

Basic Macroeconomic Relationships



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Income Consumption and Saving

- Consumption and saving
 - -Primarily determined by disposable income (DI)
- Consumption schedule
 - -Planned household spending (in our model)
- Saving schedule
 - -Disposable income minus consumption
 - -Dissaving can occur

Income, Consumption, and Saving



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, www.bea.gov.

Consumption and Saving Schedules

Consumption and Saving Schedules (in Billions) and Propensities to Consume and Save

| (1) Level of Output and Income GDP=DI | | (2) Consumption (C) | (3) Saving (S), (1) – (2) | (4) Average Propensity to Consume (APC), (2)/(1) | (5) Average Propensity to Save (APS), (3)/(1) | (6) Marginal Propensity to Consume (MPC), ∆(2)/∆(1)* | (7) Marginal Propensity to Save (MPS), ∆(3)/∆(1)* |
|--|-------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| (1) | \$370 | \$375 | \$-5 | 1.01 | 01 | .75 | .25 |
| (2) | 390 | 390 | 0 | 1.00 | .00 | .75 | .25 |
| (3) | 410 | 405 | 5 | .99 | .01 | .75 | .25 |
| (4) | 430 | 420 | 10 | .98 | .02 | .75 | .25 |
| (5) | 450 | 435 | 15 | .97 | .03 | .75 | .25 |
| (6) | 470 | 450 | 20 | .96 | .04 | .75 | .25 |
| (7) | 490 | 465 | 25 | .95 | .05 | .75 | .25 |
| (8) | 510 | 480 | 30 | .94 | .06 | .75 | .25 |
| (9) | 530 | 495 | 35 | .93 | .07 | .75 | .25 |
| (10) | 550 | 510 | 40 | .93 | .07 | .75 | .25 |

Consumption and Saving Schedules



Average Propensities

- Average propensity to consume (APC)
 - Fraction of total income consumed
- Average propensity to save (APS)
 - Fraction of total income saved

$$APC = \frac{\text{consumption}}{\text{income}} \qquad APS = \frac{\text{saving}}{\text{income}}$$

APC + APS = 1

Global Perspective



Marginal Propensities

- Marginal propensity to consume (MPC)
 - Proportion of a change in income consumed
- Marginal propensity to save (MPS)
 - Proportion of a change in income saved

$$MPC = \frac{\text{change in consumption}}{\text{change in income}} MPS = \frac{\text{change in saving}}{\text{change in income}}$$

MPC + MPS = 1

Marginal Propensities



Saving

Nonincome Determinants

- Amount of disposable income is the main determinant
- Other determinants
 - -Wealth (wealth drives C up)
 - -Expectations (inflation drives C up)
 - -Real interest rates (decrease drives C up)
 - -Household debt (increase drives C up)

Other Important Considerations

- Switching to real GDP (see x-axis)
- Simultaneous shifts (C up, S down)
- Taxation (C and S move together)
- Stability (consumption and saving schedules are relatively stable unless altered by major tax changes).

Shifts of C & S Schedules



Interest-Rate-Investment

- Expected rate of return (r)
- The real interest rate (i)
- Investment demand curve

Investment Demand Curve



Shifts of Investment Demand

- Acquisition, maintenance, and operating costs
- Business taxes
- Technological change
- Stock of capital goods on hand
- Planned inventory changes
- Expectations

Shifts of Investment Demand



Global Perspective



Instability of Investment

- Investment is unstable, rising and falling quite often.
 - -Durability
 - -Irregularity of innovation
 - -Variability of profits
 - -Variability of expectations

Instability of Investment



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The Multiplier Effect

 A change in spending changes real GDP more than the initial change in spending

> Multiplier = <u>change in real GDP</u> initial change in spending

Change in GDP = multiplier x initial change in spending

The Multiplier Effect

| | (1) Change in Income | (2) Change in Consumption (MPC = .75) | (3) Change in Saving (MPS = .25) |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|---|
| Increase in investment of \$5.00 | \$5.00 | \$3.75 | \$1.25 |
| Second round | 3.75 | 2.81 | .94 |
| Third round | 2.81 | 2.11 | .70 |
| Fourth round | 2.11 | 1.58 | .53 |
| Fifth round | 1.58 | 1.19 | .39 |
| All other rounds | 4.75 | 3.56 | 1.19 |
| Total | \$20.00 | \$15.00 | \$5.00 |



Multiplier and Marginal Propensities

Multiplier and MPC directly related

 Large MPC results in larger increases in spending

- Multiplier and MPS inversely related
 - Large MPS results in smaller increases in spending

Multiplier =
$$\frac{1}{1 - MPC}$$
 Multiplier = $\frac{1}{MPS}$

Multiplier and Marginal Propensities



The Actual Multiplier Effect?

- Actual multiplier is lower than the model assumes
- Consumers buy imported products
- Households pay income taxes
- Inflation