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# **Monetary Policy: LM CURVE**

(Basic Reference- Dornbusch and Fischer: Macroeconomics)

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# <u>Important Terminology</u>

<u>Assets market:</u> It is the market in which money, bond, stocks, houses and other forms of wealth are traded

Nominal Demand for Money: Demand for money in number of rupees

<u>Real Demand for Money:</u> Demand for money expressed in terms of number of units of good which that money would buy (buying power of the money or Purchasing Power of Money). It is equal to nominal demand for money divided by price level <u>Real money balances:</u> Quantity of nominal money divided by the price level <u>Cost of holding money</u>: Interest forgone by holding money rather than other assets

# LM Curve

<u>Definition</u> – The LM Curve represent various combinations of Income (I) and Interest (i) along which the money market is at equilibrium

A Quick Recap: (Based on Rangarajan and Dholakia's Reading)

Demand for Money

- i. Transactionary Demand for Money: Function of Income
- ii. Precautionary Demand for Money: Function of Income
- iii. Speculative Demand for Money: Function of Interest (It is important to understand the Inverse Relationship between Rate of Interest and Price of Bond. Only then, can the inverse relationship between Rate of Interest and Money Demanded for Speculation Purposes can be understood and appreciated).

$$P_{\rm B} = \frac{R}{i}$$

Where  $P_B$  represents Price of Bond R represents Return Fixed on Bond, and i represents the Rate of Interest

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So, Demand for Money depends on both Y and i. Mathematically,  $m^d = k y - h i$ 

Where:

Small m: Represents real demand for money and not nominal demand for moneyk: Represents responsiveness of Money Demand to Change in Incomeh: Represents responsiveness of Money Demand to Change in Interest

m<sup>s</sup> = Real Money Supply:  $\frac{M}{P}$  (Assumed to be a constant) At Equilibrium:

Real Demand for Money=Real Supply of Money (Note: Both Demand and Supply of Money are in Real Terms and Not Nominal Terms)

Basic Concern: It determines the equilibrium rate of interest, under the assumption that level of Income which is determined in the Goods Market is already known.

If not known, then how do we determine both i and Y simultaneously?

This is done using the Hicksian IS-LM Framework.

#### The LM Curve: Graphical Derivation



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LM Curve: The graphical representation indicates that for various combinations of Income (Y) and Interest (i), the money market is at equilibrium

 $\label{eq:mathematical Derivation of LM Curve} \\ At Equilibrium: \\ m_d = m_s \\ \end{aligned}$ 

That is:  $m_T^d = M/P$ 

 $m_T^d = m_t^d + m_{sp}^d$  (Note the difference between 'T' and 't': While 'T' represents Total Demand for Money, 't' represents Transactionary Demand, which also includes precautionary demand)

Thus, Capital T represents Total Demand for Money (Transactionary + Precautionary + Speculative); while 't' represents (Transactionary + Precautionary)



'k' measures the responsiveness of transactionary demand for money (including precautionary demand) due to change in level of income 0 < k < 1

'h' measures the responsiveness of speculative demand for money to the change in level of interest  $0 < h < \infty$ 



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The Three Phases of LM Curve

- Horizontal
- Vertical
- Upward Sloping
- *i. Horizontal:*

Liquidity trap Region: This region of the LM Curve is referred to as the Keynesian region of  $m^d$  curve

ii. Vertical:

Classical region: The vertical region of the curve is called the classical region. Here the following holds:

 $\Rightarrow$  Income level is maximum

- $\Rightarrow$  Full employment exists
- $\Rightarrow$  Money is demanded only for transactions and not for speculation
- $\Rightarrow$  LM is vertical and m<sup>d</sup> is vertical and speculative demand for money is zero.
- iii. Upward Sloping Region: Intermediate Region

Complete Shape of LM is represented by:





The LM Curve

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## Next Lecture: Preview

**Simultaneous Determination of Income and Interest: IS-LM Interaction** Graphical Representation:



## <u>Mathematical Derivation: Simultaneous Determination of Income (Y) and Interest</u> (i)

$$y = \propto_g (\bar{A} - b i) \qquad \text{------- Equation of IS curve} \qquad - \text{ Eqn 1}$$
$$i = \frac{1}{h} (ky - \frac{M}{p}) \qquad \text{------- Equation of LM curve} \qquad - \text{ Eqn 2}$$

Inserting Eqn 2 in Eqn 1 we get

$$y = \alpha_g \left[\bar{A} - \frac{b}{h}\left(ky - \frac{M}{P}\right)\right]$$

$$y = \left[\alpha_g \bar{A}\right] - \left[\alpha_g \frac{b}{h}k\right]y + \left[\alpha_g \frac{b}{h} \frac{M}{P}\right]$$

$$y + \left[\alpha_g \frac{b}{h}k\right]y = \left[\alpha_g \bar{A}\right] + \left[\alpha_g \frac{b}{h} \frac{M}{P}\right]$$

$$y\{1 + \left[\alpha_g \frac{b}{h}k\right]\} = \left[\alpha_g \bar{A}\right] + \left[\alpha_g \frac{b}{h} \frac{M}{P}\right]$$

$$y = \left[\frac{\alpha_g}{\{1 + \left[\alpha_g \frac{b}{h}k\right]\}}\right]\bar{A} + \left[\frac{\alpha_g}{\{1 + \left[\alpha_g \frac{b}{h}k\right]\}}\right]\frac{b}{h}\frac{M}{P}$$
Let 
$$\left[\frac{\alpha_g}{\{1 + \left[\alpha_g \frac{b}{h}k\right]\}}\right] = \gamma \text{ (pronounced as gamma)}$$

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Where:

$$\bar{A} = C_0 - cT + c \,\overline{T}\overline{R} + \overline{I} + \overline{G}$$

Fiscal Policy Multiplier and Monetary Policy Multiplier in IS-LM Framework

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta \bar{A}} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta G} = \gamma = \left[\frac{\alpha_g}{\{1 + [\alpha_g \frac{b}{h}k]\}}\right]$$
 Change in income due to change

in any component of A, Say G: It represents Fiscal policy multiplier in IS-LM framework





**Fiscal Expansion: Fiscal Policy Multiplier (IS Shifts)** 

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Monetary Expansion: Monetary Policy Multiplier (LM Shifts)

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