

Unit 2

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2.1 The Role of demand

Demand: the relationship between the various possible prices of a product and the quantities of that product consumers are willing to purchase.

Quantity demanded: the amount of a product consumers are willing to purchase at each price.

Independent variable: Price
(Vertical axis)

Dependent variable: Quantity demanded
(Horizontal axis)

Law of demand: states that there is an inverse relationship between the a product's quantity demanded and its price.

Demand schedule for strawberries

Price

\$2.50

\$2.00

\$1.50

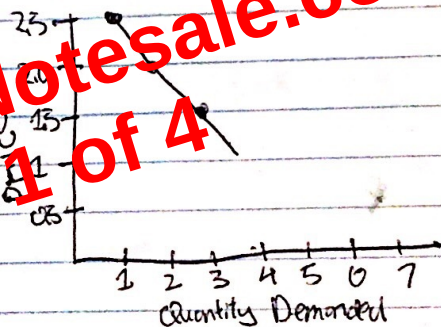
Quantity

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Demand schedule: a table that shows possible combinations of prices and quantity demanded of a product.

Demand curve: a graph that expresses possible combinations of prices and quantities demanded of a product.

Change in quantity demanded: the effect of a price change on quantity demanded.

Market demand: The sum of all consumers' quantity demanded for a product at each price.