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the size of the  
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$$e_{x,y}^d < 1$$

When two goods are  
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the size of the  
demand shift is small

$$e_{x,y}^d \geq 0$$

Cross Price Elasticity for  
complement goods is Negative



$$e_{x,y}^d \leq 0$$

The **size** of the Cross Price Elasticity tells us **how closely** are goods related....

$$e_y^d > 1$$

Two brands of the same good are very closely related, the demand for one will shift a lot when the other becomes more expensive



$$e_{x,y}^d < 1$$

Tea and chocolate are not close substitutes. Demand for chocolate increase when tea becomes more expensive but **not a lot**

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game consoles drops  
demand for games  
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$$|e_{x,y}^d| < 1$$

When the price of shoes drops, demand for insoles increase but **not a lot**

Cross Price Elasticity for  
Substitute goods is Positive



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Cross Price Elasticity for  
**Substitute** goods is **Positive**

$$+ e_{x,y}^d > 0$$

Cross Price Elasticity for  
**complement** goods is **Negative**

$$- e_{x,y}^d < 0$$

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Table 5. Estimated Price Elasticities of Demand for Various Goods and Services	
Inelastic Goods	Estimated Elasticity of Demand
Salt	0.1
Matches	0.1
Toothpicks	0.1
Airline travel, short-run	0.1
Gasoline, short-run	0.2
Gasoline, long-run	0.7
Residential natural gas, short-run	0.1
Residential natural gas, long-run	0.5
Coffee	0.25
Fish (cod) consumed at home	0.5
Tobacco products, short-run	0.45
Legal services, short-run	0.4
Physician services	0.6
Taxi, short-run	0.6
Automobiles, long-run	0.2