

ECO101: Introduction to Microeconomics

Lecture 3

Markets

- Market- An arrangement that enables **buyers** and **sellers** to get information and to do business with each other
- Different types of Markets:
 - Market for Goods
 - Market for Services
 - Money Market...etc etc

Only our imagination limits what can be traded in a market

A Competitive Market

- Competitive Market- a market that has many buyers and many sellers, so **NO** single buyer or seller can influence the **price**.

Can you think of an example?



Money Price and Relative Price

- **Money Price**- price of an object, where taka/pound/dollar must be given up in exchange for it.

Remember! *Opportunity cost* of an action is the highest valued alternative forgone.

E.g.- If Coffee- 300tk & Snickers 100tk, what is the opportunity cost of buying a Coffee?

Money Price & Relative Price

- Similarly, like the opportunity cost, which you calculate by the ratio of one price to another, it is called a **relative price**, and *a relative price is an opportunity cost.*
- So essentially, we can express the relative price of coffee in terms of snickers or any other good.

The study of Demand & Supply- Demand

- The Law of Demand- The **higher** the price of a good, the **smaller** is the quantity demanded; and the **lower** the price of a good the **greater** is the quantity demanded, other things remaining same (ceteris paribus)
- And this due to:

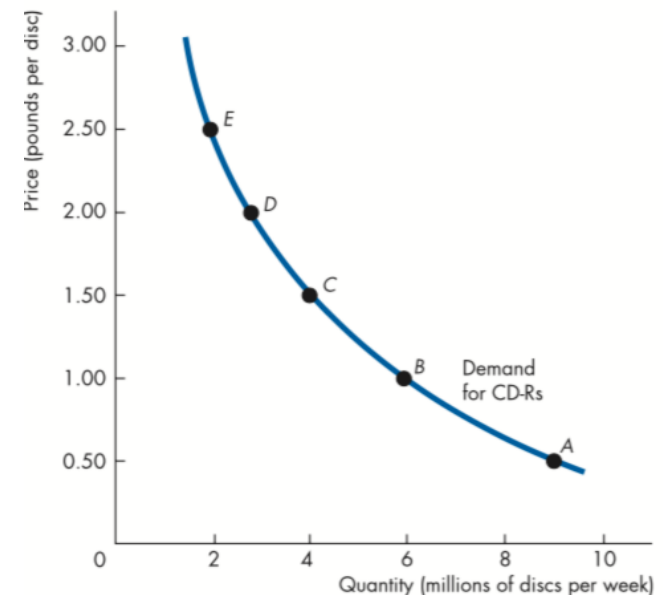
1. Substitution Effect- When the price of a good rises, other things remaining the same, its *relative* price – its opportunity cost – rises. And so as opportunity of a good rises, people buy less of that good and more of its substitutes.

2. Income Effect- When price of good rises, people with unchanged income must decrease the quantities demanded of at least some goods and services

Demand Curve

- Demand- The entire relationship between the price of the good and the *quantity demanded* of the good
- Quantity demanded- the quantity demanded of a good or service is the amount that consumers plan to buy during a given time period at a particular price. The term *quantity demanded* refers to a point on a demand curve

The Demand Curve



Change in quantity demanded Vs Change in demand

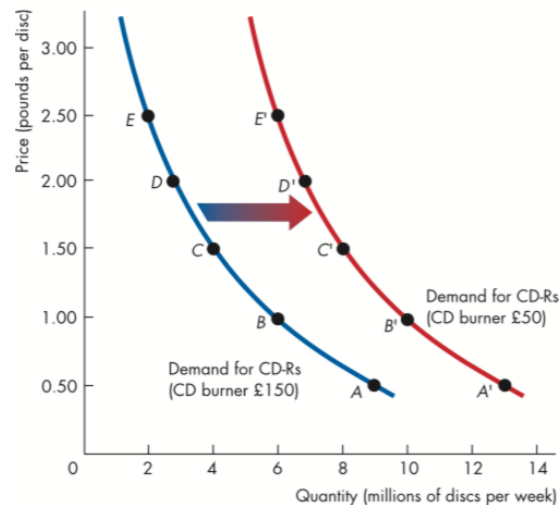
- Change in quantity demanded- Movement along the demand curve: *when price of a good changes and everything remains the same*
- Change in demand- When there is a shift in demand curve : *when the price remains same but some other influence on buyers' plans changes*

Change in Demand

So what causes a shift in the Demand Curve?

When any **factor** that influences buying plans other than the price of the good changes, there is a *change in demand*

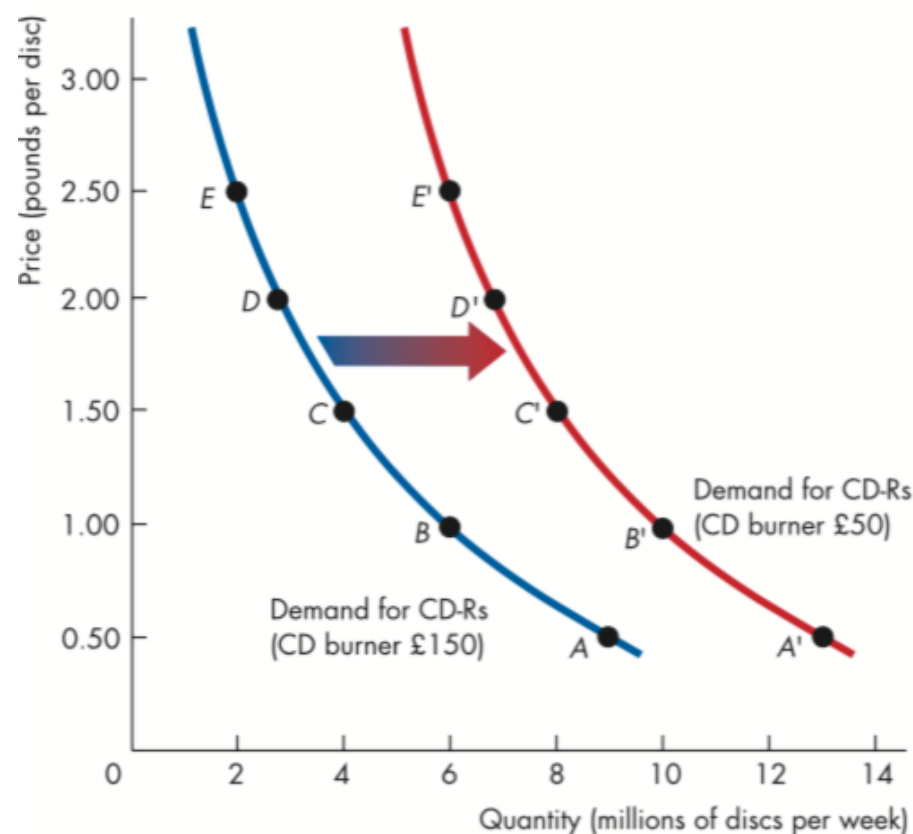
An Increase in Demand



Six factors of changes in demand

1. Prices of related goods
2. Expected future prices
3. Income
4. Expected future income
5. Population
6. Preferences

An Increase in Demand



A short synopsis

Changes in Demand

The demand for CD-Rs

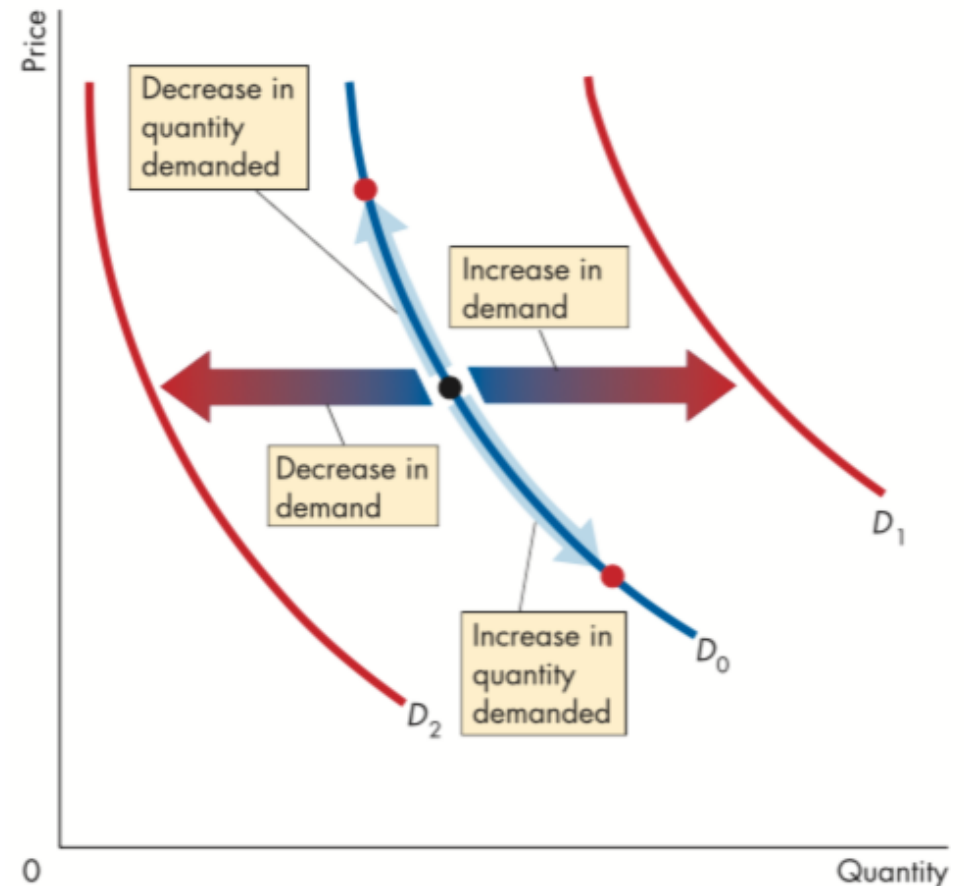
Decreases if:

- ◆ The price of a substitute falls
- ◆ The price of a complement rises
- ◆ The price of a CD-R is expected to fall in the future
- ◆ Income falls*
- ◆ Expected future income falls
- ◆ The population decreases

Increases if:

- ◆ The price of a substitute rises
- ◆ The price of a complement falls
- ◆ The price of a CD-R is expected to rise in the future
- ◆ Income rises*
- ◆ Expected future income rises
- ◆ The population increases

*A CD-R is a normal good.



Required Readings for Today!

*Parkin, Powell, Matthews.
Economics. 8th*

Edition

Chapter 3- pages 56; 57-61