

# Aggregate Expenditure Components

Consumption Investment Government Net Exports Composition of Aggregate Expenditure

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#### Stable and positive relationship between consumption and income

Next slide shows the relationship between disposable income and consumption spending



The relationship between disposable income and consumption has been relatively stable.

Saving is the difference between disposable income and consumption and is shown by the vertical distance between the two lines.



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- Consumption is a function of income
  - Consumption: dependent variable
  - Disposable income: independent variable

# Next slide presents a hypothetical consumption function:

Positive relationship between the level of disposable income and the amount spent on consumption, with other determinants of consumption assumed to be constant



Both disposable income and consumption are measured in real terms, or in inflation-adjusted dollars .

### Marginal Propensities to Consume and Save

# What happens to consumption and saving when income changes?

Marginal Propensity to Consume (MPC)

- change in consumption divided by the change in income
- Marginal Propensity to Save (MPS)
  - change in saving divided by the change in income

#### MPC + MPS = 1

All disposable income are spent on consumption or saved



MPC=0.8 or 80% → 80% of any change in income is spent on consumption



Slope= MPS → Ex: Saving will change by 20% of every dollar change in income.





#### Movement along the consumption function results from a change in income

Shift of the consumption function results from a change in one of the nonincome determinants of consumption



# What could cause the consumption function to shift?

- Net Wealth
- Price Level
- Interest Rate
- Expectations

### Net Wealth

#### Net wealth:

the value of all assets minus any liabilities or debts

#### A decrease in net wealth

make consumers less inclined to spend – more inclined to save

#### Increase in net wealth >

- Increases consumption
- consumption function shift from C to C"



Increase in net wealth:  $C \rightarrow C''$ 

Decrease in net wealth:  $C \rightarrow C'$ 





- Some household wealth is held in dollar-denominated assets such as bank accounts and cash
- If price level changes, the real value of dollar-denominated assets changes
  - Increase in the price level reduces the purchasing power of wealth held in fixed dollar assets → Consume less and save more
  - Decreases in the price level increase the purchasing power of wealth held in fixed assets 
     Consume more and save less



- Interest
  - The reward savers earn for deferring consumption
  - the cost paid by borrowers for current spending power

The higher the interest rate,

- the less is spent on purchased on credit
- Save more and borrow less
- Consumption function shifts downward

# A lower interest rate shifts the consumption function upward



If expectations become more optimistic
 Consumption function shifts upward



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- Investment consists of spending on
  - New factories
  - New equipment
  - New housing
  - Net change in inventories
  - expectation of a future return

Investors must estimate how much a investment will yield in all years of its productive life



- Buy new capital goods if expecting this investment yield a greater return than other possible uses of funds
- The expected rate of return = annual dollar earnings / purchase price
- The example in next slide provides us with a comparison between
  - the rates of return
  - market interest rate



### Investment

- Should the firm invest in golf carts, and if so, how many?
- If the firm borrows the money to buy the carts
  - The number of carts depends on the interest rate they pay to borrow the money
- Let market interest rate = 8%
  - profit is maximized if \$6,000 is invested in the carts (10%>8%)
  - Purchase three carts
- The market interest rate is the opportunity cost of investing in capital



- More is invested if the opportunity cost of borrowing is lower
- Downward sloping investing demand curve is derived
  - form horizontal sum of all industries' downward sloping investment demand curves
- See next slide





## Planned Investment and Income

#### Investment depends more on

- interest rates
- business expectations
- than on
- the prevailing level of income

#### Investment decision is said to be "forward looking"



- The simplest investment function:
  - planned investment is unrelated to the current disposable income
  - Planned investment does not vary as real disposable income does
- Two determinants of investment that are assumed to be constant along the investment function curve
  - The market interest rate
  - Business expectations
- See next slide



### Market Interest Rate

- If rate drop from 8% to 6%
  - Increase planned investment from \$0.8 to \$0.9 trillion
  - Function shifts upward from I to I"
- If rate increase from 8% to 10%
  - Increase planned investment from \$0.8 to \$0.7 trillion
  - Function shifts downward from I to I'



- If firms become more pessimistic
  - Planned investment will decrease
  - Shift from I to I'
- If profit expectations become rosier
   Investment function shift upward from I to I"
- Factors that Affect Business Expectations
  - 🛚 Wars
  - Technological change
  - Changes in the tax structure
  - Other destabilizing (不穩定) events that make longterm planning more uncertain



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## **Government Purchase Function**

- The government purchase function relates
  - government purchases
  - level of income in the economy
- Decisions about government purchases
  - Almost controlled by public officials,
  - do not depend directly on the level of income
- we assume that government purchases, G, are independent of the level of income



# Another components of government outlays

Ex:

- Social Security
- Unemployment benefits

# Transfer payments vary inversely with income as income increases, transfer payments decline



- To fund government outlays, governments impose taxes
- Taxes vary directly with income 
  as income 
  increase, so do taxes
- Net taxes transfers
  - Taxes tend to increase with income
  - Transfers decrease with income,
  - Net taxes is positively related to income

#### real GDP-NT=DI

Net taxes affect aggregate spending indirectly by changing disposable income, which in turn changes consumption

# Net Exports

- Imports
  - If incomes rise,
    - Spend more on import
  - Incomes decline →spend less on imports
- Exports
  - Purchased by the rest of the world
  - Depends on the income of foreigners
  - Not on the U.S. level of income



- The net export function shows the relationship between
  - net exports
  - level of income
- Net exports = Exports minus imports tend to decline as U.S. income increase

#### For simplicity, we will assume that net exports are independent of the level of income

### Nonincome Determinants of Net Exports

#### Factors assumed constant along the net export function include

- The U.S. price level
- Price levels in other countries
- Interest rates here and abroad
- **Foreign income levels**
- Exchange rates between the dollar and foreign currencies
- Next slide illustrates the effect of a change in one of these factors, the exchange rate

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Autonomous Net Export Function





### 課堂報告

◆請解釋何謂Consumption function

- ◆請解釋何謂Net wealth,並說明Net wealth 對於consumption function的影響
- ◆請說明在本章中,公司使用投資報酬率 (rate of return)和市場利率決定投資金額
   ◆請說明net taxes和income的關係



### Homework

10. Consumption function11. MPC and MPS