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YU JIAKAN · 3 hours ago 🔒

Hi! Everyone and Professors!

I have a question about the Q33 in Quiz of week 4.

It asked that Suppose the Federal Reserve wants to close a recessionary gap of \$100 billion and the reserve requirement is 20%. How much money will it have to create to close this gap?

According to the formula given in the lecture, I think the answer should be 20 billion. But the system said I am wrong. Is the answer wrong or me?

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Andy Sze · an hour ago 🔒

If your answer is \$20b, the question should change to "How much cash deposit money the Fed needs on hand in order to close the recessionary gap of \$100b?"

$$\text{Gap} = \text{Cash Deposit} \times \text{Money Multiplier}$$
$$\$100b = \text{Cash Deposit} \times 5 \quad (\text{MM} = 1/\text{RR} = 1/0.2 = 5)$$
$$\text{Cash Deposit} = \$20b$$

How much money will it have to create to close this gap? That is the \$100b money supply the Fed wants to increase/create in order to close this recessionary gap.

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