

ECON20001 Intermediate Macroeconomics

Tutorial 3 (Week 4)

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Introduction

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Before asking any questions, make sure you have gone through the **Ed discussion board**, **subject guide** and **Q&A** on Canvas!

Slides: github.com/zhengf1/InterMa2022

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LM curve:

- $\frac{M}{P} = YL(i)$
- Monetary contraction, M decreases, LM curve shifts up
- Monetary expansion, M increases, LM curve shifts down
- Movement along IS curve

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In-tutorial Sheet - Q2

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$$i = \bar{i} = 0.01.$$

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Using $\bar{i} = 0.01$, we can find

$$Y = 840 - 2000i = 820$$

Using the consumption function and investment function, we have

$$C = 100 + 0.3Y_D = 100 + 0.3(820 - 100) = 316$$

and

$$I = 150 + 0.2Y - 1000i = 150 + 0.2 \times 820 - 1000 \times 0.01 = 304$$

Use money market clearing condition to solve for real money supply

$$\frac{M^s}{P} = \frac{M^d}{P} = 2Y - 4000i = 2 \times 820 - 4000 \times 0.01 = 1600$$

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Following the same steps as before by substituting $\bar{i} = 0.03$ into the IS relation, we can find $Y = 780$.

Using the consumption function and investment function, $C = 304$ and $I = 276$.

The money market clearing condition gives $M/P = 1440$.

The contractionary monetary policy lowers output, consumption and investment. It requires a fall in real money supply.

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(f) Expansionary fiscal policy.

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With the expansionary fiscal policy, G increases to 300. The goods market equilibrium condition :

$$Y = 1040 - 2000i$$

Since $\bar{i} = 0.01$, we can solve for $Y = 1020$, $C = 376$ and $I = 344$. The money market clearing condition gives $M/P = 2000$.

Notice that the expansionary fiscal policy raises output, consumption and investment. To keep the interest rate at $\bar{i} = 0.01$, real money supply increases to accommodate the rise in money demand.

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The interest rate constant

→ the LM curve remains unchanged

To increase output, the government can use an expansionary fiscal policy by either increasing G or decreasing T

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Investment will increase because output rises and the interest rate is constant.

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The government should pursue a contractionary fiscal policy by either increasing T or decreasing G to reduce the fiscal deficit.

→ The IS curve shifts to the left.

To keep output constant, monetary policy has to be expansionary

→ The central bank should cut the interest rate to level output unchanged.

→ The LM curve shifts down

The economy has a lower interest rate, but output is constant.

The end

Thanks for your attention! 😊