

CHAP 20

fluctuations, the influence of money and fiscal policy on AD?,
(AD-AS) ,short-long term fluc'n



philips curve → inflation v unemp (common graph)

- Over the long run, real GDP grows on a trend
- In the short run, GDP fluctuates around its trend.

fluctuations are often called business cycles

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Recessions and Depressions:

Periods of falling real incomes and rising unemployment called recessions.

Severe recessions are depressions.

~ The classical dichotomy:

(separation of real and nominal variables)

~and money neutrality:

(changes in money supply only affect nominal variables) are argued to hold in the long run but not in the short run.

- "In the short run, changes in nominal variables (like the money supply or P) can affect real variables (like Y or the unemployment rate [EXOGENOUS])."

~The AD-AS Model:

explains short-run fluctuations by the interaction of aggregate demand and aggregate supply.

- "The AD-AS framework postulates that there is no classical dichotomy and no money neutrality in the short run."

No, supply and demand don't always grow together. They have an inverse relationship



Aggregate Demand (AD): Downward-sloping due to:

- **Wealth effect** $\rightarrow \downarrow P \Rightarrow \uparrow \text{Real wealth} \Rightarrow \uparrow C$
- **Interest-rate effect** $\rightarrow \downarrow P \Rightarrow \downarrow r \Rightarrow \uparrow I$
- **Exchange-rate effect** $\rightarrow \downarrow P \Rightarrow \downarrow r \Rightarrow \downarrow \text{Currency} \Rightarrow \uparrow NX$

▼ Why Does the AD Curve Slope Down?

We're looking at how a change in the **price level (P)** affects **GDP (Y)**, which is made of:

$$Y = C + I + G + NX$$

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(where **C** = consumption, **I** = investment, **G** = government spending, and **NX** = net exports).

Assume **G is fixed**, so we focus on how **C, I, and NX** respond to changes in **P**.

✓ Key idea: If something outside of the price level (P) changes C, I, G, or NX, the AD curve shifts.

~AD CURVE SHIFT DIRECTION:

Cause	Component Affected	AD Shift Direction
Lower interest rates	\uparrow Consumption (C), \uparrow Investment (I)	Shift Right
Business pessimism	\downarrow Investment (I)	Shift Left
Stock market boom	\uparrow Consumption (C)	Shift Right

 Rise in foreign demand for exports	↑ Net Exports (NX)	👉 Shift Right
 Increase in government spending	↑ Government spending (G)	👉 Shift Right

1. 💰 Wealth Effect (Affects C: Consumption)

What happens when prices go up?

- Your money doesn't stretch as far.
- Example: ₹100 used to buy 10 candies, now it buys only 5.
- So, even though you still have ₹100, it **feels like less**.

➡ People **feel poorer** and spend less.

✅ **Result: Consumption (C) falls.**

2. 💵 Interest-Rate Effect (Affects I: Investment)

When prices go up:

- People need **more cash** for daily shopping (groceries, gas, etc.).
- So they **hold more money** and **save less**.
- This **reduces the supply of loanable funds** in banks.

➡ With fewer funds to lend, **interest rates go up**.

➡ When borrowing gets expensive (higher interest), businesses and people **invest less** in things like new machines or homes.

✅ **Result: Investment (I) falls.**



- **Exchange-Rate Effect (on NX):** A rise in P increases the domestic interest rate, attracting foreign investment, appreciating the domestic currency, making exports more expensive and imports cheaper, thus decreasing net exports. "Result: $NX \equiv X - M$ falls."
- **Shifts in AD:** Caused by "Any exogenous event — unrelated to a change in P — that changes C, I, G, or NX". Examples include changes in perceived wealth (stock market booms/crashes), technology affecting investment,

business expectations, interest rates, monetary policy, government spending, and changes in foreign economies or exchange rates.

- **Vertical AS:** AD shifts affect only price, not output or employment.
- **Classical Dichotomy (Vertical AS):** Holds true; nominal changes don't impact real variables.
- **Upward-Sloping AS:** AD shifts affect both output and employment.
- **Classical Dichotomy (Upward-Sloping AS):** Breaks down; nominal changes have real effects.

summary of **Long-Run Aggregate Supply (LRAS)** in table form:

→ shifting to the right causes

 Key Concept	 Explanation
Shape of LRAS	Vertical line at Natural Rate of Output (Y^N)
Y^N Meaning	Also called Potential Output or Full-Employment Output
Why Vertical?	In the long run , output is determined by real factors (not price level)
Determinants of Y^N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Labor (workers) [immigration] - Capital (machines, tools) - Natural resources [finding mines] - Technology
What shifts LRAS?	Any change in labor, capital, resources, or technology

▼ **Short-Run Aggregate Supply (SRAS): Why It's Upward-Sloping**

Theory/Concept	Core Idea	Impact on Output (Y)
Sticky-Wage Theory	Wages are slow to adjust. If actual price level $PP >$ expected $PEPE$, firms earn more profit.	Firms increase output → $Y \uparrow$
Sticky-Price Theory	Some firms can't quickly change prices due to	Demand for their goods rises → $Y \uparrow$

	menu costs. If $P > P^e > P^e$, their goods are cheaper.	
Misperceptions Theory	Firms mistake overall PP increase as higher relative price for their product.	They produce more $\rightarrow Y \uparrow$
Common Idea in All	Output deviates from potential output Y & Y_N when $P \neq P^e$	$Y = Y_N + a(P - P^e)$ Y : o/p; Y_N : Natural rate of o/p(long-run) $a > 0$: freq of Y resp to P P^e : expected price
Shifts in SRAS	Caused by changes in: • Determinants of LRAS (e.g., labor, capital, technology) • Expected price level P^e	$\uparrow P^e \rightarrow$ SRAS shifts left / Y falls $\downarrow P^e \rightarrow$ SRAS shifts right

~In the short run, ($Y = Y_N + a(P - P^e)$) \rightarrow [slope line]

~In the long run,

$P^e = P$

and

$Y = Y_N$ [perp line]

Cause	Effect on SRAS
Change in natural resources, labor, capital, technology (i.e. same as LRAS)	Shifts SRAS right or left
Increase in expected price level (P^e)	SRAS shifts left (costs rise)
Decrease in expected price level (P^e)	SRAS shifts right (costs fall)

Example 1: AD Shifts Left (Like in a Stock Market Crash)

- People feel poorer → spend less → **AD shifts left**
- **Short run:** Output (**Y**) falls, Prices (**P**) fall, **Unemployment** rises
- **Over time:** People expect lower prices → PE falls → **SRAS shifts right**
- **Result:** Output and unemployment return to normal, but at a **lower price level**

Example 2: AD Shifts Right (Like Government Spending Increases)

- More spending boosts demand → **AD shifts right**
- **Short run:** Output (**Y**) rises, Prices (**P**) rise, **Unemployment** falls
- **Over time:** People expect higher prices → PE rises → **SRAS shifts left**
- **Result:** Output and unemployment return to normal, but with a **higher price level**

Real-World Examples

Event	Type of AD Shift	Effect
Great Depression	Left shift (↓AD)	Output and prices fell; unemployment rose
WWII Spending Boom	Right shift (↑AD)	Output and prices rose; unemployment fell

Final Point:

- In the **short run**, the economy fluctuates due to shocks (like spending changes or price expectations).
- But in the **long run**, it tends to come back to **full employment output (Y_N)**.
- This is why economists say:
 "The short run is messy, but the long run is stable."