



#### 彈力性 Elasticity Concept

- Elasticity a.k.a. Sensitivity or Responsiveness
- How responsive is variable "G" to a change in variable "S"

$$E_{G,S} = \frac{\% \Delta G}{\% \Delta S}$$

If  $E_{G,S} > 0$ , then *S* and *G* are directly related. If  $E_{G,S} < 0$ , then *S* and *G* are inversely related. If  $E_{G,S} = 0$ , then *S* and *G* are unrelated.

#### 탄력성의 계산 Elasticity Concept Using Calculus

An alternative way to measure the elasticity of a function G = f(S) is

$$E_{G,S} = \frac{dG}{dS} \frac{S}{G}$$

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$$E_{Q_X,P_X} = \frac{\% \Delta Q_X^{d}}{\% \Delta P_X}$$

• Negative according to the "law of demand."

Elastic:  $|E_{Q_X,P_X}| > 1$ Inelastic:  $|E_{Q_X,P_X}| < 1$ Unitary:  $|E_{Q_X,P_X}| = 1$ 

#### 완전탄력적/비탄력적 수요 Perfectly Elastic & Inelastic Demand



#### 가격탄력성과 기업의 매출 Own-Price Elasticity and Total Revenue

- Elastic Demand
  - <sup>q</sup> Increase (a decrease) in price leads to a decrease (an increase) in total revenue.
- Inelastic Demand
  - <sup>q</sup> Increase (a decrease) in price leads to an increase (a decrease) in total revenue.
- Unitary Demand
  - <sup>q</sup> Total revenue is maximized at the point where demand is unitary elastic.

















#### 수요의 가격탄력성에 영향을 주는 요소 Factors Affecting Own Price Elasticity

- g Available Substitutes (대체재의 유무)
  - The more substitutes available for the good, the more elastic the demand.
- g Time (시간변수)
  - Demand tends to be more inelastic in the short term than in the long term.
  - Time allows consumers to seek out available substitutes.
- g Expenditure Share (예산에서의 비중)
  - Goods that comprise a small share of consumer's budgets tend to be more inelastic than goods for which consumers spend a large portion of their incomes.

#### 교차탄력성 Cross Price Elasticity of Demand

$$E_{Q_X,P_Y} = \frac{\% \Delta Q_X^{d}}{\% \Delta P_Y}$$

If  $E_{Q_X,P_Y} > 0$ , then X and Y are substitutes ( $\square \overline{X} \square X$ ).

If  $E_{Q_X,P_Y} < 0$ , then X and Y are complements (보완재).



$$E_{Q_X,M} = \frac{\% \Delta Q_X^{d}}{\% \Delta M}$$

If  $E_{Q_X,M} > 0$ , then X is a normal good (정상재). If  $E_{Q_X,M} < 0$ , then X is a inferior good (열등재). If  $E_{Q_X,M} = 0$ , then X is independent of income (독립재).

#### 탄력성의 이용범위 Uses of Elasticities

- Pricing.
- Managing cash flows.
- Impact of changes in competitors' prices.
- Impact of economic booms and recessions.
- Impact of advertising campaigns.
- And lots more!

# Example 1: Pricing and Cash Flows

- According to an KFTC Report, KT's own price elasticity of demand for long distance services is -8.64.
- KT needs to boost revenues in order to meet it's marketing goals.
- To accomplish this goal, should KT raise or lower it's price?

# **Answer: Lower price!**

• Since demand is elastic, a reduction in price will increase quantity demanded by a greater percentage than the price decline, resulting in more revenues for KT.

# Example 2: Quantifying the Change

• If KT lowered price by 3 percent, what would happen to the volume of long distance telephone calls routed through KT?

## Answer

• Calls would increase by 25.92 percent!

$$E_{Q_X,P_X} = -8.64 = \frac{\% \Delta Q_X^{\ d}}{\% \Delta P_X}$$
$$-8.64 = \frac{\% \Delta Q_X^{\ d}}{-3\%}$$
$$-3\% \times (-8.64) = \% \Delta Q_X^{\ d}$$
$$\% \Delta Q_X^{\ d} = 25.92\%$$

# Example 3: Impact of a change in a competitor's price

- According to an KFTC Report, KT's cross price elasticity of demand for long distance services is 9.06.
- If competitors (SKT or LGT) reduced their prices by 4 percent, what would happen to the demand for KT services?

## Answer

• KT's demand would fall by 36.24 percent!

$$E_{Q_X, P_Y} = 9.06 = \frac{\% \Delta Q_X^{\ d}}{\% \Delta P_Y}$$
  
9.06 =  $\frac{\% \Delta Q_X^{\ d}}{-4\%}$   
- 4% × 9.06 = %  $\Delta Q_X^{\ d}$   
%  $\Delta Q_X^{\ d} = -36.24\%$ 

## **Interpreting Demand Functions**

- Mathematical representations of demand curves.
- Example:

$$Q_X^{d} = 10 - 2P_X + 3P_Y - 2M$$

- X and Y are substitutes (coefficient of  $P_Y$  is positive).
- X is an inferior good (coefficient of M is negative).

# **Example of Linear Demand**

- $Q^d = 10 2P$ .
- Own-Price Elasticity: (-2)P/Q.
- If P=1, Q=8 (since 10 2 = 8).
- Own price elasticity at P=1, Q=8: (-2)(1)/8= - 0.25.

# **Log-Linear Demand**

• General Log-Linear Demand Function:

 $\ln Q_X^{d} = \beta_0 + \beta_X \ln P_X + \beta_Y \ln P_Y + \beta_M \ln M + \beta_H \ln H$ 

Own Price Elasticity : $\beta_X$ Cross Price Elasticity : $\beta_Y$ Income Elasticity : $\beta_M$ 

# Example of Log-Linear Demand

- $\ln(Q^d) = 10 2 \ln(P)$ .
- Own Price Elasticity: -2.

# **Graphical Representation of Linear and Log-Linear Demand**



# Conclusion

- Elasticities are tools you can use to *quantify* the impact of changes in prices, income, and advertising on sales and revenues.
- Given market or survey data, regression analysis can be used to estimate:
  - <sup>q</sup> Demand functions.
  - <sup>q</sup> Elasticities.
  - $_{\rm q}$  A host of other things, including cost functions.
- Managers can quantify the impact of changes in prices, income, advertising, etc.