Aggregate Expenditure or Keynesian Model

ECO 120: Global Macroeconomics

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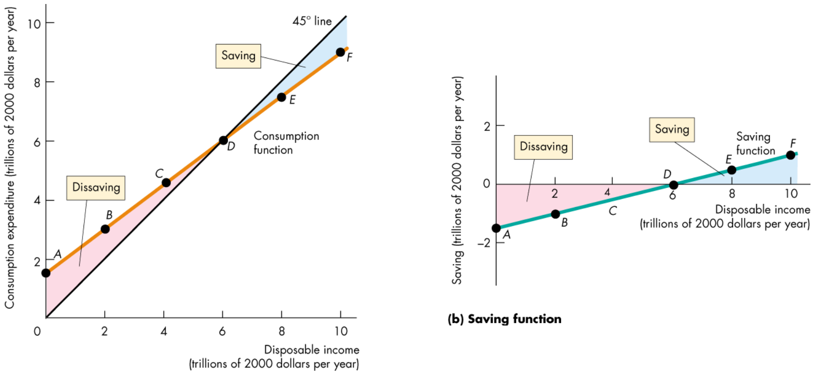

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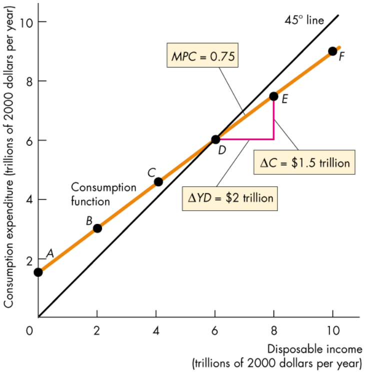

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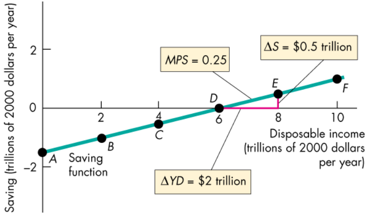

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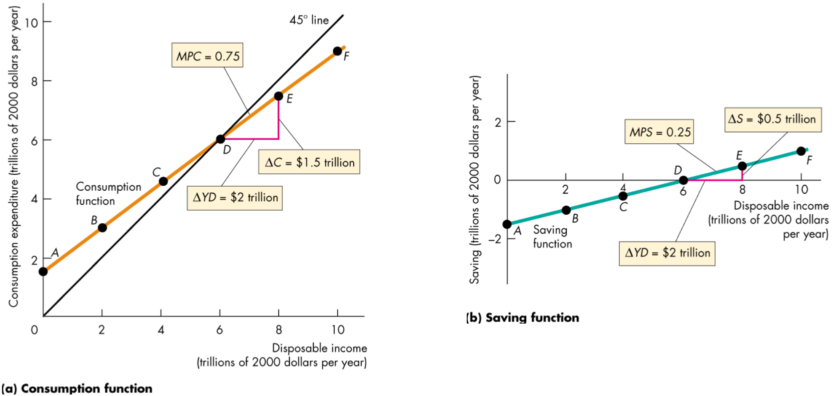

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  MPC and MPS are both constant. Do not change as disposable income changes.

Shifts in the consumption function

Changes in other things *besides disposable income* that affect consumption *shift* the consumption function.

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2. A change in wealth.
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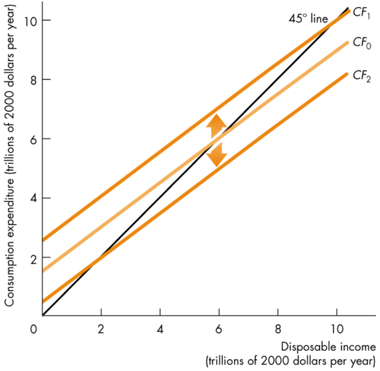

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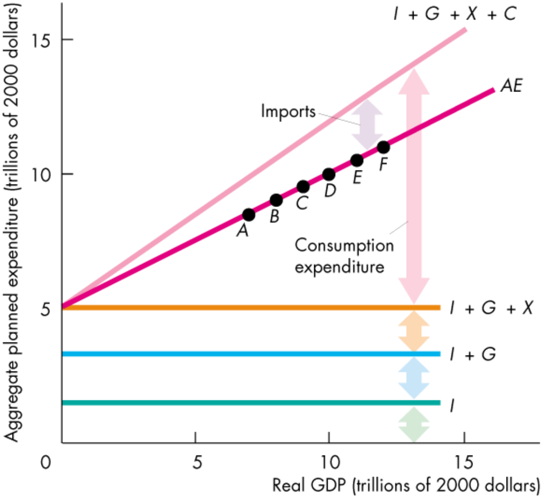
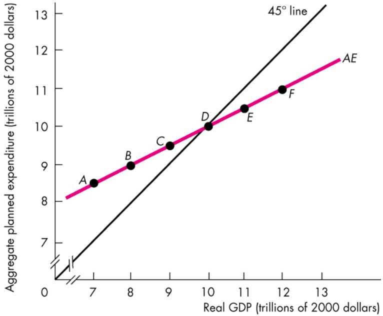


Equilibrium

- Real GDP is determined in equilibrium.
- Equilibrium occurs where aggregate expenditure is equal to real GDP.



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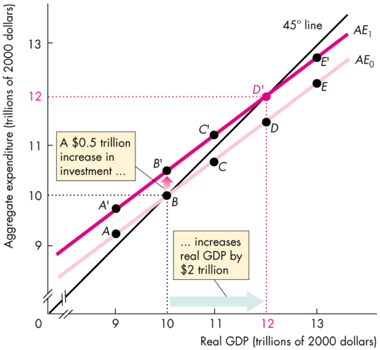

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