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Economic P 21

Price	Quantity demanded
10 ( $P_1$ )	4 ( $Q_1$ )
2 ( $P_2$ )	5 ( $Q_2$ )

In this ;

$$\Delta P = P_2 - P_1 = 2 - 10 = -8$$

$$\Delta Q = Q_2 - Q_1 = 5 - 4 = 1$$

$$ed = \frac{\Delta Q}{Q_1} \div \frac{\Delta P}{P_1}$$

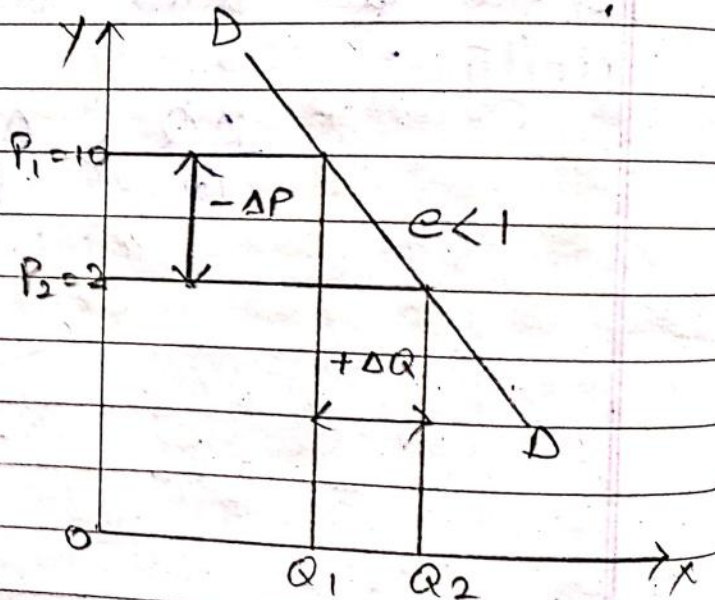
$$= \frac{1}{4} \div \frac{-8}{10}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{10}{-8}$$

$$= -0.3125$$

ed is less than unity

$$\therefore \frac{\Delta P}{P} > \frac{\Delta Q}{Q}$$



Quantity Demanded

(iii) unit elasticity of demand  $\rightarrow$  In this situation proportionate change in demand is equal to proportionate change in price.

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

Illustration :-

Price	Quantity demanded
10 (P <sub>1</sub> )	100 (Q <sub>1</sub> )
15 (P <sub>2</sub> )	50 (Q <sub>2</sub> )

In this;

$$\Delta P = P_2 - P_1$$

$$= 15 - 10$$

$$= 5$$

$$\Delta Q = Q_2 - Q_1$$

$$= 50 - 100$$

$$= -50$$

$$e_d = \frac{\Delta Q}{Q_1} \div \frac{\Delta P}{P_1}$$

$$= \frac{-50}{100} \div \frac{5}{10}$$

$$= \frac{-50}{100} \times \frac{10}{5}$$

$$= -1$$

Therefore;

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

