## EXPENDITURE MULTIPLER

### Macroeconomics



# **Change in Autonomous Investment and Equilibrium Income**

- Following the simple Keynesian model, we take the following assumptions:
- ✓ The volume of investment expenditure is autonomous.
- ✓ Consumption is a function of Income and consumption function is linear.
- ✓ MPC is positive but less than unity.
- ✓ The economy is a closed one.

# What is Investment Multiplier?

- If there is increase in autonomous investment, the rise in income is multiplier times the original change in autonomous investment.
- Deriving the value of the multiplier

$$C = a + bY$$
$$I = I_0$$

At equilibrium

$$Y = C + I = a + bY + I_0$$

$$Y - bY = a + I_0$$

$$Y = \frac{a+I_0}{1-b}$$

Suppose now investment changes  $I = I_0 + \Delta I$ 

New Equilibrium Income becomes  $Y_1 = a + bY + I_0 + \Delta I$ 

Solving it we get  $Y_1 = \frac{a + I_0 + \Delta I}{1 - b}$ 

Hence, the change in equilibrium income  $\Delta Y = Y_1 - Y = \frac{a + I_0 + \Delta I}{1 - b} - \frac{a + I_0}{1 - b} = \frac{\Delta I}{1 - b}$ 

Hence,  $\Delta Y = \frac{1}{1-h}\Delta I$  or  $\Delta Y = K\Delta I$  where K is the value of the multiplier.

The multiplier is the amount by which equilibrium output changes when autonomous investment increases by 1 unit.

• Larger the MPC, the larger is the multiplier

# Operation of Multiplier

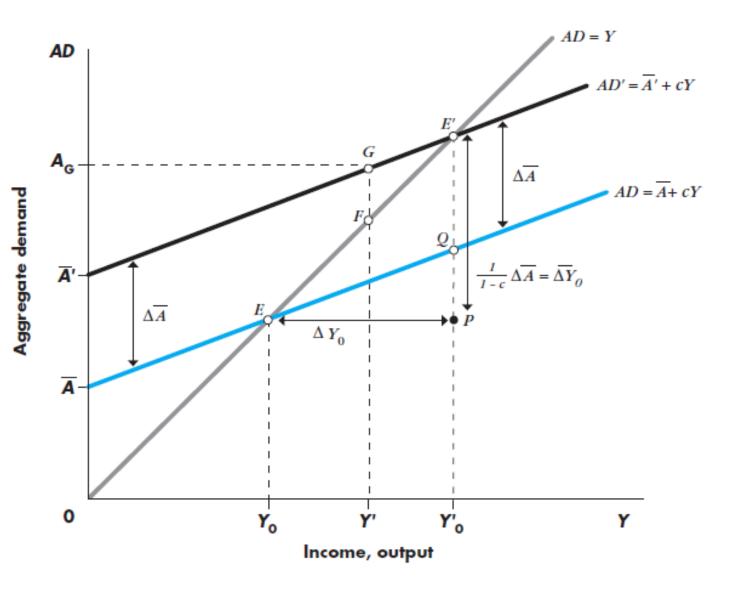
By how much does a \$1 increase in autonomous investment raise the equilibrium level of income?

- The first round starts with an increase in autonomous spending,  $\Delta I$ .
- Next, we allow an expansion in production to meet exactly that increase in demand --- Production expands by  $\Delta I$  --- increase in production gives rise to an equal increase in income.
- Via MPC (=c), gives rise in the second round to increased expenditures of size ---  $b\Delta I$ .

For a value of b < 1, the successive terms in the series become progressively smaller. We are dealing with a geometric series, so the equation simplifies to

$$\Delta D = \frac{1}{1 - c} \Delta I = \Delta Y_0$$

Round	Increase in Demand	$\Delta Y$	$\sum \Delta Y$
1	$\Delta I$	$\Delta I$	ΔΙ
2	$b\Delta I$	$b\Delta I$	$\Delta I + b\Delta I = (1 + b) \Delta I$
3	$b^2 \Delta I$	$b^2\Delta I$	$(1+b+b^2)\Delta I$
4	$b^3\Delta I$	$b^3\Delta I$	$(1+b+b^2+b^3)\Delta I$
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t	$b^{t-1}\Delta I$	$b^{t-1}\Delta I$	$\frac{1}{1-b}\Delta I$

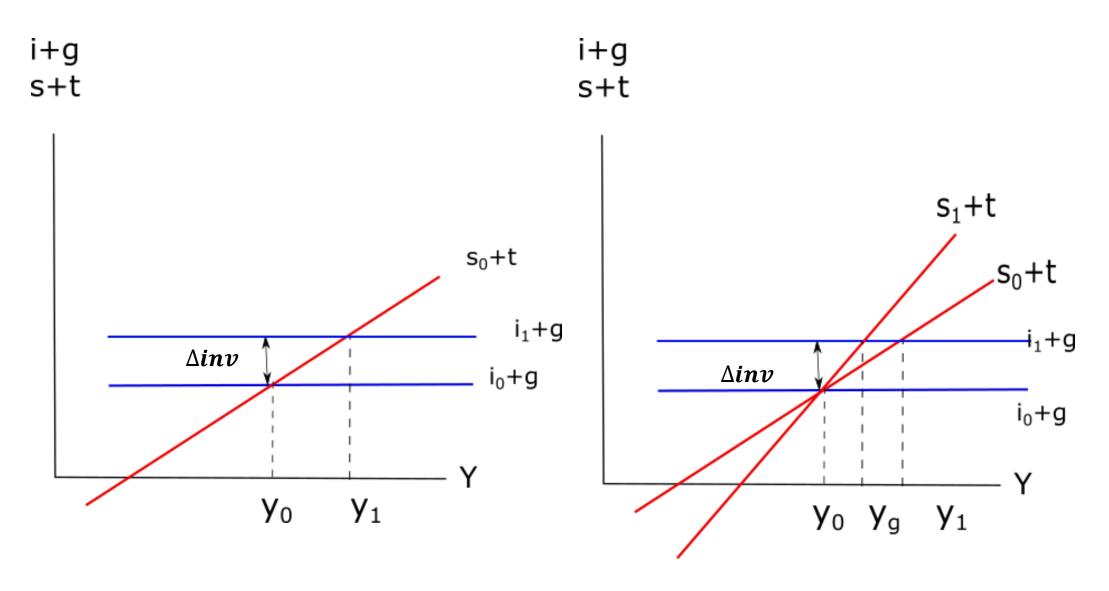


#### Figure 2: Derivation of the Multiplier

- Initial equilibrium is at point E, and income level  $Y_0$
- $\overline{A}$  increases to  $\overline{A}'$
- Aggregate demand now exceeds the initial level of output
- Firms expand production and this gives rise to induced expenditure to *Y*'
- The gap between demand and output is reduced because the marginal propensity to consume is less than 1
- New equilibrium is at E', with corresponding level of income is  $Y'_0$
- Larger the increase in autonomous spending
  the larger the income change
- The larger the marginal propensity to consume – the steeper the AD – the larger the income change

### Change in Autonomous Investment and Change in Equilibrium Income

Increase in The Investment



#### If the change in investment is temporary?

					AGGREGATE		AGGREGATE			REALIZED	PLANNED
PERIOD	С	I	ΔC	ΔΙ	SPENDING	>=<	OUTPUT	Y	ΔΥ		INVESTMENT
1	540	60	0	0	600	=	600	600	0	60	60
2	540	60	0	30	630	>	600	600	0	60	90
3	540	60	22.5	0	622.5	<	630	600	30	67.5	60
4	540	60	16.9	0	616.9	<	622.5	600	22.5	65.6	60
5	540	60	12.7	0	612.7	<	616.9	600	16.9	64.2	60
6	540	60	9.5	0	609.5	<	612.7	600	12.7	63.2	60
7	540	60	7.1	0	607.1	<	609.5	600	9.5	62.4	60
8	540	60	5.3	0	605.3	<	607.1	600	7.1	61.8	60
9	540	60	3.8	0	603.8	<	605.3	600	5.1	61.3	60
10	540	60	2.8	0	602.8	<	603.8	600	3.8	61	60
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n	540	60	0	0	600	=	600	600	0	60	60
n+1	540	60	0	0	600	=	600	600	0	60	60
			90	30					120		

$$C = 90 + \frac{3}{4}Y$$
$$I = 60$$

 $\Delta C = b\Delta Y = 3/4 \Delta Y$ 

Aggregate spending=  $C+I+\Delta C+\Delta I$ 

Aggregate output=  $Y+\Delta Y$ 

Savings= $(Y + \Delta Y) - (C + \Delta C)$ 

Equilibrium at 600

#### If the change in investment is permanent?

					AGGREGATE		AGGREGATE			REALIZED	PLANNED
PERIOD	С	ı	ΔC	ΔΙ	SPENDING	>=<	OUTPUT	Υ	ΔΥ		INVESTMENT
1	540	60	0	0	600	=	600	600	0	60	60
2	540	60	0	30	630	>	600	600	0	60	90
3	540	60	22.5	30	652.5	>	630	600	30	67.5	90
4	540	60	39.4	30	669.4	>	652.5	600	52.5	73.1	90
5	540	60	52.1	30	682.1	>	669.4	600	69.4	77.3	90
6	540	60	61.6	30	691.6	>	682.1	600	82.1	80.5	90
7	540	60	68.7	30	698.7	>	691.6	600	91.6	82.9	90
8	540	60	74	30	704	>	698.7	600	98.7	84.7	90
9	540	60	77.8	30	707.8	>	704	600	104	86.2	90
10	540	60	80.6	30	710.6	>	707.8	600	107.8	87.2	90
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n	540	60	90	30	720	=	720	600	120	90	90
n+1	540	60	90	30	720	=	720	600	120	90	90

New higher equilibrium level of output/income at 720

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