

Problem Set C1
Econ 302 - Haworth

Due date: Friday, August 7 (by 11:59pm)

Note that Blackboard tends to shut down at 10pm, but that, if it does, then you can still email your problem set to Professor Haworth (bmhaworth@louisville.edu)

1. In the Keynesian Cross model, assume that the consumption function is given as:

$$C = 200 + 0.75(Y - T)$$

Assume that autonomous investment is 100, government spending is 100, and taxes are 100.

- a. What is the equilibrium level of income?
- b. If government spending (G) increases by 25, then what is the new equilibrium level of income?
- c. What level of government spending is needed for this economy to produce output (Y) of 1600?

2. Assume that our Keynesian Cross model involves having a tax system with taxes that are not completely fixed. Assume that the tax equation is given as: $T = \bar{T} + tY$ (where \bar{T} is some fixed amount of taxes, and t is the marginal tax rate on all income earned)

- a. How does this tax system change the way consumption responds to changes in GDP?
- b. In the Keynesian Cross model, how does this tax system alter the government spending multiplier?
- c. In the IS-LM model, how does this tax system alter the slope of the IS curve?

3. Assume the following equations for an economy:
(note that all variables have their same definitions from class)

$$C = 120 + 0.5(Y - T)$$

$$I = 100 - 10r$$

$$G = 50$$

$$T = 40$$

$$L(r, Y) = Y - 20r$$

$$M = 600$$

$$P = 2$$

C = consumption, Y = income (GDP)

I = investment, r = interest rate

G = government spending

T = taxes

L(r, Y) = demand for real money balances

M = money supply

P = price level

- a. Use this information to derive an equation for the IS curve
- b. Use this information to derive an equation for the LM curve
- c. What is the equilibrium level of income (Y) and equilibrium interest rate (r) in this economy?