Chapter 13: Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply Model

"DON'T PANIC, MR LACY! WE HAVE A KEYNESIAN ON THE WAY!"
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A model that explains short-run fluctuations in real GDP and the price level.

Aggregate demand curve shows the relationship between the price level and the quantity of real GDP demanded by households, firms, and the government.

Short-run aggregate supply curve shows the relationship in the short run between the price level and the quantity of real GDP supplied by firms.
Why Is the Aggregate Demand Curve Downward Sloping?

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The Wealth Effect: The impact of the price level on consumption

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The Interest-Rate Effect: The impact of the price level on investment

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The International-Trade Effect: The impact of the price level on net exports
The Variables That Shift the Aggregate Demand Curve

Changes in Government Policies

Monetary policy  The actions the Federal Reserve takes to manage the money supply and interest rates

Fiscal policy  Changes in federal taxes and purchases

Changes in the Expectations of Households and Firms

If households become more optimistic about their future incomes, they are likely to increase their current consumption.

Changes in Foreign Variables

If firms and households in other countries buy fewer U.S. goods or if firms and households in the United States buy more foreign goods, net exports will fall, and the aggregate demand curve will shift to the left.
An increase in government purchases shifts the short-run aggregate supply curve to the right because government purchases are a component of aggregate demand.

Households' expectations of their future incomes result in higher consumption spending, which shifts the aggregate demand curve to the right.

Firms' expectations of the future profitability of investment spending lead to increased investment spending, which also shifts the aggregate demand curve to the right.

An increase in interest rates shifts the aggregate demand curve to the left because higher interest rates raise the cost to firms and households of borrowing, reducing consumption and investment spending.

An increase in personal income taxes or business taxes shifts the aggregate demand curve to the left because consumption spending falls when personal taxes rise, and investment falls when business taxes rise.

An increase in the growth rate of domestic GDP relative to that of foreign GDP shifts the aggregate demand curve to the left because exports will fall, reducing net exports.

An increase in the exchange rate (the value of the dollar) relative to foreign currencies shifts the aggregate demand curve to the left because imports will rise and exports will fall, reducing net exports.
Problem 1.6, [Related to Solved Problem #1] Explain whether each of the following will cause a shift of the AD curve or a movement along the AD curve.

a. Firms become more optimistic and increase their spending on machinery and equipment. Because this is a change in [ ] [ ], it will cause the aggregate demand curve to have a [ ] [ ].

the price level
consumption
investment
government spending
net export

b. The federal government increases taxes in an attempt to reduce a budget deficit. Because this is a change in [ ] [ ], the aggregate demand curve will [ ] [ ].

net export
consumption
government spending
investment
the price level

c. The U.S. economy experiences 4-percent inflation. Because this is a change in [ ] [ ], the aggregate demand curve will [ ] [ ].

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The Long-Run Aggregate Supply Curve shows the relationship in the long run between the price level and the quantity of real GDP supplied.
Review Question 2.1, The long-run aggregate supply curve is vertical, because in the long run

- **A.** in the long run, the price level does not change but potential GDP changes its value.
- **B.** changes in the price level affect potential GDP, via other variables such as the size of the labor force, capital stock and technology.
- **C.** changes in the size of the labor force, capital stock and technology affect the price level and but not potential GDP.
- **D.** changes in the price level do not affect potential GDP, as potential GDP depends on the size of the labor force, capital stock and technology.
Problem 2.5, Explain how each of the following events would affect the long-run aggregate supply curve.

a. The price level increases.

b. The labor force increases.

c. There is an increase in the quantity of capital goods.

d. Technological change occurs.
The Short-Run Aggregate Supply Curve

Short-run aggregate supply curve slopes upward because:

1. Contracts make some wages and prices “sticky.”
2. Firms are often slow to adjust wages.
3. Menu costs make some prices sticky.
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<td>the labor force or the capital stock</td>
<td>more output can be produced at every price level.</td>
<td>costs of producing output fall.</td>
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<td>productivity</td>
<td>Also increases LRAS</td>
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**Diagram:**

- **SRAS<sub>1</sub>** to **SRAS<sub>2</sub>**

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<td>workers and firms increase wages and prices.</td>
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<td>workers and firms adjusting to having previously underestimated the price level</td>
<td>costs of producing output rise.</td>
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<td>the price of an important raw material</td>
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**Diagram:**

- **SRAS<sub>1</sub>** to **SRAS<sub>2</sub>**
Macroeconomic Equilibrium in the Long Run and the Short Run

Long-Run Macroeconomic Equilibrium
## Steps for Analyzing Changes in Equilibrium

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<td><strong>1.</strong></td>
<td>Decide whether the event shifts the supply curve or the demand curve (or perhaps both).</td>
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<td><strong>2.</strong></td>
<td>Decide which direction the curve shifts.</td>
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<td><strong>3.</strong></td>
<td>Use the supply-and-demand diagram to see how the shift changes equilibrium.</td>
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Macroeconomic Equilibrium in the Long Run and the Short Run

Recessions, Expansions, and Supply Shocks

Because the full analysis of the aggregate demand and aggregate supply model can be complicated, we begin with a simplified case, using two assumptions:

1. The economy has not been experiencing any inflation. The price level is currently 100, and workers and firms expect it to remain at 100 in the future.

2. The economy is not experiencing any long-run growth. Potential real GDP is $10.0 trillion and will remain at that level in the future.
Recession

The Short-Run and Long-Run Effects of a Decrease in Aggregate Demand

1. A decline in investment shifts $AD$ to the left, causing a recession.

2. As firms and workers adjust to the price level being lower than they had expected, costs will fall and cause $SRAS$ to shift to the right.

3. Equilibrium moves from point $B$ back to potential GDP at point $C$, with a lower price level.

“The quarterly earnings don’t look good. We seem to be in a bit of a slump.”
Expansion

The Short-Run and Long-run Effects of an Increase in Aggregate Demand

1. An increase in investment shifts $AD$ to the right, causing an inflationary expansion.

2. As firms and workers adjust to the price level being higher than they had expected, costs will rise and cause $SRAS$ to shift to the left.

3. Equilibrium moves from point $B$ back to potential GDP at point $C$, with a lower price level.
Application 3.4, [Related to Making the Connection] Suppose the price of a barrel of oil increases from $50 to $70.

Which of the following diagrams shows the effect of the increase in the price of oil? (Green dashed lines indicate change from the original equilibrium.)
Stagflation: A combination of inflation and recession, usually resulting from a supply shock.

The Short-Run and Long-Run Effects of a Supply Shock

1. An increase in oil prices shifts $SRAS$ to the left...
2. Equilibrium moves from point $B$ potential GDP at the original price level.

1. The recession caused by the supply shock eventually leads to falling wages and prices, shifting $SRAS$ back to its original position.
2. Moving short-run equilibrium to point $B$, with lower real GDP and a higher price level.
A Dynamic Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply Model

We can create a *dynamic aggregate demand and aggregate supply model* by making three changes to the basic model.

- Potential real GDP increases continually, shifting the long-run aggregate supply curve to the right.
- During most years, the aggregate demand curve will be shifting to the right.
- Except during periods when workers and firms expect high rates of inflation, the short-run aggregate supply curve will be shifting to the right.
What Is the Usual Cause of Inflation?

Using Dynamic Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply to Understand Inflation

1. If AD shifts to the right more than LRAS...

2. . . . the price level rises.
The recession of 2001 was caused by a decline in aggregate demand. Several factors contributed to this decline:

- *The end of the stock market “bubble.”*
- *Excessive investment in information technology.*
- *The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.*
- *The corporate accounting scandals.*
The Slow Recovery from the Recession of 2001

Using Dynamic Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply to Understand the Recovery from the 2001 Recession
The More Rapid Recovery of 2003–2004

Using Dynamic Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply to Understand the More Rapid Recovery of 2003–2004
Making the Connection

• Does Rising Productivity Growth Reduce Employment?

- Rapid productivity growth in 2002-2003
- Decline in employment during 2002-2003
In late 2007, economists were divided over whether the twin blows of higher oil prices and a declining housing sector would be sufficient to push the economy into a recession.

The majority of economists forecast that growth in real GDP would slow but that the economy would not tip into recession.
Solved Problem

Showing the Oil Shock of 1974–1975 on a Dynamic Aggregate Demand and Aggregate Supply Graph

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<td>1974</td>
<td>$4.32 trillion</td>
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<td>1975</td>
<td>$4.31 trillion</td>
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