

3. Unitary Supply Elasticity
PES co-efficient = 0

4. Relatively Elastic Supply
PES co-efficient > 1

5. Perfectly Elastic Supply
PES co-efficient = ∞

- Market Price
 - Equilibrium Diagrams

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Topic 4: Labour Markets

- **Labour Market** – refers to any situation which brings employers into contact with employees.
 - Derived demand means that the service of labour are demanded only because they are needed for the firm to produce goods and service and make a profit
- **Demand for Labour**
 - The output of the firm
 - productivity of labour
 - cost of other inputs
- **The Supply of Labour**
 - Pay Levels
 - Working Conditions
 - Education, Skills and experience requirements
 - The mobility of labour (occupational and geographical)
 - Participation rate $(\% = \frac{\text{Labour Force}}{\text{Population aged 15 or over}} \times \frac{100}{1})$
- **The Australian Workforce**
 - Cyclical Unemployment is downturn in business cycle
 - Structural Unemployment is mismatch skills demanded
 - Long-term Unemployment is being unemployed for a period of 12 months or more
 - Seasonal unemployment is seasonal natures of some jobs
 - Hard-core unemployment is unemployable people because of disabilities
 - Hidden unemployment is given up actively seeking work
 - Underemployment is when individuals who would like to work more hours
 - To be classified as unemployed, a person must be over the age of 15, without a job, or stood down from a job without pay, but not actively seeking full-time or part-time work.
 - Unemployment rate $(\%) = \frac{\text{Number of persons unemployed}}{\text{Total labour force}} \times 100$
 - Total size of the workforce is approximately 12,569,500 (12.5 million)
 - Employment in the primary sector has started falling and has been stronger in the service sector

Labour Market Outcomes

- **Differences in incomes from work**
 - Creating a more equitable distribution of income with tax transfers, government expenditure on welfare and etc.
- **Labour Market Trends**
 - Unemployment rate has been at its highest rate since the great depression 6.5% at the end of 2015 but has decreased to 5.7% on July 2016.