

# EC 140 Test 2 Cheat Sheet

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**GDP = Y** (national income) *Variables ACTUAL*  
Firms contribute to GDP by **value added**. Does not account for illegal/black markets, leisure, "bads". Adjusting for **real GDP** is better, to account for inflation. Stuff with no clear market value is counted at cost.

**Income Side:**  $Y = \text{Net domestic income (NDI)} + \text{Depreciation} + \text{Indirect Taxes} - \text{Subsidies with NDI} = \text{Wages} + \text{Interest} + \text{Business profits}$

**Expenditure Side:**  $Y = C_a + I_a + G_a + \text{Exports} - \text{Imports}$

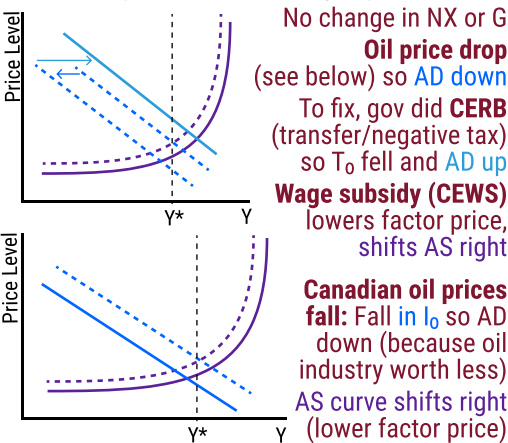
Investment = Net Investment + Depreciation: not "investing" but inventory, plants, and equipment. Count only govt spend on firms, not all spend.

**Business Cycle** Regular short-run GDP fluctuations. Measure actual vs **potential GDP** ( $Y^*$ ) with full employment. **Output gap** = %diff =  $\frac{Y - Y^*}{Y^*} \times 100\%$   
**Recession** is decreasing output gap, **recovery** when increasing. **Depressions** are long recessions. **Peak/trough** when GDP hits local min/max.

Output gaps put pressure on wages and working hours. For example, **COVID** screwed GDP. Biggest recession ever with fastest recovery

**Trends** Actual GDP stays around potential. Labor force growing, so (un)employment rises. Unemployment rate has no long term trend

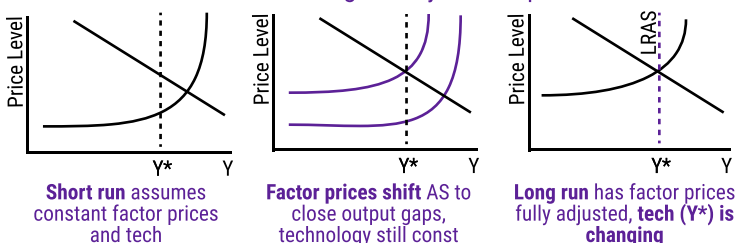
**Examples COVID** MPSave up (b down)  $AE < Y$  but production did not go up, so GDP fell



The neoclassical AS growth model has **diminishing marginal returns** to either Kapital, Human capital, or Labour, and **constant returns to scale** if both go up proportionally. In the long run, the only change is **tech** which means LRAS is a constant vertical line.

**Modern models** say tech is **endogenous** like, **learning by doing** or **innovation/competition**, which lead to **increasing marginal returns**. This is the only way we can get **sustained growth**, like the industrial revolution (see graph →)

**Neoclassical model** short to long run adjustment process ↓



**Factors**  $GDP = f_c(K, L, H)$   
 $\frac{\text{current}}{\text{base}} \times 100$   $\frac{\text{new} - \text{old}}{\text{old}} \times 100\%$   
Index %change

**Kapital Price level** is the average price of **everything**. Power of money goes down as price level goes up. Today dollars are **nominal**. Indexed against a particular base year is **real**.

**Real national income** is quantity now @ base year prices. Measure price of the same stuff relative to some year as the **CPI**, which is **calculated as an index**.

For any index, **deflator = nominal/real**. Deflator is also a (price) index. **Inflation** is % change in deflator index. Or, deflator = last year deflator  $\times$  inflation

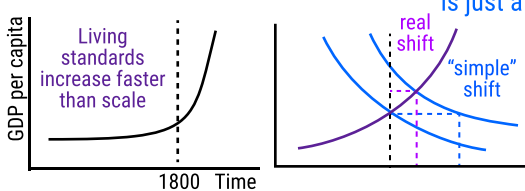
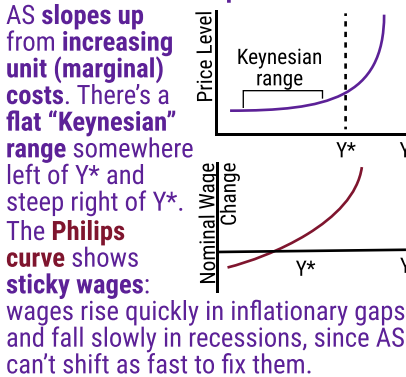
Negative inflation is **deflation**. Decreasing inflation is **disinflation**. **Real interest = nominal - inflation**.

People plan for normal, **anticipated** inflation. If price level goes up before people plan, inflation is **unanticipated**, like being paid back in weaker dollars.

**Exchange rate** is the price in Canadian dollars to buy one of another currency. More valuable currency is **appreciating**, less valuable **depreciating**.

**Labour force** is people who are 15+ and **employed** or **unemployed** (job searching). **Unemployment rate** is unemployed  $\div$  labour force. **Potential or full employment** still has some unemployed: **frictional** from turnover and **structural** from skill mismatch. **Seasonal** from yearly patterns. **Cyclical** from the business cycle. **Productivity** is **GDP per unit labour**, with people (worse) or hours worked (better).

**Aggregate Supply** shows the quantity of aggregate output  $Y$  created if it's sold at **price level  $P$** . AS slopes up from **increasing unit (marginal) costs**. There's a flat "**Keynesian**" range somewhere left of  $Y^*$  and steep right of  $Y^*$ . The **Philips curve** shows **sticky wages**: wages rise quickly in inflationary gaps and fall slowly in recessions, since AS can't shift as fast to fix them.



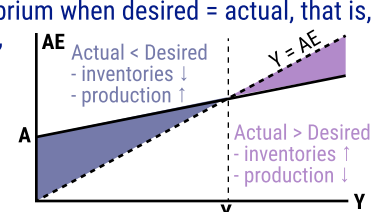
## Supply/Demand

$D+ \rightarrow P+Y+$  read as AD up causes price up and GDP up  
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 $D+ \rightarrow P+ Y+$   
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 $S > D \rightarrow P+ Y?$   
 $D > S \rightarrow P- Y?$   
Use to table to lookup cause from result or vice versa

**Variables DESIRED** **The Macro Model**  
 $AE = C + I + G + X - IM$  (same as GDP expenditure side)  
Model desired aggregate expenditure  $AE$  with an autonomous part  $A$  and induced part  $zY$  ( $z$  is the **marginal propensity to spend**). Expand  $AE = A + zY$  with variables on back side to get:

$$AE = \underbrace{(a + I_0 - bT_0 + G_0 + X_0)}_{A \text{ (autonomous)}} + \underbrace{(b(1-t) - m)}_{z \text{ (induced)}} Y$$

$AE$  tends to equilibrium when desired = actual, that is,  $AE = Y$ . Otherwise, inflationary or deflationary gaps push actual production and inventory towards desired amounts.



Solve  $AE = Y$  for  $Y$  to get  $Y_e = A/(1-z)$ .  $\Delta Y_e / \Delta A = 1/(1-z)$  is the **simple multiplier**, relating autonomous spending (vertical shift) to equilibrium.

**Shifts** See variables + graphs on back page

**Basic** Wealth rises  $\rightarrow$  consume more ( $a$ )  $\rightarrow$  shift up  
Interest rates up  $\rightarrow$  less inventory ( $I_0$ )  $\rightarrow$  shift down  
Expectations up  $\rightarrow$  consume more ( $a$ )  $\rightarrow$  shift up  
Higher sales  $\rightarrow$  higher desired stock ( $I_0$ )  $\rightarrow$  shift up

**Government** Spending up ( $G$ )  $\rightarrow$  shift up  
 $T_0$  up  $\rightarrow$  shift down,  $t$  up  $\rightarrow$  flatter

**Trade** Foreign GDP up  $\rightarrow$   $X$  up  $\rightarrow$  shift up  
Domestic price up  $\rightarrow$   $X$  down/ $m$  up  $\rightarrow$  down and flatter  
CAD weaker  $\rightarrow$   $X$  up/ $m$  down  $\rightarrow$  shift up and steeper

**Fiscal Policy** Government can **take** your money, **spend** your money, or give **bonus** money. Affects disposable income  $YD = Y - T$ . The **budget balance** is  $T - G$ , positive  $\rightarrow$  surplus and pay debt, negative  $\rightarrow$  deficit and go into debt. When zero, budget is "balanced". Unlike monetary policy, fiscal policy **lags**. It takes time to get **information** and **decide**, but also to **implement** or **execute** the plans. This makes **timing** really hard.

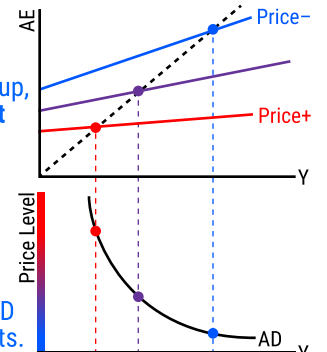
**Savings** The sum private + public where private is  $S = Y - C$  ( $= I_0$  in Baby) and public is budget balance  $T - G$ .  $1 - b$  is **marginal propensity to save**, opposite of MPC

**Aggregate Demand** is all equilibria points for different price levels.

As the domestic price level goes up, **exports** go down and **imports** go up, making the **AE curve shift down and be flatter**.

The **AD curve** is all the equilibrium points for all price levels.

The curve's sensitivity to shocks depends on the **simple multiplier** since AD is just a bunch of  $Y_e$  points.



The **true multiplier** (change in  $Y_e$  given  $\Delta A$ ) is **smaller** than simple (horizontal shift) whenever AS slopes up. The **paradox of thrift** is that if everyone saves,  $b$  goes down and everyone gets poorer ( $Y_e$  down)

**Automatic Stabilizers** are parts of tax-and-transfer systems that **reduces the multiplier** making AD more stable (smaller changes in real GDP due to shock).

Unlike **discretionary** (purposeful) fiscal policy adjusting  $G_0$  or  $T_0$ , automatic stabilizers are **induced** (automatically shift). Examples include employment insurance, progressive taxes, and the welfare system.

**Money** is a medium of exchange in place of bartering stuff (which needs a coincidence of wants). This makes it a useful store of value to keep the power to buy stuff unless there's **hyperinflation** (inflation over 50% per month). Value measurement allows for it to be a **unit of account** to balance.

**Coinage** suffers from **debasement** (making lower quality coins) causing people to hoard the better ones (**Gresham's law**).

**Paper money** are promises to pay holder of paper the money. Can lead to **runs on the bank** when everyone asks for money at once and there isn't enough money.

**Fiat money** is not convertible into gold or anything at all. Instead "pay to bearer on demand", fiat bills say "this is legal tender". Almost all money now is fiat.

**Deposit money** is made-up money in banks that the public "has". Banks promise to pay more money than they have (**fractional reserves**). Deposits are either **demand** (withdraw whenever) or **notice** (take time to withdraw). **Term** deposits collect interest and you can't withdraw until the term is finished.

**Near money** is stuff with value easily converted (liquidated) into money, like term deposits. **Money substitutes** are used in exchange but are *not* stores of value, like credit card debt.

**Money Supply** is sum of actual currency + bank deposits (fake money).

**M1** includes demand deposits at chartered banks. **M2** includes demand and notice deposits. **M1+M2+** include the same types of deposits at all bank and non-bank institutions.

**Money Creation** in banking happens from: (1) **immigrants** bringing cash to Canada (2) **finding money** under beds and (3) when the **BoC** increases money supply. When money is "created" (i.e. deposited in a commercial bank), it moves through the balance sheets →

The total **deposit money** created is (deposit)÷(target reserve ratio)

**Fiat money** is created by the central bank (the BoC) through purchase of securities

Money is "destroyed" in the opposite process to creation.

## CPI and Inflation

Given base year is 2018 (CPI = 100), find inflation between 2018 and 2019.

Total Expenditure (2018):

$$TE = 1.10(90) + 1.90(215) + 4.80(90) = 939.5$$

$$\text{Total Expenditure (2019, with 2018 quant):} \\ TE = 2.00(90) + 2.20(215) + 9.50(90) = 1508$$

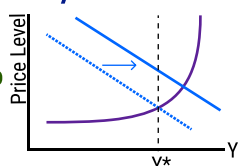
Calculate CPI for 2019:

$$CPI = \frac{TE_{2019}}{TE_{2018}} \times 100\% = 160.5$$

$$\text{Inflation} = \frac{160.5 - 100}{100} \times 100\% = 60.5\%$$

| 2018   | Price  | Quant |
|--------|--------|-------|
| Good A | \$1.10 | 90    |
| Good B | \$1.90 | 215   |
| Good C | \$4.80 | 90    |
| 2019   |        |       |
| Good A | \$2.00 | 130   |
| Good B | \$2.20 | 210   |
| Good C | \$9.50 | 88    |

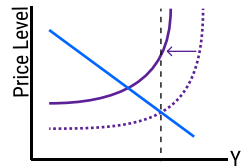
## AD/AS Curves



- inflationary gap
- supply increases
- new  $Y_e$  with price level up

**Causes** similar to EC120 demand

- anything that shifts AE up
- population up



**Negative AS shock** (from  $Y^*$ )

- recessionary gap
- gov spending can close gap
- new  $Y_e$  with price level up

**Causes** similar to EC120 supply

- technology level down
- people/capital down
- factor prices up

Both can cause **stagflation** (price level and unemployment up) (e.g. oil, wages, commodities)

*Invert causes/effects to get the other directions*

**Bank of Canada** is Canada's central bank and has 4 main functions: (1) Banker to the **chartered** (commercial) **banks**. They keep deposits with the BoC, called **reserves**. (2) Banker to the **federal gov**, who keeps some deposits. (3) Regulator of the **money supply** by **buying and selling gvmnt bonds**. (4) **Regulator** of financial institutions alongside OSFI (Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions).

## Reserves

are a commercial bank's **cash and deposits at BoC**.

Commercial banks in Canada

have a **fractional banking system**, so they reserve only some deposits. Reserves÷deposits is the **reserve ratio**, and banks have a **target reserve ratio** ( $v$ ). When above, **lend excess reserves** to collect interest.

**Example** If a **commercial bank** with **target ratio 10%** gets a **new deposit of \$250**. Target reserves are  $10\% \times \$1250 = \$125$ , so excess reserves are  $\$300 + \$50 - \$125 = \$225$  (BoC deposits are part of reserves)

| Assets               |     | Liabilities              |      |
|----------------------|-----|--------------------------|------|
| Cash <sup>+250</sup> | 50  | Deposits <sup>+250</sup> | 1000 |
| BoC Deposits         | 50  | Kapital                  | 100  |
| Loans                | 900 |                          |      |

| Assets                |     | Liabilities |      |
|-----------------------|-----|-------------|------|
| Cash <sup>-225</sup>  | 300 | Deposits    | 1250 |
| BoC Deposits          | 50  | Kapital     | 100  |
| Loans <sup>+225</sup> | 900 |             |      |

| Assets       |      | Liabilities |      |
|--------------|------|-------------|------|
| Cash         | 75   | Deposits    | 1250 |
| BoC Deposits | 50   | Kapital     | 100  |
| Loans        | 1125 |             |      |

So the bank loans out **\$225** so **cash decreases and loans increase**

Lending to a second-hand bank increases *their* cash, so they lend, repeating the cycle to make  $\$250/10\% = \$2500$  of new deposit money in the banking system.

## Commercial Bank Balance Sheet

| Assets                                     |  | Liabilities              |  |
|--|--|--------------------------|--|
| • Reserves (including deposits at the BoC) |  | • Demand/Notice deposits |  |
| • Gov securities                           |  | • Term deposits          |  |
| • Loans (incl. mortgages)                  |  | • Gov deposits           |  |
| • Canadian securities                      |  | • Foreign liabilities    |  |
| • Foreign currency                         |  | • Shareholder equity     |  |

**GDP Deflator** Calculate the GDP deflator of this economy in 2019 if the base year is 2018

GDP 2018:

$$GDP = 1.10(90) + 1.90(215) + 4.80(90) = 939.5$$

Real GDP 2019 (using 2018 prices):

$$GDP = 1.10(130) + 1.90(210) + 4.80(88) = 964.4$$

Nominal GDP 2019:

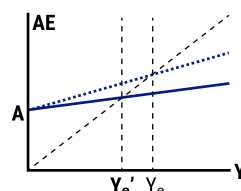
$$GDP = 2.00(130) + 2.20(210) + 9.50(88) = 1558$$

$$\text{Deflator} = \frac{2019\text{Nominal}}{2019\text{Real}} \times 100 = 161.6$$

## Exchange Rate

CAD to USD rate went from 1.13 to 1.21.  
CAD **depreciated** as more CAD to buy 1 USD  
CAD to USD rate went from 1.27 to 1.13.  
CAD **appreciated** as less CAD to buy 1 USD

## Graph Shifts AE Curve

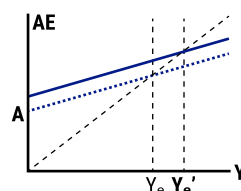


**Net tax rate goes up**

- $t$  up →  $z$  down
- graph flatter
- $Y_e$  down

**Other causes**

- MPC goes down
- Imports up

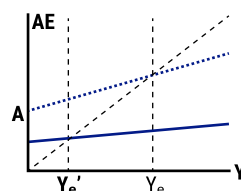


**Foreign income up**

- $X_0$  up →  $NX$  up
- $A$  up → shift up
- $Y_e$  up by  $X_0 \times 1/(1-z)$

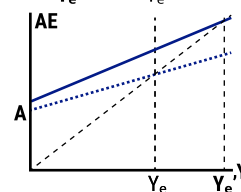
**Other causes**

- Wealth goes up
- Future expectations up
- Interest rate down



**Relative foreign prices down**

- $X_0$  down → shift down
- **also** IM up
- graph flatter
- $Y_e$  goes down



**Relative domestic prices down**

- $X_0$  up → shift up
- **also** IM down
- graph steeper
- $Y_e$  goes up

**Modelling Change** Express as **growth rates**, normally percentages per year, e.g. \$2 after 50 yrs @ 5% is  $2 \times (1.05)^{50}$ . The **rule of 72** says it takes  $72/x$  years for  $x\%$  growth to cause a **double**.

**Growth is limited** by resources: **exhaustion** of supply or **degradation** of the environment can halt growth. Sustained economic growth must be **tech change** (by definition, this is janky).

In models, change is either **endogenous** (explained by the model) or **exogenous** (not explained). E.g., in the neoclassical model tech is exogenous but **endogenous technology models** argue tech is affected by the macro model (so it's explained).

Growth outside of the *neoclassical* model (i.e. exogenous tech) is also called the **Solow residual** (or **total factor productivity**).

## Variable Reference Table

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|--|--|
| <b>AE = A + zY</b>   | <b>A</b>   all autonomous expenditures<br><b>z</b>   marginal propensity to spend  |
| <b>z = b(1 - t) - m</b>  | <b>b</b>   marginal propensity to consume<br><b>m</b>   marginal propensity to import  |
| <b>C = a + b(YD)</b>   | <b>C</b>   desired consumption<br><b>a</b>   autonomous consumption<br><b>YD</b>   disposable income   |
| <b>YD = Y - T</b>  | <b>Y</b>   national income<br><b>T</b>   net tax revenues  |
| <b>T = T<sub>0</sub> + tY</b>  | <b>T<sub>0</sub></b>   autonomous tax revenues net of transfers<br><b>t</b>   net tax rate of all taxes net of subsidies   |
| <b>NX = X - IM</b>   | <b>NX</b>   desired net exports<br><b>X</b>   desired exports<br><b>IM</b>   desired imports   |
| <b>IM = mY</b>   | <b>m</b>   marginal propensity to import   |
| <b>G = G<sub>0</sub></b><br><b>X = X<sub>0</sub></b><br><b>I = I<sub>0</sub></b> | For simplicity, all autonomous with no induced<br><b>G/G<sub>0</sub></b>   desired government expenditure<br><b>X/X<sub>0</sub></b>   desired exports<br><b>I/I<sub>0</sub></b>   desired investment |