

Chapter 23: Monetary and Fiscal Policy in the ISLM Model

Appendix

Algebra of the *ISLM* Model

The use of algebra to analyze the *ISLM* model allows us to extend the multiplier analysis in Chapter 22 and to obtain many of the results of Chapters 22 and 23 very quickly.

Basic Closed-Economy *ISLM* Model

The goods market can be described by the following equations:

$$\text{Consumption function: } C = \bar{C} + mpc(Y - T) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Investment function: } I = \bar{I} - di \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Taxes: } T = \bar{T} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Government spending: } G = \bar{G} \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Goods market equilibrium condition: } Y = Y^{ad} = C + I + G \quad (5)$$

The money market is described by these equations:

$$\text{Money demand function: } M^d = \bar{M}^d + eY - fi \quad (6)$$

$$\text{Money supply: } M^s = \bar{M} \quad (7)$$

$$\text{Money market equilibrium condition: } M^d = M^s \quad (8)$$

The uppercase terms are the variables of the model; \bar{G} , \bar{T} , and \bar{M} are the values of the policy variables that are set exogenously (outside the model); and \bar{C} , \bar{I} , and \bar{M}^d are autonomous components of consumer expenditure, investment spending, and money demand that are also determined exogenously (outside the model). Except for the interest rate i , the lowercase terms are the parameters, the givens of the model, and all are assumed to be positive. The definitions of these variables and parameters are as follows:

C = consumer spending

I = investment spending

$G = \bar{G}$ = government spending

Y = output

$T = \bar{T}$ = taxes

M^d = money demand

$M^s = \bar{M}$ = money supply

i = interest rate

\bar{C} = autonomous consumer spending

d = interest sensitivity of investment spending

\bar{I} = autonomous investment spending related to business confidence

\bar{M}^d = autonomous money demand

e = income sensitivity of money demand

f = interest sensitivity of money demand

mpc = marginal propensity to consume

IS and LM Curves

Substituting for C , I , and G in the goods market equilibrium condition and then solving for Y , we obtain the IS curve:

$$Y = \frac{1}{1-mpc} (\bar{C} + \bar{I} - mpc\bar{T} + \bar{G} - di) \quad (9)$$

Solving for i from Equations 6, 7, and 8, we obtain the LM curve:

$$i = \frac{\bar{M}^d - \bar{M} + eY}{f} \quad (10)$$

Solution of the Model

The solution to the model occurs at the intersection of the IS and LM curves, which involves solving for Y and i simultaneously, using Equations 9 and 10, as follows:

$$Y = \frac{1}{1-mpc + de/f} \left(\bar{C} + \bar{I} - mpc\bar{T} + \bar{G} - \frac{d\bar{M}^d}{f} + \frac{d\bar{M}}{f} \right) \quad (11)$$

$$i = \frac{1}{f(1-mpc) + d} \left[e(\bar{C} + \bar{I} - mpc\bar{T} + \bar{G}) + \bar{M}^d(1-mpc) - \bar{M}(1-mpc) \right] \quad (12)$$

Implications

The conclusions reached with these algebraic solutions are the same as those reached in Chapters 22 and 23; for example:

1. Because all the coefficients are positive, Equation 11 indicates that a rise in \bar{C} , \bar{I} , \bar{G} , and \bar{M} leads to a rise in Y and that a rise in \bar{T} or \bar{M}^d leads to a fall in Y .
2. Equation 12 indicates that a rise in \bar{C} , \bar{I} , \bar{G} , and \bar{M}^d leads to a rise in i and that a rise in \bar{M} or \bar{T} leads to a fall in i .
3. As f , the interest sensitivity of money demand, increases, the multiplier term

$$\frac{1}{1 - mpc + de/f}$$

increases, and so fiscal policy (\bar{G} , \bar{T}) has more effect on output; conversely, the term multiplying \bar{M} ,

$$\frac{d}{f} \left(\frac{1}{1 - mpc + de/f} \right) = \frac{d}{f(1 - mpc + de)}$$

declines, so monetary policy has less effect on output.

4. By similar reasoning, as d , the interest sensitivity of investment spending, increases, monetary policy has more effect on output and fiscal policy has less effect on output.

Open-Economy *ISLM* Model

To make the basic *ISLM* model into an open-economy model, we need to include net exports in the goods market equilibrium condition so that Equation 5 becomes Equation 5':

$$Y = Y^{ad} = C + I + G + NX \quad (5')$$

As the discussion in Chapter 23 suggests, the net exports and exchange rate relations can be written

$$NX = \bar{NX} - hE \quad (13)$$

$$E = \bar{E} + ji \quad (14)$$

where

NX = net exports

\overline{NX} = autonomous net exports

h = exchange rate sensitivity of net exports

E = exchange rate (value of domestic currency)

\overline{E} = autonomous exchange rate

j = interest sensitivity of exchange rate

Substituting for net exports in the goods market equilibrium condition (Equation 5') using the net exports and exchange rate relations and then solving for Y as in the basic model, we obtain the open-economy IS curve:

$$Y = \frac{1}{1 - mpc} [\overline{C} + \overline{I} - mpc\overline{T} + \overline{G} + \overline{NX} - h\overline{E} - (d + hj)i] \quad (15)$$

The LM curve is the same as in the basic model, and so the solutions for Y and i are as follows:

$$Y = \frac{1}{1 - mpc + (d + hj)e/f} \times \left(\overline{C} + \overline{I} - mpc\overline{T} + \overline{G} - \frac{d + hj}{f} \overline{M}^d + \frac{d + hj}{f} \overline{M} + \overline{NX} - h\overline{E} \right) \quad (16)$$

$$i = \frac{1}{f(1 - mpc) + (d + hj)e} \times \left[e(\overline{C} + \overline{I} - mpc\overline{T} + \overline{G} + \overline{NX} - h\overline{E}) + \overline{M}^d(1 - mpc) - \overline{M}(1 - mpc) \right] \quad (17)$$

Implications

1. As the IS curve in Equation 15 indicates, including net exports in aggregate demand provides an additional reason for the negative relationship between Y and i (the downward slope of the IS curve). This additional reason for the negative relationship of Y and i is represented by hj in the term $-(d + hj)i$.
2. Equations 16 and 17 indicate that all the results we found for the basic model still hold.
3. Equation 16 indicates that a rise in \overline{NX} leads to a rise in Y and that an autonomous rise in the value of the domestic currency \overline{E} leads to a decline in Y .

4. Equation 17 indicates that a rise in \overline{NX} leads to a rise in i and that a rise in \overline{E} leads to a decline in i .

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