

Difference between Substitute and Complementary goods

Basis of Difference	Price Elasticity	Income Elasticity
Meaning	It is the ratio of the percentage change in quantity demanded to the percentage change in the price of a commodity .	It is the ratio of the percentage change in quantity demanded to the percentage change in income of the consumer .
Denoted by	Price elasticity of demand is denoted by E_p or PED .	Income Elasticity of demand is denoted by E_y or YED .
Coefficient	The coefficient of Price elasticity is always negative .	The coefficient of Income elasticity is positive for normal goods and negative for inferior goods .
Degree of Elasticity	The degree of price elasticity varies in between 0 to +∞	The degree of elasticity varies in between +∞ to -∞ depending upon the nature of goods.
Elasticity coefficient represents	The coefficient of price elasticity represents different degrees of price elasticities such as perfectly elastic, inelastic and unitary elastic etc.	The coefficient of income elasticity represents types of income elasticities to identify the nature of goods whether they are normal goods or inferior goods.
Associated Curve	Price Consumption curve is used to represent different amounts of quantity demanded at different prices.	Income Consumption Curve is used to represent different amounts of quantity demanded at different levels of income.
Calculation	PED = %Δ in quantity demanded / %Δ in price	YED = %Δ in quantity demanded / %Δ in income