

Federal Funds



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The Federal Funds Market































































































































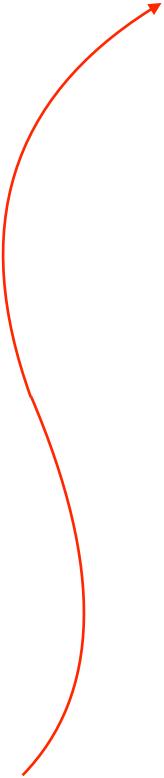




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Eventually this market settles at an equilibrium interest rate



At the end of business day, banks must have the

required amount of

reserves R= r*D

The interest rate on these loans is an interbank overnight rate

Federal Funds Rate

This interbank rate is determined by supply

and demand:

Banks lend to the bank(s) which offer the highest rate

Banks borrow from the bank(s) which offer the lowest rate

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