

Macroeconomics Study Sheet

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MACROECONOMICS

- Macroeconomics studies the determination of economic aggregates.
 - Output tends to rise in the long run (longterm economic growth), but fluctuates in the short run (business cycles).



SHORT TERM FLUCTUATIONS IN OUTPUT AND EMPLOYMENT (BUSINESS CYCLE)

- In the short run, **employment** fluctuates with output. → Unemployment rate = percentage of people in the labour force who are unemployed.

- Inflation refers to the process of rising prices.
- \rightarrow Inflation rate = annual percentage change in the price level.
- The real **interest rate** is equal to the nominal interest rate, adjusted for inflation.

- The **exchange rate** is defined as the number of units of domestic currency required to purchase one unit of foreign currency.



Circular flow of income and expenditure (Y = C + I + G + NX).

THE MEASUREMENT OF NATIONAL INCOME

- **GDP** = value of all final goods and services produced in an economy during a specified period of time Volumes
- Value of domestic output (GDP) = value of the expenditure on that output = total claims to income that are generated by producing that output.
- → Three alternative ways to measure income.
 GDP by value added:
- Value of a firm's production value of intermediate goods bought from other firms.
 GDP from the expenditure side:
 - $C_a + I_a + G_a + (X_a IM_a).$

- GDP from the income side:
 Factor payments + depreciation + indirect taxes
- (net of subsidies). Implicit GDP deflator
 - = Nominal GDP * 100
 - Real GDP

	CONSUMPTION (C)			Expendit on goods	ures by households and services.
PRODUCT	Investment (I)			Expenditures on capital equipment and buildings by firms. Expenditures on new homes by households. Change in business inventories.	
S DOMESTIC	Gov´t EXPENDITURES (G)			Expenditures on goods and services by all levels of the government. Does not include transfer payments!	
NET EXPORTS $(X_A - IM_A)$		Value of of import	exports minus value s.		
GE)P fro	m the	Expendit	ture Side	
IST	. PRODUCT AT MARKET PRICES	RODUCT	WAGES, SALARIES, AND SUPPLEMENTAR Y LABOUR INCOME		Total payments by firms for labour services.
E AT FACTOR CO			INTERES MISCELL INVESTM INCOME	T AND ANEOUS IENT	Net interest payments to households. Payments for the use of land (incl. rent for housing).
NET DOM. INCOM				SS	Total profits made by corporations. Net income of farmers and non- farm unincorporated businesses
	NET DOM	MESTIC P	INDIRECT TAXES LESS SUBSIDIES		To account for the difference between factor cost and market prices.
		IPTION NCE CIATION)	To account for the difference between net and gross domestic product.		
GE)P fro	m the	income s	side	

SHORT RUN VS. LONG RUN MACROECONOMICS

• Potential GDP depends on the amount of factors available, the normal factor utilization rate, and factor productivity.

 \rightarrow Changes in any of these variables change potential and actual GDP.

- There is little, or no effect on the output gap.
 Actual GDP may differ from potential GDP because the factor utilization rate is different
- from its normal level.

 \rightarrow Changes in aggregate demand change the factor utilization rate.

- \rightarrow The **output gap** widens.
 - \rightarrow Adjustments in factor prices bring the factor utilization rate back to it normal level. \rightarrow The output gap closes.





Potential GDP and actual GDP

THE SIMPLEST SHORT-RUN MACRO MODEL

- Aggregate desired expenditure (AE) = C + I + G + (X - IM).
- Assume that consumption expenditure (C) is solely determined by disposable income (Y_D).
 - C(Y_D) = autonomous consumption + MPC * Y_D.



Marginal Propensity to Consume: Slope of the consumption function



The Consumption Function: Savings and Dissavings

 Aggregate desired expenditure depends on national income.



- C, I, and IM tend to increase as national income increases.

 Eqm occurs when aggregate desired expenditure = actual national income.
 This condition implies that desired saving =

desired investment. Aggregate



Aggregate planned Expenditure vs. Real GDP

- An increase in autonomous expenditure results in an even larger increase in real GDP.
 Multiplier effect.
- Multiplier = 1/(1 slope of AE) > 1.

ADDING GOVERNMENT AND TRADE TO THE SIMPLE MACRO MODEL

- Public saving = net taxes (T) government purchases (G).
 → Public saving increases as eqm national
- income rises.
 Net exports (NX) = exports (X) imports (IM).
 → Net exports decrease as eqm national income rises.
- Eqm national income occurs where ...
 desired aggregate expenditure (AE) = actual
 national income (Y).
 desired national saving = national asset

formation.



Expressing desired aggregate expenditure as a function of Y as well.

• The presence of imports and income taxes reduce z and thus the size of the multiplier: \rightarrow z = (1 - t)MPC - m.



 The government expenditure multiplier is smaller than the government tax multiplier.
 → Balanced-budget increase in government purchases has a mild expansionary effect.
 → However, effect is smaller than that of deficitfinanced increase in expenditure.

Government expenditure (simple) multiplier	$\frac{1}{1-z}$
Government tax	<u>- MPC</u>
multiplier	1 – z
Balanced budget	<u>1 – MPC</u>
multiplier	1 - z

Multipliers

OUTPUT AND PRICES IN THE SHORT RUN

 The aggregate demand curve (AD) illustrates the negative relationship between eqm real GDP and the price level.
 → Changes in AE (other than changes in the price level) is a stift of AD.





Shifts in the AD curve (aggregate demand shocks)

The **short-run aggregate supply curve** (SRAS) illustrates the **positive** relationship between price level and quantity of aggregate output supplied, holding technology and factor prices constant.

→ Changes in **input prices** result in a shift of SRAS.



Supply side of the Economy

Macroeconomic equilibrium:
 → Intersection of AD and SRAS.



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Aggregate demand and aggregate supply shocks result in shifts of AD and SRAS. respectively The steeper SRAS, the smaller the size of the multiplier.



OUTPUT AND PRICES IN THE LONG RUN

Output gap = difference between actual output (Y) and potential output (Y*).

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→ Potential output is equal to an economy's long-run aggregate supply (LRAS). Both aggregate demand and aggregate

supply are subject to continual random shocks.

→ These shocks lead to temporary changes in real GDP

→ Real GDP returns to potential GDP through adjustment in input prices.



Expansionary AD Shocks



Contractionary AD Shocks



Short run eqm is given by the intersection of AD and SRAS.

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Long run eqm is given by the intersection of AD and LRAS.







- → Automatic stabilization:
- Change in government expenditure or taxes triggered by the state of the economy

THE NATURE OF MONEY

- Most economists today believe that changes in the supply of money have important short-run effects on real GDP and employment.
 - ... have no real effects in the long-run, i.e. in the long run, only the price level changes.
- Money serves as medium of exchange, store of value, and unit of account.
- The banking system in Canada consists of two main elements: - Bank of Canada (Canada's central bank).

Commercial banks Δ -

Assels	Liabilities
Gov't of Canada	Notes in circulation
securities	

Advances to banks	Gov´t of Canada deposits
Foreign-currency	Deposits of banks
assets	(reserves)
Other assets	Foreign-currency
	liabilities
	Other liabilities and
	capital

Assets and Liabilities of the Central bank in Canada: Bank of Canada

Assets	Liabilities
Reserves	Demand deposits
Mortgage and	Savings deposits
loans	
Canadian	Time deposits
securities	
Foreign-	Gov't of Canada deposits
currency assets	
Other assets	Foreign-currency liabilities
	Shareholders' equity
	Other liabilities

Assets and Liabilities of Commercial Banks in Canada

 Commercial banks can create money, because they only need to hold small reserves to back their deposit liabilities.

 \rightarrow Desired reserve ratio (v):

Fraction of its deposits that a commercial bank wants to hold as reserves. $\rightarrow \Delta$ Deposits = Δ Reserves/v

The Bank of Canada controls the money supply because it has almost complete control over reserves.

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash and other	200	Deposits	1000
reserves			
Loans	900	Capital	100
	1100		1100

Initial, hypothetical balance sheet of a commercial bank:

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash and other	220	Deposits	1100
reserves			
Loans	980	Capital	100
	1200	-	1200

Suppose that the Bank of Canada buys \$100 worth of securities on the open market.

MONEY, OUTPUT, AND PRICES

- Present value of an asset:
 Sum of discounted future payments that it generates.
 - \rightarrow Inversely related to the interest rate. - Equal to the asset's market price.





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Present Value and the Interest Rate

- Simple model in which people can divide wealth between bonds and money:
 - Money: needed for transactions, precaution,
 - and speculation.
 - \rightarrow Opportunity cost of holding money = interest rate on bonds.
- Nominal demand for money depends on real GDP, interest rate, and price level.
- Real demand for money = nominal demand for money divided by the price level.
 Varies directly with real GDP and inversely with the interest rate.





- An increase (decrease) in the money supply leads to a fall (rise) in interest rates.
 → Aggregate demand rises (falls).
- Effect of monetary policy on the price level and real GDP:
 - Long run: Only the price level is affected (neutrality of money).
 - **Short run**: Monetary policy is most effective if **LP** is steep, and **I**^D and **SRAS** are flat.





Effect of changes in the money supply on real GDP and the price level: long run



Effect of changes in the money supply on real GDP and the price level: short run





MONETARY POLICY IN CANADA

- Major tools the Bank of Canada uses to control the money supply are:
 - Open market operations
 - Government deposit shifting.

Private households				
Assets	Liabilities			
Bonds	-100			
Deposits	+100			
Commercial bank				
Assets		Liabilities		
Reserves	+100	Demand	+100	
		deposits		
Bank of Canada				
Assets Liabilities				
Bonds	+100	Com. bank	+100	
		deposits		

Open Market Operations

Commercial bank				
Assets Liabilities				
Reserves	Reserves +100 Gov't deposits +100			
Bank of Canada				
Assets Liabilities				
		Gov't deposits	-100	
		Com. Bank	+100	
deposits				
Government Deposit Shifting				

- A rise (fall) in the money supply results in a fall (rise) of interest rates. - Investment and net exports rise (fall).
 - Aggregate demand and eqm real GDP rise (fall)
- The Bank of Canada's policy variables are real GDP and the price level. - Money supply and interest rates are used as
- intermediate targets. Policy instruments are reserves in the banking system (or the monetary base).
- Long execution lag of monetary policy makes monetary fine-tunig difficult.
 - Policy may have a destabilizing effect.

INFLATION

 Inflation = process of rising prices. 		
Y > Y * (inflationary	•	U < U* (excess demand
gap)		for labour)
	•	Wages and unit costs
		tend to rise.
Y < Y*	•	U > U* (excess supply of
(recessionary gap)		labour)
	•	Wages and unit costs
		tend to fall.

Adding Inflation to the Model



Constant Inflation

- Without monetary validation, demand (supply) shocks cause temporary bursts of inflation. → Inflationary (recessionary) gaps are removed
 - by rising (falling) factor prices
 - → SRAS shifts leftward (rightward).
 - → Real GDP returns to potential GDP, the price level rises (falls).

→ Real GDP returns to potential GDP and the price level to its initial level.







- Only with continuing monetary validation can inflation initiated by either supply or demand shocks continue indefinitely. The Phillips curve describes the relationship
- between unemployment and the rate of change of wages.





Phillips Curve

Disinflation = reduction in the rate of inflation. - Cost = cost of the recession that is generated by the process (sacrifice ratio)

UNEMPLOYMENT

- Cyclical unemployment is the difference between the actual level of employment and NAIRU
- Two opposing theories that try to explain causes of cyclical unemployment: - New Classical theories (no involuntary unemployment).
- New Keynesian theories (involuntary employment)

Long-term employment relationships	Tendency of employers to smooth income of employees by paying a steady money wage and letting profits and employment fluctuate to absorb effects of temporary changes in demand.
Menu costs and wage contracts	Changing prices and wages in response to minor and temporary changes in demand is costly and time consuming (only infrequent adjustment).
Efficiency wages	Paying a wage premium may be profitable if it raises workers´ efficiency.
Union bargaining	Those already employed (union members) will wish to bid up wages (above eqm).

NAIRU is composed of frictional and structural unemployment.





BUDGET DEFICITS AND SURPLUSES

- Annual budget deficit = change in outstanding debt = (G + TR + i * D) - T
- Primary budget deficit = (G + TR) T
- The budget deficit function (B) describes the inverse relationship between the budget deficit and real GDP.



Budget Deficit Function

- Cyclically adjusted deficit (CAD): estimate of the gov't budget deficit for Y = Y*.
 → Changes in CAD determine the stance of fiscal policy.
- Change in debt-to-GDP ratio: $\Delta d = x + (r g)d$
- If taxpayers are not purely Ricardian, a reduction in taxes along with an increase in the budget deficit will result in crowding out of
 - ... investment (closed economy).
 - ... net exports (open economy).

 Government deficits redistribute resources away from future generations toward the current generation.

- An increase in government debt may impede the conduct of monetary and fiscal policy.
- Even with **positive overall deficits** the **debt-to GDP ratio** may be **falling**.

ECONOMIC GROWTH

• Economic growth is the increase in potential output due to:

- Increases in factor supplies.

- Increases in factor productivity.
- **Investment** in productive capacity results in a rightward shift of **LRAS**.
- The neoclassical theory of growth displays diminishing returns when one factor is increased on its own.

... **constant returns** when all factors are increased proportionately.

Along a **balanced growth path**, capital and labour grow proportionately.

- GDP rises, but GDP per capita is unchanged (no improvement in living standards).

- New growth theories treat technological change as endogenous.
 Some modern growth theories display constant or increasing returns to investment.
 - -> Emphasize the unlimited potential of

Your Competitive

- knowledge-driven technological change
- Resource exhaustion and pollution put limits to growth.

The **development gap** describes the discrepancy between the standards of living in countries at either end of the distribution (developed vs. developing countries).

 Impediments to economic growth are related to resources, human capital, agriculture, population growth, cultural barriers, domestic saving, infrastructure, and foreign debt.

CHALLENGES FACING THE

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

- Development policies based on the older view were **inward-looking** and focused on **import substitution**.
- Development policies based on the Washington consensus call for more outward-looking, international-trade oriented, and marketbased route.

THE GAINS FROM INTERNATIONAL TRADE

- Gains from trade arise from different opportunity costs.
- \rightarrow **Specialization** in the activity in which opportunity costs are lowest.
- \rightarrow World production increases.
- \rightarrow Consumption possibilities increase.





Gains from trade with variable cost

- Patterns of trade:
- \rightarrow Countries **export** goods for which they have a **comparative advantage**.
- \rightarrow Countries **import** goods for which they have a **comparative disadvantage**.
- Terms of trade:

 \rightarrow Ratio of the average price of a country's exports to the average price of its imports. \rightarrow Determines the division of the gains from trade.

TRADE POLICY

- Free trade through specialization, allows for maximization of world output.
- There are some national objectives that are used arguments against free trade.
- Common methods of protection:

 → Tariffs, quotas, voluntary export restrictions, non-tariff barriers.

Sources of Gains from Trade