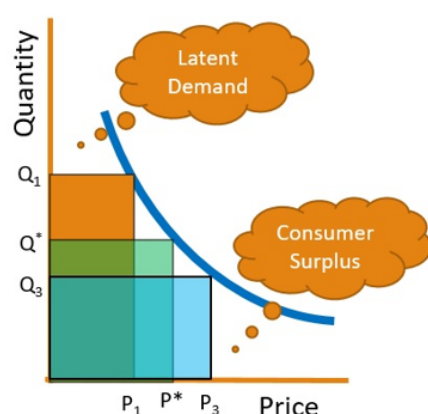


Basic economics



Demand Response Curve

A function that describes how demand $D(p)$ of a product varies as a function of its price (p).

- **Latent Demand:** By reducing the price, we can capture more demand.
- **Consumer Surplus:** when the price that consumers pay for a product or service is less than the price they're willing to pay.
- As $P \uparrow \Rightarrow Q \downarrow$
- 4 properties:
 1. Non-negative
 2. Continuous
 3. Differentiable
 4. Downward sloping

2 ways to decided optimal price:

- 1. Revenue Maximizing Price
- 2. Profit maximizing Price

2 ways to calculate Price Sensitivity:

- 1. Slope
- 2. Elasticity

Slope = $\frac{\text{change in demand}}{\text{change in price}}$

- ∂ is always negative.

$$\partial = \frac{D(p_2) - D(p_1)}{p_2 - p_1}$$

Demand elasticity,
 $\varepsilon = \frac{\% \text{ change in demand}}{\% \text{ change in price}}$

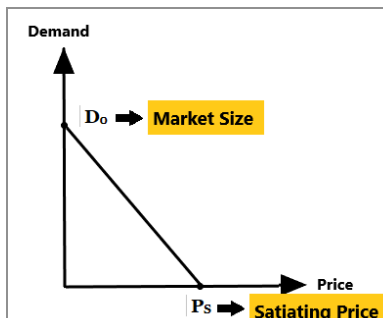
$$\varepsilon = \left| \frac{\frac{D(p_2) - D(p_1)}{D(p_1)}}{\frac{p_2 - p_1}{p_1}} \right|$$

Elasticity:

- If **high**, means, **alternatives are available**.
- If **low**, means, there is an **urgency and no alternative**.
- Short term: in the short term period
- Long term: in the long term period

Linear Response Curve

$$D(p) = D(0) - m \cdot p$$



$D(0)$: Market Size \rightarrow Demand at price = 0

$P_S = \frac{D(0)}{m}$: Satiating Price \rightarrow Price at which demand = 0

Elasticity of this curve

$$\varepsilon = \frac{m \cdot p}{D(p)} = \frac{m \cdot p}{D(0) - m \cdot p}$$

- $\varepsilon = 0$ when $p = 0$
- As $p \rightarrow P_S$, $\varepsilon \rightarrow \infty$

Constant Elasticity Curve

D (p) = D (1) p^{-ε}

Revenue

R = p × D(p) = D (1) p^{(1-ε)}

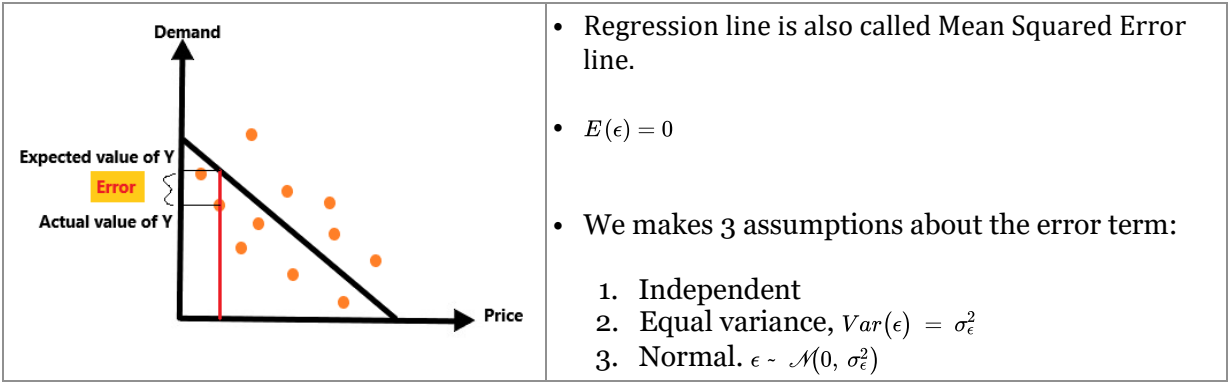
- As p → 0, D → ∞
- D ≠ 0 for any p

- To increase revenue for products with
 - Inelastic demand: Increase the price
 - Elastic demand: Set the price close to zero
 - Huge demand ⇒ Increased revenue

Simple Linear Regression Model

The equation of SRM describes how the conditional mean of Y depends on X.

μ_{Y|X} = E(Y | X = x) = β_0 + β_1 x



- Observed values of Y are linearly related to the explanatory variable X:

y = β_0 + β_1 x + ε,
where, ε ~ N(0, σ_ε^2)