

INTERMEDIATE MACROECONOMICS

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AGGREGATE SUPPLY: FOUNDATION

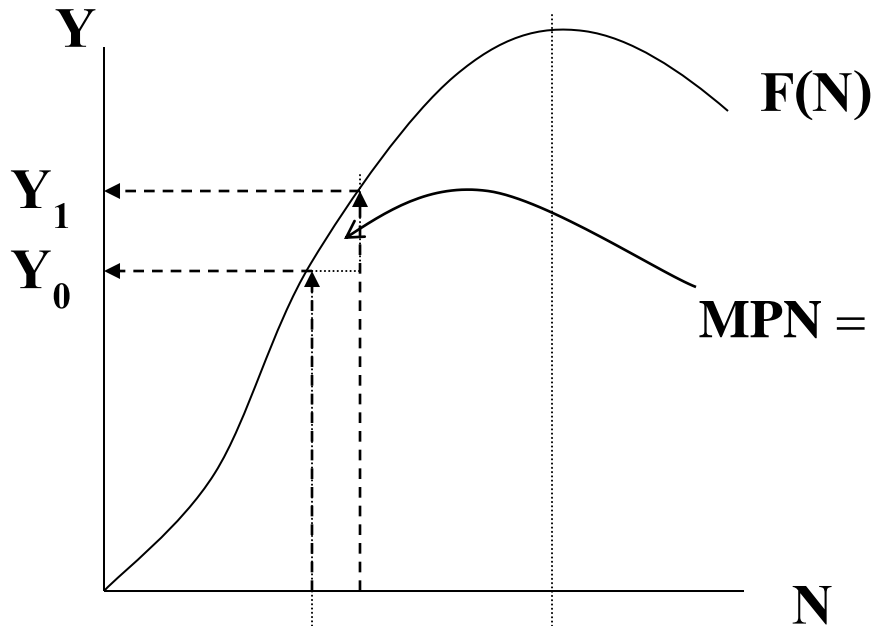
- This section provides a foundation for the theory of aggregate supply.
- Aggregate supply is the theory that describes the relationship between “price” and “(aggregate) amount of the output produced by firms”.
- The foundation of AS theory can be derived from micro-founded individual supply theory.
- Understanding AS requires your priori understanding on production function and optimal labor input decision.

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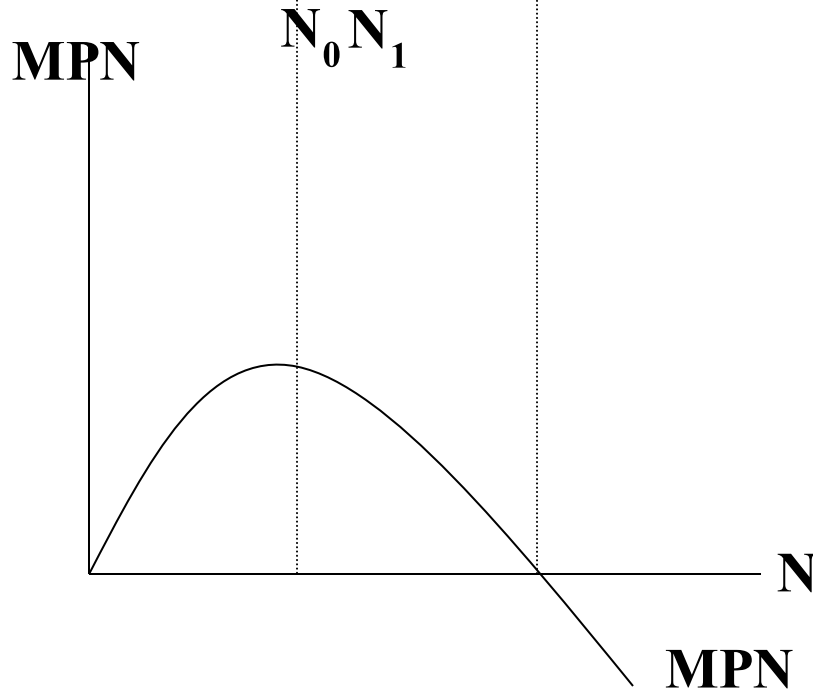
- What does the firm do?
 - Firm is a production unit; transform **inputs** into **outputs** using **production technology** that they have.
- Production technology is usually denoted by concept of the production function.

$Y = F(K, N)$ where $K = \text{Capital}$ and $N = \text{labor hired}$

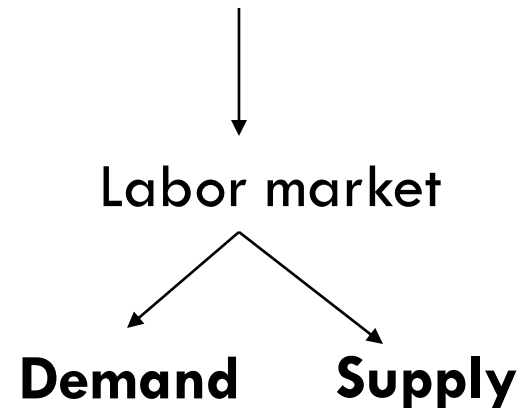
- In the short-run, K is fixed, i.e. $Y = F(\bar{K}, N)$.
 - Firm's production depends on the amount of labor hired/employed.



- Law of diminishing marginal productivity
- Marginal Product of Labor: MPN



Total output supply depends on the number of labor employment

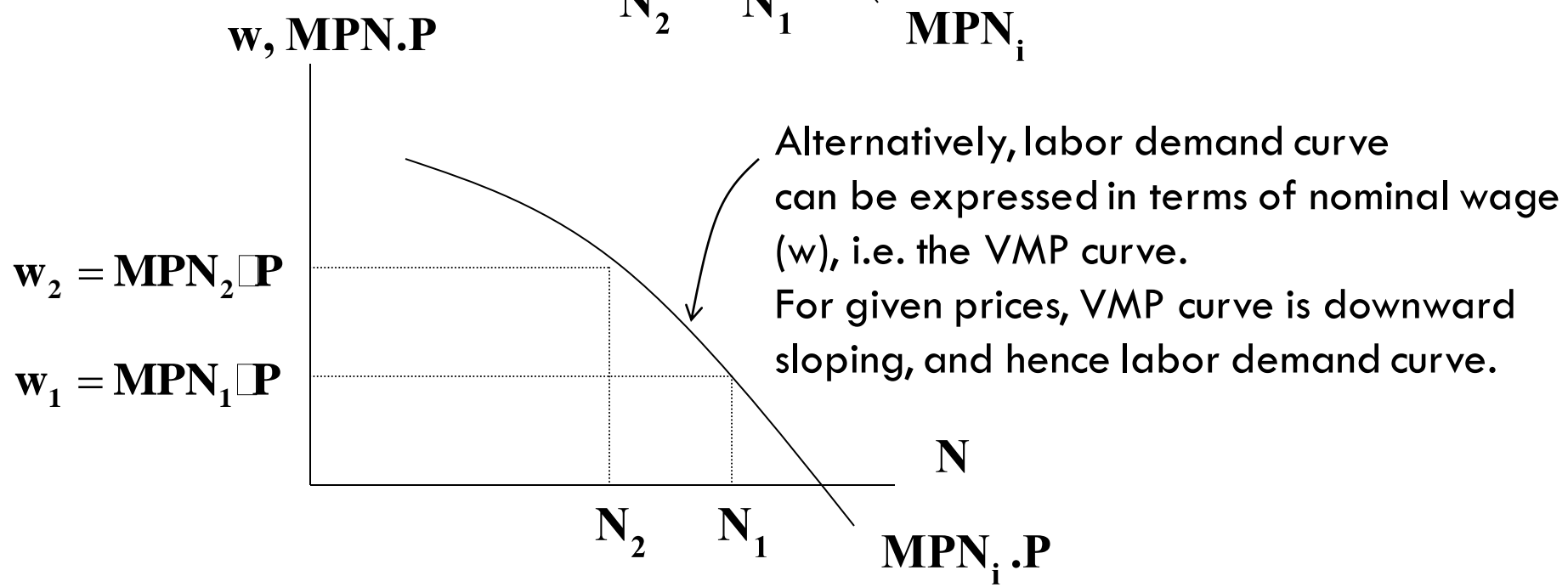
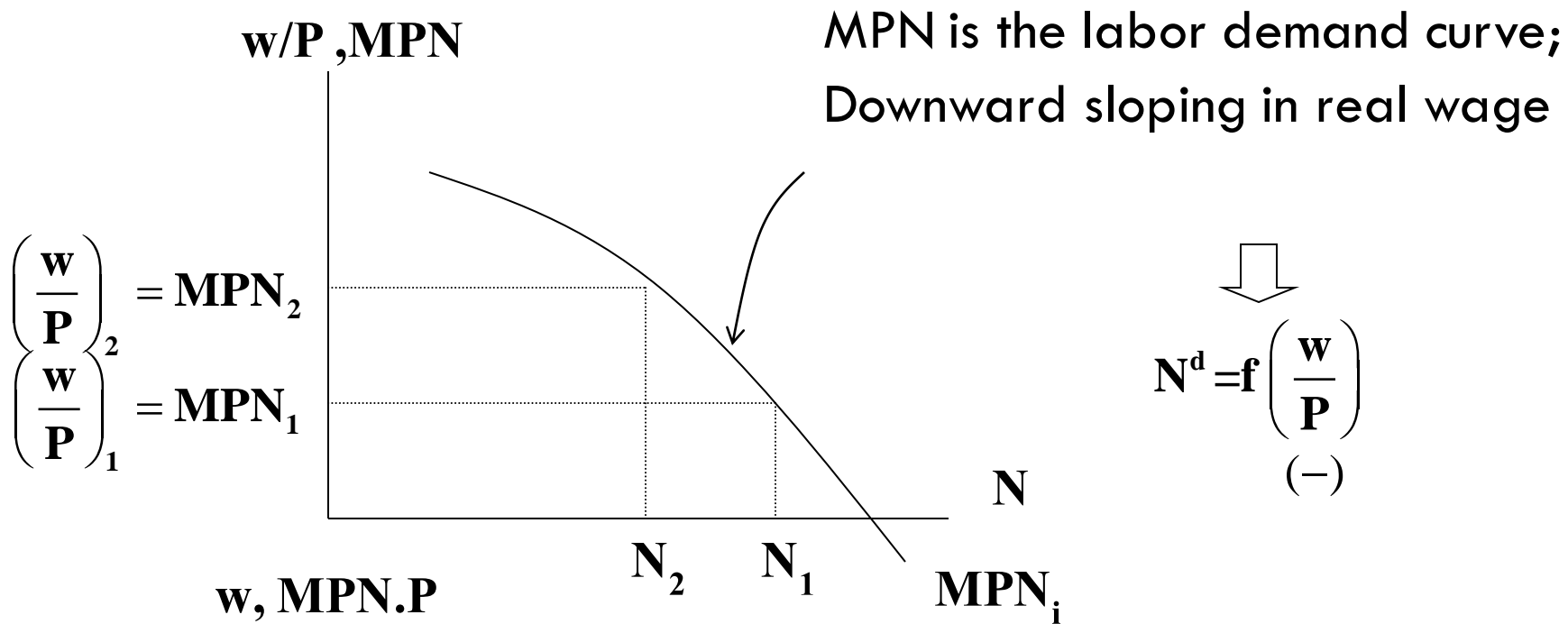


LABOR MARKET DEMAND

- How to best transform inputs into outputs? (N? into Y?)
- Firm chooses for optimal level of inputs that maximizes profit.
- The optimizing condition suggests that firms choose the optimal level of employment where **marginal cost of labor equalizes with marginal benefit of labor**

$W = P * MPN$ (nominal wage = Value marginal product)

$W/P = MPN$ (real wage = marginal product)



LABOR MARKET SUPPLY

- Where does the supply of labor come from?
- Households supply labor force to the market. Why?
- They work and get paid; income earned can be used for purchasing goods in the goods market.
- Theorem for labor market supply emerges from foundation of individual labor supply, i.e. the **consumption-leisure model**.

LABOR MARKET SUPPLY

- Households choose for two things: consumption level (C) and leisure (L).
- Problem is not obvious as household needs to **trade-off** between the two.
 - More leisure is good, but associated with lower consumption.
 - More consumption is good, but household need to work a lot more; less leisure.
- Household is guided by preference or utility function, depends on “C” and “L”. They choose for optimal C and optimal L under the constraint that they face.

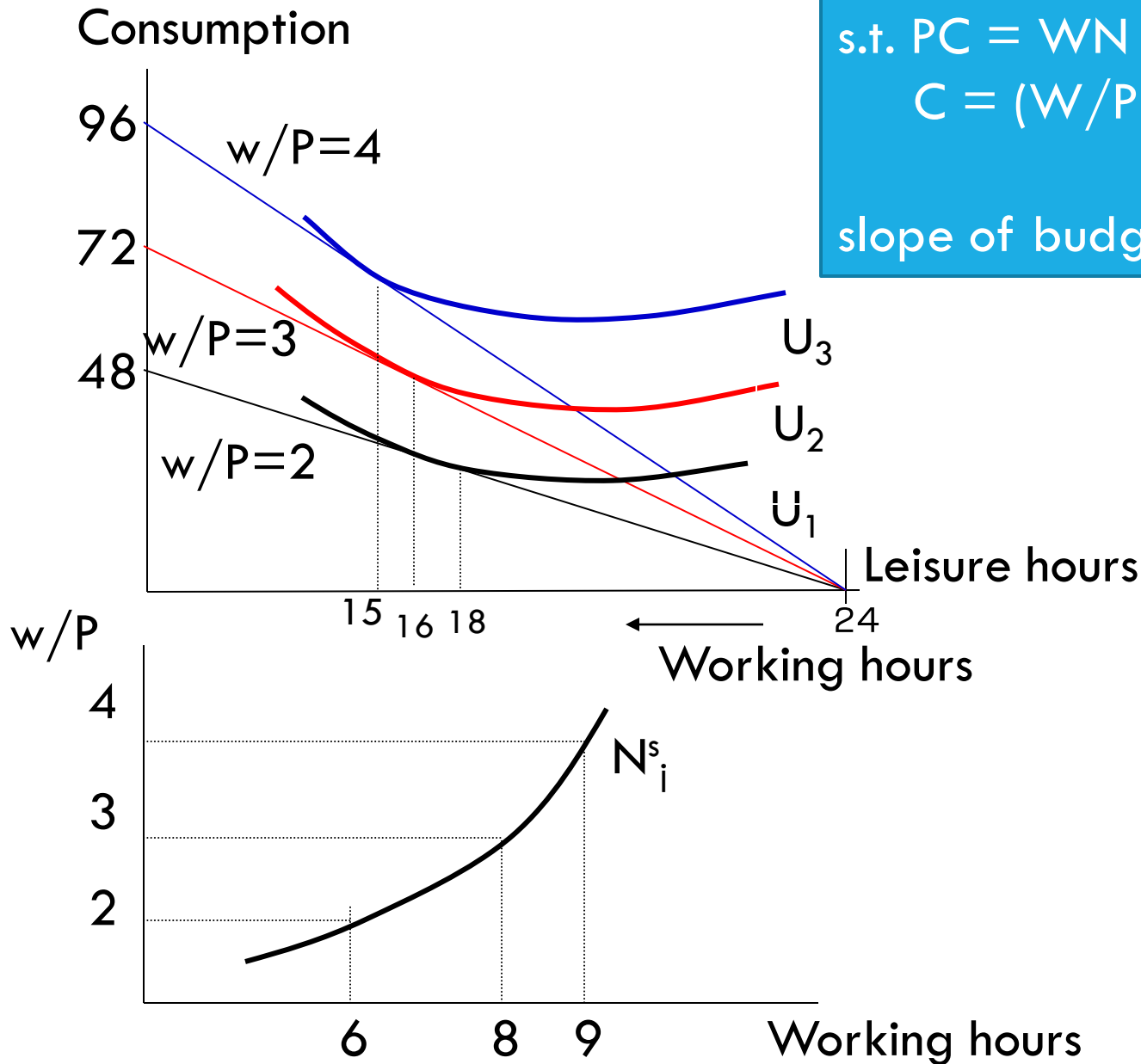
Consumption – Leisure problem

$$\text{Max } U(C,L)$$

$$\text{s.t. } PC = WN = W(24-L)$$

$$C = (W/P) (24 - L)$$

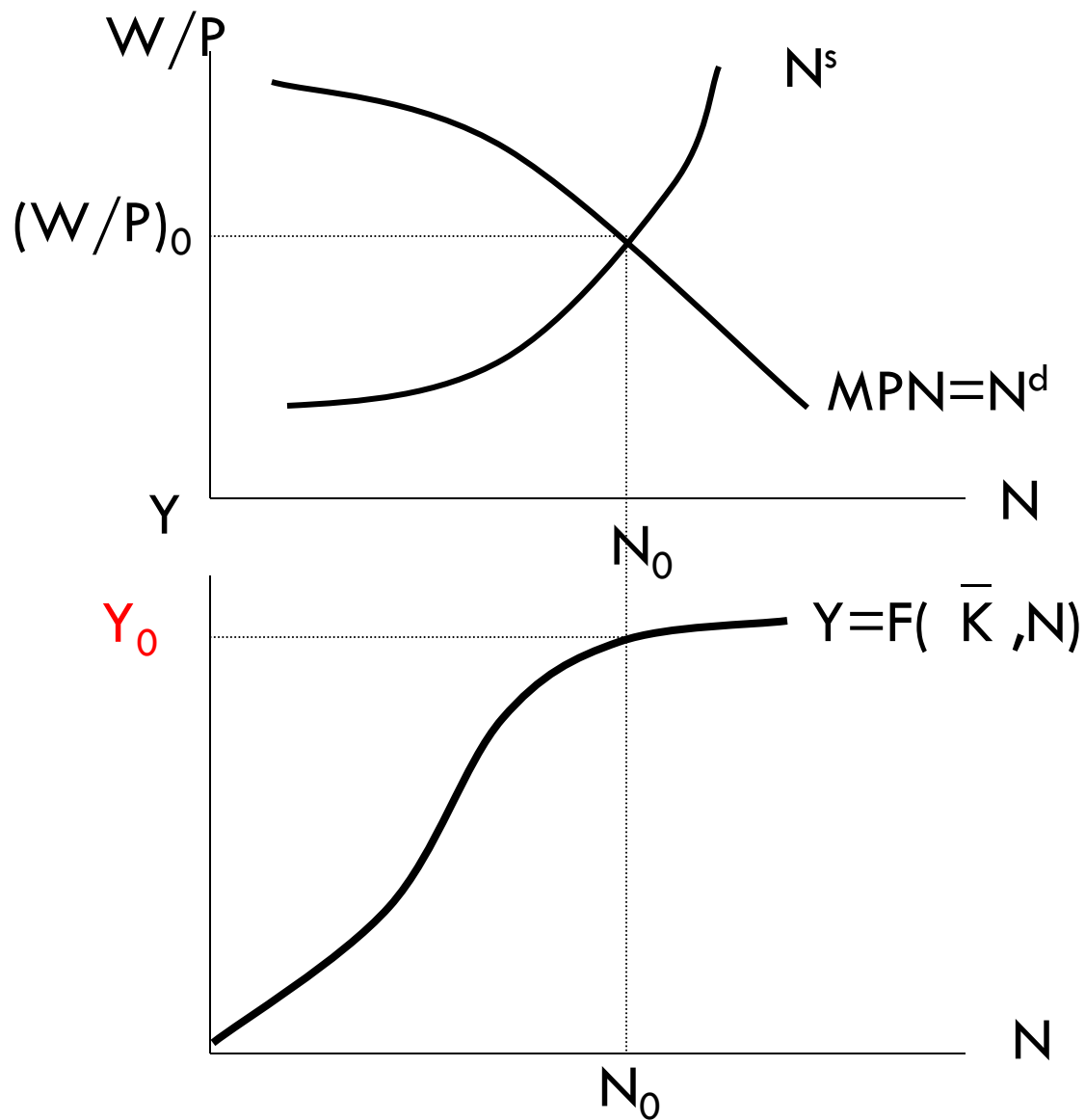
slope of budget line = W/P



$$N^s = g\left(\frac{w}{P}\right)$$

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Equilibrium of labor market and optimal production level



AGGREGATE SUPPLY AND LABOR MARKET OUTCOME

- Economy always produces at the full-employment output (Y_0 and N_0).
 - Aggregate supply is always a vertical line; **neoclassical/classical aggregate supply (Long-run aggregate supply)**
- The supply concept rests on a very strong, yet controversial, assumption; **price and wage can be perfectly adjusted with a complete synchronization (no delay)**.
- Keynesian theorists then argue that classical foundation to Aggregate supply is misleading; **empirically, nominal wage adjusts slower than nominal price – e.g. no full indexation.**

WHAT'S RIGHT ABOUT LABOR SUPPLY: KEYNESIAN POINT OF VIEW

- Labor market decision involves with **contractual agreement**, and **length and duration of hiring**.
- Wage is usually **pre-specified** in advance in **nominal terms**, based on the bargaining problem between employers and employees.
- Lot more institution features that make it hard for wage to be adjusted instantaneously over time; **wage stickiness**.

TWO POSSIBLE TYPES OF WAGE STICKINESS

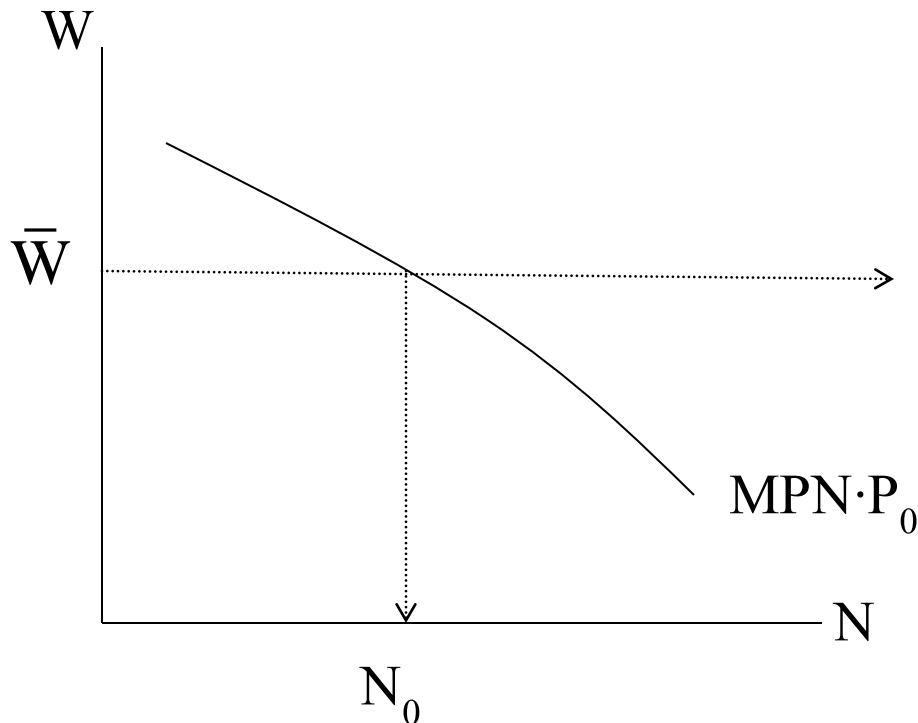
- Possible wage schemes pre-determined in advance.
 - **Constant fixed wage**: horizontal labor supply curve.
 - **Variable wage**: upward sloping labor supply curve.
- Both types involve with a **contractual arrangement** that both employers and employees are **committed** to.

POSSIBLE WAGE SETTING SCHEMES: FIXED WAGE (CONSTANT SCHEME)

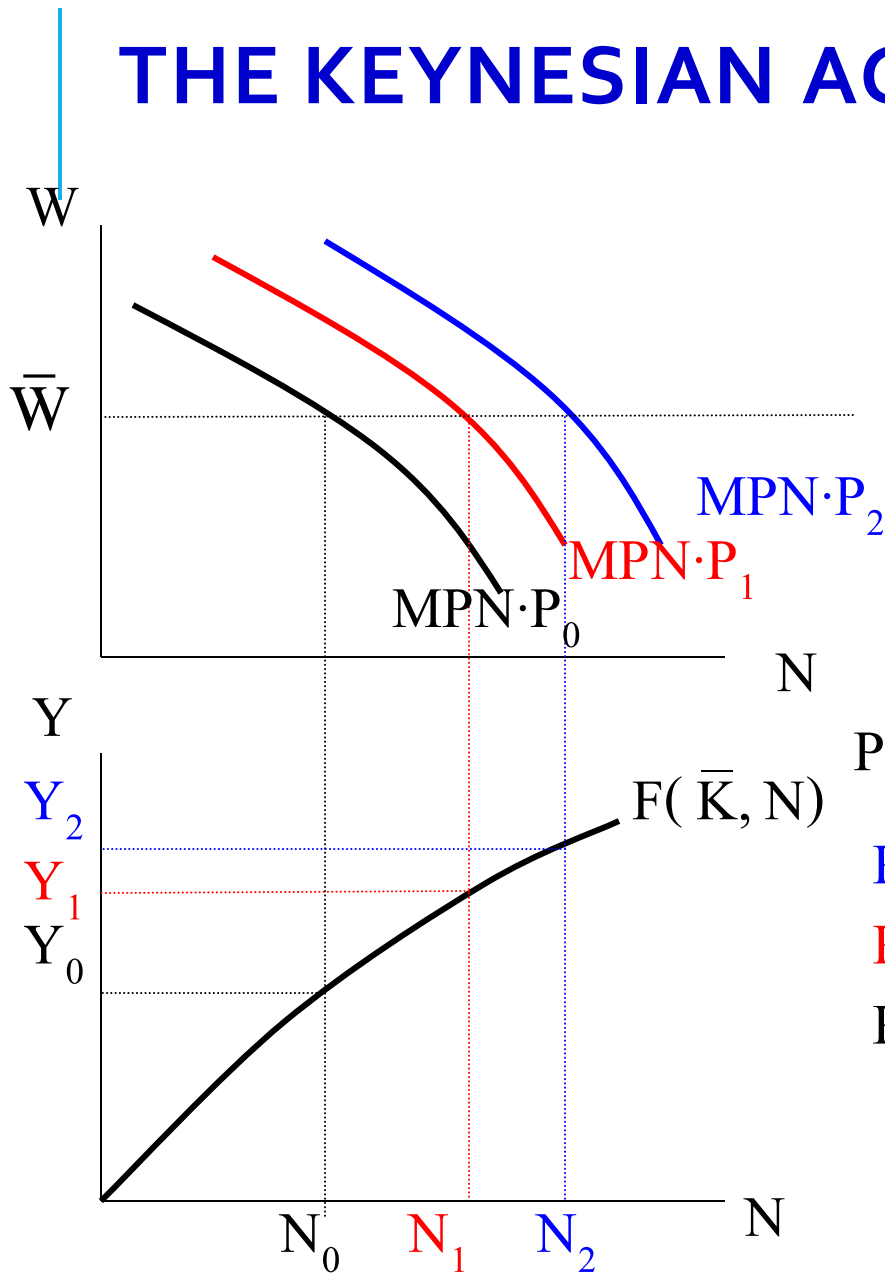
Perfectly rigidity in wage, **Exogenous** long-term **nominal wage** contract.

Labor supply curve is captured by **the horizontal line**.

The amount of employment is given by **labor demand** $W = MPN \cdot P$

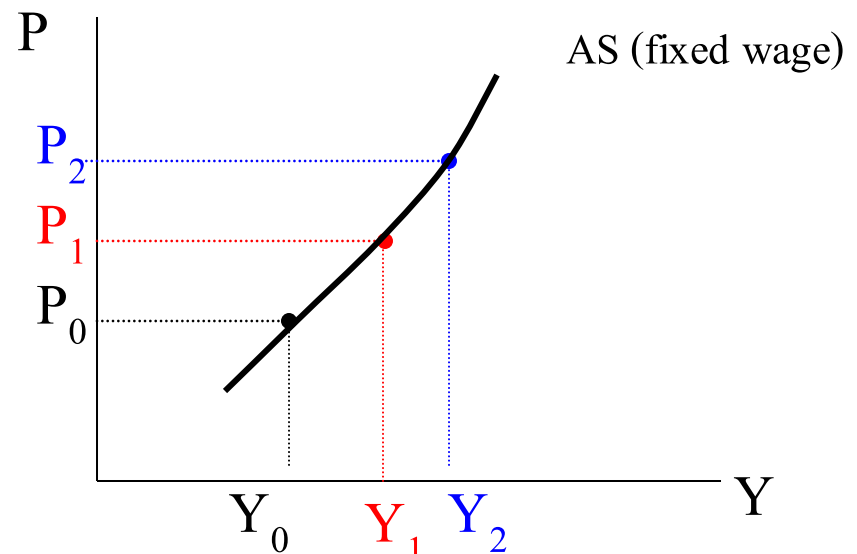


THE KEYNESIAN AGGREGATE SUPPLY I



As price increases, firm hires more labor. Output will increase.

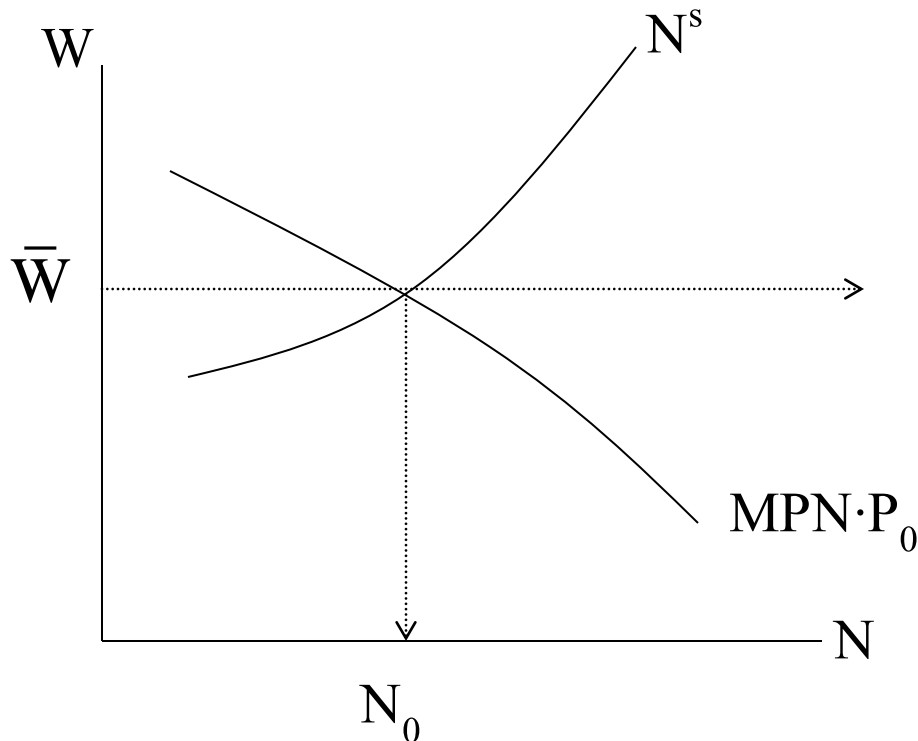
AS is upward sloping



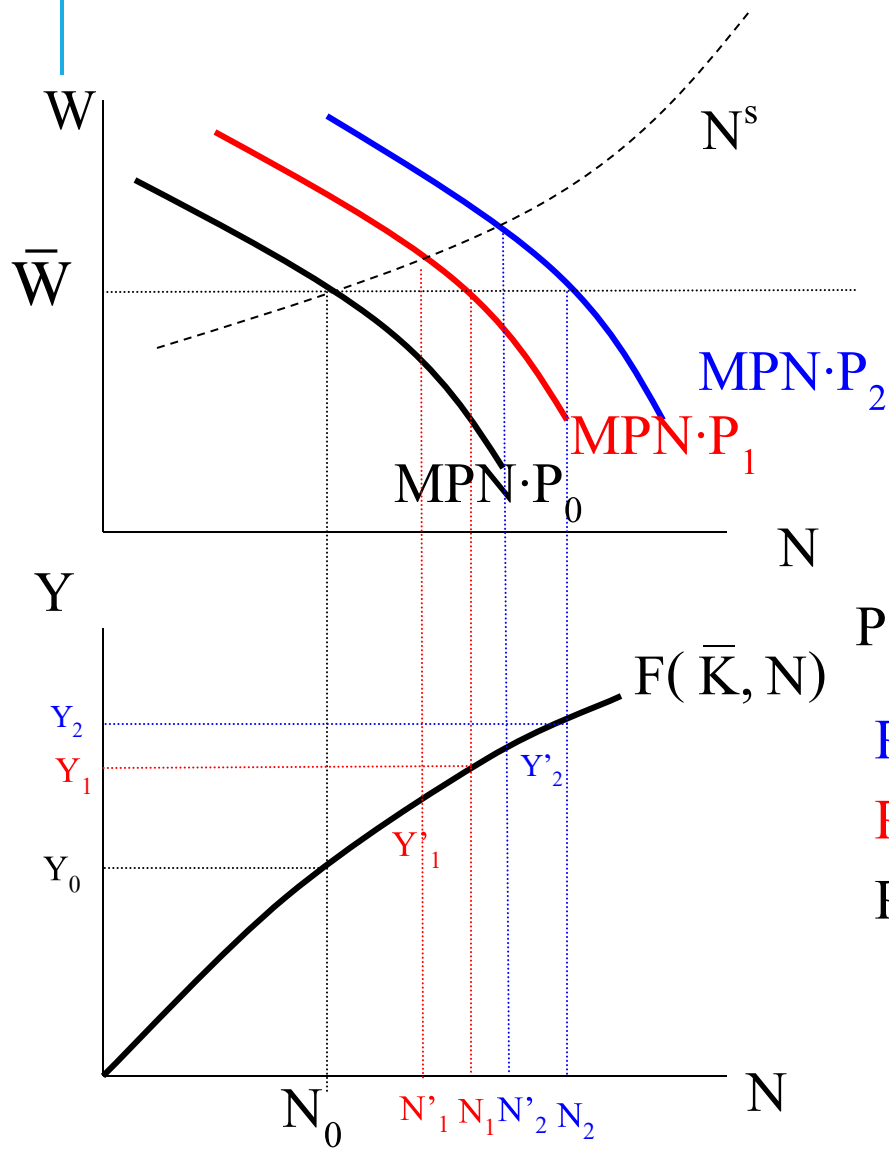
POSSIBLE WAGE SETTING SCHEMES: PRE-SPECIFIED VARIABLE WAGE

Wage schemes are **pre-specified**, but can be varied over the amount of hours – e.g. variable wage per hour.

The supply is now captured by the **upward sloping one**.

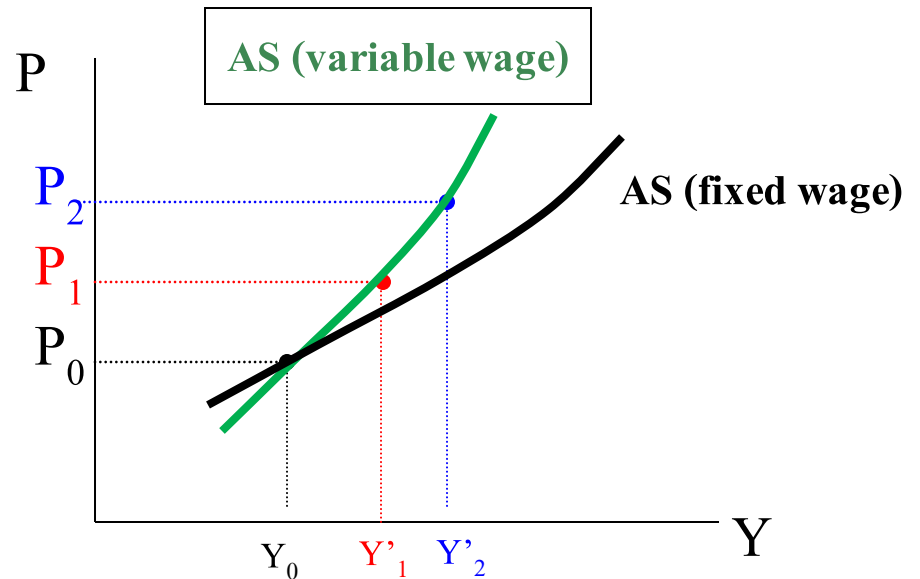


THE KEYNESIAN AGGREGATE SUPPLY II



With variable wage, AS is steeper.

Intuition: Rising wage partially *attenuates* the effect of rising price; output increases less.



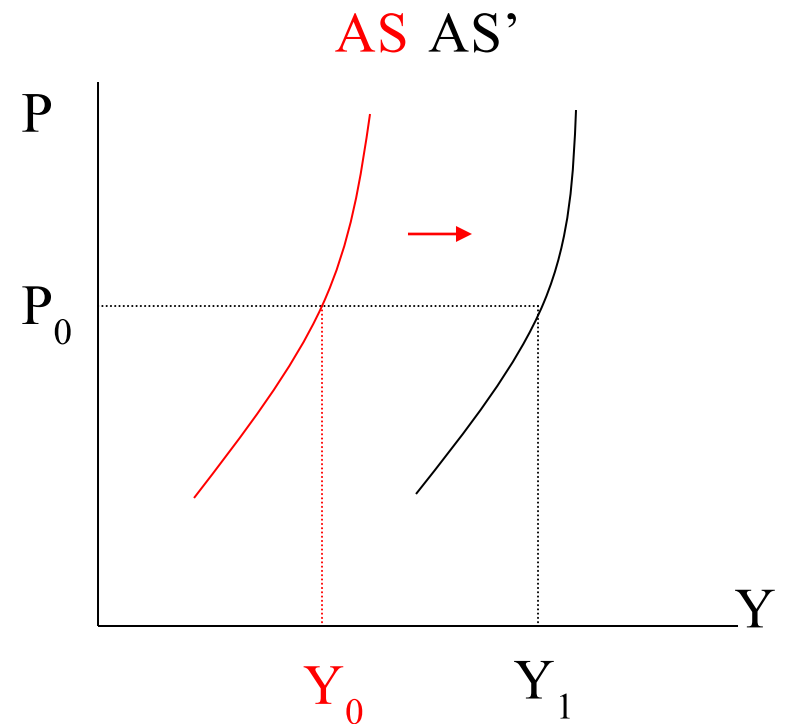
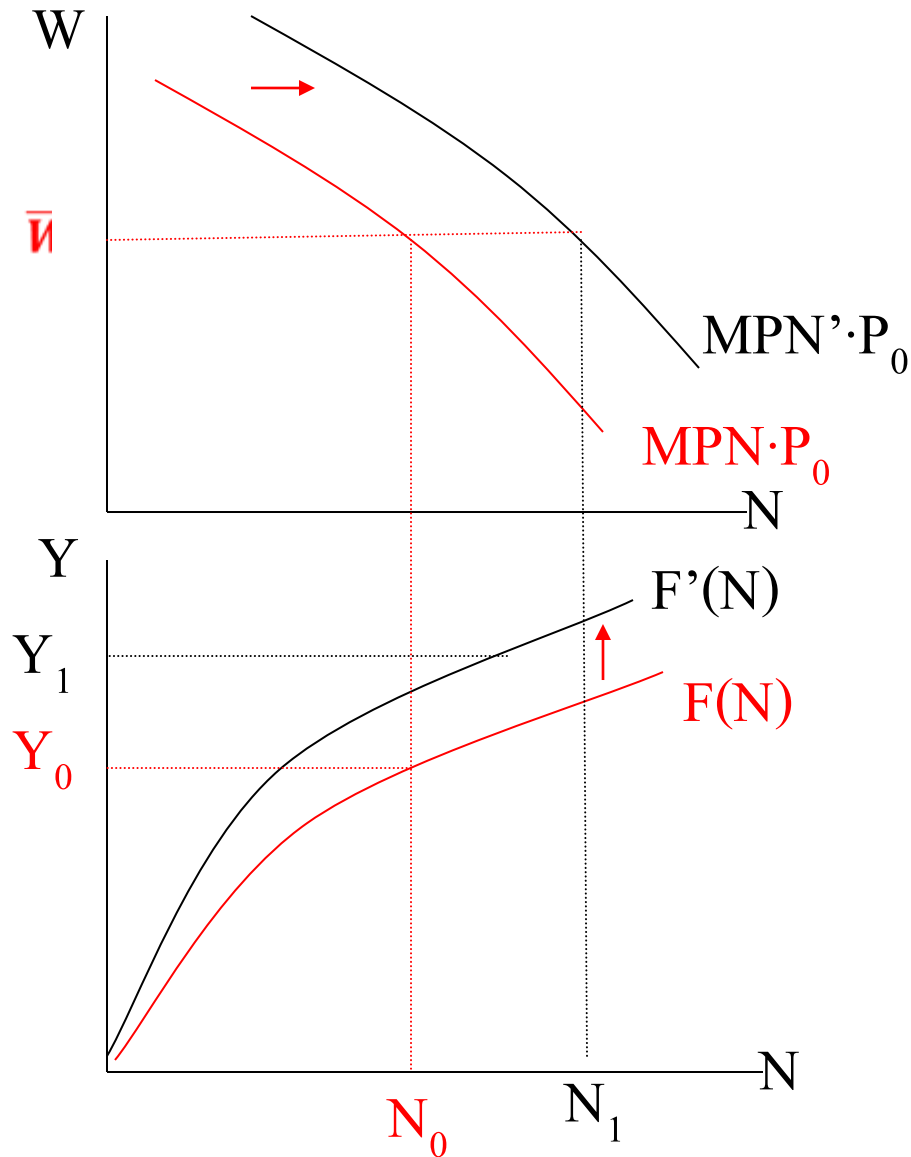
FACTORS AFFECTING AGGREGATE SUPPLY CURVE

- We knew about the foundation of an upward sloping AS curve.
- Several factors are kept steady while we are deriving the upward sloping curve. What if they change?
- Their changes cause a **shift in the Aggregate supply**.

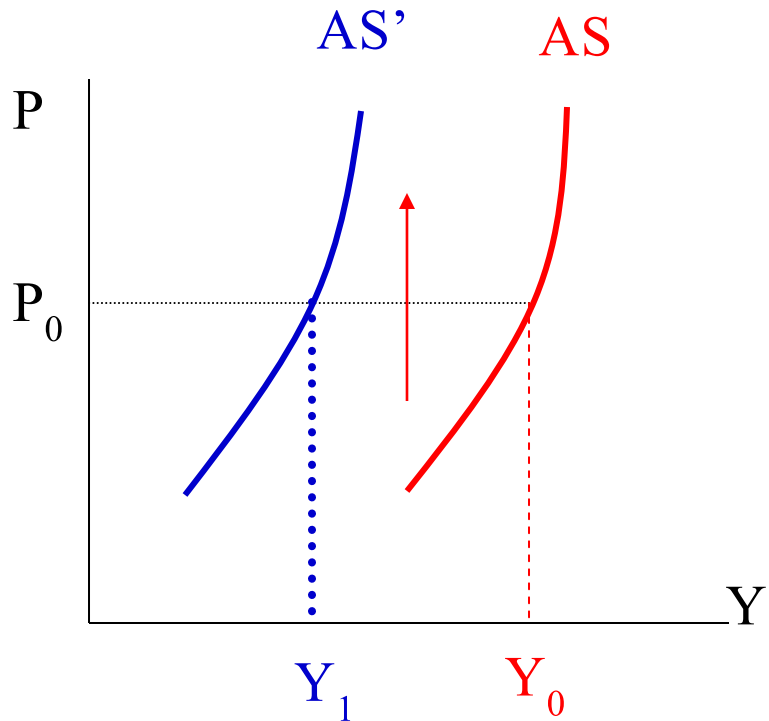
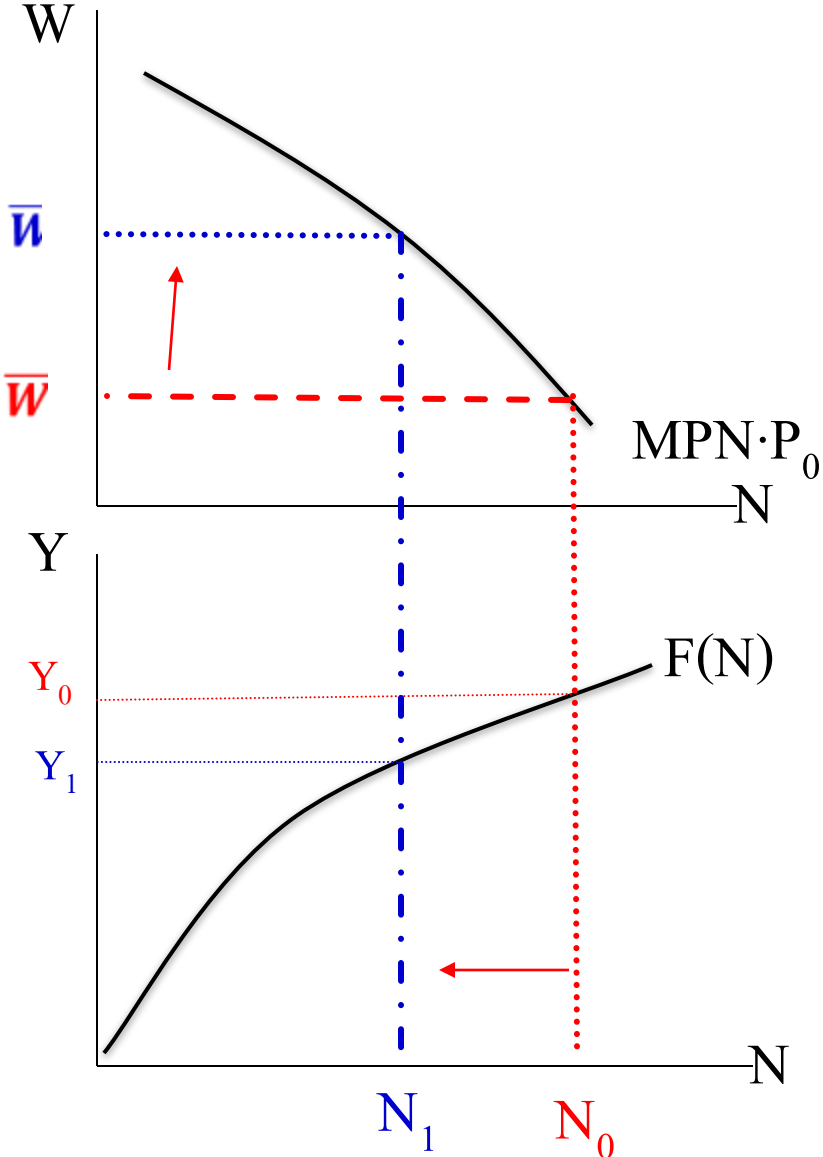
FACTORS AFFECTING AGGREGATE SUPPLY CURVE

- Technological factors
- Cost-push factor; oil price and material inputs price.
- Underlying factor behind the wage-setting.

The impact of technological improvement / positive cost advantage



Change in bargained wage (nominal contract)



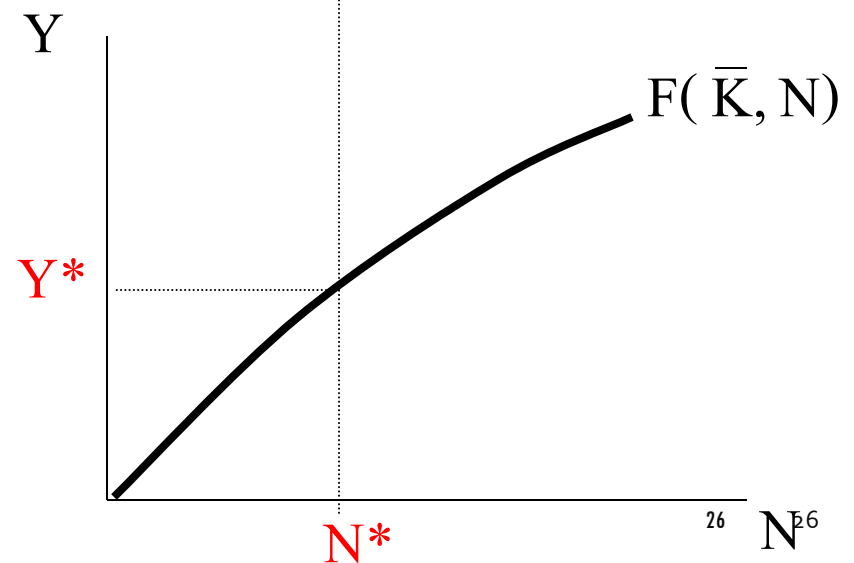
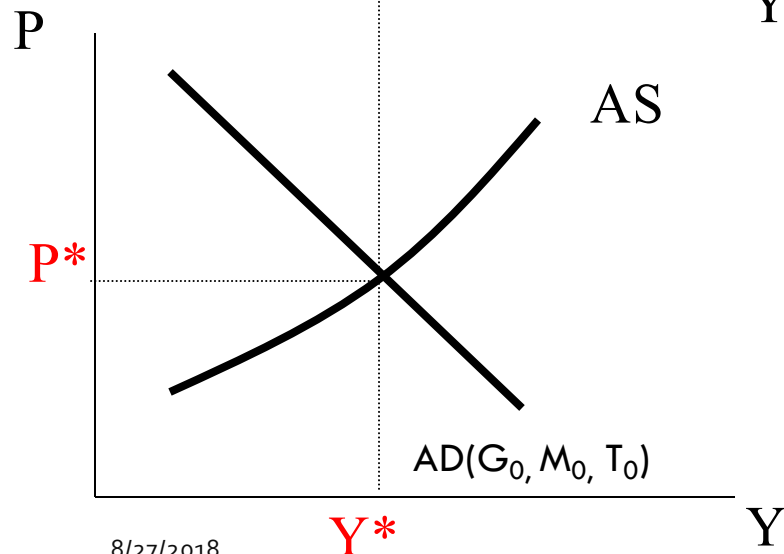
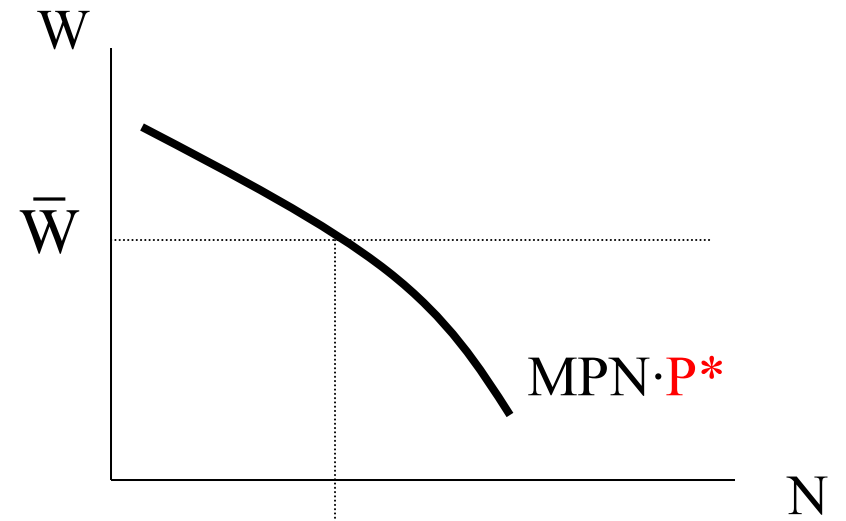
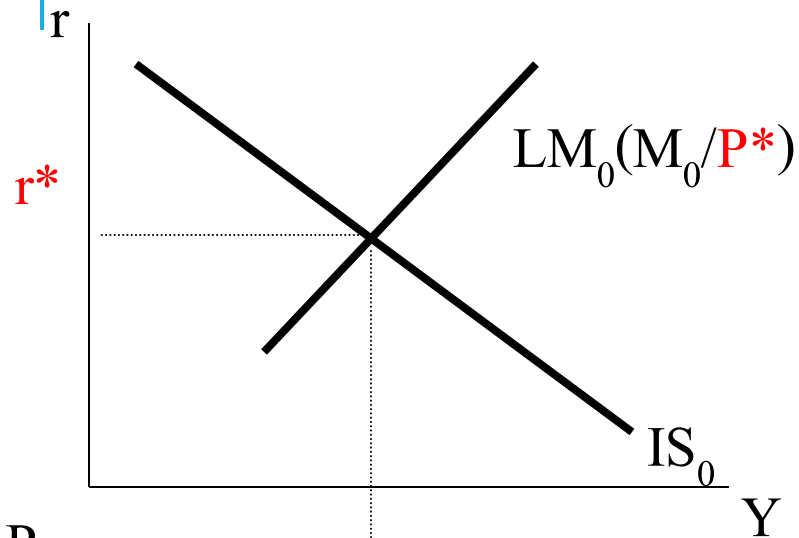
WHAT DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF BARGAINED (PRE-SPECIFIED) WAGE?

- What are the ultimate drivers that cause the movement in bargained wage?
 - **Structural factor:** Institution features related to the bargaining power between employers and employees – e.g. labor union.
 - **Cyclical factor:** Labor market conditions (tight/slack)
 - **Expectation factor:** Wage's negotiation to keep up with the rising cost of living – e.g. price and inflation expectation.

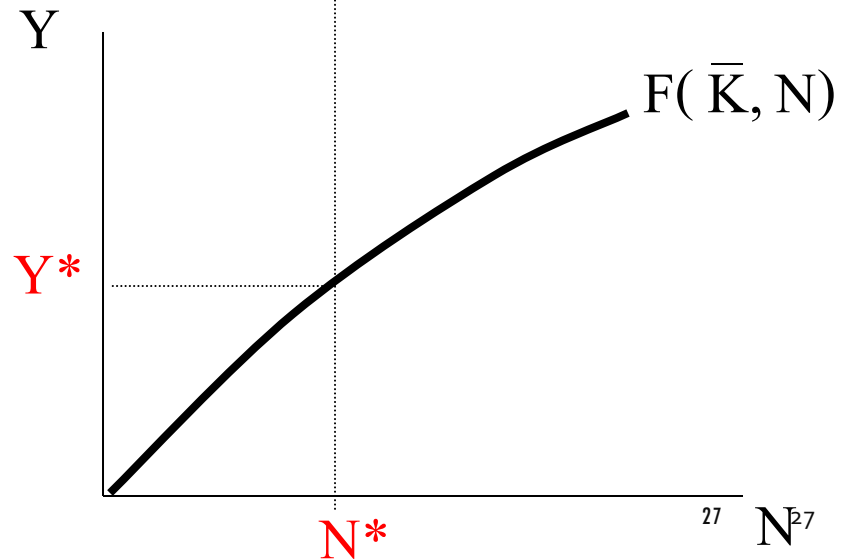
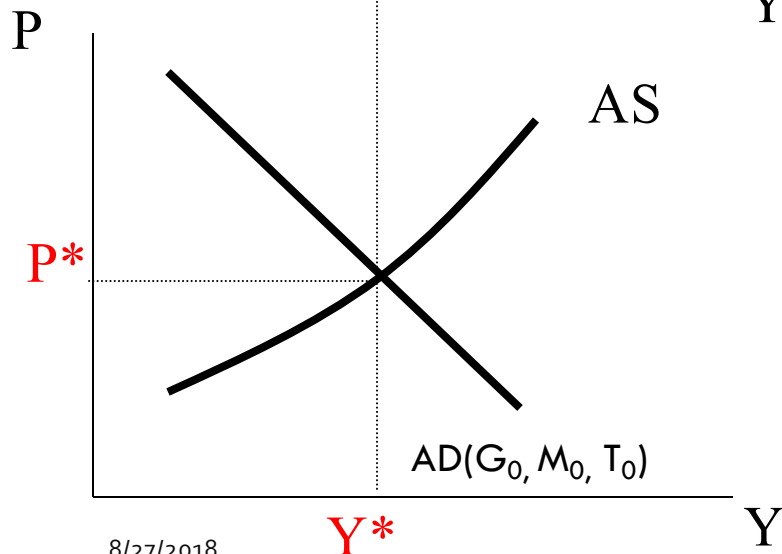
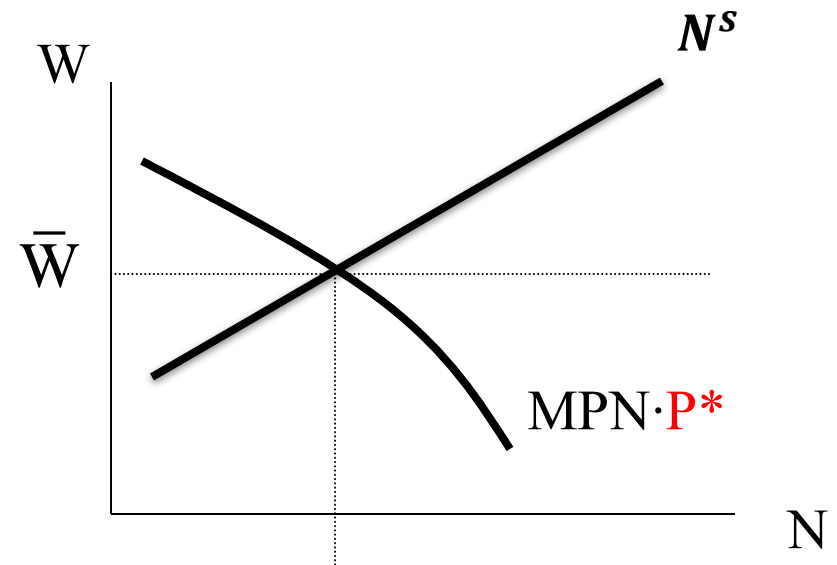
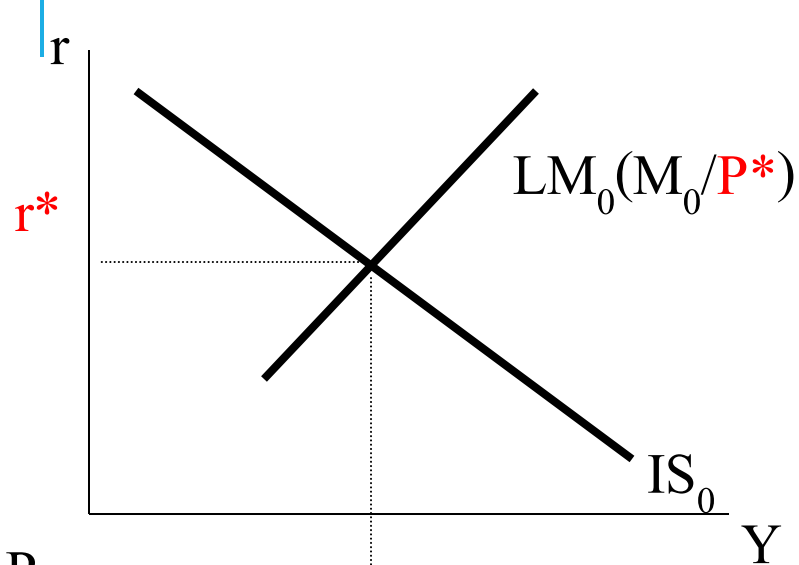
KEYNESIAN EQUILIBRIUM

- Keynesian equilibrium constitutes a set of variables, including Output (y^*), price (P^*), interest rate (r^*), wage (w^*) and labor employment (N^*) that clear all the markets.
- The equilibrium can be captured by **4 main figures**.

AD-AS EQUILIBRIUM ANALYSIS: FIXED WAGE



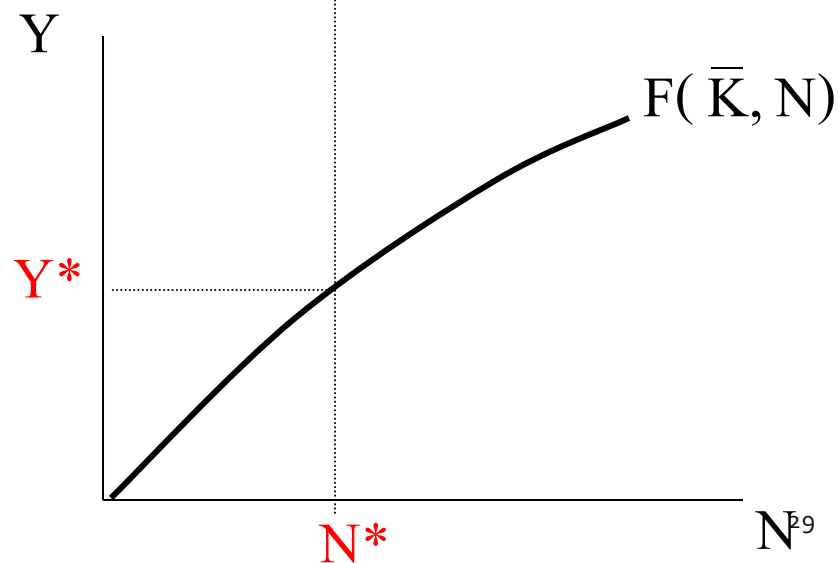
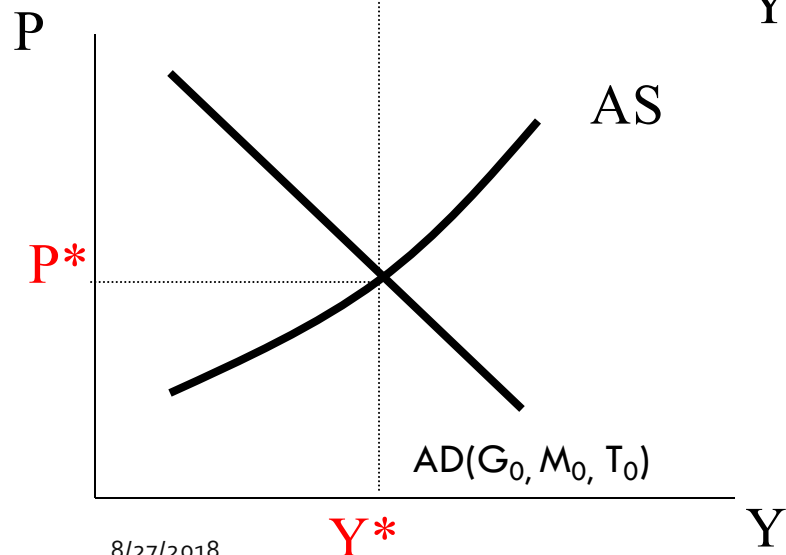
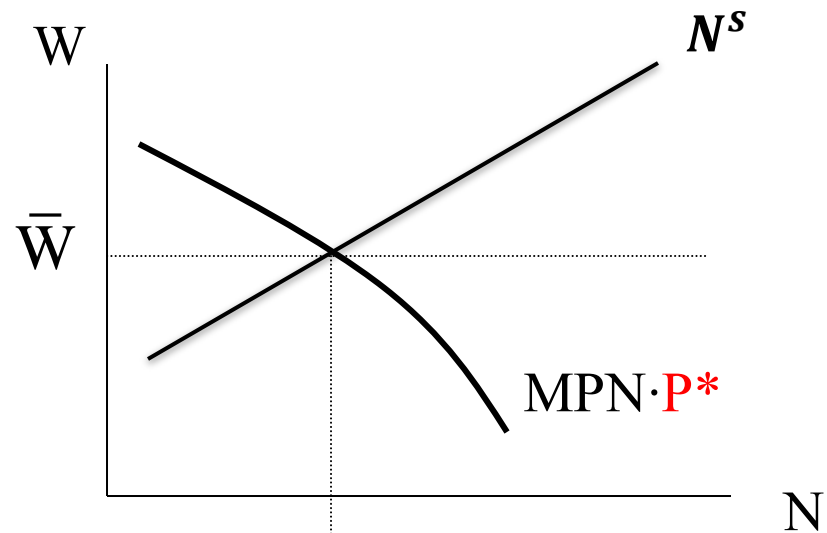
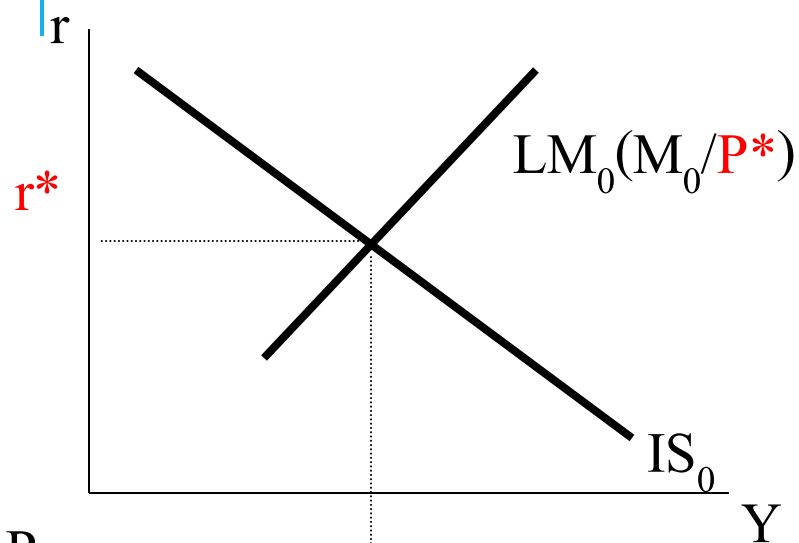
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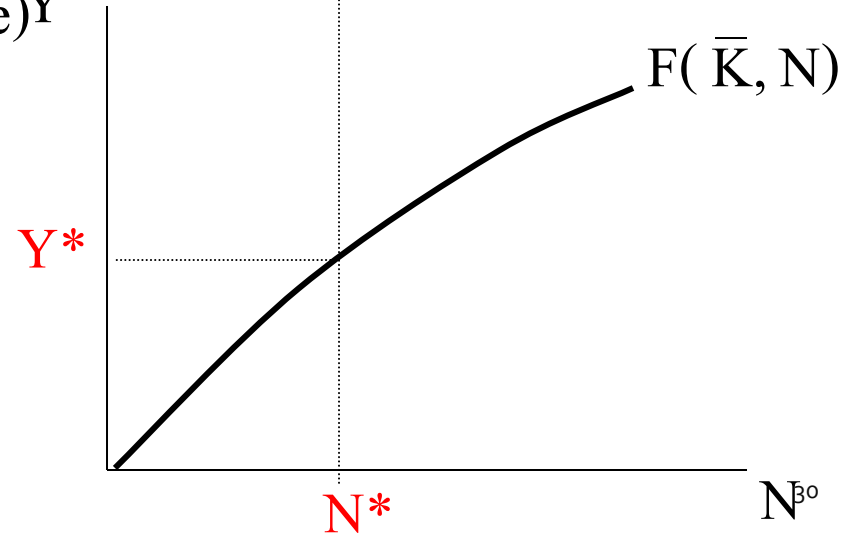
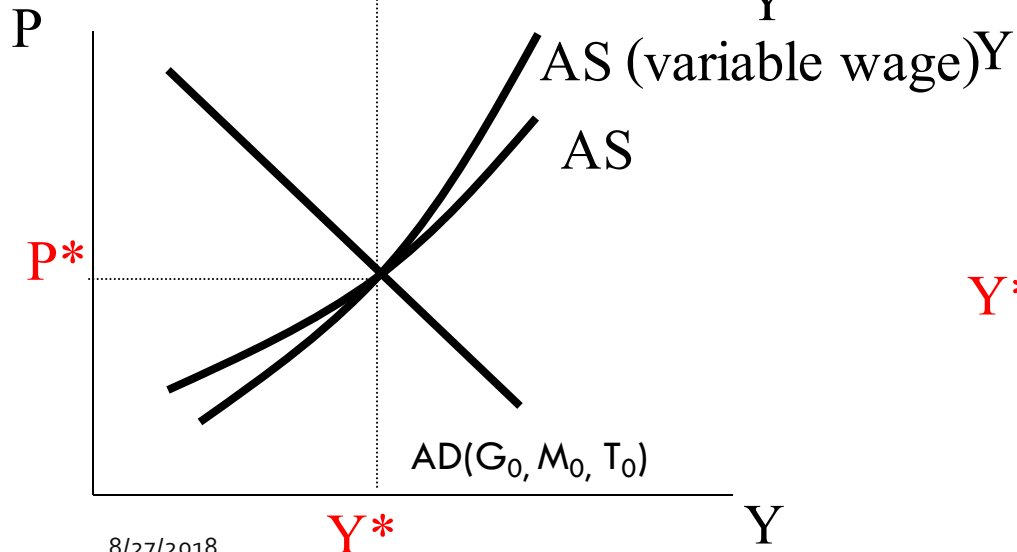
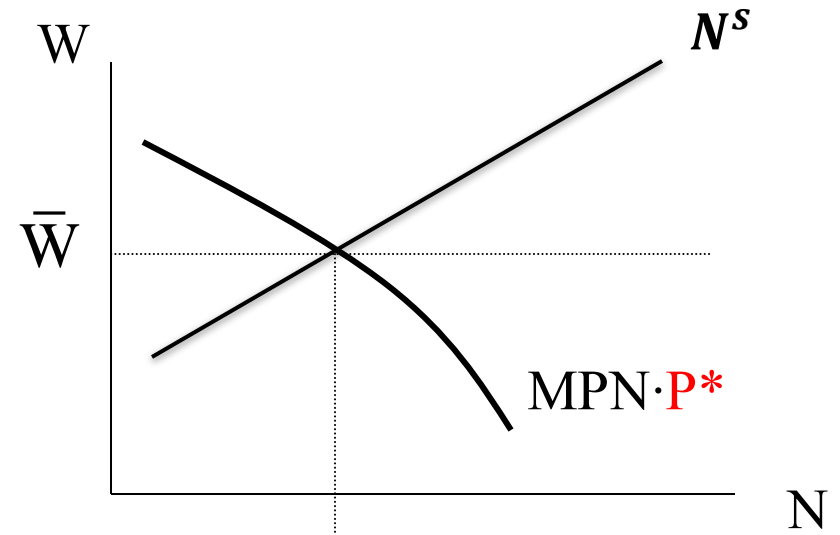
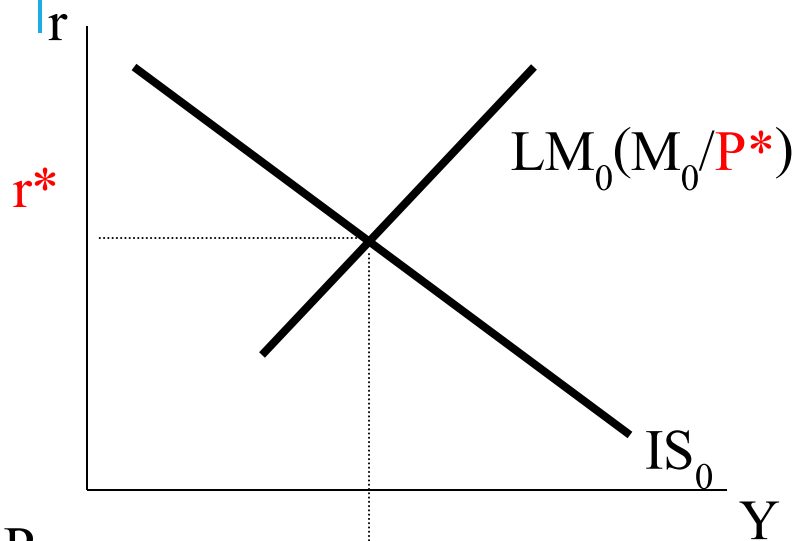
PROPAGATION OF SHOCKS

- Macroeconomy is randomly hit by shocks; business cycle followed.
- **Questions:**
 - How does shock **propagate**? (Transmission?)
 - Does shock generate **large or small** impact? When?

DEMAND SHOCK: NEGATIVE ANIMAL SPIRIT (FIXED WAGE)



DEMAND SHOCK: NEGATIVE ANIMAL SPIRIT (VARIABLE WAGE)



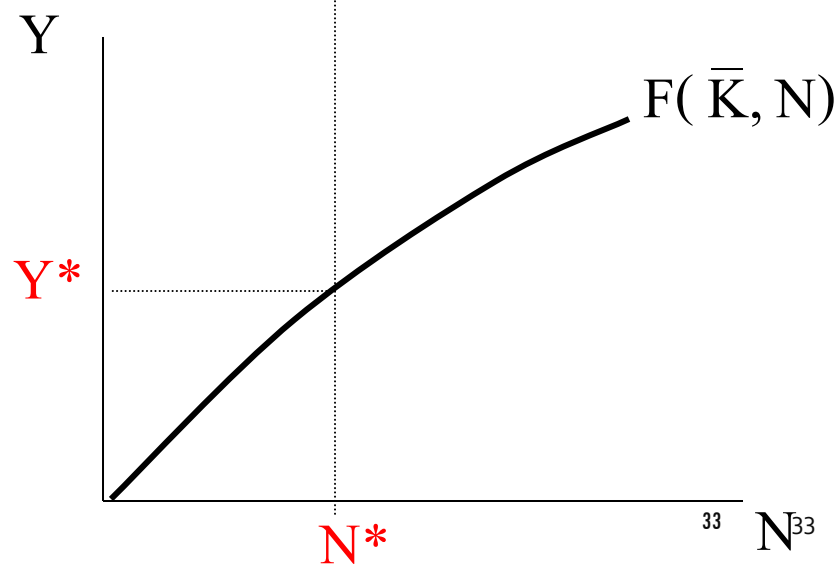
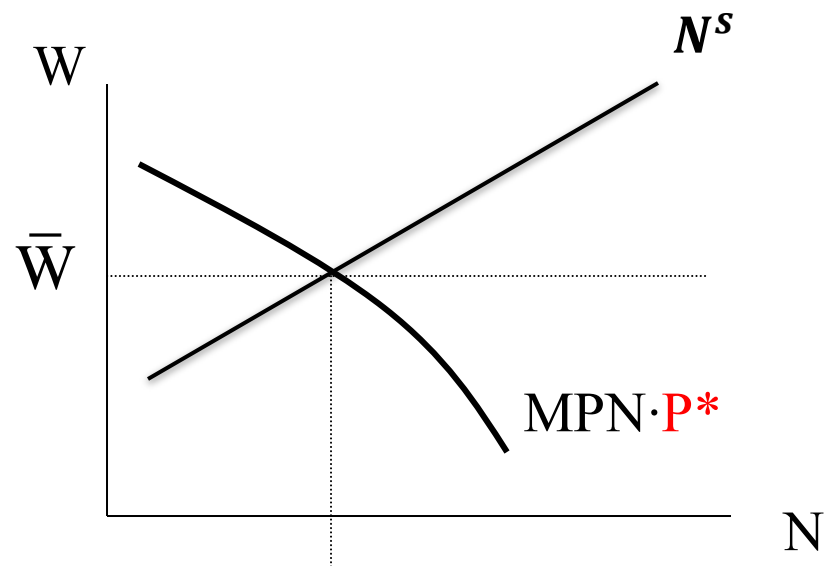
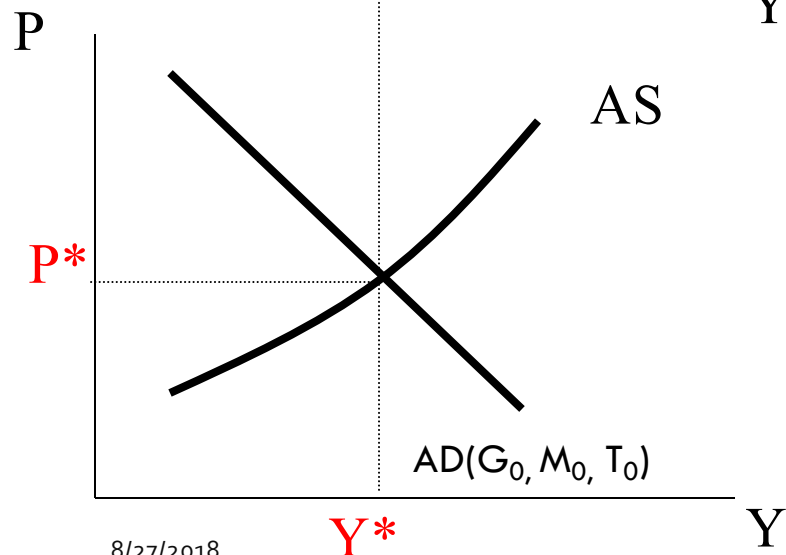
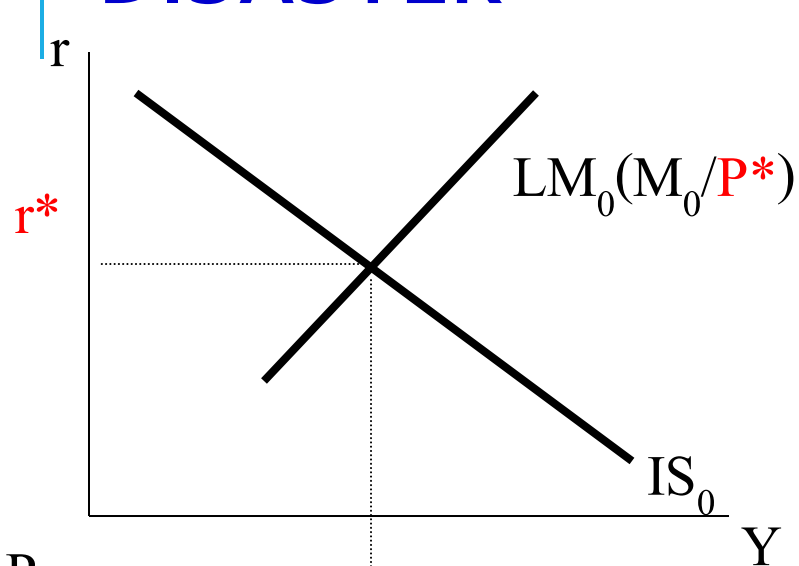
PROPAGATION MECHANISM OF DEMAND SHOCKS

- Under **demand shocks**, it follows that
 1. **Shift in the AD curve (forward/backward)**
 - Stemming from the shift in IS/LM curve; those basic mechanisms underlie the IS/LM framework apply here – e.g. multiplier/crowding-out/slope.
 2. **Effect of AD shocks would be stronger under fixed price system.**
 - Price adjustment will partially attenuates the effect of demand shocks – e.g. deviation of output would be relatively.

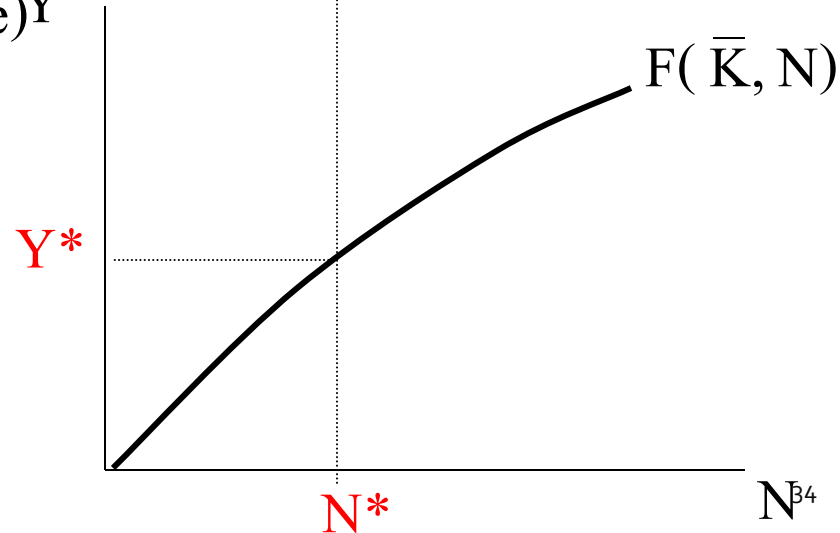
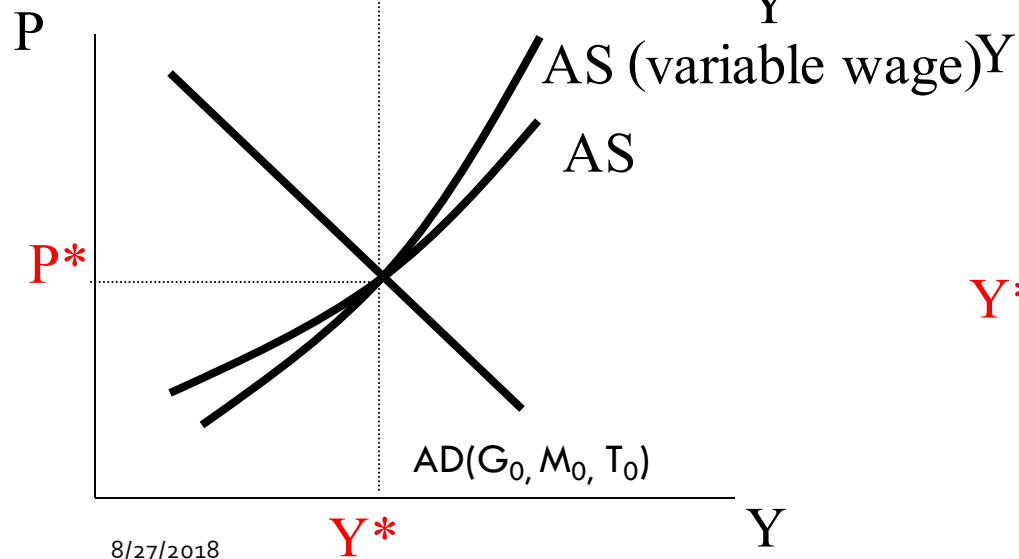
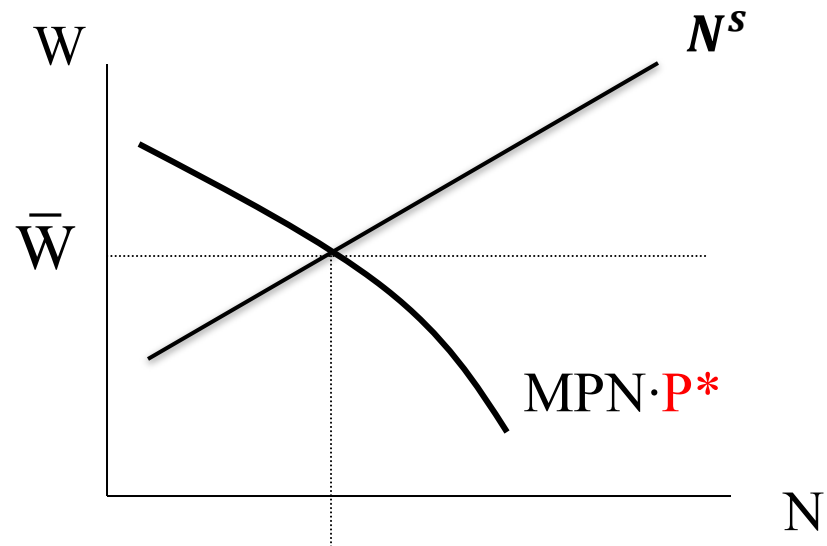
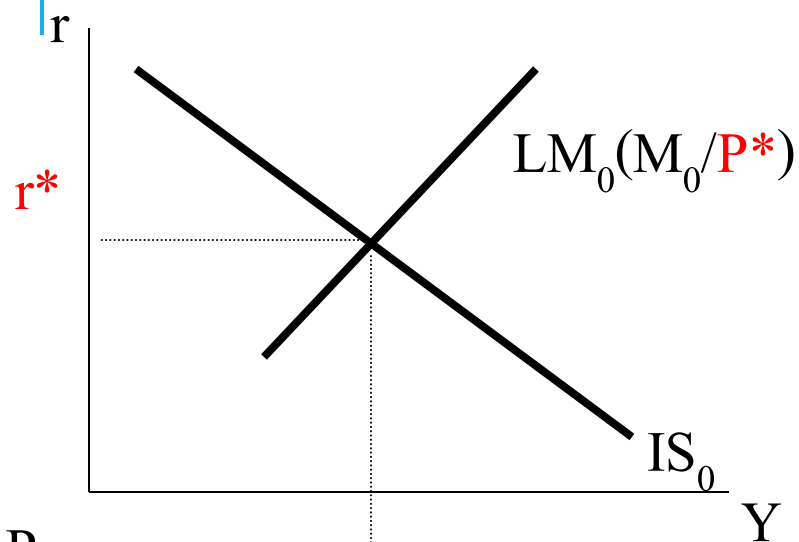
PROPAGATION MECHANISM OF DEMAND SHOCKS

- Under **demand shocks**, it follows that
 3. Effect of AD shocks would be further mitigated under variable wage system.
 - Variation in wage limits the adverse effect of demand shocks.
 - If the nominal wage were fixed, change in price will result in a change in real wage.
 - Under fixed constant nominal wage, this causes a large swing in the employment, and hence output.

SUPPLY SHOCK: NATURAL DISASTER



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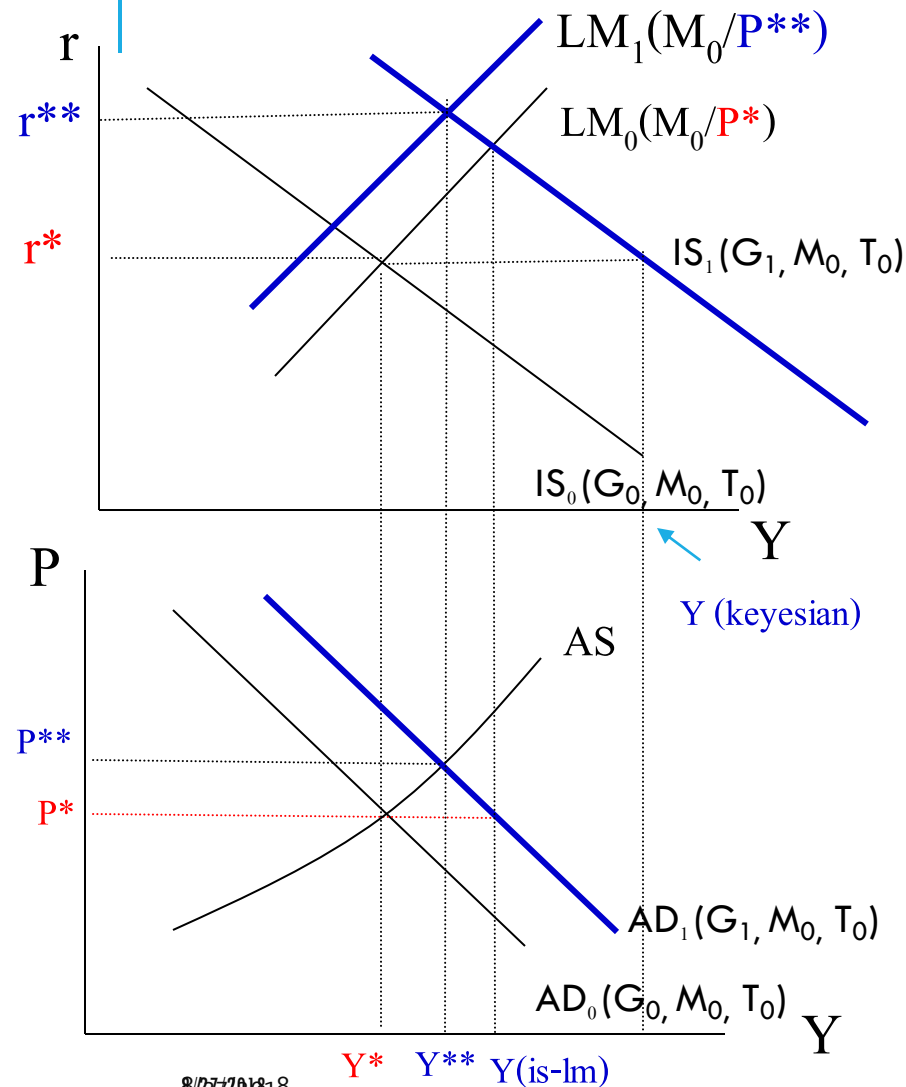
PROPAGATION MECHANISM OF SUPPLY SHOCKS

- Under **supply shocks**, it follows that
 1. **Shift in the AS curve (forward/backward)**
 - Change in price will affect the quantity of aggregate demand.
 2. **Effect of AS shocks would be stronger under the flat AD curve.**
 - Aggregate demand is more responsive to price .
 - When do we have a flat aggregate demand curve?

PROPAGATION MECHANISM OF SUPPLY SHOCKS

- Under **supply shocks**, it follows that
 3. Effect of AS shocks would be stronger if AS is steep.
 - Bigger impact on the horizontal shift of AS under steep AS curve.

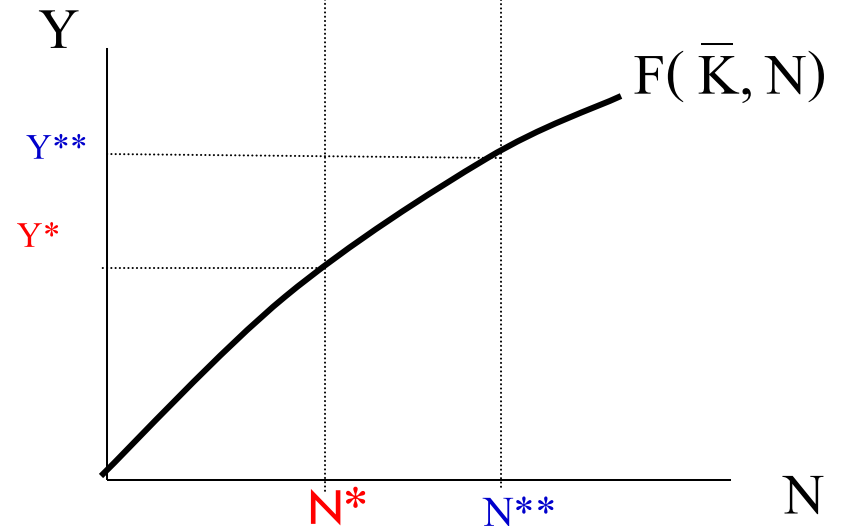
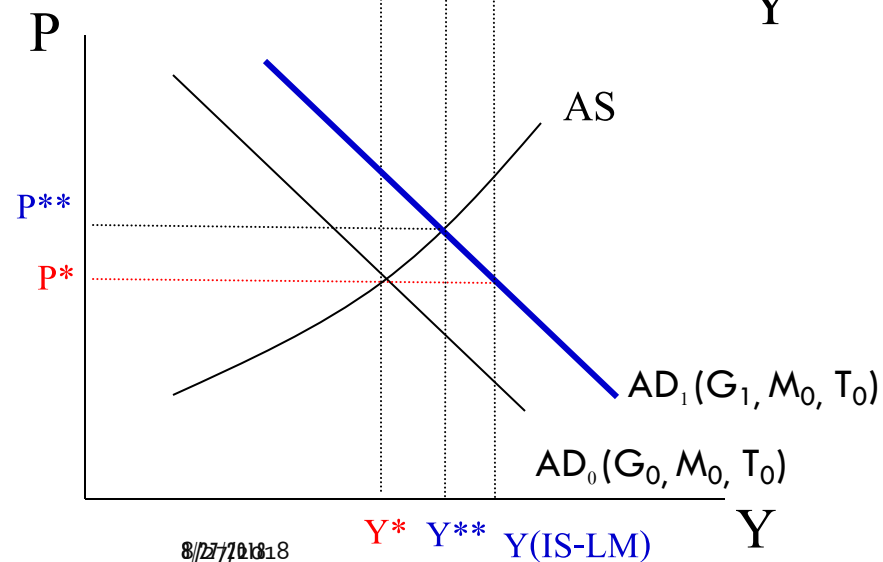
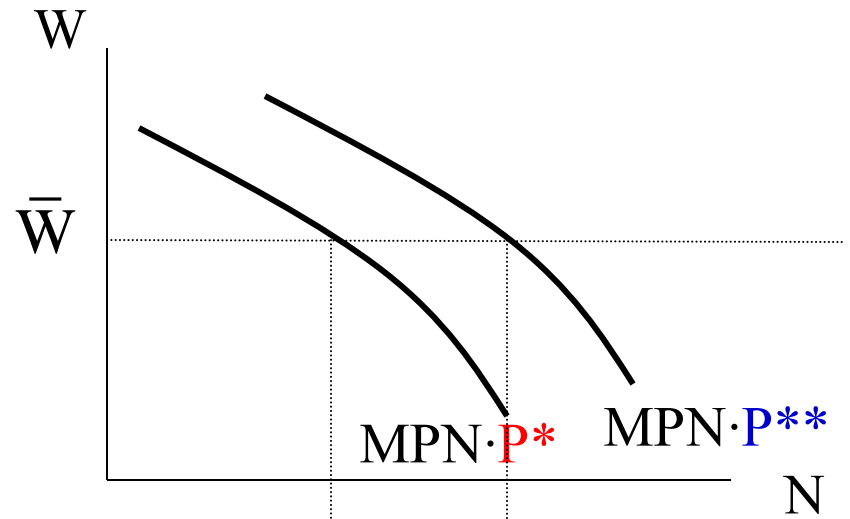
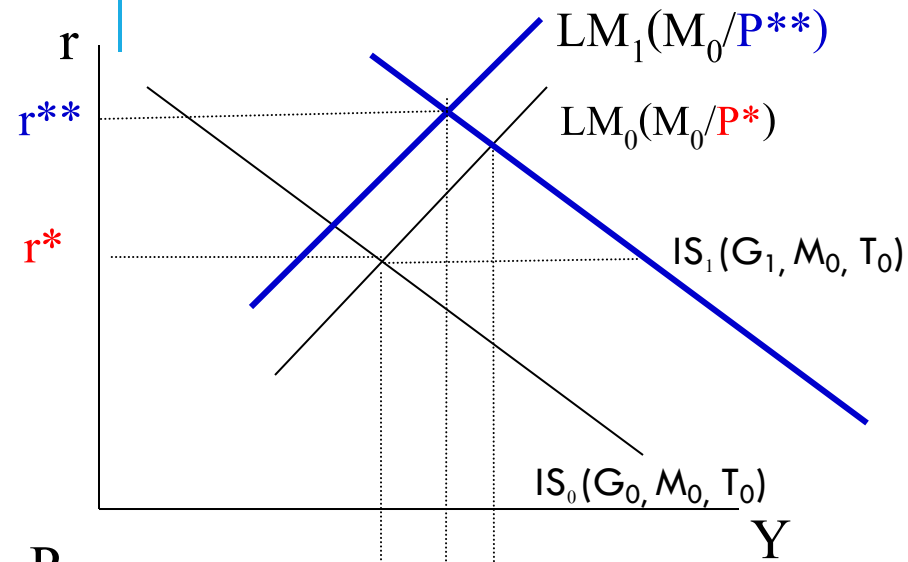
EQUILIBRIUM ANALYSIS: FISCAL POLICY



Mechanisms of Fiscal policy

1. Suppose price fixed equal to P^* .
2. $G_0 \rightarrow G_1$; IS_0 curve shifted to IS_1 .
3. AD_0 shift to AD_1 . (Horizontal shift?)
4. At P^* , we have excess demand; price starts to rise from P^* to P^{**} .
5. Rising price offsets the initial impact of "G" as it tends to push up the market interest rate; this is called the **price effect**.

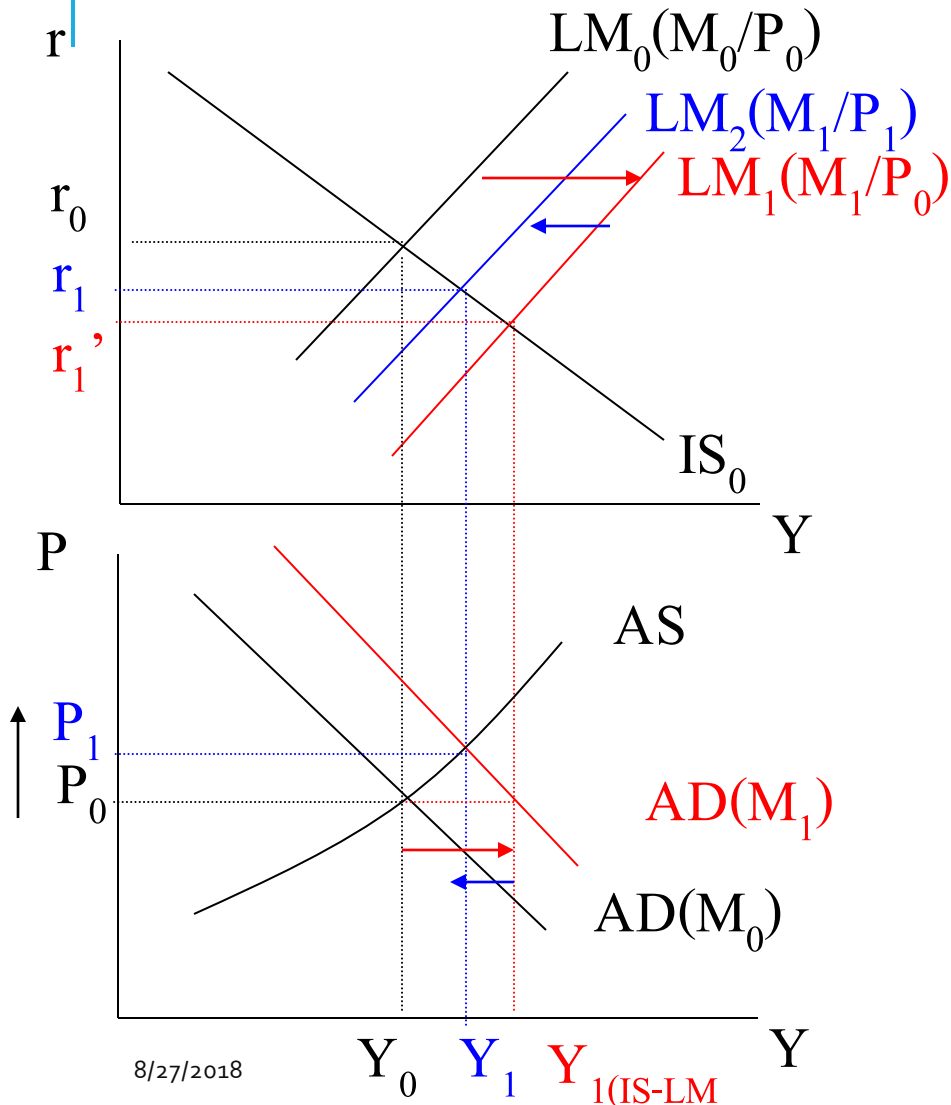
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FISCAL MULTIPLIERS

Multipliers	Scenario
Traditional multiplier	Typical Keynesian cross Fixing “r” and “p”
IS-LM multiplier	r endogenously adjusted. Crowding-out effect; However, price remains fixed
AD-AS multiplier	Price changes along with the state of excess demand and excess supply.

EQUILIBRIUM ANALYSIS: MONETARY POLICY



Mechanisms of Monetary policy

- Increase nominal money supply ($M_0 \rightarrow M_1$): LM shifts right.
- At P_0 , AD shift right.
- At P_0 , we have excess demand; price must be rising. It rises to P_1 .
- This causes the LM curve to shift left because real money supply decreases.
- The effect on Y is smaller than the effect under IS-LM model.

ACCOUNTING SOME STYLIZED FEATURES IN DATA IN MACROECONOMY WITH MODEL

- **Long-term view**
 - 1. Long-term growth (positive; output growing over time.)
 - 2. Inflation rate is positive (around 2% p.a. after 2001)
- **Short-term view**
 - 1. Output growing more in some periods; choppy fluctuations.
 - 2. Inflation is sometimes higher or lower than the long-term trend (the 2% after 2001)

STYLIZED FEATURES IN DATA IN MACROECONOMY

Question: How can we explain/reconcile all these with in the AD-AS model. How to put all these stories together in the language of AD-AS model?

ACCOUNTING FOR THE LONG-TERM GROWTH

Think about AD and AS growing over time.

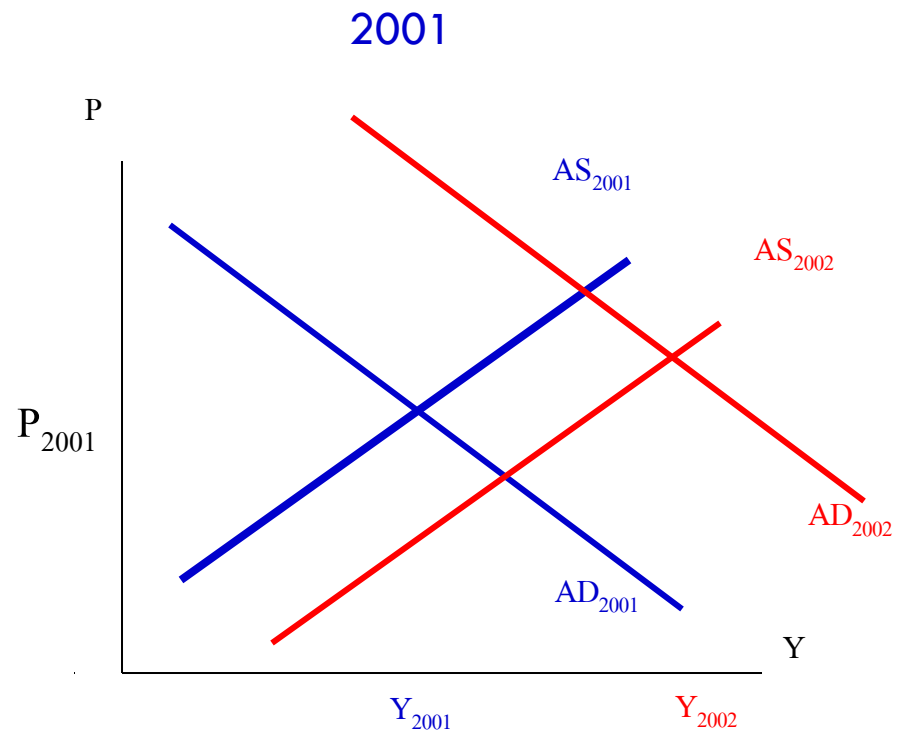
Example:

- Money supply grows over time; Government spending grows over time.

- The level of technology improvement grows over time.

Account for positive inflation;

Demand-side factor might need to be growing faster than supply-side factor?



ACCOUNTING FOR THE CYCLES

- Then, how does the cycles occur?
 - The cycle occurs because AD and AS might be growing **more or less** than the rate required to ensure $x\%$ output growth – e.g., potential growth.
 - These deviations usually come at surprise; people call and treat them as **shocks/disturbances**.
- AD curve → **Demand shocks**
 - IS shocks: private spending shocks, animal spirits, etc.
 - LM shocks: financial panic, financial innovations, etc.
- AS curve → **Supply shocks**

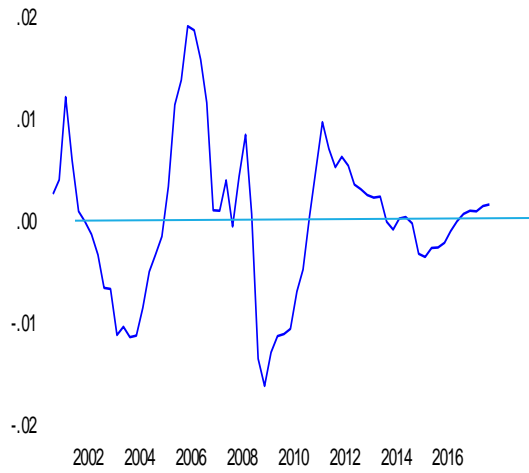
HOW FIT DOES THE AD-AS MODEL EXPLAIN THE WORLD?

- Compare model's prediction and Real-world data.
- **Qualitatively** assesses the fitness of the model!
- What do we see in the data?

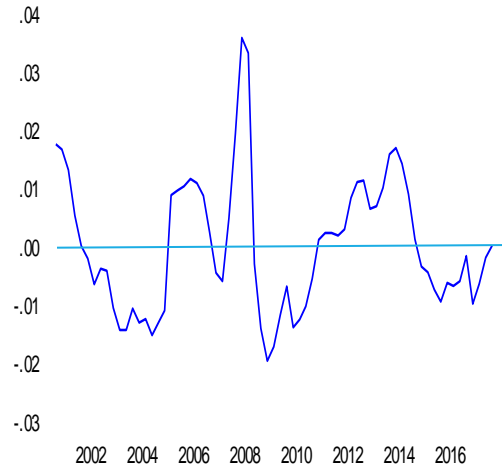
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- Data:
 - Real-GDP / Consumption / Private investment
 - Interest rates: 1-year government bond.
 - Real wage: average wage adjusted by headline CPI.
 - Price: headline CPI
- Treatment:
 - Detrend / Calculate: "Cyclical variations"
 - Compute pair-wise correlation.

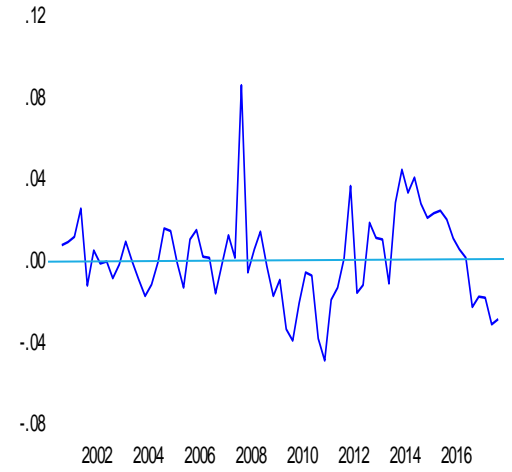
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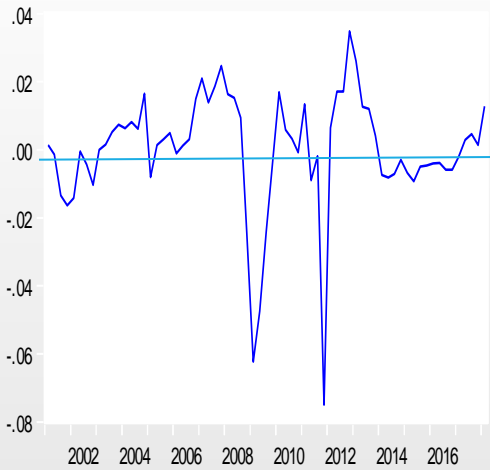
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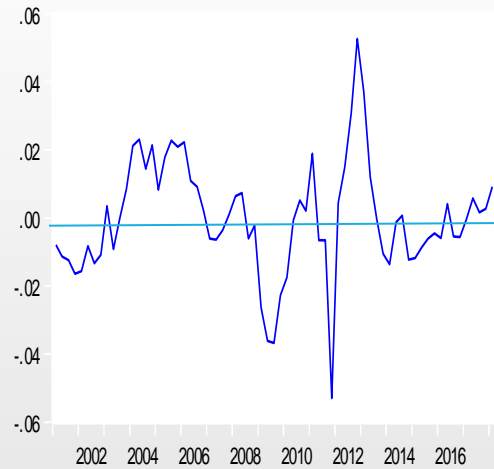
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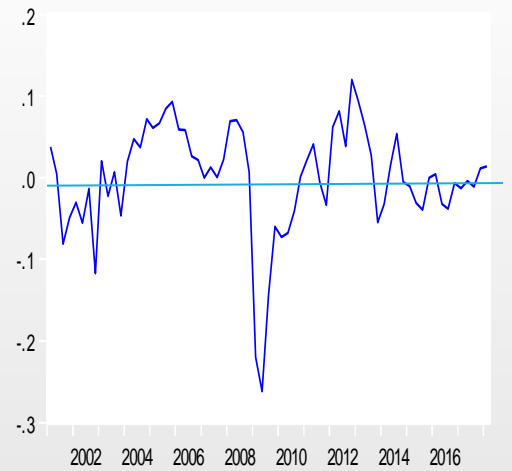
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RPC_CYC



RPI_CYC



HOW FIT DOES THE AD-AS MODEL EXPLAIN THE WORLD?

Covariance Analysis: Ordinary
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 Sample: 2001Q1 2018Q1
 Included observations: 69

Correlation Probability	GOVT BON...	HL CPI CYC	REAL WAG...	RGDP CYC	RPC CYC	RPI CYC
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HL_CPI_CYC	0.687204 0.0000	1.000000 ----				
REAL_WAGE_CYC	0.134363 0.2710	0.340238 0.0042	1.000000 ----			
RGDP_CYC	0.217482 0.0726	0.240540 0.0465	0.003125 0.9797	1.000000 ----		
RPC_CYC	0.218555 0.0712	0.160057 0.1889	0.025904 0.8327	0.720238 0.0000	1.000000 ----	
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HOW FIT DOES THE AD-AS MODEL EXPLAIN THE WORLD?

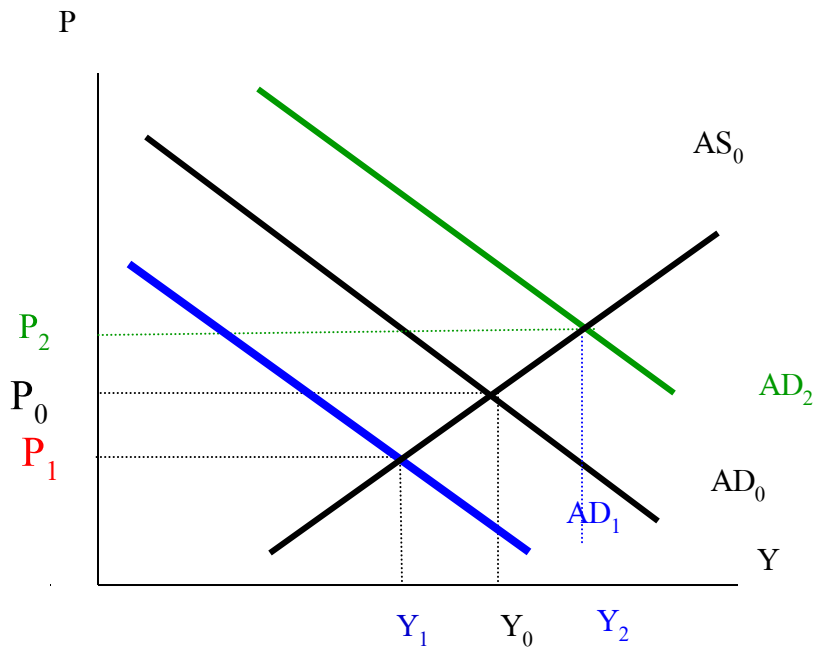
- Since 2001, what we have seen in the data is that aggregate variables are **pro-cyclical**.
- Real-wage is might be an exception – e.g. **weakly pro-cyclical** (**statistically acyclical**).

DATA V.S. MODEL: TESTABLE IMPLICATIONS

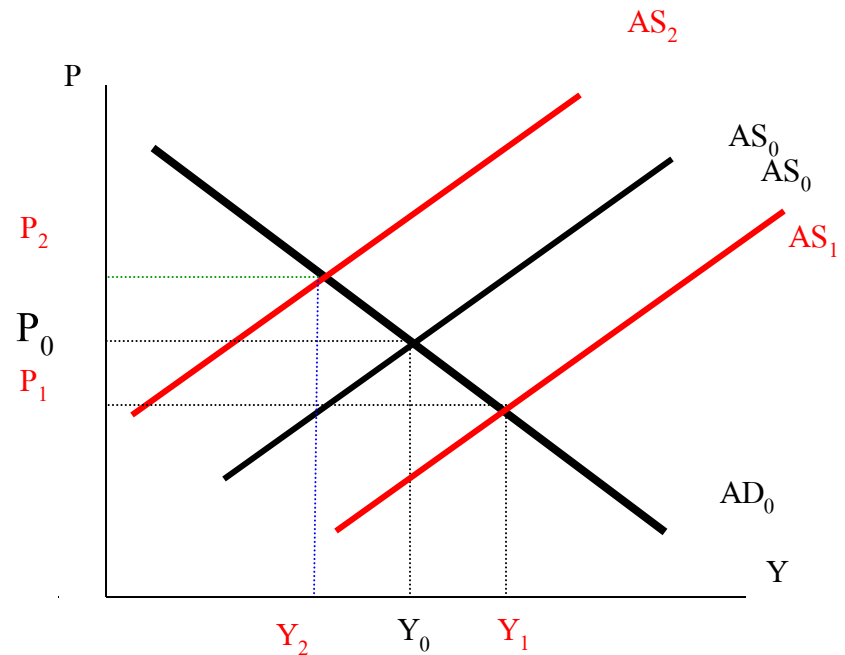
- **Can the AD-AS model account for these stylized facts?**
 - If you believe that your AD-AS story is right, the answer is yes.
 - To generate the qualitative pattern, our economy must be pre-dominantly driven by demand factor.

SUPPLY V.S. DEMAND SHOCKS

Demand shocks



Supply shocks



Positive correlation: output and inflation

Negative correlation: output and inflation