

Demand for bonds

The Demand for bonds comes from anyone and everyone who wants to purchase bonds

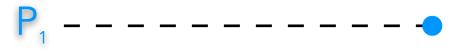
The Bond Market

P₀ - - - - - - - - - - -





Quantity
of Bonds



The Supply of bonds comes from the U.S. Government as well as those who previously purchased Government bonds

Supply of bonds

Fixed

Quantity

Supplied of Bonds

Why does the yield curve get inverted?

There is an inverse relationship between the Yield and the Price of the bond

Assume the market for Long Term Bonds starts at equilibrium at P₀







































































































































































If investors are worried about a recession they want to move their money away from stocks and short term bonds to "fail safe" Long Term Government bonds





The price increase to P₁ and Yield drops

An inverted yield curve occurs because Yields on Long Term Bonds fall and Yields on Short Term Bonds rise

