

§14.1 Differential

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Difference

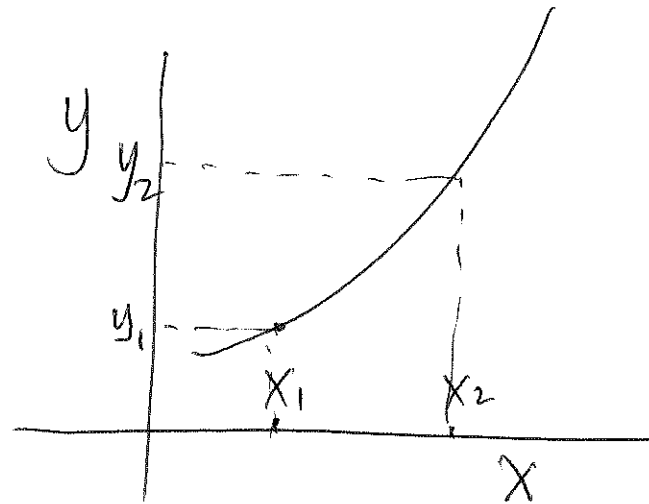
Consider two values of x

$$x_1, x_2$$

$$\Delta x = x_2 - x_1$$

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A difference in x

Consider $y = f(x)$



$$\Delta y = y_2 - y_1 = f(x_2) - f(x_1)$$

The corresponding difference in y

$$\lim_{x_2 \rightarrow x_1} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = f'(x_1) \quad \text{derivative of } f(x)$$

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$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \approx f'(x_1) \quad \text{for small } \Delta x = x_2 - x_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta y \approx f'(x_1) \Delta x$$

Differential is defined as

Δy corresponding to infinitesimal Δx .

$$dy = f'(x) dx$$

We write the derivative as $f'(x) = \frac{dy}{dx}$

In applications, we use

$$dy = f'(x) dx \text{ with finite } dx$$

to approximate the true Δy

Ex. $y(x) = \frac{400}{\sqrt{x+10}}$

$$y'(x) = 400 \cdot \frac{-1}{(\sqrt{x+10})^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \leftarrow$$

Recall = power rule $\cdot (x^\alpha)' = \alpha x^{\alpha-1}$

chain rule $\cdot f(u(x))' = f'(u) u'(x)$

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{df}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$f(u) = \frac{400}{u+10}$$

$$u = \sqrt{x}$$

$$f'(u) = \frac{400(-1)}{(u+10)^2}$$

$$u'(x) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$$

$$y'(x) = -200 \frac{1}{(\sqrt{x}+10)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$$

$$dy = y'(x) dx = -200 \frac{1}{(\sqrt{x}+10)^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx$$

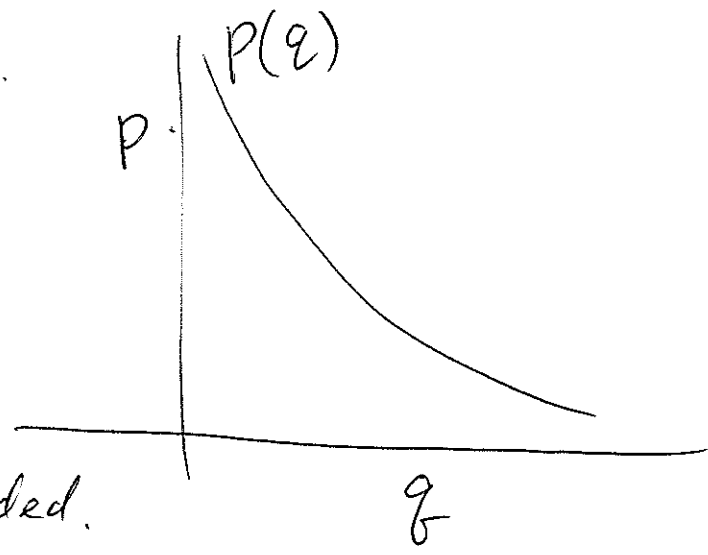
Ex. Use the differential to estimate a function value.

Consider the demand function.

$$P(q) = \frac{400}{\sqrt{q} + 10}$$

q = quantity demanded.

P = the price to generate that quantity demanded.



At $q = 100$, $P(100) = 20$

We like to estimate $P(90)$

$$\left. \frac{dp}{dq} \right|_{q=100} = p'(q) \Big|_{q=100} = -200 \frac{1}{(\sqrt{q}+10)^2 \sqrt{q}} = -200 \frac{1}{(20)^2 \cdot 10} = \frac{-1}{20} = -0.05$$

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$$100 \rightarrow 90 \quad \Delta q = -10$$

$$dp = p'(q) dq = 0.5$$

↑ -0.05 ↑ -10

approximation for the true Δp .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{True } \Delta p &= p(90) - p(100) \\ &= 0.5267 \end{aligned}$$

$$p(90) = p(100) + \Delta p \approx p(100) + dp = 20 + 0.5 = \underline{20.5}$$

Ex. $\frac{dq}{dp} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{dp}{dq}\right)} = -\frac{(\sqrt{q}+10)^2 \sqrt{q}}{200}$

At $q=100, p=20$ $\frac{dq}{dp} = -\frac{(\sqrt{100}+10)^2 \sqrt{100}}{200} = \underline{-20}$

We like to estimate $q(z_1)$

$$q(20) = 100.$$

$$20 \rightarrow 21 \quad \Delta p = 1.$$

$$dq = \underbrace{q'(p)}_{-20} \underbrace{dp}_1 = -20.$$

$$q(21) = q(20) + \Delta q \approx \underline{q(20)} + dq = 100 - 20 = 80.$$

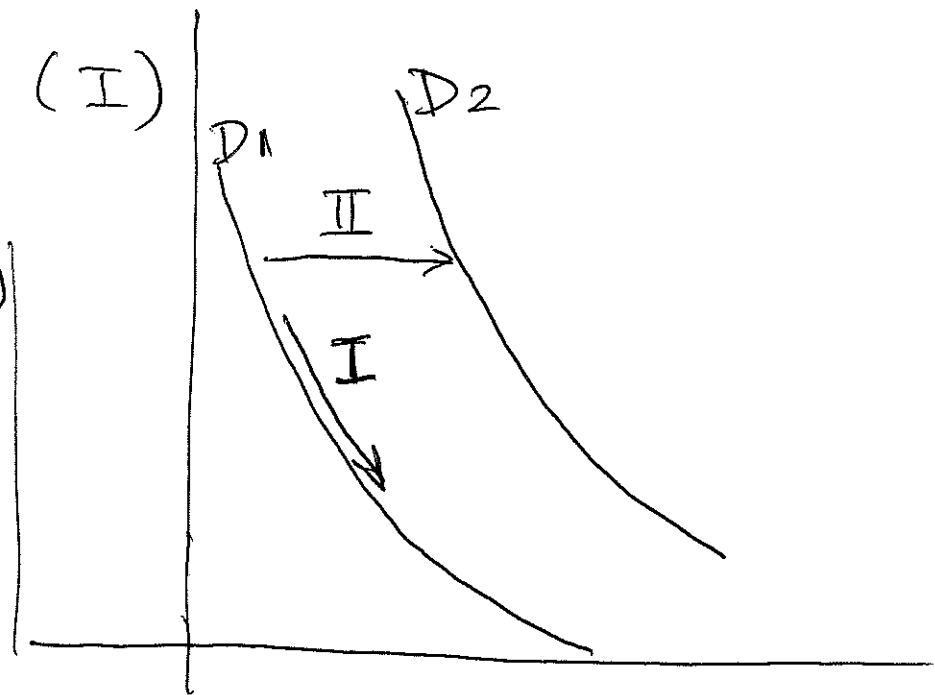
Increase in quantity demanded (I)

vs. Increase in demand (II)

Price elasticity of demand (PED)

we study.

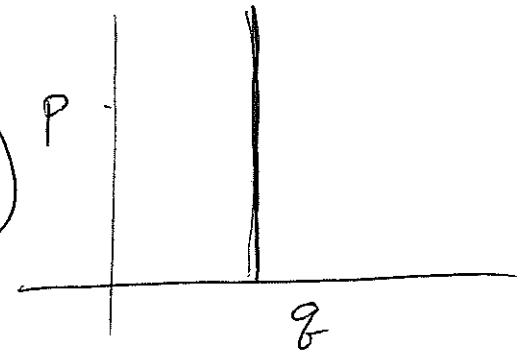
$\frac{\text{Change in } q}{\text{change in } p}$ in response to



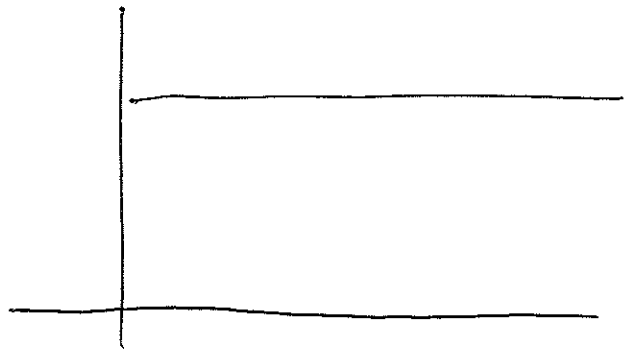
We look at relative changes

$$PED = \frac{\frac{\frac{dq}{q}}{\frac{dp}{p}}}{1} = \frac{dq}{dp} \cdot \frac{p}{q}$$

$PED = 0$, perfectly inelastic
(e.g. demand for salt over the entire market)



$PED = \infty$, perfectly elastic
(e.g. demand for corn for a particular farm)



$$PED = \left(\frac{dq}{dp} \right) \cdot \frac{p}{q}$$

$$q = b \left(1 - \frac{p}{a} \right)$$

$$\frac{dq}{dp} = -\frac{b}{a}$$

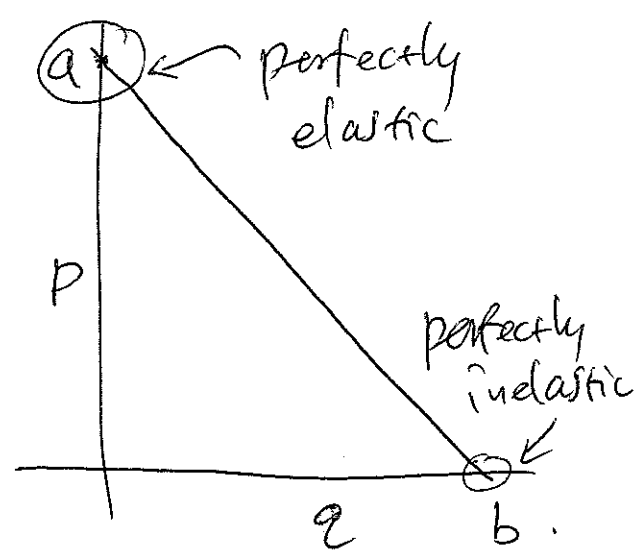
$$PED = -\frac{b}{a} \cdot \frac{p}{q}$$

near $q = b$, $p = 0$.

$$PED \approx 0$$

near $q = 0$, $p = a$

$$PED \approx \infty$$



$$\frac{p}{a} + \frac{q}{b} = 1$$

It does not imply
 $PED = \text{const}$

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§14.2 The indefinite integral

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An antiderivative of $f(x)$ is a function $F(x)$ such that

$$F'(x) = f(x)$$

Ex. $(x^3 + C)$ is an antiderivative of $3x^2$
for any C

Notation of indefinite integral

$$\int f(x) dx = F(x) + C.$$

The general antiderivative of $f(x)$

Ex. $\int 3x^2 dx = x^3 + C$

$$*) (\ln x)' = \frac{1}{x} \longrightarrow \int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln x + C$$

$$*) (e^x)' = e^x \longrightarrow \int e^x dx = e^x + C$$

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$$\underline{\text{Ex.}} \int -\frac{1}{4} e^t dt = -\frac{1}{4} \int e^t dt = -\frac{1}{4} e^t + C$$

$$\underline{\text{Ex.}} \int 3 \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} dt = 3 \int t^{-\frac{1}{2}} dt = 3 \cdot \frac{t^{-\frac{1}{2}+1}}{-\frac{1}{2}+1} + C$$
$$= 3 \frac{t^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\frac{1}{2}} = 6\sqrt{t} + C$$

$$\underline{\text{Ex.}} \int (2\sqrt{x} - 5e^x + \frac{1}{x}) dx = 2 \int \sqrt{x} dx - 5 \int e^x dx + \int \frac{1}{x} dx$$
$$= 2 \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}+1}}{\frac{1}{2}+1} - 5e^x + \ln x + C = \frac{4}{3} x^{\frac{3}{2}} - 5e^x + \ln x + C$$

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$$\text{Ex. } \int \frac{(x-1)(x+2)}{x^2} dx$$

$$= \int \left(1 + \frac{1}{x} - 2\frac{1}{x^2}\right) dx$$

$$= x + \ln|x| - 2 \frac{x^{-2+1}}{-2+1} + C$$

$$= x + \ln|x| + 2\frac{1}{x} + C.$$

$$(x-1)(x+2)$$

$$= x^2 - x + 2x - 2$$

$$= \boxed{x^2 + x - 2}$$