

Q. If $Q = \sqrt{2+P}$ is a supply function, find the elasticity of ~~demand~~ supply when $P=2$

Soln:- We know that,

$$\text{elasticity of supply } (\eta_s) = \frac{P}{Q} \cdot \frac{dQ}{dP}$$

Given $Q = \sqrt{2+P}$

$$\therefore \frac{dQ}{dP} = \frac{d}{dP} (2+P)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot (2+P)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \quad \left| \frac{1}{2} - 1 = -\frac{1}{2} \right.$$

$$= \frac{1}{2 \cdot \sqrt{2+P}}$$

$$\therefore \eta_s = \frac{P}{Q} \cdot \frac{dQ}{dP}$$

$$= \frac{P}{\sqrt{2+P}} \cdot \frac{1}{2 \cdot \sqrt{2+P}}$$

$$= \frac{P}{2 \cdot (2+P)}$$

when $P=2$, $\eta_s = \frac{2}{2 \cdot (2+2)}$

$$= \frac{1}{4}$$

Q: Show the relation betⁿ MC and AC using Product rule.

Solⁿ - Let average cost (AC) is a function of quantity produced such that

$$AC = C(q)$$

$$\text{But } TC = AC \times q \\ = C(q) \times q$$

We know that,

$$MC = \frac{d}{dq} (TC)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dq} [C(q) \times q]$$

$$= C(q) \cdot \frac{dq}{dq} + q \cdot \frac{d}{dq} [C(q)]$$

$$= C(q) \cdot 1 + q \cdot C'(q)$$

$$= AC + q \cdot C'(q)$$

$$\Rightarrow MC - AC = q \cdot C'(q) \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

Eqⁿ (1) is the relation betⁿ MC and AC where

$C'(q)$ is the slope of the curve AC.