

Exercise Sheet 2

1. Assume the following IS-LM-Model:

$$C = 200 + 0.25Y_V$$

$$I = 150 + 0.25Y - 1000i$$

$$G = 250; T = 200$$

$$\left(\frac{M}{P}\right)^D = 2Y - 8000i$$

$$\frac{M}{P} = 1600$$

- Determine the IS-equation.
- Determine the LM-equation.
- Calculate the equilibrium value of real income.
- Calculate the equilibrium interest rate.
- Calculate the equilibrium values of C and I and check whether the result for Y equals the sum of C , I and G .
- Now assume that money supply is increase to $M/P = 1840$. Solve for Y , i , C and I and verbally describe the impact of expansive monetary policy.
- Let M/P take again its original value of 1600. Assume that government expenditures increase to $G = 400$. Explain the impact of expansive fiscal policy on Y , i and C .

2. Assume the following demand functions for consumption, investment and money:

$$C = 80 + 0.8(Y - T)$$

$$I = 150 - 1000i$$

$$\left(\frac{M}{P}\right)^D = 0.2Y - 1000i$$

The price level is fixed at $P = 1$.

- Government expenditures are at $G = 100$ and the public budget is balanced. Real money supply is $M/P = 50$. Determine the IS- and LM-equations and draw them in a picture.
- Calculate the interest rate for which goods-, money- and financial markets are cleared and determine the levels of disposable income, consumption and investment.
- Assume that government expenditures increase to $G = 250$, where the difference is financed through loans. Calculate interest rate, income and investment in the new equilibrium and determine private savings after the increase in government expenditures.

- (d) Compare the situation in (c) with a situation in which government expenditures are financed through an increase in taxes T . What impact does this have on private savings? Why does this lead to a decrease in investment?
3. Assume the markup of firms on costs to be 5%. The wage-setting relation is given by $W = P(1 - u)$ where u denotes the unemployment rate.
- (a) What real wage does the wage-setting relation imply?
- (b) Determine the natural unemployment rate.
- (c) Assume the markup increases to 10%. How does the natural unemployment change? Explain the relationship.
4. An economy is given by the following equations:

$$i = 30 - 0.02Y$$

$$i = 0.08Y - 0.05(M/P)$$

$$Y = Y_n + 10(P - P^e)$$

Money in equilibrium is given by $M = 200$. The natural level of output is $Y_n = 500$. Assume adaptive expectations.

- (a) Determine the price level in the medium run equilibrium.
- (b) Assume the equilibrium in (a). The central bank increase money to $M' = 300$. Calculate the price level in the new medium run equilibrium.
- (c) Explain graphically the dynamic process that occurs when moving from the equilibrium in (a) to the new equilibrium. Describe how Y , P and i change during this process.
- (d) What do you think about the use of monetary policy in the given situation? Explain pros and cons of such a policy. In which situation would definitely agree to use it?
5. Assume the Phillips-curve to be given by

$$\pi_t = \pi_t^e + 0.1 - 2u_t$$

where $\pi_t^e = \pi_{t-1}$. Also assume that in year t the inflation rate is at 0%. In year t government decides to keep the unemployment permanently at a level of 4%.

- (a) Calculate the inflation rate for the years t , $t + 1$, $t + 2$ and $t + 3$.
Now assume that half of the workers have indexed working contracts.
- (b) Determine the new equation for the Phillips-curve.
- (c) Provide an answer to (a) again.
- (d) Explain the impact of indexed wages on the relationship between π and u ?