

11. Suppose the demand curve for a product is given by $Q=10-2P+P_s$, where P is the price of the product and P_s is the price of a substitute good. The price of the substitute good is \$2.00.

a. Suppose $P=\$1.00$. What is the price elasticity of demand? What is the cross-price elasticity of demand?

First you need to find the quantity demanded at the price of \$1.00.

$$Q=10-2(1)+2=10. \quad \text{Price elasticity of demand} =$$

$$\frac{P \Delta Q}{Q \Delta P} = \frac{1}{10} (-2) = -\frac{2}{10} = -0.2.$$

$$\text{Cross-price elasticity of demand} = \frac{P_s \Delta Q}{Q \Delta P_s} = \frac{2}{10} (1) = 0.2.$$

b. Suppose the price of the good, P , goes to \$2.00. Now what is the price elasticity of demand? What is the cross-price elasticity of demand?

First you need to find the quantity demanded at the price of \$2.00.

$$Q=10-2(2)+2=8.$$

$$\text{Price elasticity of demand} = \frac{P \Delta Q}{Q \Delta P} = \frac{2}{8} (-2) = -\frac{4}{8} = -0.5.$$

$$\text{Cross-price elasticity of demand} = \frac{P_s \Delta Q}{Q \Delta P_s} = \frac{2}{8} (1) = 0.25.$$