

Price Elasticity Of Demand And supply

Elasticity:-

Proportional or Percentage change in dependent variable due to proportional or percentage change into independent variable is called elasticity.

Elasticity of Demand:-

Introduction:-

Alfred Marshall invented price elasticity of demand only four years after he had invented the concept of elasticity in 1890, he published the concept of elasticity of demand in his book **Principles of Economics**.

Definition:-

Proportional or percentage change in Quantity demand due to proportional or percentage change in price is called elasticity of demand.

$$Q_d = f(p)$$

- It is also known as **Price Elasticity of demand**.
- It is denoted by E_p or E_d
- Formula:-

$$E_p = E_d = \frac{\text{Percentage Change in } Q_d}{\text{Percentage change in Price}}$$

Mathematical Form:-

$$E_p = E_d = \frac{\frac{\text{Change in Quantity}}{\text{Original Quantity}}}{\frac{\text{Change in Price}}{\text{Original Price}}}$$

$$E_p = E_d = \frac{\text{Change in Quantity}}{\text{Original Quantity}} \times \frac{\text{Original Price}}{\text{change in Price}}$$

$$= \frac{\Delta Q_d}{\Delta P} \times \frac{P}{Q}$$

Or

$$E_p = \frac{dQ_d}{dP} \times \frac{P}{Q}$$

Where

$\frac{dQ_d}{dP}$ gives marginal demand function

And

$\frac{P}{Q}$ gives average demand function.

A variety of demand curve:-

- Result of elasticity of demand is always negative because the relation is negative.
- **Unit Elastic Demand**
When result is one, then it means that change is normal i.e. by increasing the price P, Q than Q_d decreases in the same ratio.
- **Elastic demand**
If result is greater than one, it means that Q_d decreases 67% and price increases 22%
- **Inelastic demand**
If result is smaller than one, it means price increases 22% and Q_d decreases 11%
- **Perfectly Elastic Demand**
If result is infinite it means that price remains the same and Q_d increases

Example:-

If $Q=200- P$. Calculate the price elasticity of demand when price is 24.

$$Q = 200 - 24$$

$$Q = 176$$

Now,

$$E_p = \frac{dQ_d}{dP} \times \frac{P}{Q}$$

$$E_p = \frac{d(200 - P)}{dP} \times \frac{24}{176}$$

$$-1 \times \frac{24}{176}$$

$$-\frac{24}{176}$$

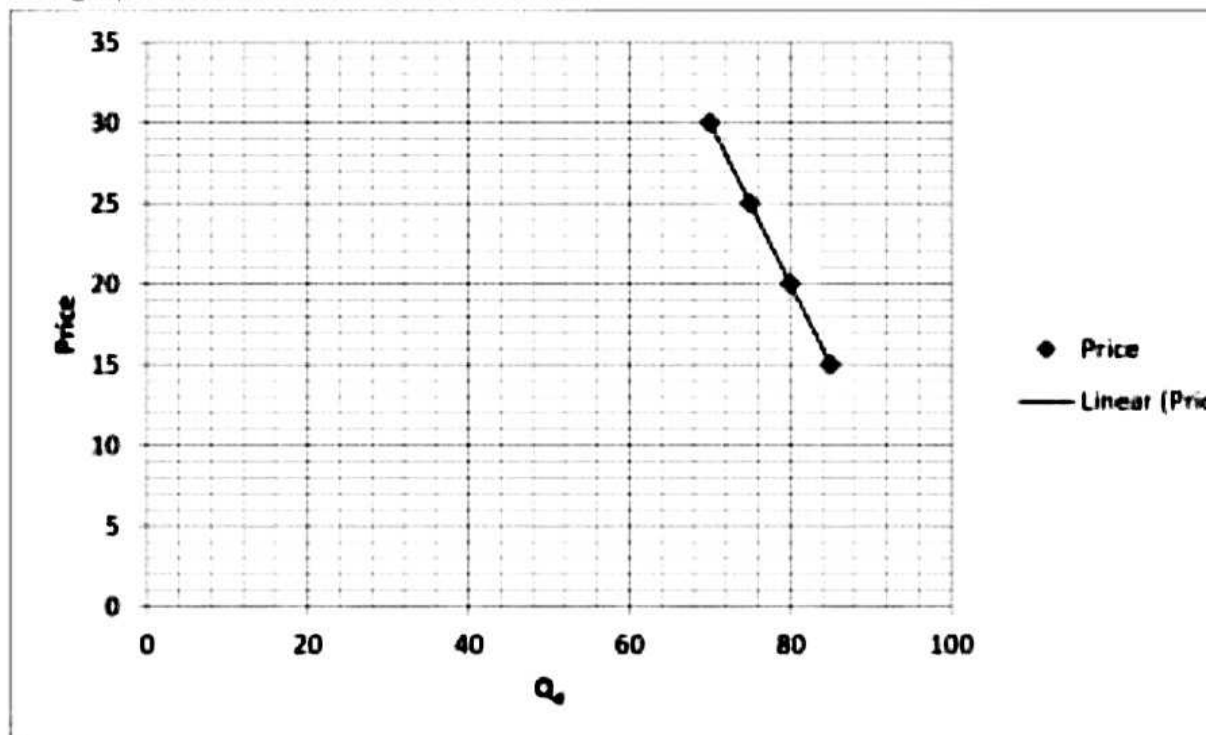
$$E_p = \frac{-6}{44}$$

$$E_p = \frac{-3}{22}$$

Graph:-

Qd	Price
85	15
80	20
75	25
70	30

This graph is inelastic of elastic demand.



Example:-

If $Q = 250 - 5P$ Find E_p where $P = 40$

$$Q = 250 - 5(40)$$

$$Q = 250 - 200$$

$$Q = 50$$

Now,

$$E_p = \frac{dQ}{dP} \times \frac{P}{Q}$$

$$E_p = \frac{d(250 - 5P)}{dP} \times \frac{40}{50}$$

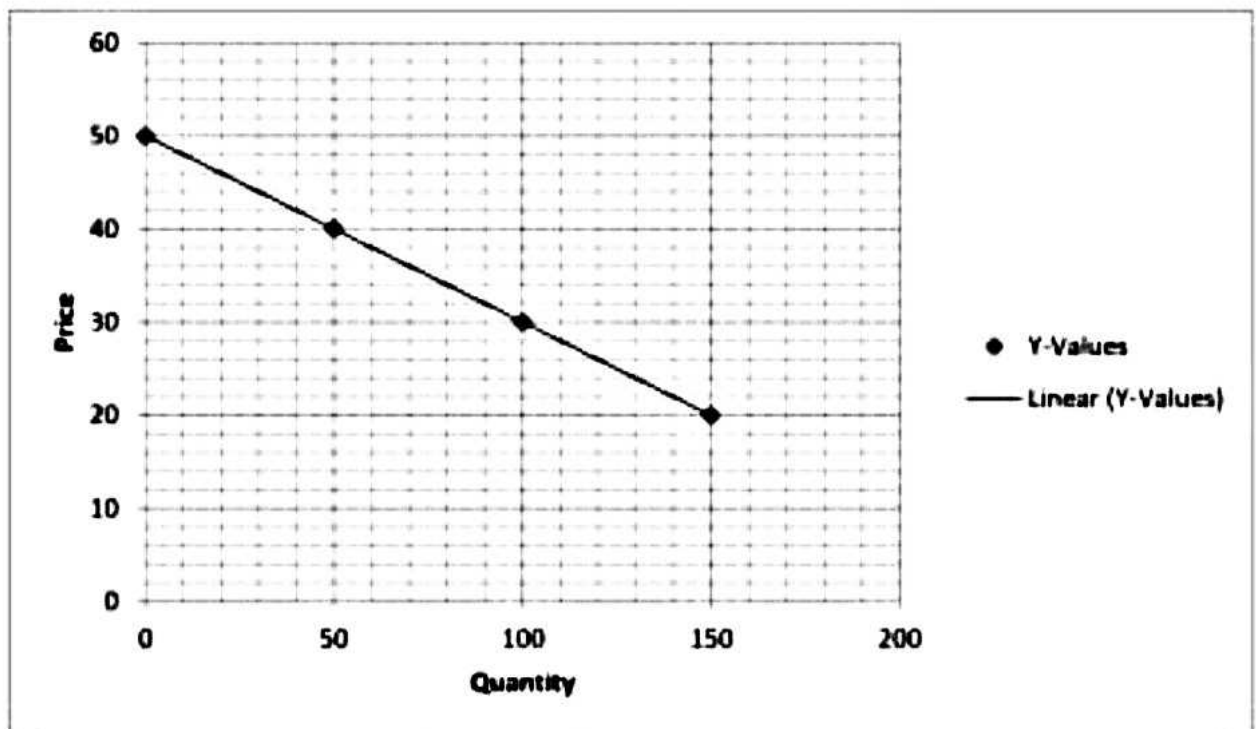
$$E_p = -5 \times \frac{40}{50}$$

$$E_p = -5 \times \frac{4}{5}$$

$$E_p = -4$$

Graph:-

X-Values	Y-Values
150	20
100	30
50	40
0	50



This Graph is of elastic demand.

Example:

If $Q_d = 280 - 5p - 0.4 P^2$ where $P=20$ Find E_p .

$$Q_d = 280 - 5(20) - 0.4(20)^2$$

$$= 280 - 100 - 0.4(400)$$

$$= 280 - 100 - 160$$

$$= 280 - 260$$

$$= 20$$

Now ,

$$\frac{dQ_d}{dp} = \frac{d}{dp} (280 - 5P - 0.4P^2)$$

$$= -5 - 0.8P$$

$$= -5 - 0.8(20)$$

$$= -5 - 16$$

$$= -21$$

Then ,

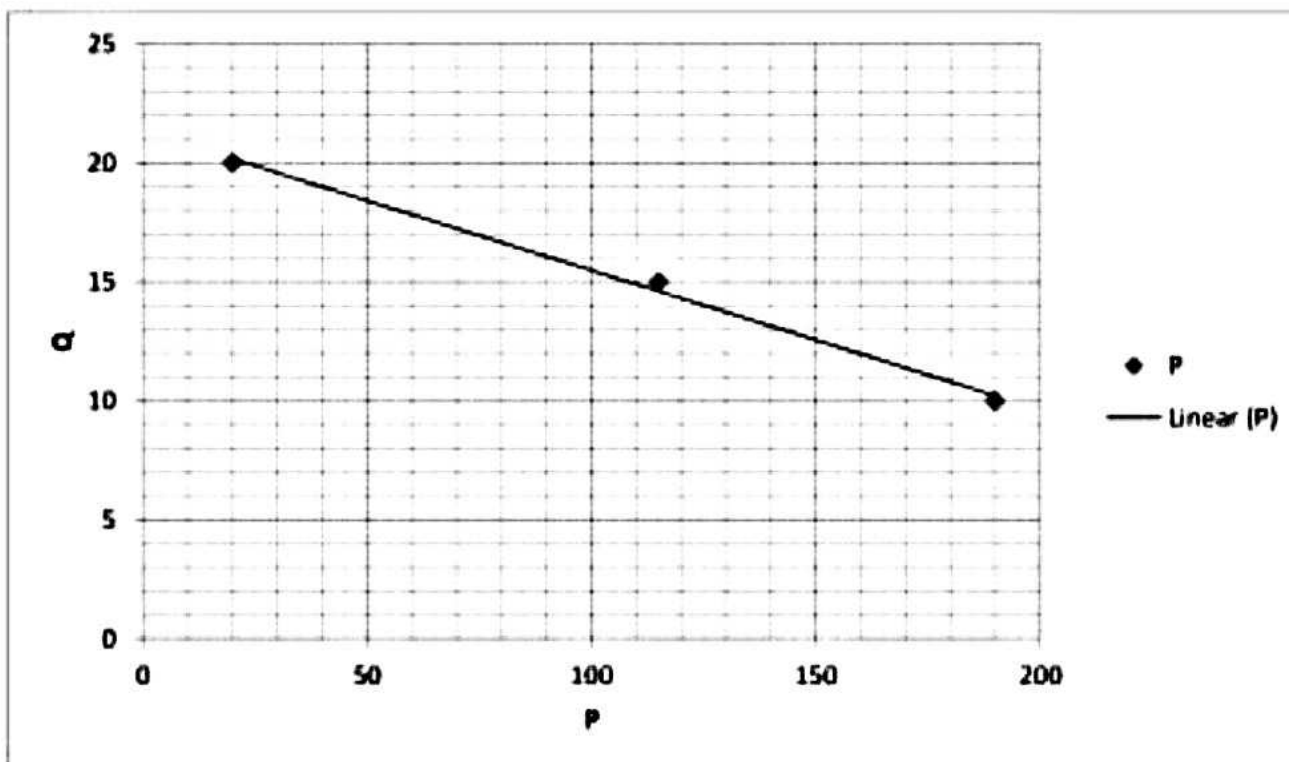
$$E_p = \frac{dQd}{dp} \times \frac{P}{Q}$$

$$= -21 \times \frac{20}{20}$$

$$E_p = -21$$

Graph:

Q	P
190	10
115	15
20	20



Example:-

If $Q = 20 - 3P^2$ Where $P = 2$ Find E_p

$$Q = 20 - 3P^2$$

$$= 20 - 3(2)^2$$

$$= 20 - 3(4)$$

$$= 20 - 12$$

$$= 8$$

Now ,

$$E_p = \frac{dQ}{dP} \times \frac{P}{Q}$$

$$E_p = -6 \times \frac{2}{8}$$

$$E_p = -\frac{12}{8}$$

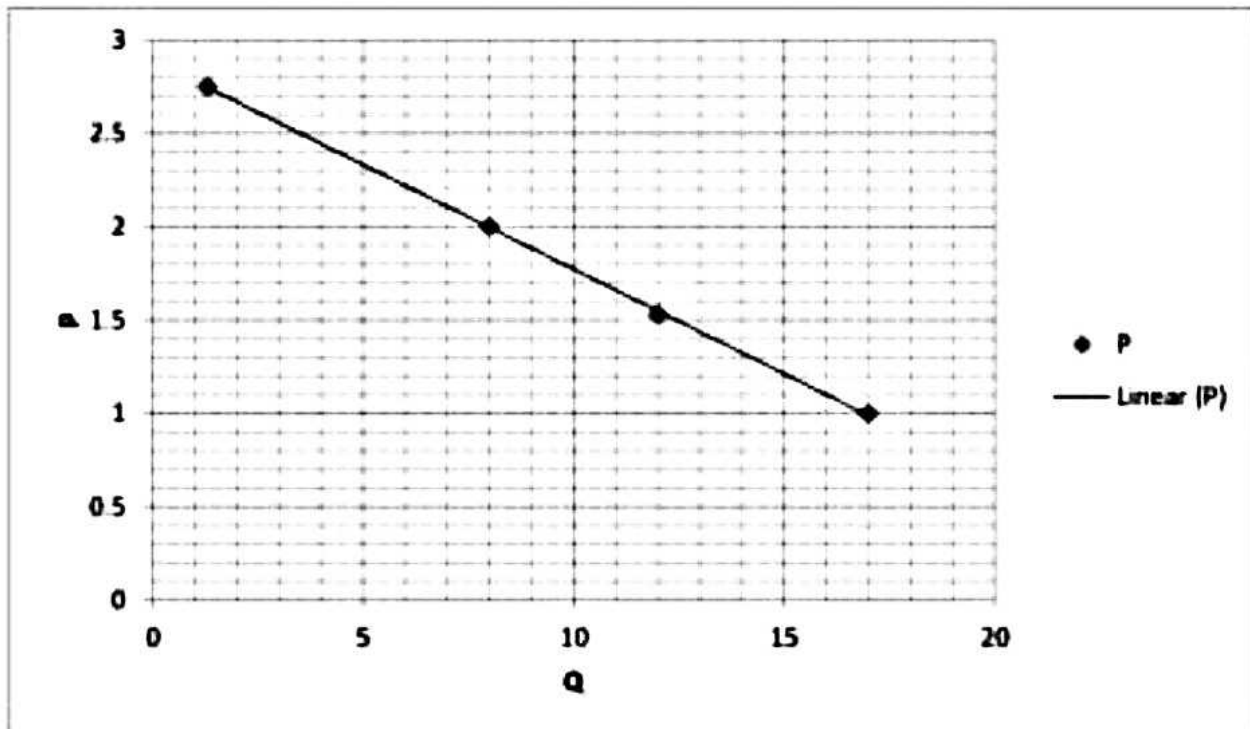
$$E_p = -6 \times \frac{2}{8}$$

$$E_p = -\frac{12}{8}$$

$$E_p = -\frac{3}{2}$$

Graph:-

Q	P
17	1
12	1.53
8	2
1.3	2.75



This Graph is of Elastic demand

Elasticity of supply:-

Introduction:-

Alfred Marshall invented price elasticity of supply only Four years after he had invented the concept of elasticity. In 1890 he published the concept of Elasticity of demand in his book **Principles of Economics**.

Definition:-

Proportional or percentage change in quantity supply due to proportional or percentage changes in price is called elasticity of supply.

$$Q_s = f(p)$$

- It is also known as **Price elasticity of supply**
- It is denoted by E_s or E

Formula:-

$$E_s = E = \frac{\text{Percentage change in } Q_s}{\text{percentage change in Price}}$$

Mathematical Form:-

$$E_s = E = \frac{\frac{\text{Change in supply}}{\text{Original supply}}}{\frac{\text{Change in Price}}{\text{Original price}}}$$

$$E_s = E = \frac{\text{Change in supply}}{\text{Original supply}} \times \frac{\text{Original Price}}{\text{Change in Price}}$$

$$E_s = E = \frac{dQ_s}{dp} \times \frac{P}{Q}$$

Where

$\frac{dQ_s}{dp}$ gives marginal supply function

$\frac{P}{Q}$ gives average supply function

A variety of supply curves

Unit Elastic supply:-

When elasticity equals 1 price increases 25% and Quantity increase 25 %

Elastic Supply:-

When elasticity is greater than 1 price increase 22% and Quantity increases 67%

Perfectly Elastic supply:-

When elasticity equals infinity price and Quantity remains same.

Perfectly inelastic supply:-

When elasticity equals zero price increases and quality remain unchanged

Inelastic supply :-

When elasticity is less than 1, then price increase 22% and quantity increases 10%

Example:-

If $Q=100 + 2P$ where $P=25$ find E_s .

$$Q = 100 + 2(25)$$

$$Q=100 + 50$$

$$Q= 150$$

Now,

$$E_s = \frac{dQ}{dP} \times \frac{P}{Q}$$

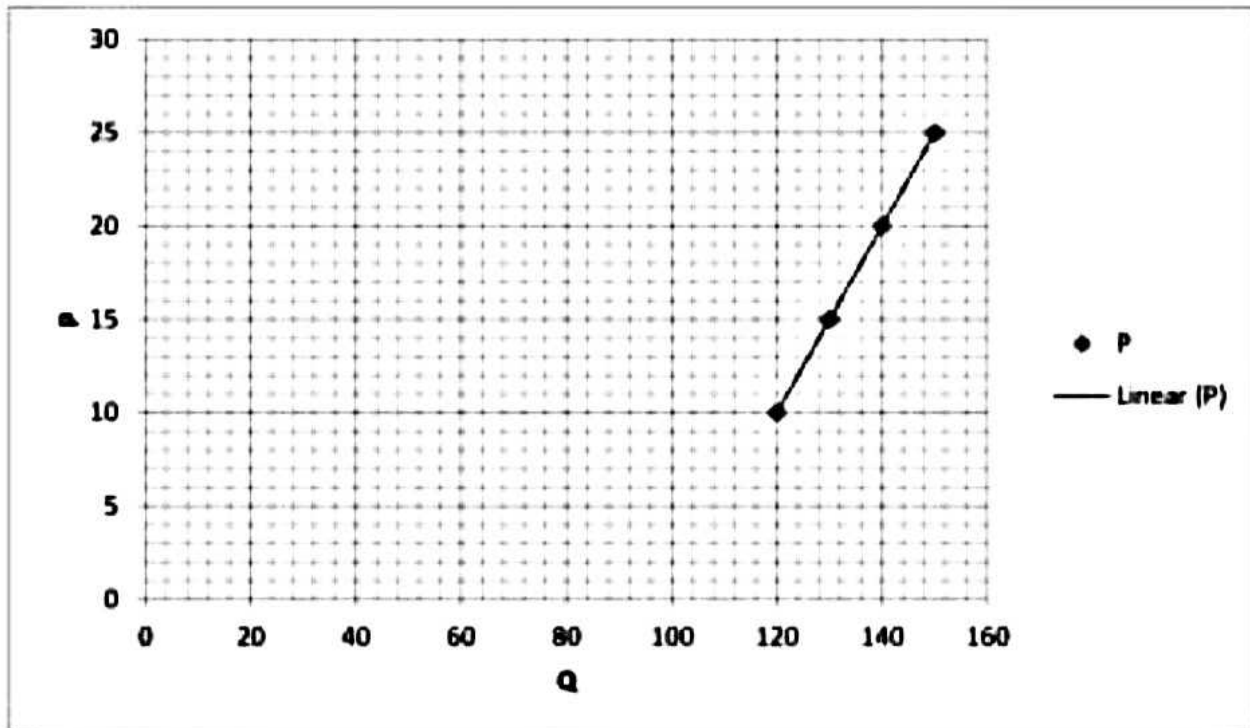
$$E_s = 2 \times \frac{25}{150}$$

$$E_s = \frac{50}{150}$$

$$E_s = \frac{1}{3}$$

Graph

Q	P
120	10
130	15
140	20
150	25



The graph is inelastic supply

Example:-

If $Q = 300 + 5P^2$ Where $P=3$ find E_s

$$Q = 300 + 5(3)^2$$

$$Q = 300 + 5(9)$$

$$Q = 300 + 45$$

$$Q = 345$$

Now ,

$$E_s = \frac{dQ}{dP} \times \frac{P}{Q}$$

$$E_s = \frac{d(300 + 5P^2)}{dP} \times \frac{3}{345}$$

$$E_s = 10P \times \frac{3}{345}$$

$$E_1 = 10(3) \times \frac{3}{345}$$

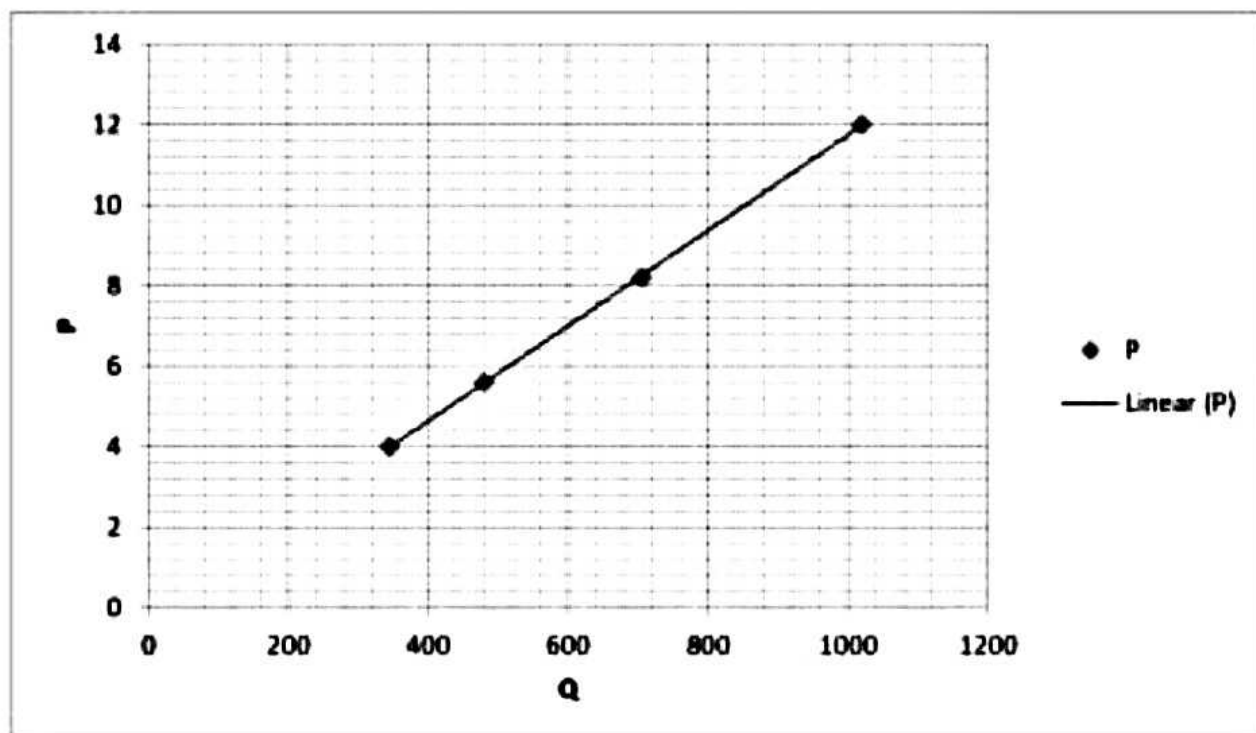
$$E_1 = 30 \times \frac{3}{345}$$

$$E_1 = \frac{90}{345} = \frac{18}{69}$$

$$E_1 = \frac{6}{23}$$

Graph

Q	P
345	4
480	5.6
705	8.2
1020	12



Example:-

If $Q = 200 + 2P + 0.1P^2$ where $P = 20$ Find E_1

$$Q = 200 + 2(20) + 0.1(20)^2$$

$$Q = 200 + 40 + 0.1(400)$$

$$Q = 200 + 40 + 40$$

$$Q = 280$$

Now,

$$E_s = \frac{dQ}{dp} \times \frac{P}{Q}$$

$$E_s = \frac{d(200 + 2P + 0.1P^2)}{dp} \times \frac{P}{Q=280}$$

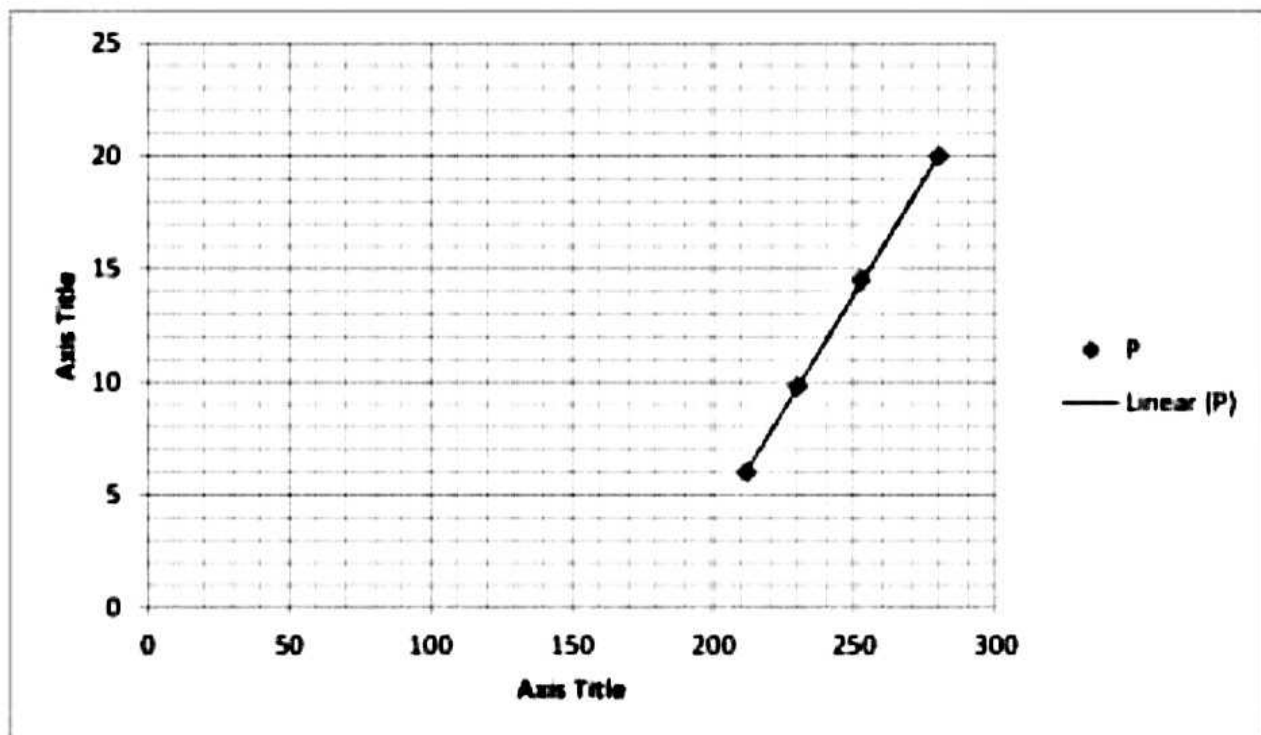
$$E_s = 2 + 0.2(20) \times \frac{2}{28}$$

$$E_s = 2 + 4 \times \frac{1}{14}$$

$$E_s = \frac{6}{14}$$

Graph:-

Q	P
212	6
230	9.8
252.5	14.5
280	20



This Graph is inelastic supply

Example

If $Q = 84 + P^2$ Where $P = 8$ find E_s

$$Q = 84 + (8)^2$$

$$Q = 84 + 64$$

$$Q = 148$$

Now,

$$E_s = \frac{dQ}{dP} \times \frac{P}{Q}$$

$$E_s = \frac{d(84 + P^2)}{dP} \times \frac{P}{148}$$

$$E_s = 2P \times \frac{P}{148}$$

$$E_s = 2(8) \times \frac{8}{148}$$

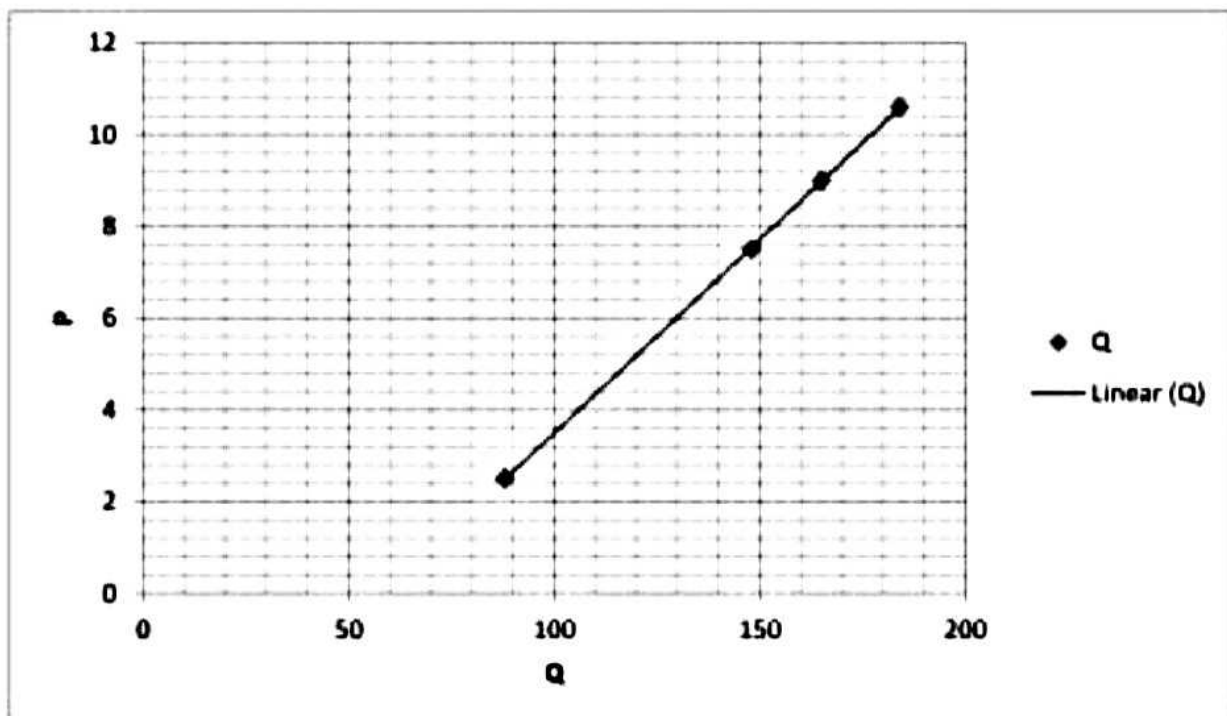
$$E_s = 16 \times \frac{P}{14P}$$

$$E_s = \frac{12P}{14P}$$

$$E_s = \frac{32}{37}$$

Graph:-

P	Q
88	2.5
165	9
148	7.5
184	10.6



Example

If $Q_s = 200 + 4P^2$ and $Q_d = 250 - 9P - 4P^2$

Find P , Q , E_d and E_s

As we know that

$$Q_s = Q_d$$

$$200 + 4P^2 = 250 - 9P - 4P^2$$

$$4P^2 + 4P^2 + 9P = 250 - 200$$

$$8P^2 + 9P - 50 = 0$$

Applying Quadratic formula

$$P = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$P = \frac{-9 \pm \sqrt{81}}{16}$$

$$P = \frac{-9 \pm 9}{16}$$

$$P = \frac{-9+9}{16}, \quad P = \frac{-9-9}{16}$$

$$P = \frac{0}{16}, \quad P = -\frac{18}{16}$$

$$P = 0, \quad P = -\frac{9}{8}$$

$$P = 2$$

Now putting value in both equations

$$Q_s = 200 + 4(2)^2$$

$$Q_d = 250 - 9(2) - 4(2)^2$$

$$Q_s = 200 + 4(4)$$

$$Q_d = 250 - 18 - 4(4)$$

$$Q_s = 200 + 16$$

$$Q_d = 250 - 18 - 16$$

$$Q_s = 216$$

$$Q_d = 216$$

$$Q = 216$$

Now ,

$$E_d = \frac{dQ_s}{dp} \times \frac{P}{Q}$$

$$E_d = \frac{d(250 - 9P - 4P^2)}{dp} \times \frac{2}{216}$$

$$E_d = -9 - 8P \times \frac{2}{216}$$

$$E_{sd} = \frac{2(-9 - 8P)}{216}$$

$$E_d = \frac{-18 - 16P}{216}$$

$$E_d = \frac{-18 - 16(2)}{216}$$

$$E_d = -\frac{50}{216}$$

So , Elasticity of demand is equal to $-\frac{50}{216}$

Now,

$$E_s = \frac{dQ_s}{dp} \times \frac{P}{Q}$$

$$E_s = d(200 + 4P^2) \times \frac{2}{216}$$

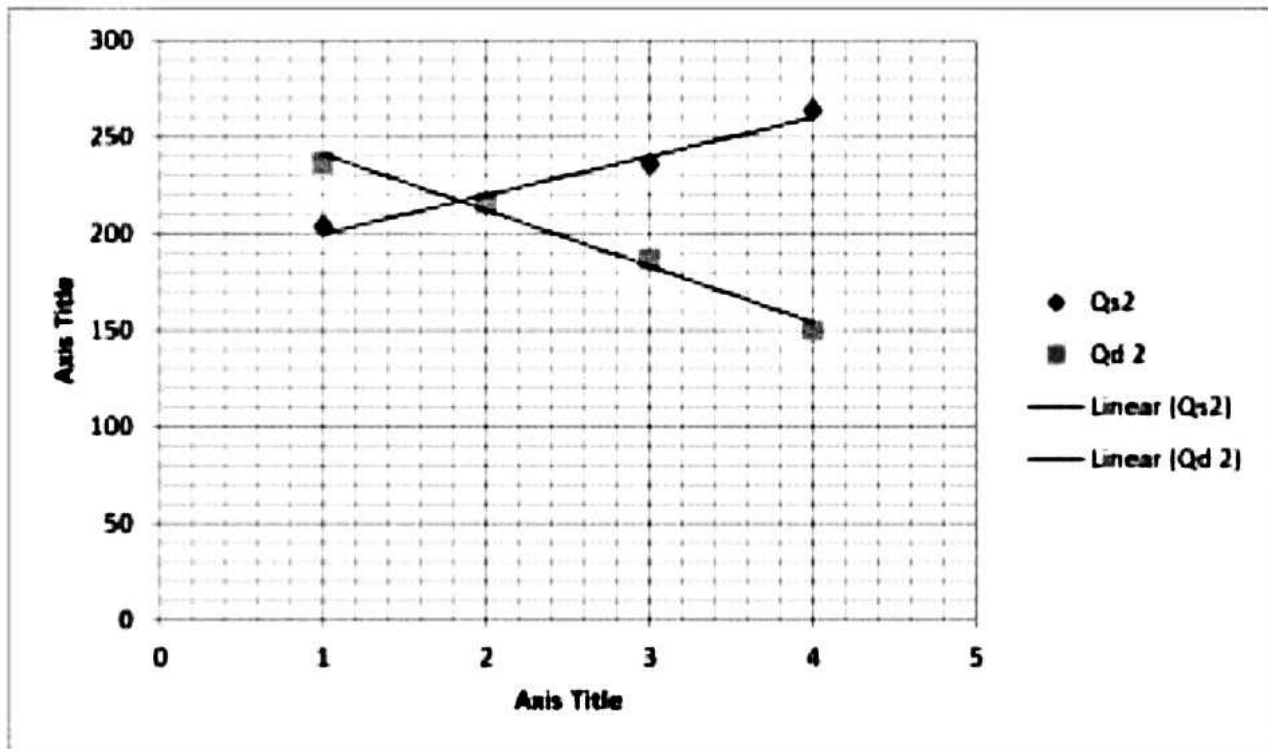
$$E_s = 8(2) \times \frac{2}{216}$$

$$E_s = \frac{32}{216}$$

So ,Elasticity of supply is equal to $\frac{32}{216}$

Graph

P	Qs2	Qd 2
1	204	237
2	216	216
3	236	187
4	264	150



Example :-

If $Q_d = 15 - 4P$ and $Q_s = 6P - 1$

Find P, Q, E_p and E_s

As we know that

$$Q_d = Q_s$$

$$15 - 4P = 6P - 1$$

$$15 + 1 = 6P + 4P$$

$$16 = 10P$$

$$P = \frac{16}{10}$$

$$P = \frac{8}{5}$$

Allow Putting the value of P in both equations

$$Q_d = 15 - 4\left(\frac{P}{5}\right)$$

$$Q_s = 6\left(\frac{P}{5}\right) - 1$$

$$Q_d = 15 - \frac{32}{5}$$

$$Q_s = \frac{40}{5} - 1$$

$$Q_d = \frac{75-32}{5}$$

$$Q_s = \frac{40-5}{5}$$

$$Q_d = \frac{43}{5}$$

$$Q_s = \frac{43}{5}$$

$$Q = \frac{43}{5}$$

Now,

$$E_d = \frac{dQ_d}{dP} \times \frac{P}{Q}$$

$$E_d = \frac{d(15-4P)}{dP} \times \frac{P/\frac{8}{5}}{43/5}$$

$$E_d = -4 \times \frac{8}{43}$$

$$E_d = -\frac{32}{43}$$

Now,

$$E_s = \frac{dQ_s}{dP} \times \frac{P}{Q}$$

$$E_s = \frac{d(6P-1)}{dP} \times \frac{P/\frac{8}{5}}{43/5}$$

$$E_s = 6 \times \frac{8}{43}$$

$$E_s = \frac{48}{43}$$

Graph

P	Qs	Qd
14	7.4	9.4
16	8.6	8.6
18	9.8	7.8

2	11	7
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