

EE432 Monetary Theory and Policy



Lecture 12 Output, inflation, and monetary policy

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Outline

- Output and Inflation in the long run
- Monetary Policy and the Dynamic Aggregate Demand Curve
- Aggregate Supply
- Equilibrium and the Determination of Output and Inflation

Chapter 21

Output, Inflation, and Monetary Policy

Output and Inflation in the Long Run

Output and Inflation in the Long Run

- **Fluctuations** in the *business cycle* are *deviations from long-run equilibrium level*.
- In the long run, **current output** equals *potential output* and the **inflation rate** equals the **level implied by the rate of money growth**.

Potential Output

- **Potential output** is the *level of output* given existing technology and the normal use of resources.
- If *the increase in demand is permanent*, firms will *change their scales of business*.
- *Technological improvements* allow them to *increase production* at given levels of *capital and labor*.

Potential Output

- **Potential output** *tends to rise* over time.
- **Unexpected events** can *push current output away* from *potential output* called an **output gap**
- For example, when ***current output*** is **above** ***potential***, it creates an **expansionary output gap**.

Long-Run Inflation and Money Growth

- Money growth plus the change in the velocity of money *equals* inflation plus real economic growth

$$\% \Delta M + \% \Delta V = \% \Delta P + \% \Delta Y$$

In the long run :

$$\% \Delta Y = \% \Delta Y^P$$

$$\% \Delta V = 0$$

Therefore :

$$\% \Delta P = \% \Delta M - \% \Delta Y^P$$

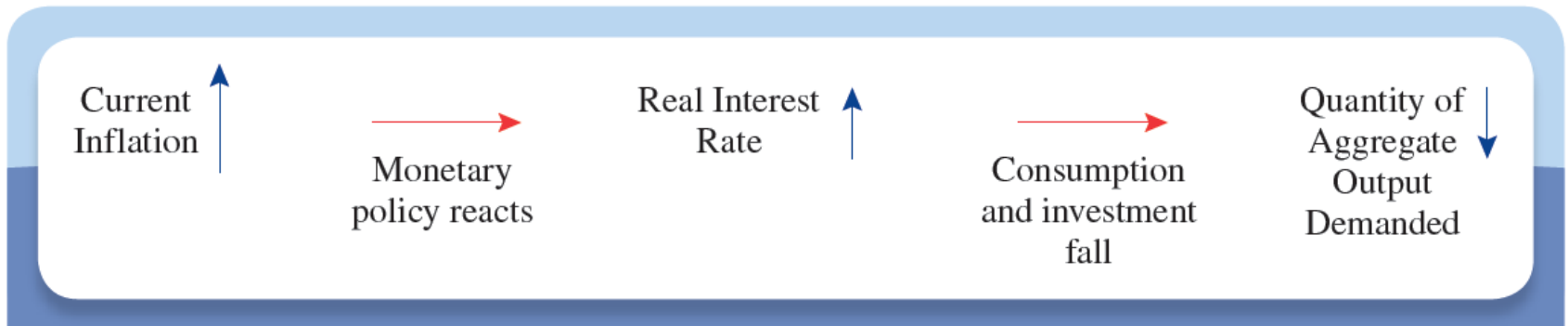
- In the long run, inflation equals *money growth* minus *growth in potential output*.

Monetary Policy and the Dynamic Aggregate Demand Curve

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Figure 21.1

Inflation, Monetary Policy, and Aggregate Demand



Monetary Policy and the Dynamic Aggregate Demand Curve

1. **Aggregate expenditure and the real interest rate:**
 - There is a *downward sloping* relationship.
2. **Inflation and the real interest rate, and the monetary policy reaction curve:**
 - There is an *upward sloping* relationship that we call the *monetary policy reaction curve*.
3. **Inflation and aggregate output :**
 - This is a *downward sloping* relationship, which represents the **dynamic aggregate demand curve**.

Monetary Policy and the Dynamic Aggregate Demand Curve

- **Economic decisions** *depend on* the **real interest rate**, not the nominal interest rate.
- **Central banks** must therefore *influence the real interest rate*.

Monetary Policy and the Dynamic Aggregate Demand Curve

- Remember that $i = r + \pi^e$
solving for r :
$$r = i - \pi^e$$
- For a central bank that *effectively stabilize inflation and output*, **inflation expectations** adjust slowly to changes in economic conditions.**
- The ***changes in the nominal interest rate*** alter the ***real interest rate***.

Aggregate Expenditure and the Real Interest Rate

- The **components of aggregate expenditure**:

$$\text{Aggregate Expenditures} = \text{Consumption} + \text{Investment} + \text{Government Expenditures} + (\text{Exports} - \text{Imports})$$

$$Y = C + I + G + (X - M)$$

Aggregate Expenditure and the Real Interest Rate

- For investment, the **higher the cost of borrowing**, the *less likely* that an **investment will be profitable**.
- **Higher real interest rates lead to:**
 - ***Lower*** levels of *business and residential investment*
- For consumption, **higher real interest rates mean**
 - ***Higher*** inflation-adjusted *loan payments and saving* –thus, *less spending*.

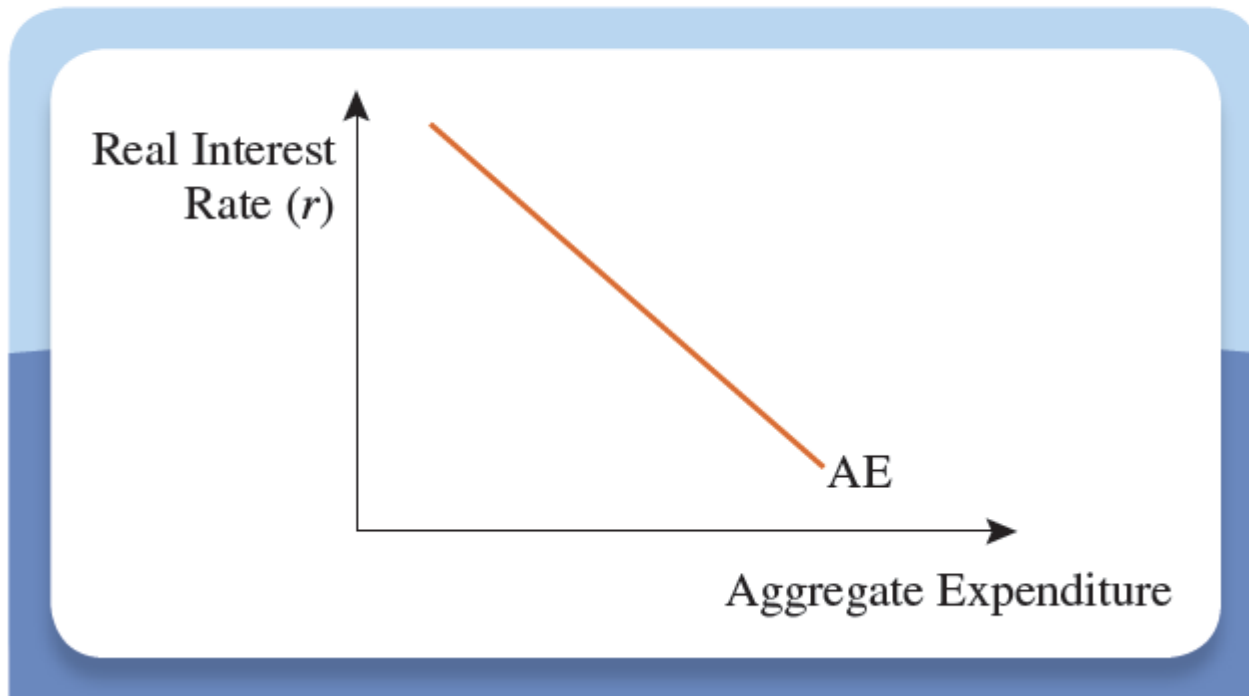
Aggregate Expenditure and the Real Interest Rate

- Net exports *fall* because the domestic currency has appreciated, making *imports cheaper* and *exports more expensive*.
- A rise in the real interest rate reduces the level of aggregate expenditure.
- This leads to a *downward sloping aggregate expenditure (AE) curve*.

Aggregate Expenditure and the Real Interest Rate

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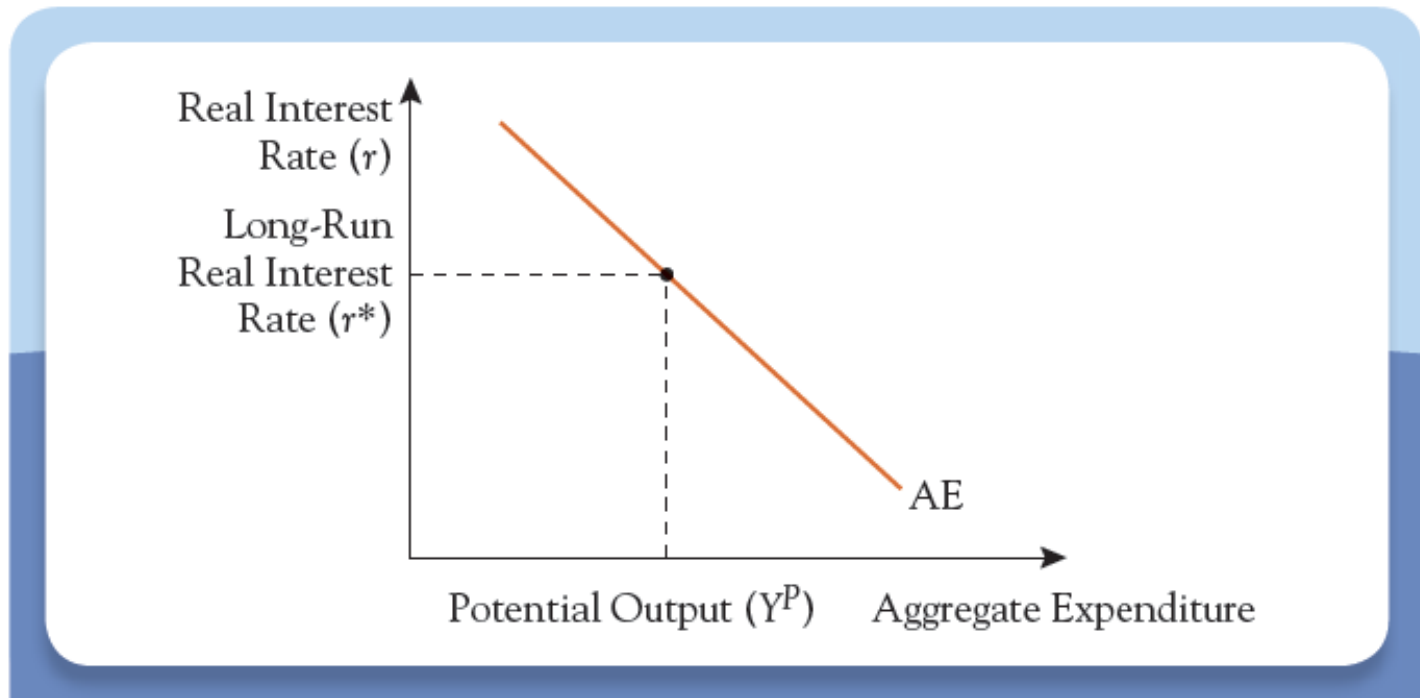
Aggregate Expenditure and the Real Interest Rate



The Long-Run Real Interest Rate

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The Long-Run Real Interest Rate



The **long run real interest rate** equates the *level of aggregate expenditure* to the *quantity of potential output*.

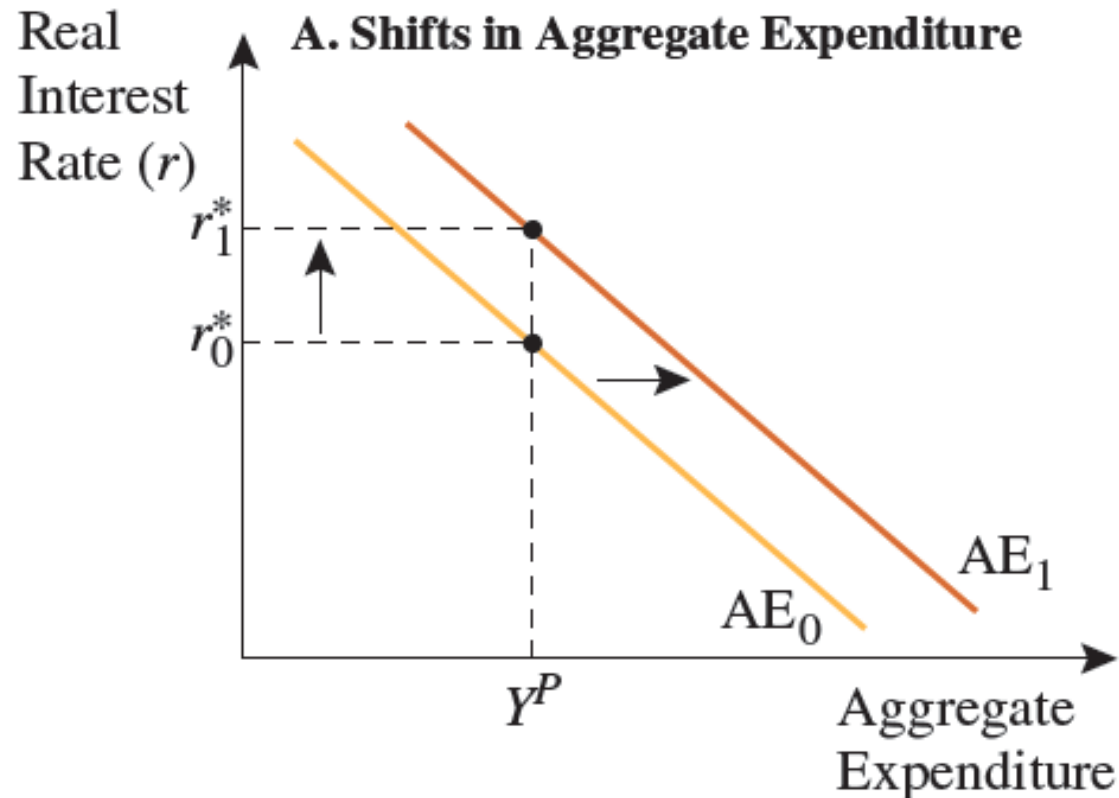
The Long-Run Real Interest Rate

- When there is a *rise in exogenous spending*, for example, **government purchases**:
 - The level of ***aggregate expenditure*** increases at *every real interest rate*.
 - This shifts ***aggregate expenditure curve*** to the right.
 - For the level of ***aggregate expenditure*** to remain equal to potential output, the interest-sensitive components of ***aggregate expenditure*** must fall.
 - That means the ***long-run real interest rate*** must rise.

The Long-Run Real Interest Rate

Figure 21.5

Change in the Long-Run Real Interest Rate



When aggregate expenditure shifts *right* from AE_0 to AE_1 , the long-run real interest rate *increases* from r_0^* to r_1^* .

Inflation, the Real Interest Rate, and the Monetary Policy Reaction Curve

- When **current inflation** is *high* or **current output** is *running above* potential output, central bankers will raise policy interest rate.
- ***Changes*** in the **nominal policy interest rate** will *translate into* a **change** in the **real interest rate**.

Deriving the Monetary Policy Reaction Curve

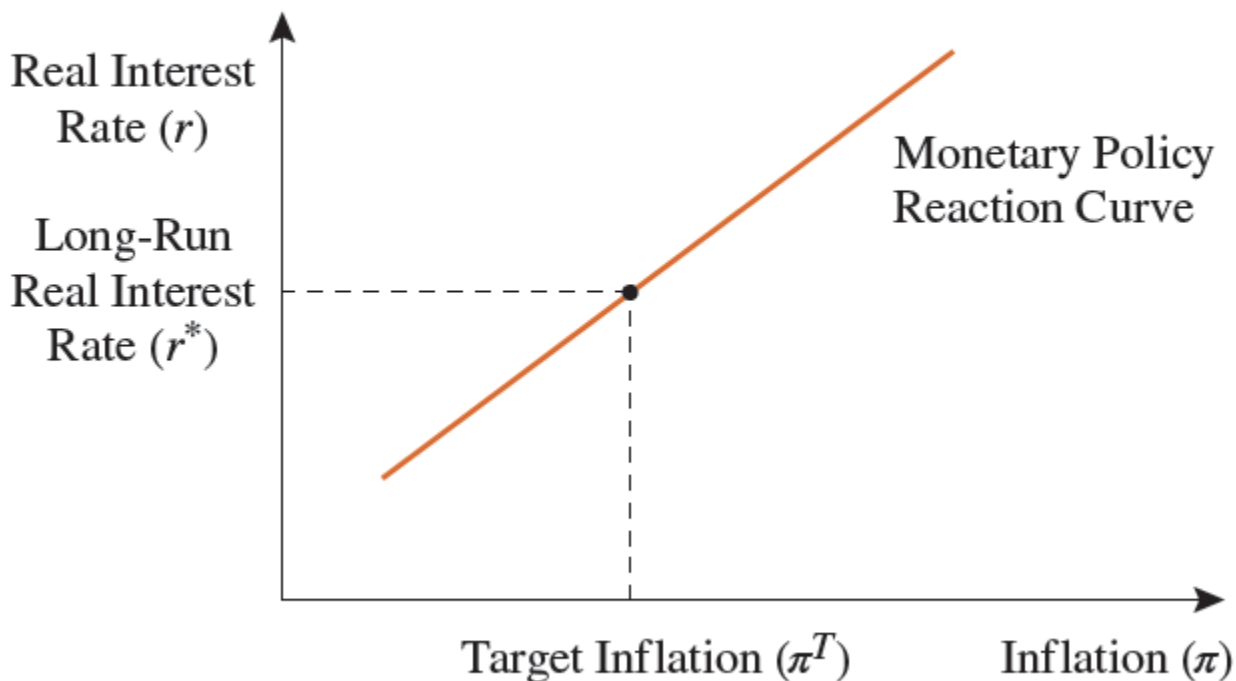
- The **monetary policy reaction curve** is *set* so that when *current inflation* equals *target inflation* (π^T), the *real interest rate* equals the *long-run real interest rate*.

$$r = r^* \text{ when } \pi = \pi^T$$

Deriving the Monetary Policy Reaction Curve

Figure 21.7

The Monetary Policy Reaction Curve

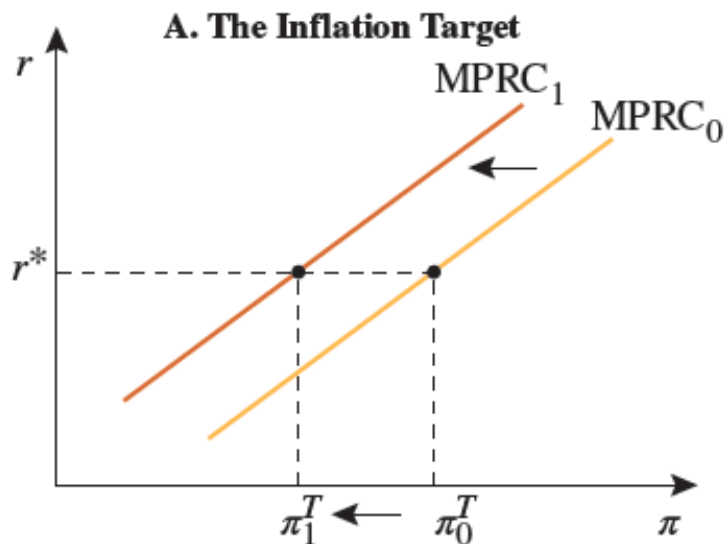


A movement along the curve is a reaction to a change in current inflation.

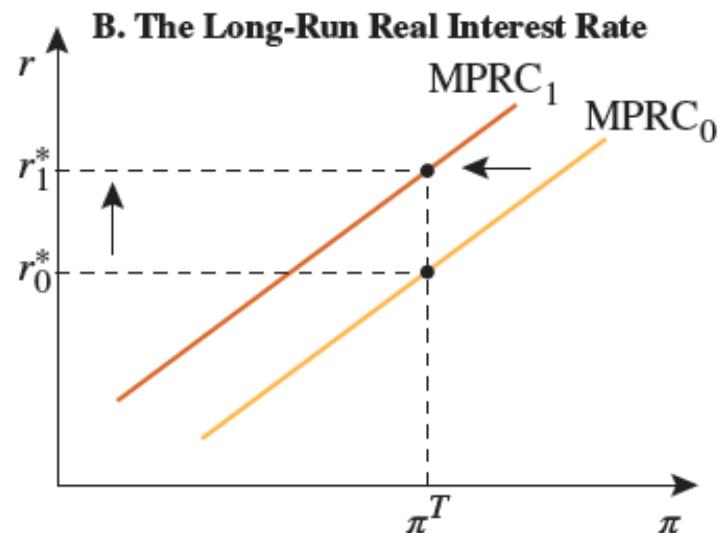
Shifting the Monetary Policy Reaction Curve

Figure 21.8

Shifting the Monetary Policy Reaction Curve



A decline in the inflation target from π_0^T to π_1^T shifts the monetary policy reaction curve to the left from $MPRC_0$ to $MPRC_1$.



An increase in the long-run real interest rate from r_0^* to r_1^* shifts the monetary policy reaction curve to the left from $MPRC_0$ to $MPRC_1$.

Deriving the Dynamic Aggregate Demand Curve

- The **dynamic aggregate demand curve** *relates inflation and the level of output,*
- Accounting for the fact that *monetary policymakers respond to* changes in current *inflation* by *changing the interest rate.*

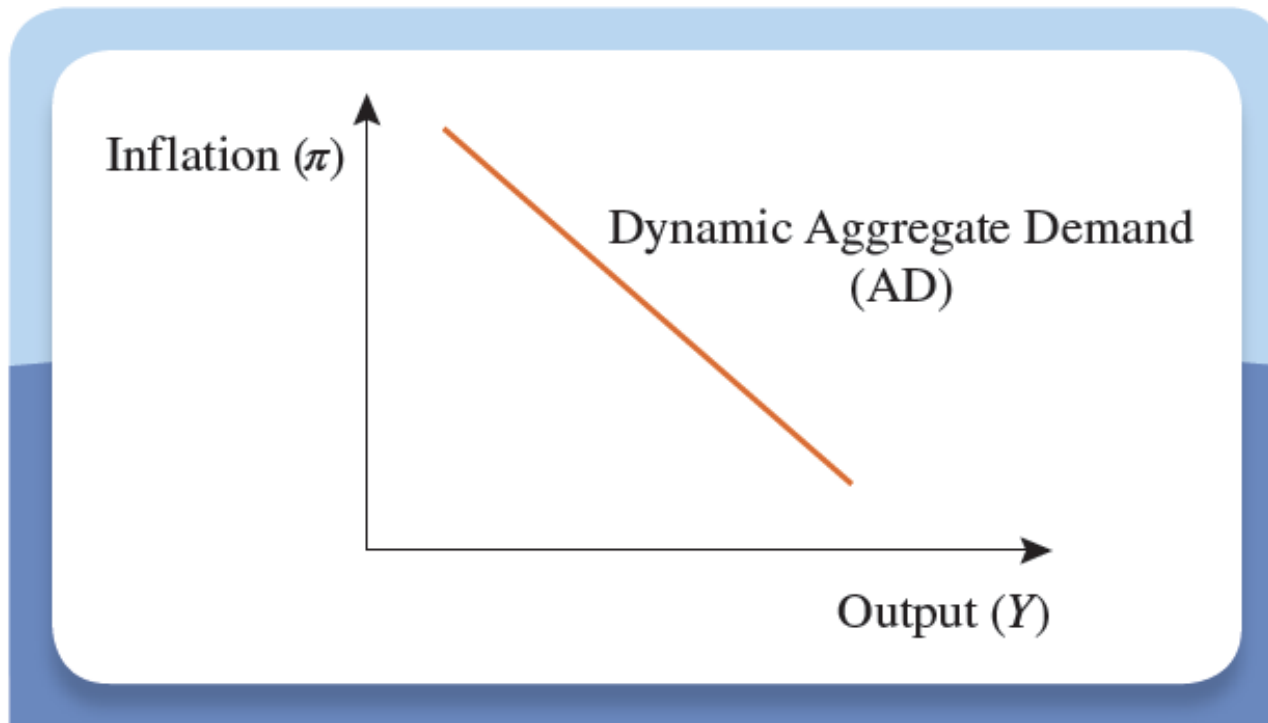
Deriving the Dynamic Aggregate Demand Curve

- When current **inflation rises**:
 - Monetary policymakers **raise** the **real interest rate**, moving the economy upward *along* the **monetary policy reaction curve**.
 - The ***higher*** real interest rate **reduces** the *interest-sensitive components* of ***aggregate expenditure***.
 - This ***causes*** a **fall** in the quantity of ***aggregate output***.
- Thus, *changes in* current ***inflation*** move the economy *along* a **downward-sloping** dynamic aggregate demand curve.

Deriving the Dynamic Aggregate Demand Curve

Figure 21.9

The Dynamic Aggregate Curve



Shifting the Dynamic Aggregate Demand Curve

- All of the following **increase** in **exogenous expenditure**, thereby **shifting** the ***dynamic aggregate demand curve*** to the **right**:
 - Increased **consumer confidence**
 - Increased **optimism** about **future business prospects**
 - Increased **government spending** or **expansionary fiscal policy**
 - Increased **net exports**

Shifting the Dynamic Aggregate Demand Curve

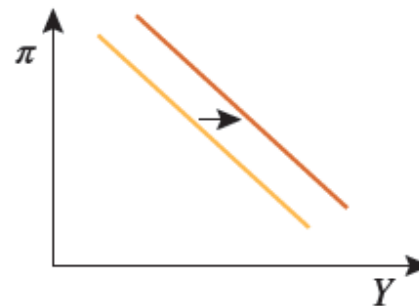
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Shifting the Dynamic Aggregate Demand Curve

Changes in Components of Aggregate Expenditure

$C \uparrow, I \uparrow, G \uparrow, NX \uparrow$

Increases in consumption, investment, government expenditure, or net exports (all unrelated to the real interest rate) shift the dynamic aggregate demand curve to the *right*.



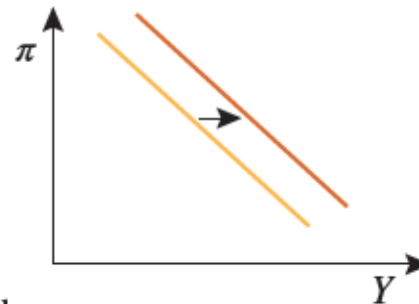
Shifts in the Monetary Policy Reaction Curve

$\pi^T \uparrow$

Increases in the central bank's inflation target shift the dynamic aggregate demand curve to the *right*.

$r^* \downarrow$

Decreases in the long-run real interest rate shift the dynamic aggregate demand curve to the *right*.



Shifting the Dynamic Aggregate Demand Curve

- Whenever the **monetary policy reaction curve** shifts, the **dynamic aggregate demand curve** shifts, too.
- Consider an increase in the **central bank's inflation target**.
 - The **monetary policy reaction curve** shifts right.
 - The **real interest rate** that policymakers **set** at every level of **inflation falls**.
 - The **lower real interest rate** increases the quantity of **aggregate output** demanded at every level of **inflation**.
 - The **dynamic aggregate demand curve** shifts right.

Shifting the Dynamic Aggregate Demand Curve

- Changes in the *long-run real interest rate* r^* shift the dynamic aggregate demand curve.
- Suppose the **level of potential output** increases.
 - The long-run real interest rate r^* must fall.
 - This *drives up* the interest-rate-sensitive components of **aggregate expenditure**.
 - This shifts the dynamic aggregate demand curve rightward.

Shifting the Dynamic Aggregate Demand Curve

- Any ***shift*** in the **monetary policy reaction curve** ***shifts*** the **dynamic aggregate demand curve** in the *same direction*.
- For example, **expansionary monetary policy** *shifts* the **dynamic aggregate demand curve** to the ***right***.

Aggregate Supply

Aggregate Supply

- The **aggregate supply (AS) curve** tells us where along the **dynamic aggregate demand curve** the economy *ends up*.
- When *combined with the dynamic aggregate demand curve*, the **short-run AS curve** tells us **where the economy settles** at any particular time.
- The **long-run AS curve** together *with dynamic aggregate demand*, tells us the **levels of inflation** and the **quantity of output** that the economy is **moving toward in the long term**.

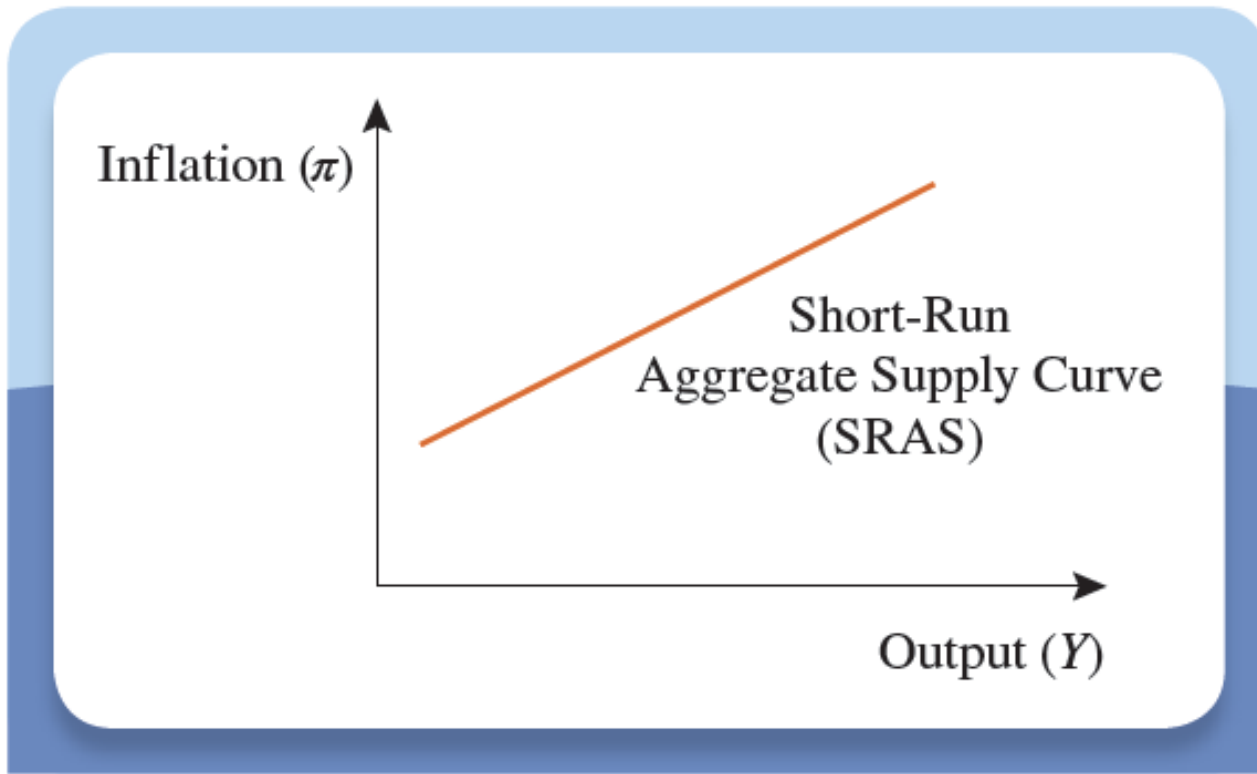
Short-Run Aggregate Supply

- In the short term, when product **prices *rise***, firms ***increase supply*** in order to take advantage.
- The **short-run AS curve** is the ***upward-sloping*** relationship between current **inflation** and the quantity of **output**.

Short-Run Aggregate Supply

Figure 21.11

Short-Run Aggregate Supply Curve



Shifts in the Short-Run Aggregate Supply Curve

- When production costs *change*, the ***short-run AS curve shifts***.
 1. *Changes* in expectations of future inflation.
 2. *Factors* that drive production costs up or down.

Shifts in the Short Run Aggregate Supply Curve

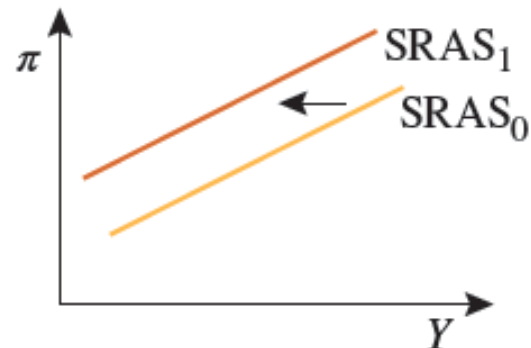
- An ***increase*** in **expected inflation** *increases* **production costs** lowering production at every level of current inflation.
 - This *shifts* the **short-run AS curve** to the *left*.
- An ***increase*** in the **oil price** or **labor wage** *shifts* the **short-run AS curve** *leftward*.

Shifts in the Short Run Aggregate Supply Curve

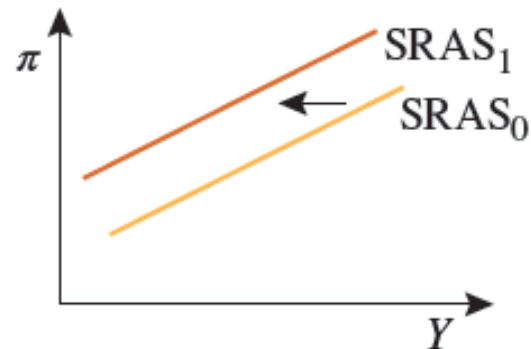
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Shifting the Short-Run Aggregate Supply Curve

Expected $\pi \uparrow$
A rise in *expected future inflation* shifts the short-run aggregate supply curve to the *left* from $SRAS_0$ to $SRAS_1$.



Costs of Production Inputs $\uparrow$
A rise in costs of inputs into the production process, like energy, shifts the short-run aggregate supply curve to the *left* from $SRAS_0$ to $SRAS_1$.



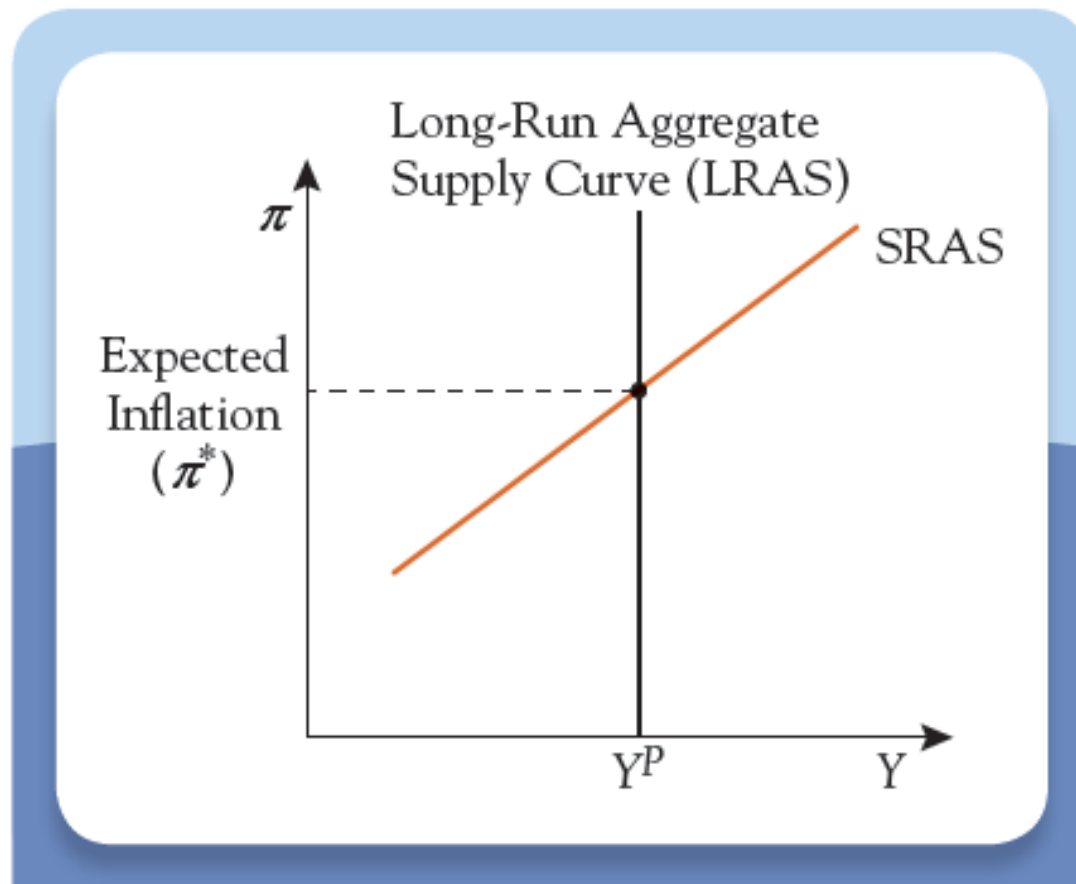
The Long-Run Aggregate Supply Curve

- In the *long run*, *output and inflation are unrelated* and the **long-run aggregate supply curve (LRAS)** is vertical at the point *where current output equals **potential output***.
- In the long-run,
 - **Current output** must equal **potential output**
 - **Inflation** must be *determined by* **monetary policy**
- For the economy to be in long-run equilibrium, **current inflation** must equal **expected inflation**

Long-Run Aggregate Supply

Figure 21.14

Short- and Long-Run Aggregate Supply Curves



Equilibrium and the Determination of Output and Inflation

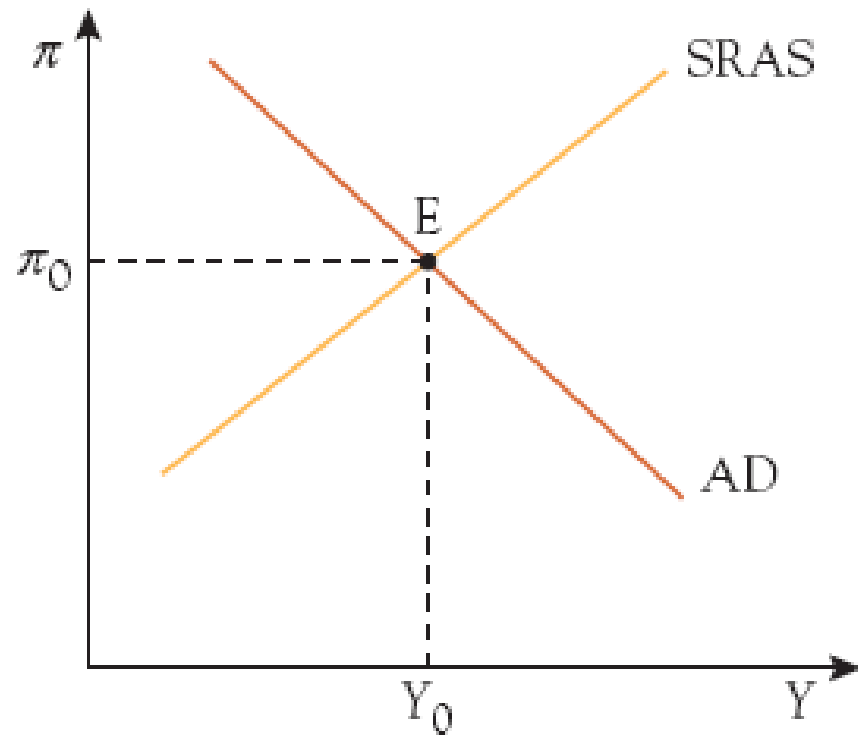
Equilibrium and the Determination of Output and Inflation

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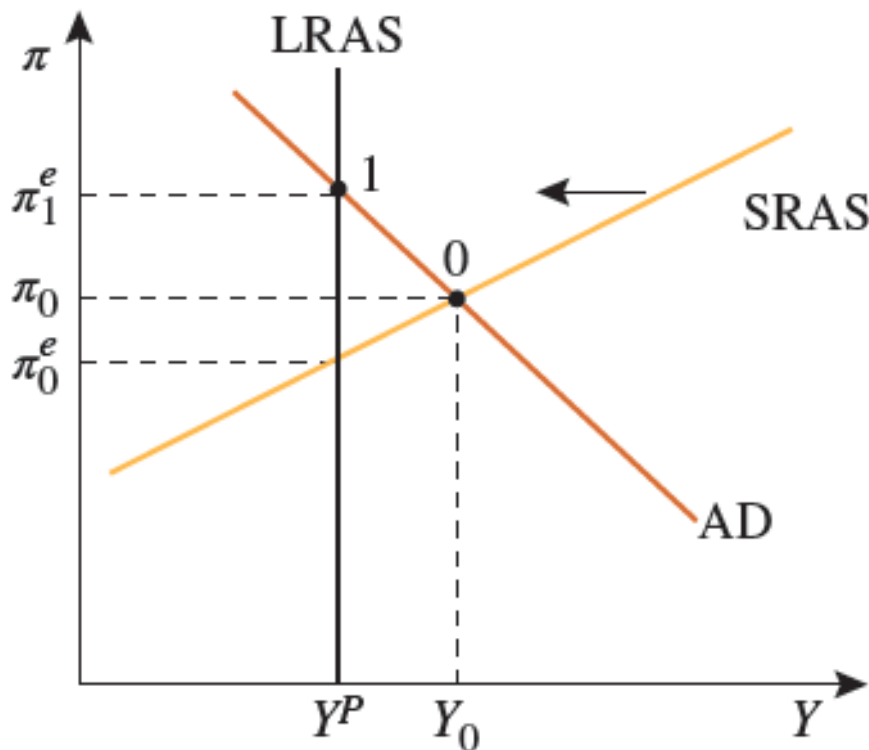
Short-Run Determination of Output and Inflation

Short Run Equilibrium

- SR equilibrium is *determined by the intersection* of:
 - The **dynamic aggregate demand curve (AD)** and
 - The **short-run aggregate supply curve (SRAS)**.

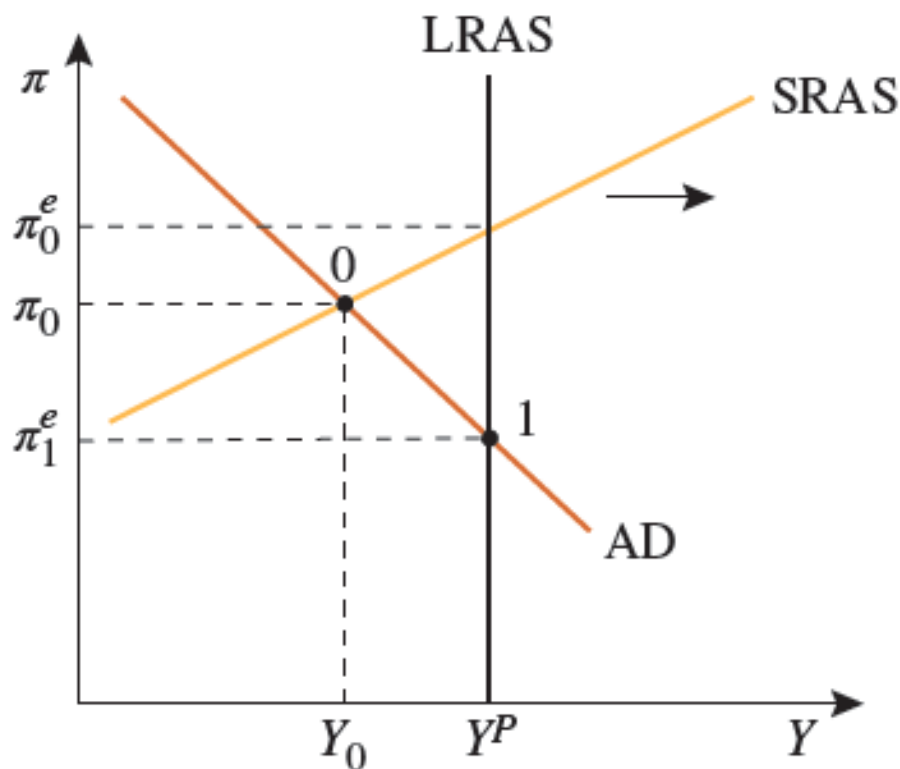


Adjustment to Long-Run Equilibrium



- **Expansionary output gaps** that represents economic operation above potential level (excess demand), pushing **current inflation above expected inflation**
- **Current inflation** is *greater* than **expected inflation** so *expected inflation rises*
- **SRAS shifts left** until current inflation and expected inflation are equal.

Adjustment to Long-Run Equilibrium



- **Contractionary output gaps** that reflects insufficient demand, causing wage setters to cut their expected inflation.
- **Current inflation** is *less* than **expected inflation** so *expected inflation falls*.
- **SRAS shifts right** until current inflation and expected inflation are equal.

Adjustment to Long-Run Equilibrium

Implications

1. The economy has a *self-correcting mechanism*.
2. The fact that *inflation changes* whenever there is an *output gap*, so that the long run output returns to potential output.

Adjustment to Long-Run Equilibrium

There are **three conditions** for long run equilibrium:

1. **Current inflation equals expected inflation:** $\pi = \pi^e$.
2. **Current output equals potential output:**
 $Y = Y^P$.
3. **Current inflation is *steady* and *equal* to target inflation:** $\pi = \pi^T$

The Sources of Fluctuations in Output and Inflation

- Inflation *in the long run* will only change if policymakers have *changed inflation target*.
- In the **short run** fluctuations can *come from*
 - Increases in exogenous spending (*shift of AD*)
 - A permanent easing of monetary policy (*shift of monetary policy reaction curve*)
 - Increases in the costs of production (*shift of SRAS*).

End of lecture