

Class : MBA (E-Commerce) II Semester Subjet: Managerial Economics Paper Code: (205) Topic: (i) Elasticity of Demand (ii) Demand Forecasting

Elasticity of Demand

The demand for any commodity depends upon the price of the commodity, with the condition that other things remain equal. Whenever there is a change in price, there is also a change in the quantity demanded. Measurement of Elasticity of Demand

- Prof. Marshal suggested, a mathematical method for measuring elasticity of demand.
- The formula of this method is:
- E = Percentage change in demand for a product / Percentage change in the price of the product.

Factors determining Elasticity of Demand

- The Elasticity of Demand is based on:
- ▶ 1. Nature of commodity
- ▶ 2. Extent of use
- ▶ 3. Range of substitutes
- 4. Income level
- ▶ 5. Influence of price
- ▶ 6. Urgency of demand

Kinds of Elasticity Measurement

- There are two kinds of Elasticity Measurement:
- 1. Point elasticity
 E=ΔQ/ΔZ× Z/Q
 2. Arc elasticity
 E=ΔQ/ΔP×P1+P2/Q1+Q2

Types of Elasticity of Demand

Basically there are three types of elasticity of demand:

- 1. Price Elasticity of Demand
- 2. Income Elasticity of Demand
- 3. Cross Elasticity of Demand

Price Elasticity of Demand

- In the price Elasticity of Demand, there are:
- 1. Perfect elastic demand ($E=\otimes\Box$)
- 2. Perfect inelastic demand (E=0)
- 3. Unit elastic demand (E=1)
- 4. Relatively more elastic demand(E>1)
- 5. Relatively inelastic demand(E<1)

Demand forecasting

Demand forecasting is an estimate of sales in monetary of physical units for a specified future period under a proposed marketing plan or programme and under an assumed set of economic and other forces outside the unit for which the forecast is made.

Methods of Demand Forecasting

- There are various methods of demand forecasting:
- I. Evolutionary method
- 2. Substitute method
- 3. Growth curve method
- 4. Opinion polling method
- 5. Correlation method

Opinion Polling Method

- Under the opinion polling method, there are three methods:
- 1. Consumer survey method
- 2. Sales force opinion method
- 3. Experts opinion method