IS Curve Derivation Avinash Iyer

Derivation

Output:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_t &= C_t + I_t + G_t + EX_t - IM_t \\ \frac{Y_t}{\overline{Y}_t} &= \frac{C_t + I_t + G_t + EX_t - IM_t}{\overline{Y}_t} \end{aligned}$$

Assumptions:

$$\begin{split} \frac{C_t}{\overline{\gamma}_t} &= \overline{\alpha}_c \\ \frac{G_t}{\overline{\gamma}_t} &= \overline{\alpha}_g \\ \frac{EX_t}{\overline{\gamma}_t} &= \overline{\alpha}_{ex} \\ \frac{IM_t}{\overline{\gamma}_t} &= \overline{\alpha}_{im} \end{split}$$

Investment:

$$\frac{I_t}{\overline{Y}_t} = \overline{a}_i - \overline{b}(R_t - \overline{r})$$

 $= \overline{a} - \overline{b}(R_t - \overline{r})$

where R_t represents the interest rate and \overline{r} represents the marginal product of capital, and \overline{b} represents the sensitivity of investment to interest rates

$$\begin{split} \frac{Y_t}{\overline{Y}_t} &= \overline{\alpha}_c + \left(\overline{\alpha}_i - \overline{b}(R_t - \overline{r})\right) + \overline{\alpha}_g + \overline{\alpha}_{ex} - \overline{\alpha}_{im} \\ \\ \frac{Y_t}{\overline{Y}_t} - 1 &= \overline{\alpha}_c + \left(\overline{\alpha}_i - \overline{b}(R_t - \overline{r})\right) + \overline{\alpha}_g + \overline{\alpha}_{ex} - \overline{\alpha}_{im} - 1 \\ \\ \tilde{Y}_t &= \frac{Y_t - \overline{Y}_t}{\overline{Y}_t} \\ &= \frac{Y_t}{\overline{Y}_t} - 1 \\ \\ \tilde{Y}_t &= \left(\overline{\alpha}_c + \overline{\alpha}_i + \overline{\alpha}_g + \overline{\alpha}_{ex} - \overline{\alpha}_{im} - 1\right) - \overline{b}(R_t - \overline{r}) \end{split}$$

where $\overline{a} = \overline{a}_c + \overline{a}_i + \overline{a}_g + \overline{a}_{ex} - \overline{a}_{im} - 1$

We can see from this derivation that the IS curve is downward sloping — if R_t increases, then \tilde{Y}_t decreases. In long run equilibrium, we have $\tilde{Y}_t = 0$, meaning $\overline{a} = 0$ and $R_t = \overline{r}$.