

**Problem 1 (Sample Midterm 2, Question 2).** It is year  $t = 0$ . Argentina thinks it can find \$150 of domestic investment projects with an MPK of 10%. Argentina invests \$84 in year  $t = 0$  by borrowing \$84 from the rest of the world at the world interest rate  $r^* = 5\%$ . There is no further borrowing or investment. The project starts to pay off in year  $t = 1$  and continues to pay off all years thereafter. Interest is paid in perpetuity, in year  $t = 1$  and every year thereafter. In addition, assume that if the projects are not done, then  $GDP = Q = C = \$200$  in all years.

For the following questions, use standard assumptions: initial external wealth  $W = 0$ ,  $G = 0$  always,  $I = 0$  except in year  $t = 0$ , and  $NUT = KA = 0$ ; and furthermore there is no net labor income so that  $NFIA = r^*W$ .

- If the investment project is not undertaken, what is the present value of output  $Q$ ?
- Should Argentina fund the \$84 worth of projects? Explain your answer.
- Why might Argentina be able to borrow only \$84 and not \$150?
- Going forward, assume the projects totaling \$84 are funded and completed in year  $t = 0$ . If the MPK is 10%, what is the total payoff from the projects in future years?
- At year  $t = 0$ , what is the new  $PV(Q)$ ,  $PV(I)$ , and  $PV(C)$ ?
- Suppose Argentina is consumption smoothing. What is the new level of  $C$ ?
- In year  $t = 0$ , when the investment project is started (but not yet completed), explain Argentina's balance of payments as follows: state CA, TB, NFIA, and FA.
- State the levels of CA, TB, NFIA, and FA in year  $t = 1$  and every later year.

**Problem 2 (Sample Midterm 2, Question 5).** Assume the following functional forms:

Goods Market	Money Market	FX Market
$C = 50 + 0.75(Y - T)$	$M = 1000$	$E^e = 4$
$I = 1600 - 250i$	$L = 0.5Y - 500i$	$i^* = 5\%$
$G = 1200$	$P = 0.5$	
$CA = -260 - 0.2Y - 100i$		
$T = 1000$		
$\pi^e = 0$		

- Derive the equation for the IS curve.
- Derive the equation for the LM curve.
- Find the MPC,  $MPC_F$ ,  $MPC_H$ , and MPS for this economy.
- Find the equilibrium (home) interest rate  $i$ , and the equilibrium (home) output  $Y$ .
- Compute equilibrium consumption, investment, and the current account.
- Compute the level of private, public, and national savings  $S$ . Compare  $I$  and  $S$ : is this consistent with your answer to part (e)?
- Compute the economy's exchange rate.
- Using an IS/LM/FX diagram, show the effect of an increase in  $G$ .