

**Chapter 35.2-4 → The Foreign Exchange Market**

- Balance of payments account: records of transactions between Canada and the rest of the world
  - Ex. Imports/exports, sale/purchase of assets
- Credit: receipt for Canada (ie. Sale of a product or asset to foreigners)
- Debit: represents a payment for Canada
- *Current Account*: records transactions from trade in goods and services
  - Trade Account: payments and receipts from imports/exports
  - Capital-Service Account: payments and receipts from income on assets
- *Capital Account*: records international transactions in assets
  - Financial capital inflow (credit)/outflow (debit)
- Balance of Payments = Current Account + Capital Account = 0
- Exchange rate: the Canadian-dollar price for one unit of foreign currency
  - ? CAD/\$1 USD
- Appreciation = ↓ in exchange rate
- Depreciation = ↑ in exchange rate
- **Demand** for foreign currency (ie. Euro) = **supply** of CAD
- **Supply** for foreign currency (ie. Euro) = **demand** for CAD
- Supply of Foreign Exchange: (demand for CAD)
  - Canadian Exports
  - Asset Sales (capital inflows)
  - Reserve Currency
- Flexible exchange rate = no central bank intervention
- Fixed exchange rate = pegged at particular rate
- Adjustable peg = fix specific values, understand controllable situations
- Changes in flexible exchange rate
  - Increase in world price of CAN exports = appreciation
  - Rise in price of CAN imports = depreciation
  - CAN inflation > other countries = depreciation
  - CAN inflation < other countries = appreciation
  - Contractionary monetary policy → rise in interest rates → capital inflow → appreciation
  - Expansionary monetary policy → reduction in interest rates → capital outflow → depreciation

**Chapter 19 → Intro to Macro**

- Nominal national income: measured in **current** dollars
- Real national income: measured in **constant** dollars (base-period)
- Potential output (Y\*)

- Actual output
- Output Gaps:
  - Recessionary
  - Inflationary
- National income is an important measure of **economic performance**
- *Real per capita* national income is an important determinant of improvements in a society's standard of living
- Unemployment Rate = Unemployed/Labour Force
- Types:
  - Frictional: natural turnover (between jobs)
  - Structural: mistake in location or skills
  - Cyclical: involuntary (due to output gap ie. boom/recession)
- Labour productivity: GDP/employment
- Inflation: rise in average off ALL prices
- CPI: average prices of goods and services commonly bought by consumers
- Rate of Inflation =  $\Delta$  in price level/initial price level (%)
- Interest rate: price paid per dollar borrowed
  - Nominal: price paid per dollar borrowed per period of time
  - Real: nominal – inflation
- **Burden of borrowing** depends on the real interest rate

### Chapter 20 → National Income

- Intermediate goods: used as inputs by other producers
- Finals goods: ready for sale
- Valued added: value of firms output – cost of inputs purchased from other firms
- GDP from the expenditure side:
  - Consumption
  - Investment (Net = gross – depreciation)
  - Government purchases
  - Net exports (exports – imports)
$$\text{GDP} = C_a + I_a + G_a + (X_a - IM_a)$$
- GDP from the income side:
  - Factor incomes
    - Wages + salaries
    - Interest
    - Business profits
    - Net domestic income
  - Non-factor payments
    - Indirect taxes less subsidies

- Depreciation

$$\text{GDP} = \text{factor incomes} + (\text{indirect taxes} - \text{subsidies}) + \text{depreciation}$$

- GNP: value of total incomes earned by domestic residents
- Disposable personal income: available to spend/save
- GDP deflator =  $\text{GDP at current prices} / \text{GDP at base-period prices}$   
= Nominal GDP/real GDP

### Chapter 21 → Short Run Model

- Desired aggregate expenditure (AE): sum of desired spending on domestic output

$$\text{AE} = \text{C} + \text{I}$$

- Autonomous: do not change with NI
- Induced: affected by changes in NI
- Consumption: (affected by)
  - Disposable income
  - Wealth
  - Interest rates
  - Expectations about the future

$$\text{C} = \text{Desired Consumption} + \text{MPC} (\text{Y}_D)$$

- Average propensity to consume (APC) =  $\text{C} / \text{Y}_D$
- Marginal propensity to consume (MPC) =  $\Delta \text{C} / \Delta \text{Y}_D$  (slope)
- 45° line: desired consumption = disposable income
- Average propensity to save (APS) =  $\text{S} / \text{Y}_D$
- Marginal Propensity to Save (MPS) =  $\Delta \text{S} / \Delta \text{Y}_D$
- $\text{APC} + \text{APS} = 1$  ...  $\text{MPC} + \text{MPS} = 1$
- Shifts of the consumption function:
  - Change in household wealth
  - Change in interest rates
  - Change in expectations
- Desired investment expenditure
  - Inventory accumulation
  - Residential construction
  - New plant and equipment
- Changes in equilibrium national income (AE = Y)
  - Upward shift in AE function
    - Rise in amount of desired AE at each level
  - Downward shift in AE function
    - Fall in amount of desired AE at each level
  - Increase in marginal propensity to spend (z) steepens AE curve
    - Increases NI

- Decrease in marginal propensity to spend (z) flattens AE curve
  - Decreases NI
- Simple multiplier =  $\Delta Y / \Delta A = 1 / 1 - z$

**Chapter 22 → Government & Trade**

- Fiscal policy: use of government taxes and spending
- Net tax revenue: total tax revenue – transfer payments (T)
- Net tax rate: income in net tax revenue generated when NI rises by one dollar

$$T = tY$$

- Budget balance =  $T - G$

\*\* All levels of government\*\*

- Net Imports:  $IM = mY$
- Net Exports:  $NX = X - mY$ 
  - $m$  = marginal propensity to import
- Shifts in Net Export Function:
  - Changes in foreign income
    - (+)vely affect exports
  - Changes in international relative prices
    - Rise = decrease exports, increase imports ( $NX \downarrow$ )
    - Fall = rise exports, increase imports ( $NX \uparrow$ )
- $Y_D = Y - T$

$$C = c + MPC \times Y_D$$

**I**

$$C = MPC (1 - t) Y$$

**G**

$$T = tY$$

$$AE = [c + I + G + X] + [MPC (1 - t) - m] Y$$

**X**

$$IM = mY$$

- $z = MPC(1 - t) - m$
- The multiplier:
  - Without government and foreign trade
    - Simple multiplier =  $1 / 1 - MPC$
  - With government and foreign trade
    - $1 / 1 - [MPC (1 - t) - m]$
- The higher the marginal propensity to import, the lower the simple multiplier

**Chapter 23 → Output & Price in the Short Run**

- Exogenous changes in price level
  - Changes in consumption
    - Rise in price level lowers purchasing power
  - Changes in net exports
    - Rise in domestic price level shifts net export function downwards → downward shift of AE curve
- Shifts in the aggregate demand curve (shocks)
  - Change in government policy (purchases/taxation)
  - Change in households consumption
  - Firms investment behaviour
  - Foreigners demand for CAN exports
- The aggregate supply curve
  - Assumptions:
    - State of technology is constant
    - Prices of all factor prices are constant
- Shifts in the aggregate supply curve
  - Changes in input
    - Changes in factor prices (exogenous/endogenous)
  - Changes in production technology
    - Deterioration/improvements in technology
- A variable price level reduces the value of the multiplier
- The steeper the AS curve, the greater the price effect and small the output effect (vice versa)

Chapter 24 → The Adjustment of Factor Prices

|                         | The Short Run  | The Adjustment Process   | The Long Run   |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| Key Assumptions         | 1. factor prices are exogenous<br>2. technology and factor supplies are constant/exogenous | 1. factor prices are flexible/endogenous<br>2. technology and factor supplies are constant/exogenous | 1. factor prices are fully adjusted/endogenous<br>2. technology and factor supplies are changing |
| What Happens            | Y is determined by AD and AS   | Factor prices adjust to output gaps. Y eventually returns to Y*.                                     | Y* grows over the long run.  |
| Why We Study This State | To show the effects of AD and AS shocks on Y   | To see how output gaps cause factor prices to change and why Y tends to return to Y*.                | To understand the nature of long-run economic growth.  |

- Output above potential,  $Y > Y^*$ 
  - o High profits for firms
  - o Excess demand for labour
  - o Wages (and other factor prices) rise
- Output below potential,  $Y < Y^*$ 
  - o Low profits for firms
  - o Excess supply of labour
  - o Wages (and other factor prices) fall
- Downward wage stickiness
- The Phillips curve
  - o Observed that wages tended to fall in periods of high unemployment (vice versa)
  - o Relates wage changes to the level of unemployment
- The level of  $Y^*$  acts like an anchor for the economy
- Expansionary AD shocks (+)
  - o First raises prices and output along the AS curve
  - o Then induces a shift of the AS curve, further raises prices
  - o Lowers output along new AD curve
  - o Eventually eliminates any boom caused by shock

- Contractionary AD shocks (-)
  - First lowers price level and GDP along AS curve
  - Induces a (possibly slow) shift of AS curve, further lowers prices
    - Sticky wages vs. flexible wages
  - Raises output along new AD curve
  - Eventually eliminates a recessionary gap
- Aggregate supply shocks
  - Negative AS shock caused by increase in input prices
  - Causes Y to fall and price level to rise
  - Adjustment process then reverses the AS shift
  - Returns economy to starting point
  - Vice versa for positive AS shock
- Fiscal policy stabilization
  - Closing a recessionary gap
    - Government can use expansionary fiscal policy to shift AD curve to the right
      - Reducing taxes
      - Increasing transfers
      - Increasing level of government purchases
  - Closing an inflationary gap
    - Government can use contractionary fiscal policy to shift AD curve to the left
      - Increasing tax
      - Reducing transfers
      - Reducing level of purchases
- Government intervention speeds up economy's natural adjustment process
- Paradox of thrift: an increase in savings reduces the level of Y (in the SR).
  - Policy implication may cause a major and persistent recession and prolonged inflation
- In the LR, Y is determined by  $Y^*$ . The increase in savings has the long run effect of increasing investment and therefor increasing  $Y^*$ .
- Automatic stabilizer: the government's tax-and transfer system
- Simple multiplier =  $1 / (1 - z)$
- The lower the net tax rate, the larger the simple multiplier
  - Y response is less stable to shocks
- Decision lag
- Execution lag
- Fine tuning: maintain output at  $Y^*$  by frequent changes in fiscal/monetary policy

- Gross tuning: use of macro policy to stabilize economy to avoid large deviations from  $Y^*$
- In short run, fiscal expansion created by an increase in  $G$  will increase  $Y$
- In the long run, the rise of  $G$  may “crowd out” private spending
  - The growth rate of  $Y^*$  may be reduced
- In the short run, fiscal policy via the reduction of taxes increases  $Y$
- In the long run, the tax reduction leads to more investment and work effort
  - There will be a positive effect on the level and growth rate of  $Y^*$

**Chapter 25 → Short Run vs. Long Run**

- Changes in economic activity distinguished by behaviour of real GDP over time
- Short run changes in GDP involve primarily opening/closing of **output gap**
- Long run changes in GDP involve **change in  $Y^*$** , little/no change in output gap

$$GDP = F (F_E/F) \times (GDP/F_E)$$

$F$  = factor supply

$F_E/F$  = factor utilization rate

$GDP/F_E$  = productivity

- Any change in GDP can be decomposed into a change in one of these^ factors
- Long Run:
  - Factor Supply
    - Labour
    - Capital
  - Productivity
- Short Run:
  - Factor utilization
    - Fluctuates in response to AD and AS shocks
- Fiscal and monetary policies affect short run level of GDP by altering the level of demand and the position of the AD curve
- Unless these policies are able to affect  $Y^*$ , they will have no long run effect on GDP

**Chapter 26 → Long Run Economic Growth**

- Three variables affecting long run economic growth:
  - Real GDP
  - Per capita GDP
  - Real GDP per employed worker
- Benefits:

- Rising average living standards
- Address poverty and income equality
- Costs:
  - Forgone consumption
  - Firms made obsolete
  - Products become obsolete
  - Existing skills become obsolete
- Sources:
  - Growth in labour force
  - Growth in human capital
  - Growth in physical capital
  - Technological improvement
- Theories of Economic Growth:
  - Investment, Saving, and Growth
    - Equilibrium interest rate is determined where desired national saving equals desired investment

$$\text{Private Saving} = Y^* - T - C$$

$$\text{Public Saving} = T - G$$

$$\text{National Saving} = Y^* - C - G$$

G = gov't purchases

T = taxes net of transfers

C = desired consumption

- For a given level of real GDP in the long run, an increase in household consumption or government purchases must imply a reduction in national savings
- Increase in interest rate → decrease in consumption
- Decrease in interest rate → increase in investment
- Increase in NS reduces real interest rate and encourages investment
- A higher the rate of investment leads to a higher future growth rate of  $Y^*$
- Increase in demand for investment pushes up real interest rate and encourages more saving
- Higher rate of saving leads to higher growth rate of  $Y^*$
- Neoclassical Growth Rate
  - Aggregate production function
  - Relates the economy's total output to total amount of factors used to produce output

$$\text{GDP} = F_T(L, K, H)$$

- For a given state of technology, changes in either L, K, or H will lead to changes in GDP
  - Diminishing marginal returns
  - Constant returns to scale
- Endogenous Technological Change
  - In Neoclassical: innovation increases the amount of output producible from a given level of factor inputs (exogenous)
  - Technological change in responsive to such economic signals as prices and profits (endogenous)
  - Learning by doing
  - Knowledge transfer
  - Market structure and innovation
  - Shocks and innovation
- Increasing Marginal Returns
  - As investment in some new geographical area, new product, or new technology proceeds through time, new increments of investment are often more productive than previous increments
  - Market-development costs
  - Knowledge (unlimited potential)
- Limits to growth:
  - Resource exhaustion
  - Environmental degradation

**Chapter 27 → Money and Banking**

- Gresham's law: debased (bad) money drives undebased (good) money out of circulation
- Central bank: acts as banker to commercial banker and government
  - Regulator of money supply
  - Supports financial markets
- Commercial banks: privately owned
  - Provision of credit
  - Interbank cooperative relationships
  - Make profits
  - Keep reserves, sufficient cash on hand to meet daily demands
    - Fractional-reserve system
    - (Target) reserve ratio
    - Excess reserves
- Creation of deposit money:
  - Cash that is new to the commercial banking system

- Money brought to Canada by an immigrant
- Cash from under bed/safety deposit box
- Cheque from bank of Canada

$$\Delta \text{ Deposits} = \text{new cash deposits}/v = \Delta \text{ Reserves}/v$$

$v = \text{target reserve ratio}$

- A new deposit will increase the total amount of deposits by  $1/v$  times
- The larger is the cash drain from the banking system, the smaller will be the total expansion of deposits created by a new cash deposit

$$\Delta \text{ Deposits} = \text{new cash deposits}/c + v$$

- Realistic value for cash-deposit ratio in Canada is 5%
- Money supply is the total amount of money in the economy at a point in time

$$\text{Money Supply} = \text{Currency} + \text{Bank Deposits}$$

- Kinds of deposits
  - Demand
  - Savings
  - Term
- Definitions of money supply
  - M1: currency in circulation + demand deposits held at chartered banks
  - M2: currency in circulation + demand and term deposits at chartered banks
  - M2+: includes M2 + similar deposits at other financial institutions (ie. Trust/mortgage loan companies, credit unions, caisses populaires) and holdings of money-market mutual funds
- Near money: liquid assets, highly convertible in money without risk of significant loss of value
- Money substitutes: serves as medium of exchange but is not a store of value

**Chapter 28 → Money, Interest Rates, and Economic Activity**

- Treasury bills and bonds: IOUs issued by the gov't or corporations
- Present value (PV): the value now of one or more payments or receipts made in the future

$$PV = \frac{R_1}{1 + i} + \frac{R_2}{(1 + i)^2} + \dots + \frac{R_T}{(1 + i)^T}$$

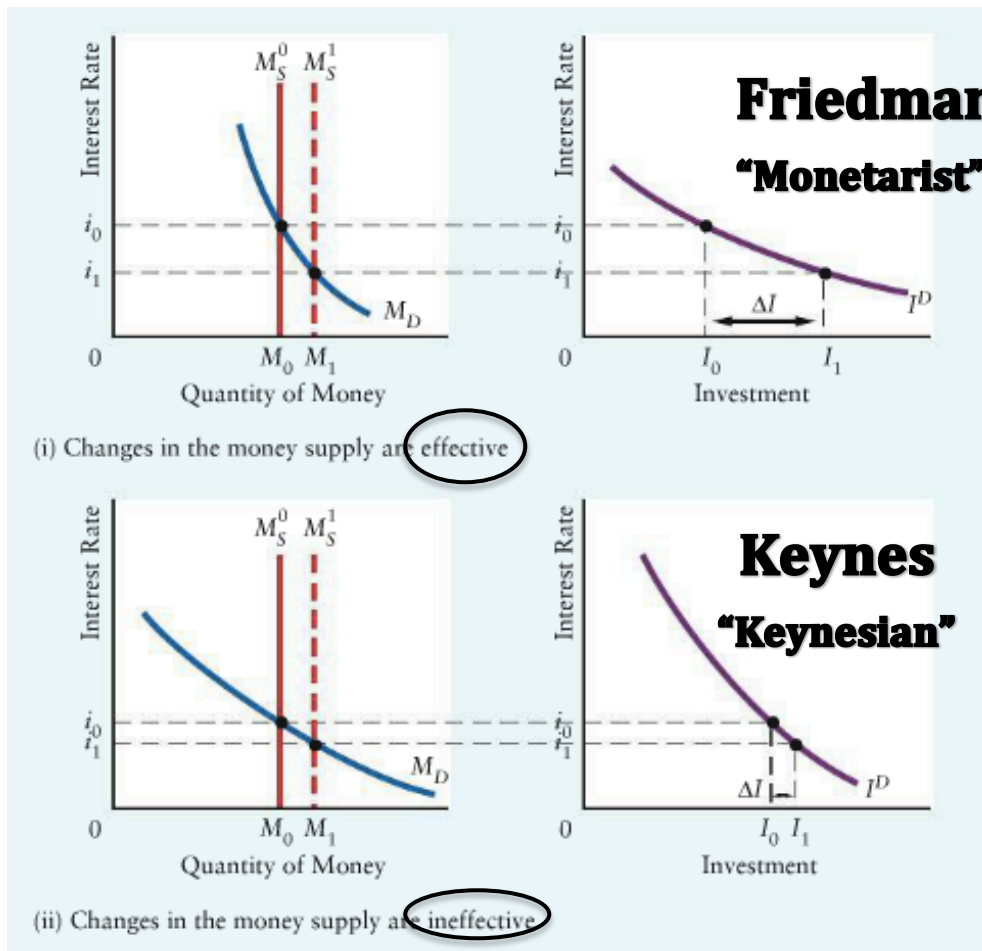
- The PV of any bond that promises a future payment or sequence of future payments is negatively related to the market interest rate
- A bond's equilibrium market price will be equal to its present value
- Increase in  $i \rightarrow$  fall in price of bond  $\rightarrow$  increase in bond yield

- Increase in bond riskiness → decline in expected PV → decrease in bond price (higher yield)
- Reasons for holding money:
  1. Transactions demand
  2. Precautionary demand
  3. Speculative demand
- Determinants of money demand:
  - Interest rate (Negatively related)
  - Real GDP (positively related)
  - Price level (positively related)

$$M_D = M_D(i, Y, P)$$

- ↑ interest rate ↑ opportunity cost of holding money ↓ quantity money demanded
- ↑ real GDP ↑ volume of transactions ↑ quantity money demanded
- ↑ price level ↑ dollar value of given volume of transactions ↑ quantity money demanded
- Monetary equilibrium: quantity of money demanded = quantity of money supplied
- Determined by interest rate
- Monetary transmission mechanism: connection between changes in demand and supply of money and the level of aggregate demand
  1. Δ in S of/D for money → Δ in  $i^*$  in SR
  2. Δ  $i$  → Δ desired I and C (and NX in open economy)
  3. Δ desired AE → a shift in AD curve and SR Δ real GDP and price level
- Changes in interest rate:
  - ↑ money supply ⇒ excess supply of money at initial interest rate
    - ⇒ firms and households buy bonds
    - ⇒ ↑ bond prices
    - ⇒ ↓ equilibrium interest rate
  - ↑ money demand ⇒ excess demand for money at initial interest rate
    - ⇒ firms and households sell bonds
    - ⇒ ↓ bond prices
    - ⇒ ↑ equilibrium interest rate
- Changes in desired investment and consumption:
  - ↓ interest rate ↓ opportunity cost of borrowing or using retained earnings of investment purposes
  - ↓ interest rates lead to ↑ desired investment expenditure

- Changes in aggregate demand:
  - o  $\uparrow$  in money supply  $\downarrow$  interest rate and  $\uparrow$  desired investment causes a rightward shift of AD curve
  - o  $\downarrow$  in money supply  $\uparrow$  interest rate and  $\downarrow$  desired investment causes a leftward shift of AD curve
- In an open economy with capital mobility, an increase in money supply is predicted to cause an increase in aggregate demand
  - o Reduction in interest rates causes interest in investment
  - o Lower interest rates cause capital outflow, depreciation, rise in NX
- Long run money neutrality ( $Y^*$  unaffected by changes in supply of money)
- Hysteresis effect: the proposition of LR money neutrality is debatable
  - o A change in money supply, via effect on interest rate, can affect the course of investment and technological change and path of  $Y^*$
- The steeper the  $M_D$  curve, the more interest rates will change in response to a given change in the money supply
- The flatter the  $I^D$  curve, the more investment expenditure will change in response to a given change in the interest rate, and hence the larger shift in the AD curve



**Chapter 29 → Monetary Policy in Canada**

- Two approaches for implementing monetary policy:
  1. Target money supply
  2. Target interest rate
- Disadvantages:
  - Cannot control process of deposit creation
  - Uncertainty regarding slope of  $M_D$  curve
  - Uncertainty regarding position of  $M_D$  curve
- Advantages:
  - Able to control particular interest rate
  - Uncertainty about slope and position of  $M_D$  curve does not prevent Bank of Canada from establishing desired interest rate
  - Can easily communicate it's interest rate policy to the public
- Overnight interest rate: commercial banks charge one another for overnight loans
  - By influencing the overnight rate, the Bank of Canada also influences longer term interest rates relevant to consumption and investment
- Bank rate: rate Bank of Canada charges commercial banks for loans (0.25 percentage points above target rate)
- Expansionary policy: reducing interest rate
  - Stimulate aggregate demand
- Contractionary policy: increase interest rate
  - Reduce aggregate demand/growth rate
- High inflation is costly
- Monetary policy is the cause of sustained inflation
- Inflation targeting (2%)
- Persistent output gaps create pressure for rate of inflation to change
- Monetary policy implemented to keep inflation around 2% target and real GDP close to  $Y^*$
- Inflation targeting = stabilizing policy
- Complications in inflation targeting:
  - Volatile food and energy prices (core inflation vs. CPI inflation)
  - Changes in exchange rate (causes)
- Lags:
  - Changes in expenditure take time
  - The multiplier effect takes time
  - May cause monetary policy to be destabilizing

**Chapter 30 → Inflation and Disinflation**

- inflation: the rise in the average of all prices

- Wages and the output gap
  - Excess demand for labour associated with inflationary gap puts upward pressure on nominal wages
  - Excess supply of labour associated with recessionary gap puts downward pressure on nominal wages (adjustment slow)
  - Absence of output gap implies demand forces not exerting pressure on nominal wages
- Expectation of specific inflation creates pressure for nominal wages to rise by that rate (rational expectations)

Changes in Nominal Wages = Output Gap Effect + Expectational effect

- the net effect of output gaps and inflation expectations acting on wages determines what happens to the AS curve

$$\text{Actual Inflation} = \text{Output Gap Inflation} + \text{Expected Inflation} + \text{Supply Shock}$$

- In the absence of supply shocks, if expected inflation equals actual inflation, real GDP must be equal to  $Y^*$
- Constant inflation with  $Y = Y^*$  occurs when:
  - The rate of monetary growth
  - The rate of wage increase
  - And the expected rate of inflation
- Are all consistent with the actual inflation rate
- Demand shocks: rightward shift of AD curve (creates inflationary gap)
  - Causes:
    - Reduction in tax rates
    - Increase in autonomous expenditure (I, G, NX)
    - Expansionary monetary policy
- AD shock not validated produces temporary inflation, economy's adjustment process eventually restores  $Y^*$  and stable prices
- Validation produces sustained inflation fuelled by monetary expansion
- Supply shocks: leftward shift of AS curve (not caused by excess demand in markets for factors of production)
  - Causes:
    - Rise in cost of imported raw materials
    - Rise in domestic wages not due to excess demand in labour market

- Validation of negative supply shock causes initial rise in price level followed by further rise, resulting in higher price level but much faster returns to  $Y^*$  then automatic stabilizers
- Acceleration hypothesis: when real GDP is held above  $Y^*$ , the persistent gap will cause inflation to accelerate
- Phillips Curve: the relationship between unemployment and the rate of increase of nominal wages that arises when the output gap and expectations components of inflation are combined
- Disinflation: a reduction in the rate of inflation
  1. Removing monetary validation
    - Tightening monetary policy via raising interest rates
  2. Stagflation
    - How quickly inflation expectations are revised
  3. Recovery
    - The return to  $Y^*$
- Cost of disinflation: the loss of output that is generated in the process

**Chapter 31 → Unemployment Fluctuations & The NAIRU**

- changes in unemployment:
  - rapid economic growth: falls
  - periods of slow growth: rises
- amount of activity in labour market better reflected by the flows into and out of unemployment
- consequences of unemployment:
  - lost output
  - personal costs
- Unemployment fluctuations:
  - Market-clearing theories: assume real wages always adjust to clear the labour market
    - There is no involuntary unemployment
  - Non-Market-Clearing Theories: labour markets do not operate in extreme manners
    - Wage stickiness
- Types of unemployment (affecting the NAIRU)
  - Frictional: normal turnover
  - Structural: mismatch in skills, location, industry
- Changes in the NAIRU:
  - Demographic shifts
  - Hysteresis
  - Globalization and structural change

- Policy and labour market flexibility
- Reducing Unemployment:
  - Cyclical
    - Countered by monetary or fiscal policy
  - Frictional
    - Inevitable
    - Employment insurance
  - Structural
    - Resisting change (preserving existing jobs vs. reallocating resources where they are most valuable)
    - Assisting adjustment (subsidizing training/education)
    - Improve labour market information flow

**Chapter 32 → Government Debt and Deficits**

- government budget constraint:
 

Government Expenditure = Tax revenue + Borrowing
- debit-service payments: represent interest owed on current stock of debt

$$(G + iD) - T = \text{Borrowing}$$

- budget deficit: excess gov't expenditure over tax revenues in a given year
- government debit: outstanding stock of financial liabilities

$$\text{Budget Deficit} = \Delta D = (G + iD) - T$$

- primary budget deficit: difference between the gov't's overall budget deficit and its debit-service payments

$$\text{Primary budget deficit} = G - T$$

- when considering the size and effects of budget deficits or surpluses, it is important to consider all levels of gov't
- the budget deficit function: to see why the budget deficit can rise or fall even when there is no change in fiscal policy
- ↑ real GDP ↓ budget deficit (vice versa)
- changes in real GDP lead to movements along a given budget deficit function
- expansionary change in fiscal policy increases the cyclically adjusted deficit
- a contractionary change in fiscal policy reduces the cyclically adjusted deficit
- debt dynamics:
- if  $r = g$ , reductions in  $d$  require government to run primary budget surpluses

$$\Delta d = x + (r - g) \times d$$

$d$  = debt-to-GDP ratio  
 $x$  = government's primary budget deficit  
 $r$  = real interest rate  
 $g$  = growth rate of real GDP  
 $\Delta d$  = change in debt-to-GDP ratio

- Investments in closed economies
  - ↑ budget deficit ↓ in supply of national saving
  - ↓ NS ↑ equilibrium interest rate ↓ investment
  - SR: fiscal expansion shifts AD to the right, ↑ real GDP
  - LR: real GDP returns to  $Y^*$  at an ↑ interest rate
- Net exports in open economies
  - ↑ interest rates ↑ capital inflow
  - ↑ capital inflow ↑ demand for CAD ↑ appreciation
  - if appreciation is sustained over long period of time, will cause ↓ in CAD X and ↑ IM
  - NX ↓
- The larger is the increase in  $Y^*$  caused by a fiscal expansion, the less private expenditure will be crowded out
- The long term burden of debt is a redistribution of resources away from future generations and toward current generations
- A large debt-to-GDP ratio may lead to expectations of increases in inflation, hampering the conduct of monetary policy
  - The higher the debt-to-GDP ratio, the more constrained is the gov't
- Annually balanced budgets: would eliminate the automatic fiscal stabilizers and accentuate swings in real GDP
- Cyclically balanced budgets: in principle desirable, difficult to define business cycle
- Low and relatively stable debt-to-GDP ratio appropriate indicator of fiscal prudence