

Expansionary gap

- When faced with a demand for their products that significantly exceeds their sustainable capacity, firms tend to raise prices = inflation

1) $\pi \uparrow$ because of expansionary gap

2) Fed $\uparrow r$ to $\downarrow C + I$

3) $C + I \downarrow \therefore PAE \downarrow$ via multiplier

4) $Y_{eq} \downarrow$ via multiplier

5) output gap starts to close

$\uparrow \pi \Rightarrow \uparrow r \Rightarrow \downarrow \text{planned } C \text{ ; planned } I \Rightarrow \downarrow PAE \Rightarrow$

$\downarrow Y$ (via multiplier)

Consequently : $\downarrow \pi \Rightarrow \downarrow r \Rightarrow \uparrow \text{planned } C \text{ ; planned } I \Rightarrow \uparrow PAE \Rightarrow$
(Recessionary gap)

$\uparrow Y$ (via multiplier)

* Remember that $\uparrow r$ reduces C because consumers would rather save and that $\uparrow r$ reduces planned I because a higher interest rate raises the cost of borrowing

