# SUPPLY

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- Economic theory deals with the behaviour of business firms
- Supply in output Market
  Demand in input Market
- Firms engage in production to earn profit •
- Supply decisions depend on profit potential

- What is profit?
  - Difference between revenues and costs
- Supply is likely to react to changes in revenues and changes in production costs
- The amount of revenue earned by a firm depends on the price of its product in the market and on how much it sells
- Successful firms-able to sell their products more than it costs to produce them

- Costs of production depend on many factors
  - The kinds of inputs needed to produce the product
  - The amount of each input required
  - The prices of inputs
- The best method of production is the one that minimises cost- maximizing profit

- Which production technique is the best?
  - Depends on the prices of inputs
- Suppose labour is cheap and machinery is expensive and difficult to transport (what should firms do?)
- Where machines or resources to produce machines are readily available and labour is scarce or expensive
- The techniques ultimately chosen determines input requirements

## WHAT IS SUPPLY?

- Supply consists of four components
  - Willingness to sell
  - Able to sell
  - At a given price
  - Time period

## WHAT IS SUPPLY?

- Supply is the amount of a particular product that a firm would be willing and able to offer for sale at a particular price during a given time period
- A supple schedule shows how much of a product a firm will sell at alternative prices
- Supply of a product by a particular firm is individual supply
- Supply of a product by a group of firms- market supply

#### **DETERMINANTS OF SUPPLY**

- Price
- Prices of inputs, technology
- Prices of related goods
- Taxes
- Expectations
- Number of firms, etc.
- Means of transportation and communication

## FACTORS INFLUENCING SUPPLY

- Factors influencing supply:
- S = f (Pn, Pn..Pn-I, H, FI..Fm, E, Sp)
- Where:
- Pn = Price
- Pn..Pn-I = Profitability/attractiveness of other goods in production
- H = Technology
- FI..Fm = Costs of production
- I = Industrial disputes
- S =Seasons

#### **SUPPLY SCHEDULE**

Price	Quantity Supplied
5	0
8	2
12	8
15	10
20	15

## **SUPPLY CURVE**

- A supply curve shows the relationship between price and quantity supplied only
- All (other) factors affecting supply are assumed to remain unchanged along a supply curve.
- Higher prices are likely to lead an increase in quantity supplied, ceteris paribus

#### THE SUPPLY CURVE



#### **INDIVIDUAL VS MARKET SUPPLY**

- Supply by a single producer/firm- Individual Supply
- Supply by group of firms/producers- Market Supply

#### INDIVIDUAL VS MARKET SUPPLY Schedule

- Individual supply schedule refers to a tabular statement showing various quantities of a commodity that a producer is willing to sell at various levels of price, during a given period of time
- Market supply schedule refers to a tabular statement showing various quantities of a commodity that all the producers are willing to sell at various levels of price, during a given period of time
- Suppose  $S_m$  is the market supply, then  $S_m = S_A + S_B + \ldots + S_N$
- Where  $S_A$  and  $S_B$  are individual supply of produce A and B and so on

#### **INDIVIDUAL SCHEDULE**

Price	Quantity Supplied of good X
I	5
2	10
3	15
4	20
5	25

#### **MARKET SUPPLY SCHEDULE**

Price	Supply of A	Supply of B	Market Supply
I	5	10	5+10 = 15
2	10	20	10+20 = 30
3	15	25	15 + 25 = 40
4	20	35	20 +35 = 55
5	25	40	25 + 40 = 65

## MOVEMENT ALONG A SUPPLY CURVE/CHANGE IN QUANTITY SUPPLY

- When quantity supplied of a commodity changes due to change in its own price, keeping other factors constant-change in quantity suppled/movement along a supply curve
- Movement can be either a downward movement (contraction in supply ) or an upward movement (expansion in supply) along the same supply curve

#### CHANGE IN SUPPLY/SHIFTS OF Supply Curve

- Supply curve- the relationship between price and quantity supplied of a commodity assuming all other factors being constant
- A change in one of other factors shifts the supply curve
- Increase in supply refers to a rise in the supply of a commodity caused due to any factors other than the own price of the commodity
- Decrease in supply refers to a fall in the supply of a commodity caused due to any factors other than the own price of the commodity

#### **CHANGE IN SUPPLY**



## LAW OF SUPPLY

- Direct relationship between price and quantity supplied, keeping other factors constant
- Assumptions
  - Price of the other goods are constant
  - No change in the state of the technology
  - Prices of factors of production remain the same
  - No change in the taxation policy

#### SUPPLY SCHEDULE AND SUPPLY CURVE

Price	Quantity
I	10
2	20
3	30
4	40
5	50



## **IMPORTANT POINTS**

- States the positive relationship between price and quantity supplied, assuming no changes in other factors
- It's a qualitative statement as it indicates the direction of the change, does not indicate the magnitude of change
- Does not establish any proportional relationship
- Law is one sided

## **EXCEPTIONS TO LAW OF SUPPLY**

- Future expectations
- Agricultural goods
- Perishable goods
- Rare articles
- Backward countries

## MARKET EQUILIBRIUM

- Role of market price as a determinant of both of quantity demanded and quantity supplied
- Operation of market- the interaction between suppliers and demanders
- Three conditions may prevail in every market:
  - The quantity demanded exceeds the quantity supplied at the current price (Excess Demand)
  - The quantity supplied exceeds the quantity demanded at the current price (Excess Supply)
  - The quantity supplied equals te quantity demanded at the current price (Equilibrium)

#### **EXCESS DEMAND**



- Excess demand- Quantity demanded is greater than quantity supplied at the current price
- Tendency will be a rise in price

#### **EXCESS SUPPLY**



- Excess Supply- When the quantity supplied exceeds the quantity demanded at the current price
- Results fall in price
- Fall in price lead to decrease in quantity supply

## **CHANGES IN EQUILIBRIUM**

• Shift of supply and demand curve results change in equilibrium price and quantity

## **SHIFTS OF SUPPLY CURVE**

#### INCREASE IN THE COST OF PRODUCTION OF X

#### DECREASE IN THE COST OF PRODUCTION OF X





#### INCREASE IN INCOME: X IS A NORMAL GOOD



#### INCREASE IN INCOME: X IS AN INFERIOR GOOD



#### DECREASE IN INCOME: X IS AN INFERIOR GOOD

#### DECREASE IN INCOME: X IS A NORMAL GOOD





#### INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF A SUBSTITUTE FOR X

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#### DECREASE IN THE PRICE OF SUBSTITUTE FOR X



#### DECREASE IN THE PRICE OF A COMPLEMENT FOR X



#### **KEY TAKEAWAY....**

- Supply curve shows how much of a product a firm would supply if it could sell all it wanted at the given price.
- Quantity supplied are always per time period
- Supply of a good is determined by price, cost of production and prices of related good
- Market equilibrium exists when quantity supplied equals quantity demanded.

#### **ELASTICITY OF SUPPLY**

## WHAT IS ELASTICITY OF SUPPLY?

- The sensitiveness/ responsiveness of the supply to change in price
- Percentage change in quantity supplied divided by the percentage change in price

#### **HOW TO CALCULATE ELASTICITY OF SUPPLY**?

•  $e_s = \frac{Proportionate Change in Quantity Supply}{Proportionate Change in Price}$ 

Change in Quantity Supply / Original Quantity

• e<sub>p</sub> = \_\_\_\_\_ Change in price/Original Price

- Symbolically
- $e_s = \frac{\Delta S/S}{\Delta P/P}$
- $e_s = \frac{\Delta S}{S} \times \frac{P}{\Delta P}$
- $e_s = \frac{\Delta S}{\Lambda P} \times \frac{P}{S}$