

## The Classical School

### The production function

$Y = F(K, N)$  In the short run labour is said to be fixed. Where  $K$  is capital and  $N$  is labour. So output varies only with labour drawn from a fixed population size. We mostly look at diminishing marginal product to labour.

To get the demand for labour. Multiply the product of labour by the price of the products in the market. This gives the total benefit to a producer of hiring additional workers. Subtract from this the costs or wages of labour. Then differentiate to find the point of maximum profit.

Or MC for a firm is  $\frac{W}{MPN}$

In a perfectly competitive market.  $P = MC = \frac{W}{MPN}$   
So  $\frac{W}{P} = MPN$  ie The number of goods for which the last labourer is paid the full value of goods they work produce is the whole number of goods they produce? Wages overprices is the real wage rate 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)
- 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 —————

<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

<sup>3</sup>income minus taxation

## 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 contrabutions (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
- 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

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

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

**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 than 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.

## 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 takes some prices monthly and others quarterly

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

- Month by month inflation  $\frac{a - b}{a}$
- 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)
  - $Y_d$  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.
- 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

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

- 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

- In reality output and investment move together.
- Investment is the engine of growth in fast growing economies.

## Is the government omnipotent

Government cannot change government spending at its own will. Medium term expenditure plan in South Africa is the 3 year plan which the government must stick to. There are also parliamentary adjustments. Large deficits increase risk which adversely affects exchange rate.

## 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 that tries to save more when their income decreases by a level such that their 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.
- Savings function 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 their is a higher savings rate.
- This is not indefinite the multiplier falls get smaller and smaller.
- If saving and income induced tax revenues shrink.
- Investment is assumed to be constant. Savings levels will eventually equalize.

Anticipations are likely 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 beneficial effects. Which increase the amount of interest that needs to be paid.

Large deficits can crowd out private investment.

Is it not possible for trusted governments to get very low interest rate loans such that interest may even dip below inflation?

Change in inventories are caused by a lack of equilibrium

In chapter 5 we will include financial markets and in 7 we will include the difference between real and nominal interest. Models which show interaction between the output market financial market and labour markets

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

## The mathematical model of the financial market.

### Functions of money

### Motives for holding money

### Necessary information

- Assume there are only two markets
    - Exclude stock market
    - Exclude Derivative market - W is financial wealth total amount owed + total amount of bonds owned
    - C 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 government bonds (assume short term government bond with a one year period)
    - Bonds are bought from government
    - Bonds are an interest yielding good
    - Bonds are fixed interest rate
    - Government issues bonds to the private sector and to the central bank
- Assets Liabilities — — — — —

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
- $\frac{C}{D} = c$  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 IS-LM 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 income
- Find equation for the interest elasticity of income
- Increasing Tax rate and imports reduce the level of output. So small  $m_1$  and  $t_1$  lead to the same effect of big  $c_1$  and  $b_1$

- Try show this graphically
- Money demand will increase
- So investment decreases
- Steep  $M_d$  = steep LM reactive monetary policy
- Vertical  $M_d$  must be the same as  $M_s$  = vertical LM so reactive LM model

## Fiscal policy altering the slope of the LM

### 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

- Flatter LM makes fiscal policy more effective
- An expansionary fiscal policy leads to an increase in interest rates leads to a decrease in investment “Crowding out”
- Which is consistent with a relatively flat money demand
- Speak about large vs small increase in interest rate relating to large vs small changes in investment.

## Liquidity trap

### Monetary policy effectiveness (LM slope)

#### Relatively flat LM curve

- Money demand is unresponsive to changes in income or interest
- Flat  $M_d$  curve results in a flat LM curve
- $i = d_0 - M \frac{d_1}{d_1 + \frac{d_1}{d_2} Y}$ 
  - $M_d = d_0 + d_1 Y - d_2 i$
  - LM  $Y = \frac{m}{d_1} \dots$
  - A relatively flat LM schedule low  $d_2$  (interest elasticity of money demand)
    - \* A high interest elasticity of  $d_2$  means a flat LM
- Output changes by a larger amount in the aggregate expenditure model than in the ISLM model

- When both the goods and money market are simultaneously in equilibrium we have the LM curve
- Wealth can only be held in money or bonds
- If all wealth is held in the form of money wealth is only in the most liquid asset
- US economy during the great depression
- Japanese recession of the 1990
- During a liquidity trap interest rates are low so bond prices are high.
- Depression is more intense than a recession same time but larger fall
- LM function is flat or horizontal
- So there is a flat  $M_d$   $d_2 = \text{infinitely}$  Money demand flattens out
- LM schedule is the mirror image
- As the central bank increases money supply Will result in an equal increase in money demand. interest rates are very low.
- There is a high risk of companies going bankrupt

- If interest rates are close to zero they can only move upwards
- So bond prices are expected to decrease
- So capital losses are a large risk
- So fiscal policy is the solution

## Policy mix

Fiscal policy and monetary policy mix

## Recession

- Output is very low and we are not in a liquidity trap
  - Use expansionary policy for both
- If output  $Y_0$  is very low you can use expansionary fiscal policy together with expansionary monetary policy. So the interest rate is unchanged. So no crowding out

## Reduce budget deficit without an adverse effect on output.

Contractionary fiscal policy Expansionary monetary policy

Consider the effect of exogenous variables

- Autonomous investment moves IS outwards Same as fiscal shifts
- Credit card mean less money so LM shifts downwards?
- Any factors other than income which shift the LM schedule

## Static analysis is what we have done so far dynamic analysis would also be useful.

- Investment is done in dynamics
- Plot each variable against time

The response to changes in disposable income depends on whether the increase in taxes is temporary or permanent. A temporary change has minimal effect. Interest rates only stimulate investment if there is no spare capacity. They also take some time to respond to income changes. Finally look at the response of consumption on employment ... percentage point is used for changes in percentage

Other variables

- Lag effect from federal funds
- relatively small fall
- employment is similar to effect on output
- Unemployment rate increases
- effect on price level is small deflation over time

## This implies that ISML works

\*\* Next tut test in 2 weeks\*\*

## Summary.

Aggregate expenditure rather than demand.

AD prices aren't fixed AE prices are fixed.

- Output determination in the medium run.
- Determined by supply side factors.

## Labour market

## Output market and labour market

Aggregate expenditure increase so firms increase output so firms increase employment so unemployment goes down so wages go up so prices go up so prices go up so wages go up.

W: Nominal wages or nominal wages

Real wage rate =  $\frac{W}{P}$

So price wage spiral. Vicious cycle of increases in money and inflation.

## Relax the assumption of fixed prices

The total population is divided into. The institutional civilian population and the non institutional civilian population.

Non institutional is all individuals less than 16 + the number of people in prison and the people in asylums and the people in the military and in old age homes.

Institutional: Labour force and out of labour force.

Employed: **Narrow definition** Full time or part time working people with some form of remuneration(**possibly in kind but not for the time**).

Labour force: employed or actively looking for work while available for employment.

Out of labour force: Discouraged workers, retired people  $\geq 65$  yrs, Students in tertiary labour force + severely disabled people + people who don't want to work Discouraged workers: Would like to work but are not actively looking for work.

## Descriptions

Employment

Unemployment

Participation rate

Wages & Price

Works and unions

Prices

Employment and output.

Aggregate supply aggregate demand function.

Look at dynamics and rates.