

ECONOMICS TOPIC 2

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TOPIC 2: DEMAND AND SUPPLY

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DEMAND AND SUPPLY

Syllabus objectives

- 1. Describe the law of demand
- 2. Describe factors that influence the market demand and supply and how market equilibrium quantity and price are achieved.
- 3. Discuss how markets react to changes in demand and supply.

1.1 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEMAND AND PRICE

Law of demand

"When the price of a good rises, the quantity demanded will fall"*

*Quantity demanded is the amount of a good that a consumer is willing and able to buy at a given price over a period of time.

Why?

Income effect
People will feel poorer (not be able to buy considering their income).

Substitution effect
People will switch to alternative or 'substitute' goods**.

**Substitute goods are goods that consumers consider to be alternatives to each other.



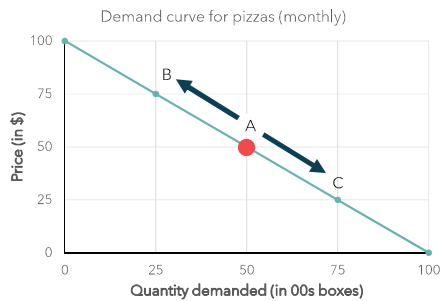
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1.2 THE DEMAND CURVE



The demand curve shows the relationship between the **price** and the **quantity** of the good **demanded** over a given period of time.

The law of demand suggests it slopes **downwards**.

Example: Consider the following function for the number of pizzas demanded monthly (QD) at a series of prices (P) where price is measured in \$ and the quantity is measured in hundred boxes:

$$QD = 100 - P$$

The curve shows the demand function (D).

Change in quantity demanded is a **movement** along the demand curve, which occurs when **price** change



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1.3 OTHER DETERMINANTS OF DEMAND

- Consumer **taste**



- The number and price of **substitute goods**

Substitute goods = alternative goods that could be used for the same purpose

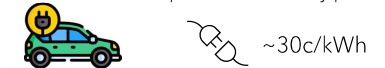
Demand for coffee will depend on the price of tea



- The number and price of **complementary goods**

Complementary goods = goods that consume together

Demand for EV cars will depend on electricity prices



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1.3 OTHER DETERMINANTS OF DEMAND

- Consumer **incomes**

Normal goods = goods whose demand rises as incomes rise

Inferior goods = goods whose demand falls as income rise

As income rises, the demand for **normal goods** will rise, though the demand for **inferior goods** will fall.



- The **distribution of income**

If the rich get richer, demand for luxury goods will rise.



- Expectations of future price changes**

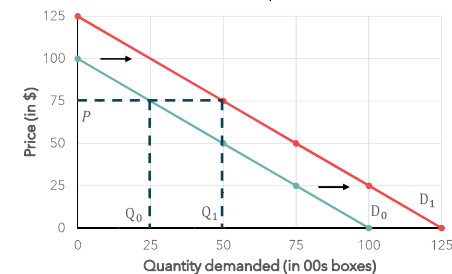
If people think the price will rise, they will buy more.



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1.3 OTHER DETERMINANTS OF DEMAND

Increase in demand for pizzas as income rises



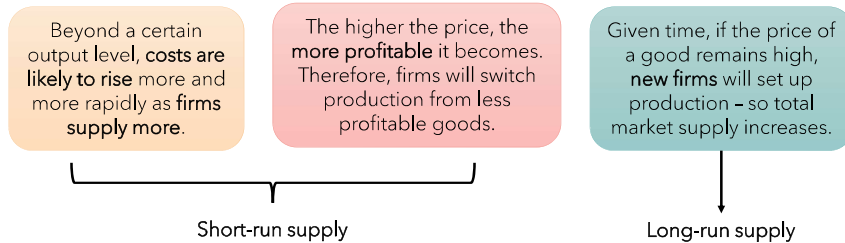
Change in demand is a **shift** in demand curve, which occurs when a determinant of demand other than price change

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Note: do not confuse this with *change in quantity demanded*

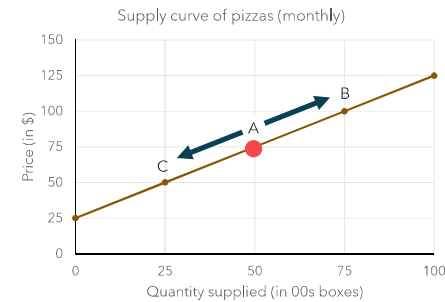
2 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUPPLY AND PRICE

Typically, when the price of a good rises, the quantity supplied will also rise. Because:



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2.1 THE SUPPLY CURVE



The supply shows the relationship between the **price** and the **quantity** of the good **supplied** over a given period of time.

It typically slopes upwards.

The number of pizzas supplied each month (QS) at a series of prices measured in \$ (P) might be given by the following function:

$$QS = P - 25$$

This is the supply function (S).



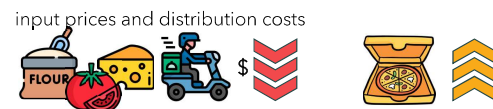
Change in quantity supplied is a *movement* along the supply curve, which occurs when **price change**



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2.2 OTHER DETERMINANTS OF SUPPLY

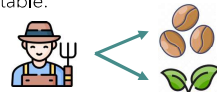
- Costs of production



- The profitability of substitutes in supply

Substitutes in supply = Two goods where an increased production of one means diverting resources away from producing the other

farmers will switch to planting coffee trees instead of tea, if it's more profitable.



- The profitability of goods in joint supply

Goods in joint supply = Two goods where the production of one leads to the production of more of the other.

milk and butter are produced by the same process. If the demand of milk rise, the supply of butter will also increase.



- Nature, random shocks, and unpredictable events

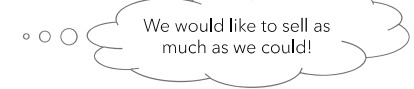
extreme weather: earthquakes, flood, storm



2.2 OTHER DETERMINANTS OF SUPPLY

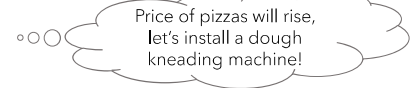
- Aims of producers

maximizing sales rather than profits



- Expectations of future price changes

if price is expected to rise, producers may build up their stocks and sell them when the price rises. They may also plan to produce more.



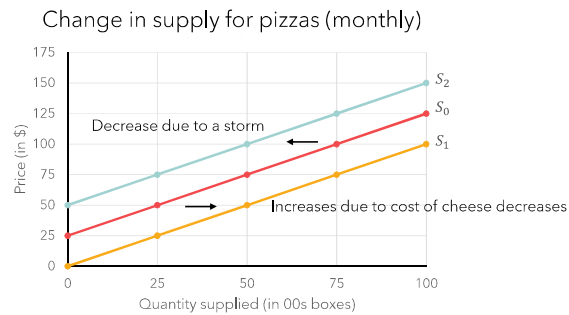
- The number of suppliers

new firms enter the market, e.g. new pizzeria in the area



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2.2 OTHER DETERMINANTS OF SUPPLY



Change in supply is a *shift* in supply curve, which occurs when a determinant of supply other than price change

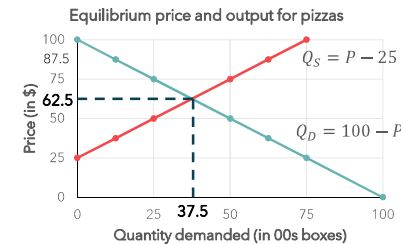
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3 EQUILIBRIUM PRICE AND OUTPUT

The market *clears* when **supply matches demand** leaving no shortage or surplus. The price and quantity at which demand equals supply are the **equilibrium price** and **equilibrium quantity**.



Using the pizzeria example, equating the demand and supply equation gives:

$$100 - P = P - 25$$

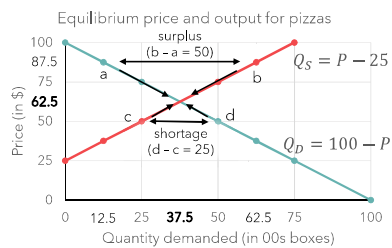
$$P = \$62.50$$

Which gives a quantity supplied *and* quantity demanded of 3,750 boxes per month.

Equilibrium occurs where the demand and supply curves intersect.

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3 EQUILIBRIUM PRICE AND OUTPUT



At any price **above** the equilibrium price, a **surplus** of supply over demand will arise.

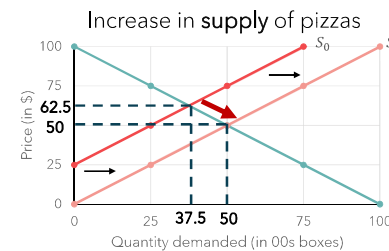
To restore the equilibrium, a price will drop, which will increase the quantity demanded and reduce the quantity supplied.

At any price **below** the equilibrium price, a **shortage** will arise.

To restore the equilibrium, a price will rise, which will decrease the quantity demanded and increase the quantity supplied.

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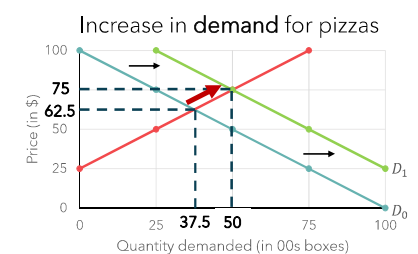
3.1 MOVEMENT TO A NEW EQUILIBRIUM



The increase in supply reduces the equilibrium price and increases the equilibrium quantity that is traded.

Notice that the increase in supply causes a movement along the demand curve.

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An increase in demand increases both the equilibrium price and the equilibrium quantity traded.

Notice that the increase in demand causes an upward movement along the supply curve.