

## Demand

### a) The concept of 'demand'.

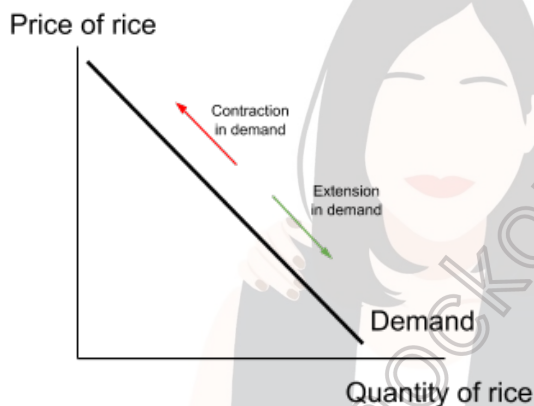
- **Demand** is the willingness and ability to pay for a product at any price level.
- **Demand curve** : shows the inverse relationship between price and quantity demand.

### b) The movements along a demand curve

- Movements along a demand curve is caused by changes in its price.
- It shows the **inverse relationship** between price and quantity demand

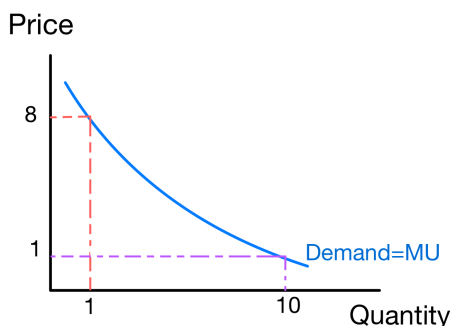
**Extension in demand** : a rise in quantity of demand from a fall in price

**Contraction in demand** : a fall in quantity of demand from a rise in price



### c) The concept of diminishing marginal utility and its significance for the shape of the individual demand curve.

- **Utility**; satisfaction gained from consumption
- **Marginal utility**; additional utility gained from one more unit of consumption
- **The law of diminishing marginal utility**; when consumption rises, marginal utility fall.

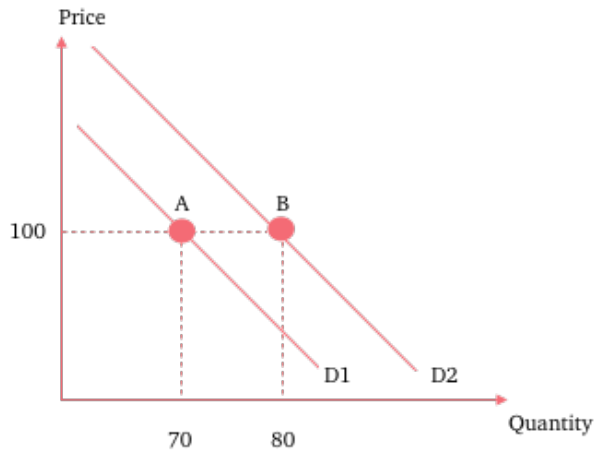


• *The first unit of consumption contributes high marginal utility. It reflects through high price that consumers are willing to pay.*

• *The later unit of consumption, consumers have lower marginal utility leading to lower price that consumers' willing to pay.*

• *This is why demand is downward sloping.*

**d) Factors that may cause a shift in the demand curve:**



**1 Change in income**

- For normal goods :  $\uparrow$  income  $\Rightarrow$  Demand  $\uparrow$
- For inferior goods :  $\downarrow$  income  $\Rightarrow$  Demand  $\uparrow$

**2 Change in price substitute good**

- Price of substitute good  $\uparrow$   $\Rightarrow$  Demand  $\uparrow$

**3 Change in price complement goods**

- Price of complement goods  $\downarrow$   $\Rightarrow$  Demand  $\uparrow$

**4 Advertising campaigns**

- Advertising creates want  $\Rightarrow$  Demand  $\uparrow$

**5 Change in population**

- Population  $\uparrow$   $\Rightarrow$  Demand  $\uparrow$

**6 Change in taste and Fashion**

**7 Other factors eg. weather condition**

**Market demand;** The sum of individual demand at any price level. (Horizontal)