

# The classical School

## Macro Economics

### GDP

**GDP (Gross Domestic product)** The Total amount of goods and services produced within an economy in a given year [^mn] {-} There are three ways of calculating this \* Expenditure This must only include expenditure on goods and services produced within the economy (no imports, and no goods produced in a previous year) \* Income This must only use income obtained by selling goods and services (no transfer payments) \* Output

### GDP composition

To measure the GDP<sup>1</sup> it is simplest to measure the amount spent on goods and services and then subtract the part of that which is spent on goods and services produced outside the economy (imports) or before the given year (inventories). Finally goods not bought in the bought elsewhere (exports) or stored for the future are added.<sup>2</sup>

- Consumption(C): The goods and services purchased by consumers
- Investment(I): The sum of
  - no-residential investment: Capital equipment and land bought by firms
  - residential investment: Housing bought by consumers
- Government spending(G): The amount the government spends buying goods and services from firms and employing workers. (government transfers are not payments for work done and are not included)

<sup>1</sup>GDP and total demand(Z) are used interchangeably

<sup>2</sup>Exports and inventories are ignored in the beginning part of the course

- Net exports (X-I): The total amount of exports minus imports.
- Net inventory build up

This brings us to the equation  $Z = C + I + G$

### Consumption

Consumption is a function of disposable income <sup>3</sup> ( $Y_D$ )

$$C(Y_D)$$

Unemployment —————

### Inflation

### Philips curve

### GDP composition 2

Go over chapter 2

Net foreign factor income.

Indirect taxes : Sin taxes , value add tax , import taxes

**Directs taxes** Direct on factor input, wages profit

GDP at market price - direct taxes +(net subsidies)<sup>4</sup>

### further adjustments

- further transaction on household income
- Insurance contributions (money is taken directly taken, south african pensions come directly from tax not from fund)
- Unemployment funds (are in south africa)
- Corporate taxes
- Profits that could have been paid by firms that are retained by firms

<sup>3</sup>income minus taxation

<sup>4</sup>indirect taxes - subsidies

- transfer payments<sup>5</sup> This results in personal income
- taxes on interest This results in disposable income : The amount of income a consumer can produce

GDP is concerned with the amount of production that takes place in a country GNP is by national citizen

GDP + income from foreign source - production from foreign sources

Output(Value add) = Output(Income) + assume not corporate profit is retained.

Output(Value added) = output(expenditure) + No inventories

Output(expenditure = output(income) + No saving

### Important

**Nominal vs real GDP** Nominal GDP = real GDP  
\* current prices

- Prices measured as a percentage of the base year

Real GDP higher than nominal GDP means increase in output<sup>6</sup>

## Unemployment or inflation

**Strict unemployment** People that are actively looking for work Broad unemployment  
People actively looking for work plus discouraged workers (everybody who would like to work)

Broad is greater the strict easily provable

U or  $U_t$  is the number of people unemployed u or  $u_t$  is the unemployment rate

**Participation rate** The labour force over the population size. Higher participation rates tend to have higher employment rates.

<sup>5</sup>Do not confuse payments to and from unemployment and pension payments

<sup>6</sup>Q: What is calculated first inflation or gdp, Why not exponential but go over

## Problems with unemployment

- GDP excludes the illegal economy and excludes the legal economy that is not reported for tax evasion.
- Good unemployment benefits may cause people to register as unemployed.
- Unemployment causes less than optimal production.

#inflation An increase in the change of general price levels. inflation rate is the derivative of inflation. An index may be simple or compound

CPI is used in South Africa (goods consumed by a typical or average household)

- Conducts infrequent household surveys every five or more years to get weightings
- Consumer price index
- State SA tracks some prices monthly and others quarterly
- Month by month inflation  $a - b / a$
- monthly annual inflation rate. Jan to Jan ... Dec to Dec
- annual = average of monthly annual

1. find the size of the labour force

**GDP deflator** Real GDP - Nominal GDP / Real GDP

GDP deflator and CPI move together most of the time but CPI moves faster from international shocks.

Competition determines how much price shocks are communicated to consumers.

Hyperinflation and deflation

Inflation affects income distribution

- Fixed income earners such as pensioners lose income
- Distortions
- Bracket creep (Governments try to adjust)
- Exchange and inflation tend to move together

Is inflation ever good

- In Japan moderate inflation could have worked
- High deflation can lead to uncertainty

- Why does low inflation make monetary policy useless
  - Inflation and interest rate move together.
  - Central bank cannot reduce interest rates below zero

## Chapter 3

### Core assumptions

### Understanding the economics of GDP equation.

#### The aggregate expenditure model.

In equilibrium

- $Y = \text{income} = \text{output}$  **45 degree line**
- $Y = C + I + G + (X - M)$
- solve for  $Y$
- Alternative leakages vs injections in the goods/output market
- Find saving (the part of disposable income which is not consumed)
  - $Yd$  is disposable income  $Y - T$  <sup>7</sup>
- National income may be viewed as the amount of income earned or the amount generated.
- $Y = C + T + S$
- Generation
  - Generated by private investment government of and private spending.
  - Or factor income.
- Equate the right hand side of both equations and solve for  $S$
- Group together government policy
- Assume government deficit
- $S = \text{private savings} + \text{corporate savings}$
- Some private savings are used to finance deficit so there is crowding out of private investment.

<sup>7</sup>Taxes do not vary with income for simplicity.

- Solve for  $I$  to show this
- If government is running a surplus government has savings which is used to finance private sector investment.
- $S_p + S_g = I$
- Then add  $G$  on both sides of the inequality.
- LHS saving and taxes are leakages
- In equilibrium leakages are equal to injections

Diagrammatically

- Draw a line representing the relationship between  $I + G$  and  $S + T$
- replace  $S$  by a function of income.
- $S + T$  varies positively with  $Y$  and  $S + T_0$  is negative.
- Leakages are equal to investment when the two lines meet

#### Introducing imports and exports

- Exports are a leakage. Imports are an injection
- Solve for  $S$  with exports and imports
- group  $G$  and  $T$
- group  $X$  and  $M$
- Interpret the equation
  - assume that  $G > T$  and  $X > M$
  - current and financial account
  - Balance of payment means imports must be equal to 0
  - Balance of payments := current account + financial account
  - Part of our savings are being held offshore.
  - $F_s$  is domestic savings held offshore.
  - Solve for  $I$  in an open economy
  - South African rand is volatile because of high reliance on short term foreign loans.
- Methodology used to find equilibrium depends on variables given

### Paradox of thrift

A paradox is a seemingly contradictory statement that may none the less be true on a deeper level of meaning

or understanding.

A household try to save more their income decreases by a level such that thier income remains unsaved.

- $I = S + (T - G)$
- $I = 1 - c_0 + (1 - c_1)Y_n + (t_0 + t_1Y) - G$
- assume autonomous savings decreases.
- Draw the graph of the consumption and savings function.
- People tend to spend more than they save.
- Saving functions is flatter than consumption function
- More savings means consumption function moves down and savings function moves up.
- Change in equilibrium
- So lower income means less saved even though thier is a higher savings rate.
- This is not indefinite the susesiive falls get smaller and smaller.
- If saving and income induced tax revenues shrink.
- Invesment is assumed to be constant. Savings levels will eventually equalize.
- In reality output and investment move together.
- Investment is the engine of growth in fast growign economies.

## Is the goverement omnipotent

Government cannot change government spendign at its own will Medium term expenditure plan in south africa is the 3 year plan which the government must stick there are also palamentry adjsutments. Large deficits increase risk which adversely effect exchae rate.

Anticipations are likly to matter, permanent or temporary decrease in taxes have different effects. Full employment plus stimulation will could result in inflation. Expansionary fiscal policy may have short run beneficaill effects. Which increase the amount of interest that needs to be paid.

large defficits can crowd out private investment.

Is it not posible for trusted goverments to get very low interest rate loans such that interest may even

dip below infaltion?

Change in inventories are cuased by a lack of equilibrium

In cahptr 5 we will include finacial markets and in 7 we will include the differnece between real and nominal interest. Models which show interaction between the outpt market finacial market and labour markets

The link between the utput market and the finacial market are interest rates and income Changes in money supply chaneg interest rates Changes in the interest rate change the output level This again changes income.

## The mathamatical model of the financial market.

### Functions of money

### Motives fror holding money

### nessesary information

- Assume their are only two markets
  - Exclude stock market
  - Exclude Diravite market -W is finacial wealth total amount owed + total amount of bonds ownd
  - Cu is currency held by public
  - D is the deposits in private /or commercial banks
  - Using simple balance sheets (Aggregated all balance sheets for commercial banks)
  - Liability are accounts held by consumers
  - Assets are goverment bnods(assume short term goverment bond with a one year period)
  - Bonds are bought from goverment
  - Bonds are an interest yielding good
  - Bond are fixed interst rate
  - Goverment issues bonds to the private sector and to the central bank

Assets Liabi — — — — —

Required reserve ratio is the ratio of reserves to assets that may be issued based on the amounts of bonds. Not on loans. Money is created in the banking sector through loans and lent out through.

Look at different measures of money supply in South Africa. Assume money earns no interest. Assume all accounts are cheque account deposits rather than saving accounts i.e. low interest rates.

**The inverse relationship between interest rates and the price of bonds. Zero coupon bonds. face value is determined by the issuer or government. This is the result that the government borrows from consumer**

- Assume there is an expectation that interest rates will increase in the future. Assume individuals want to hold more money
- Total wealth is money + bonds
- holding more money means selling bonds
- Increase in the supply of bonds.
- So price of bonds increases
- Ask about this it is confusing.
- To see the effect of interest rate expectations
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- Money Demand = currency demand by the private sector + Deposits
- $\frac{C_u}{D} = c$  so currency is a proportion of money demanded?
- derive the relation between Md and Dd = 1-c
- h denotes central bank money = currency + deposits with central bank (held by private banks)
- GO OVER FULL EQUATIONS FOR MONEY SUPPLY. # Budget speech Links to concepts studied. Go over in tut tests.

## Monetary policy effectiveness and the ISLM curve

### Expansionary monetary policy

- Repo rate
- Easy open market operations
- The horizontal shift in equilibrium income in the ISLM model is the same as the horizontal shift in the aggregate expenditure model
- A vertical IS curve means there is no change of income with a change in interest rate
- Find equation for the interest elasticity of income
- Increasing Tax rate and imports reduce the level of output. So small m1 and t1 lead to the same effect of big c1 and b1

### The effectiveness of fiscal policy under different assumptions about the slope of the IS function

- Expansionary fiscal policy will shift the IS curve outwards
- Imposes the same shift when IS curve is steep or vertical
- Look at the case where the IS function is vertical
- The steeper the IS curve increase interest more (So interest rate increases)
- A steeper IS means more effective fiscal policy