

Exercise 3

Keynesian Cross and the Multiplier

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1. The Keynesian consumption function assumes that $0 < MPC < 1$; what is the basis for such assumption?

- This means when income increases by 1 unit, consumption will increase by less than 1 unit. For example, if you have 100 baht, you won't consume all of them. Consumption will not increase as much as income increases.

$$C = C_0 + c_1 y$$

$$c_1 = MPC$$

MPC = proportion of income that we use to consume or amount of consumption depend on income.

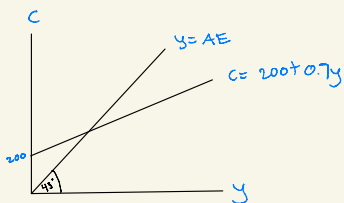
2. Assume a CLOSED economy with NO government. Let the autonomous consumption be 200 and MPS be 0.3. Draw and write equations for both saving and consumption functions.

Consumption $\rightarrow C = a + b y \rightarrow C = 200 + 0.7 y$

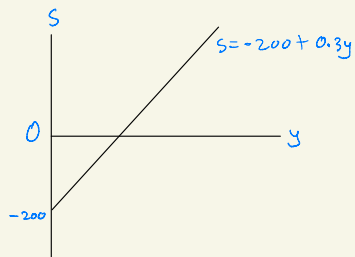
MPS = 0.3 (Saving)

MPC = 0.7 (Consumption)

$MPS + MPC = 1$



Saving $\rightarrow S = -a + (1-b)y \rightarrow S = -200 + 0.3 y$



or

$$S = y - C$$

$$S = y - (200 + 0.7y)$$

$$S = -200 + 0.3y$$

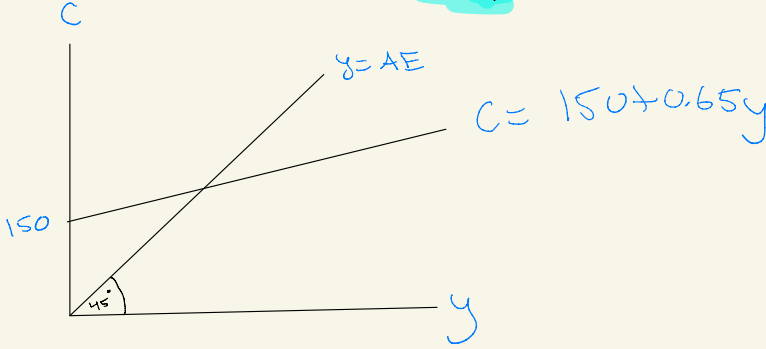
3. Let the saving function be $S = -150 + 0.35Y$. Find and draw the consumption function.

$$\text{MPC} + \text{MPS} = 1 \rightarrow \text{MPC} = 1 - \text{MPS}$$

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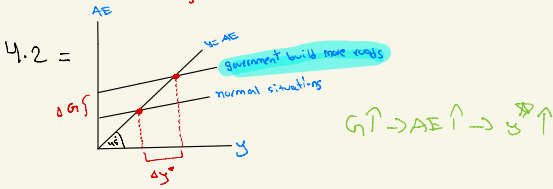
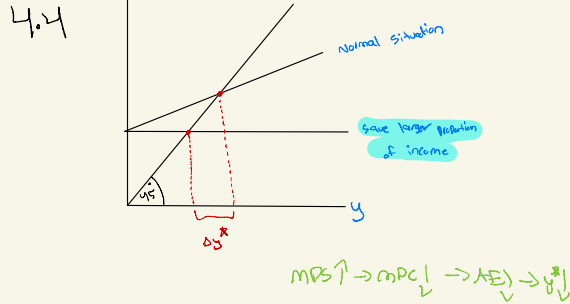
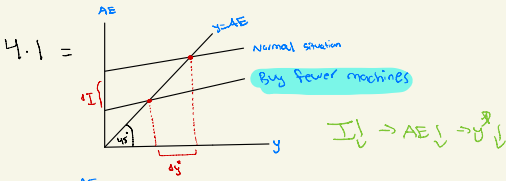
Consumption
Saving

Consumption $\rightarrow C = 150 + 0.65y$

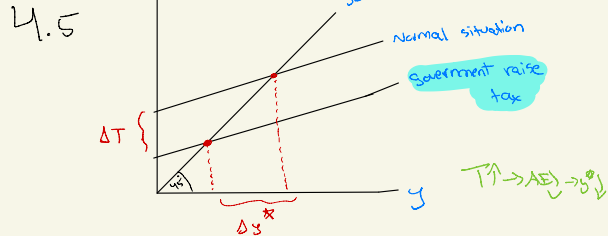
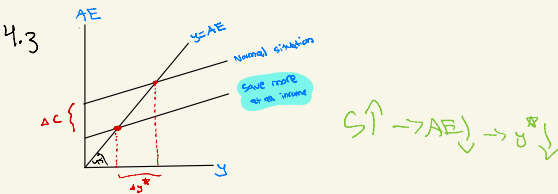


4. How do the followings affect the AE graph (i.e. explain how the graph changes) and the equilibrium output?

- All firm managers decide to buy fewer machines.
- The government decides to build more roads.
- The citizens decide to save more at all income levels.
- The citizens decide to save larger proportion of income.
- The government decides to raise tax.



$MPS \uparrow \rightarrow MPC \downarrow \rightarrow AE \downarrow \rightarrow y \downarrow$



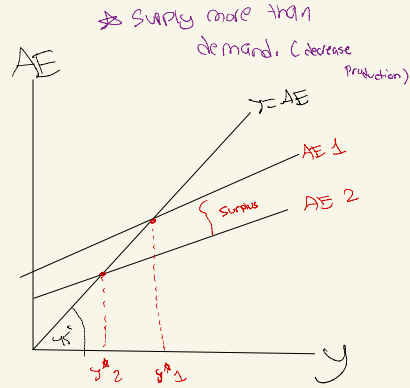
5. In the Keynesian Cross Model, suppose that aggregate output is greater than aggregate expenditure. Explain the adjustment process towards the equilibrium.

Aggregate expenditure = demand

Aggregate output = supply

$$y > AE$$

\downarrow
 what you produced (income)
 \downarrow
 what do you plan to spend (consumption)



If current output exceeds the equilibrium, inventories (unsold output) accumulate, encouraging business to cut back on production, moving the economy towards equilibrium.

\uparrow
 unsold output
 (surplus)

But if $y < AE$ $\uparrow I \uparrow$

If level of production is below the equilibrium, then inventories decline, encouraging an increase in production and move towards equilibrium.

(shortage) \rightarrow \uparrow consumption

\uparrow
 unsold output (I) \rightarrow \uparrow consumption
 \rightarrow \uparrow demand $>$ supply

6. Let $C = 60 + 0.6Y$ and $I = 20$. Find the equilibrium output with the saving/investment approach.

① $AE = C + I$

$AE = 80 + 0.6y$

② $y = 80 + 0.6y$

③ $y^* = 200$ \$

\downarrow
 $S = I$

$y = C + S$

$S = y - C$

$S = y - 60 + 0.6y$

$S = 0.4y - 60$

$S = I$

$0.4y - 60 = 20$

$0.4y = 80$

$y^* = 200$ \$

9. How is the investment multiplier related to MPC? Explain the intuition behind such relationship.
 (Hint: Question 9)

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta I} = \frac{1}{1 - MPC}$$

investment multiplier related to MPC

The intuition behind this relationship is that

1. when people spend a lot of money (high MPC), others will receive a lot of money as their incomes.
2. They will spend a lot too, and many will receive a lot too.
3. The economy will grow a lot.

10. What is the Paradox of Thrift? Explain it with diagram.

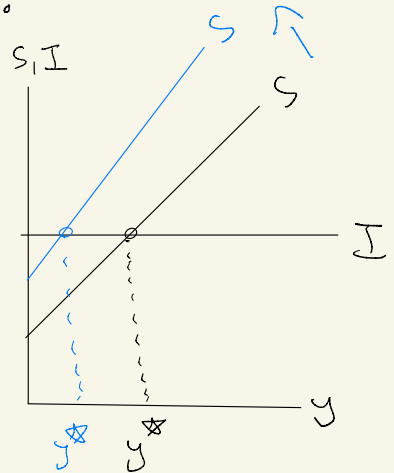
→ output decrease

key idea:

- Paradox
- Suppose people save more
 - there will be leakage
 - people will spend less
 - less has produced in economy
 - income in the economy fall
 - you can save less.

Diagram:

people intend to save more, it reduce income of economic, therefore people can save less.
 So even if you save a lot you won't be richer



∴ income in autonomous saving leading to decreasing in aggregate expenditure, and thus a decrease in aggregate output.

So when people have less income, their savings will become smaller.