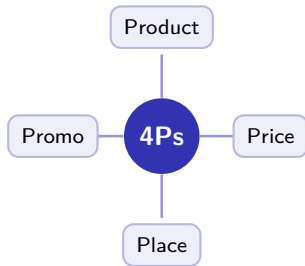


Marketing

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What we will cover

- 1 Role of marketing & markets
- 2 Segmentation
- 3 Demand & elasticity
- 4 Market research
- 5 The marketing mix (4Ps)
- 6 Recap



Role of marketing and markets

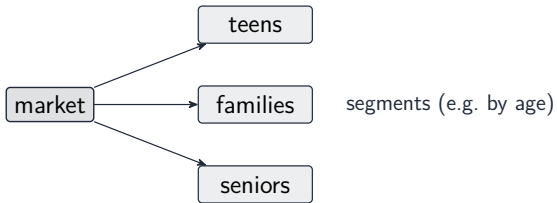
Marketing 市场营销: find what customers want, then sell it at a profit.

- **product-orientated** 产品导向 vs **market-orientated** 市场导向
- **market share** 市场份额
$$= \frac{\text{firm's sales}}{\text{total sales}} \times 100\%$$



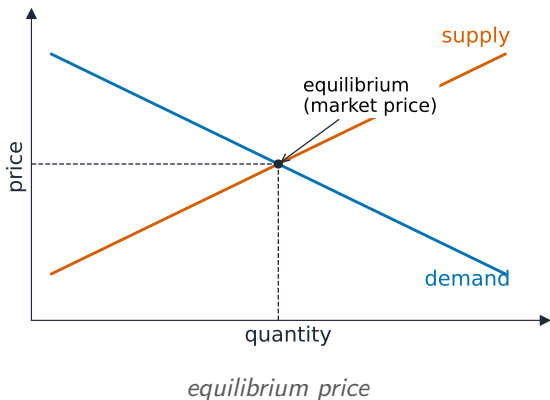
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Market segmentation



Segmentation 市场细分 splits a market into similar groups (age, income, lifestyle), so the right product reaches each.

Demand, supply and elasticity



PED 需求价格弹性 = $\frac{\% \Delta \text{quantity}}{\% \Delta \text{price}}$.

- elastic (> 1): cut price $\rightarrow$ more revenue
- inelastic (< 1): raise price $\rightarrow$ more revenue

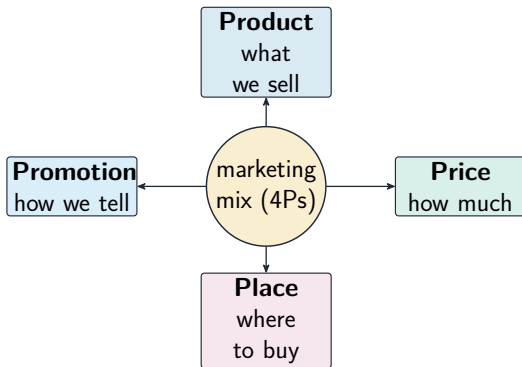
Also **YED** 需求收入弹性 (income),
XED 需求交叉弹性 (other goods).

Market research

- **primary** 一手调研 – new, your own (surveys); **secondary** 二手调研 – existing (reports)
- **quantitative** 定量数据 (numbers) vs **qualitative** 定性数据 (opinions)

A good **sample** 样本 (random, quota, **stratified** 分层抽样) gives **reliable** results; poor sampling causes **bias** 偏差.

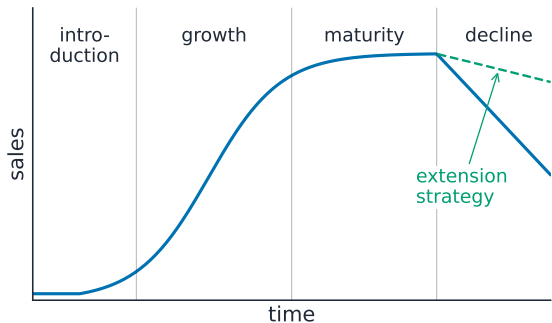
The marketing mix – the 4Ps



- **product** 产品 – what we sell
- **price** 价格 – how much
- **place** 渠道 – where to buy
- **promotion** 促销 – how we tell

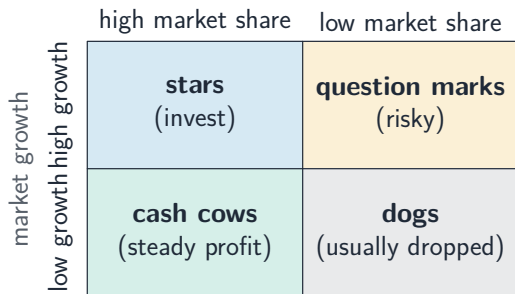
The four must **work together**.

Product life cycle



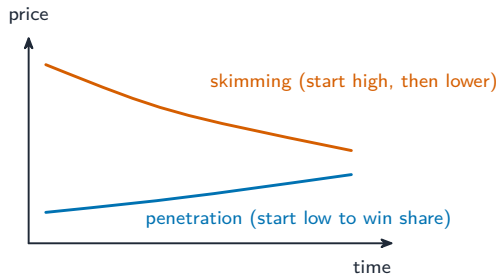
Product life cycle 产品生命周期:
introduction → **growth** 成长期 →
maturity 成熟期 → **decline** 衰退期.
Extension strategies 延长策略 hold
sales up in maturity.

The Boston Matrix and branding



The **Boston Matrix** 波士顿矩阵 sorts products by share & growth:
stars 明星产品, **cash cows** 现金牛,
question marks 问题产品,
dogs 瘦狗产品. **Branding** 品牌 builds **loyalty** 忠诚度 and lets a firm charge more.

Price strategies



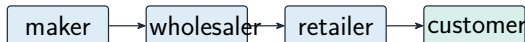
- **cost-plus** 成本加成定价, **competitive** 竞争定价
- **penetration** 渗透定价 (low to win share)
- **skimming** 撇脂定价 (high then lower)
- **psychological** 心理定价 (\$9.99)

Place and promotion

short channel (more control)



long channel (reaches more buyers)



Place 渠道: short channel = more control; long (→ **wholesaler** 批发商 → shop) reaches more.

- **above-the-line** 大众媒体广告: mass advertising 广告
- **below-the-line** 直接促销: discounts, samples
- **e-commerce** 电子商务 reaches world markets

Worked example – market share

A firm sells £4m of goods in a market worth £50m. Find its market share.

- Market share = $\frac{\text{firm's sales}}{\text{total market sales}} \times 100$
- $= \frac{4}{50} \times 100 = 8\%$
- Use the **same units** (both by value here; you can also do it by volume).
- Share can **fall while sales rise** – if the market grew faster than the firm.

Market **share** measures performance **against rivals**; sales alone do not. A rising market can flatter a firm that is actually losing ground.

Topic 3 – key takeaways

1

Markets

mass vs niche; segment to target

2

Elasticity

$PED > 1$ elastic, < 1 inelastic

3

The 4Ps

product, price, place, promotion together

4

Product

life cycle & Boston Matrix

Check yourself

- 1 If $PED < 1$, how do you raise revenue?
- 2 Name the 4Ps.
- 3 Which Boston Matrix product has high share, low growth?
- 4 Penetration or skimming starts with a low price?



Answers 1. raise the price 2. product, price, place, promotion 3. cash cow 4. penetration