

**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.

$$Q=10-2(1)+2=10. \quad \text{Price elasticity of demand} = \frac{P}{Q} \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta P} = \frac{1}{10} (-2) = -\frac{2}{10} = -0.2.$$

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

**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.

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

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

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