Investment Demand and Saving Supply

ECO 120: Global Macroeconomics

- Explain how investment and savings are related in equilibrium
- Identify what influences investment demand
- Identify and explain three components of savings supply: private saving, government saving, rest-of-world saving
- Identify what influences private savings, government saving, and rest-of-world saving
- Identify how changes in private saving affect equilibrium outcomes for investment and interest rates
- Identify how changes in government policies affect equilibrium outcomes for investment and interest rates
- Identify how changes in international trade outcomes affect equilibrium outcomes for investment and interest rates



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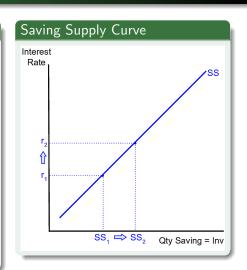
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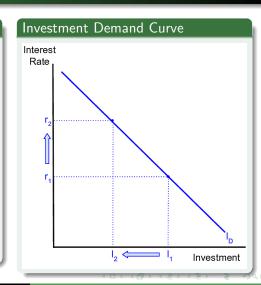
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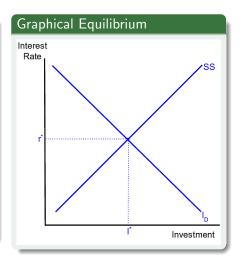
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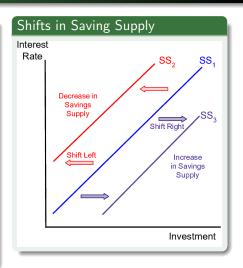


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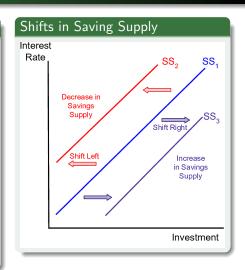
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- The equilibrium level of investment is the corresponding quantity of investment = quantity of savings supply



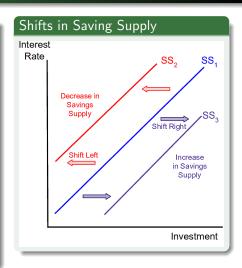
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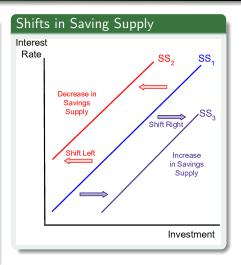
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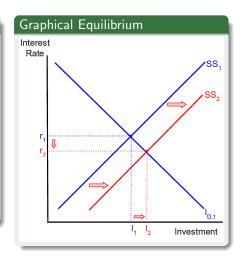
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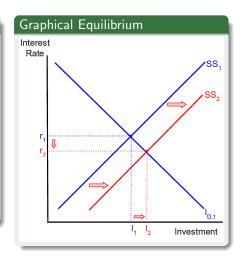
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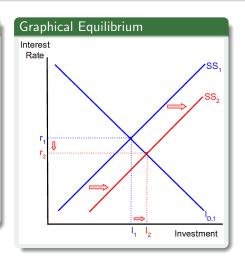
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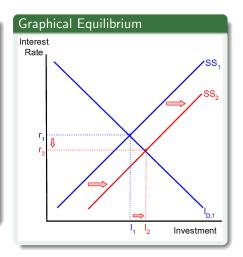
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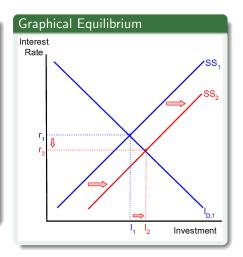
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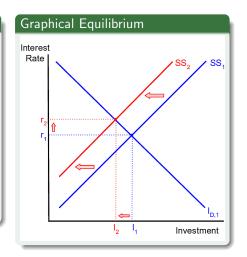
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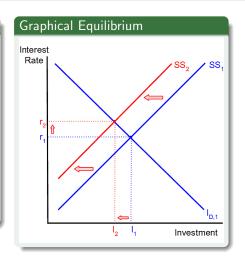
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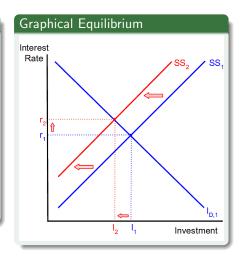
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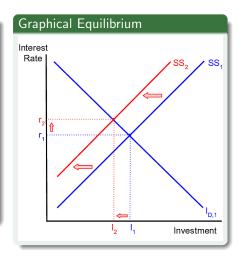
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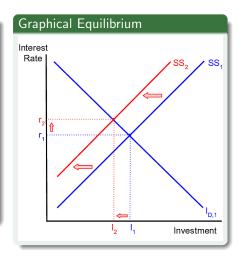
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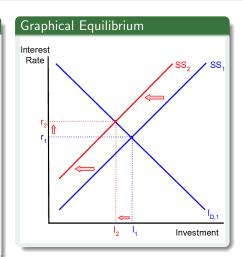
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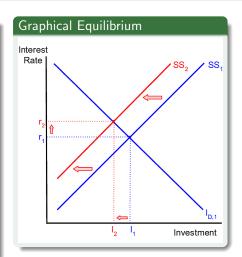


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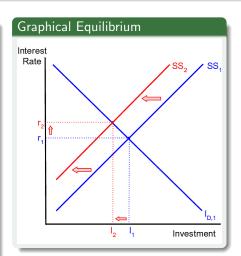


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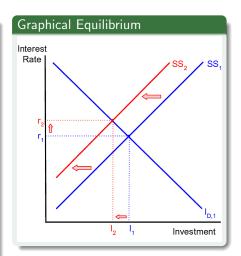
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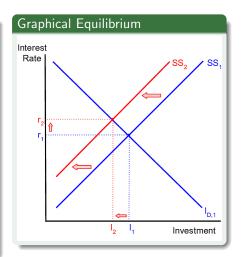
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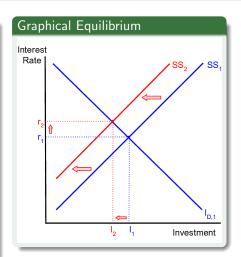
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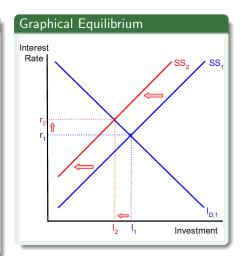
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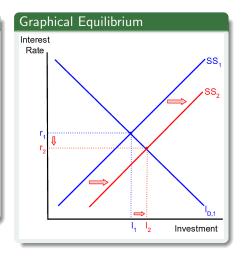
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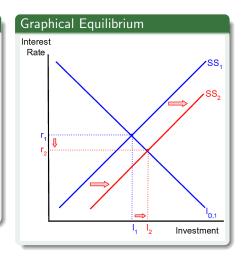
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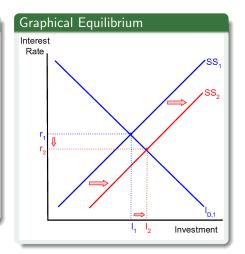
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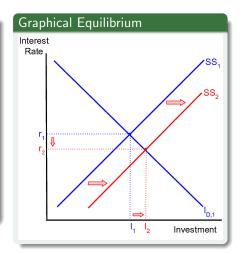


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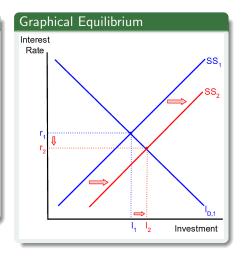
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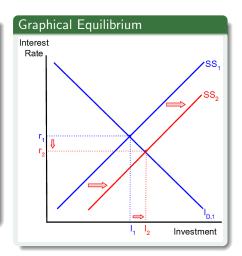
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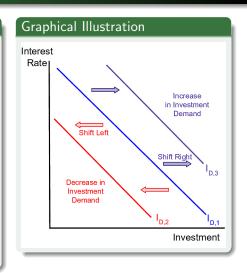
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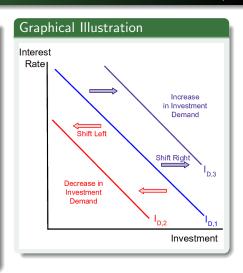
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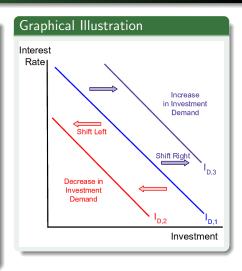
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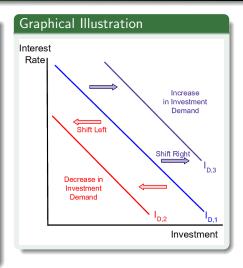
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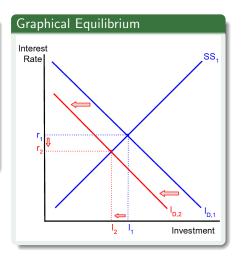
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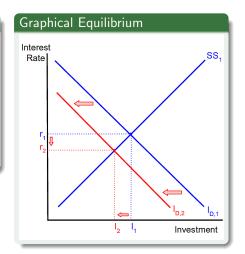
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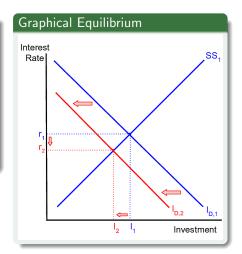
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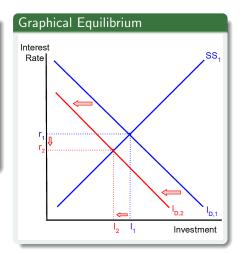
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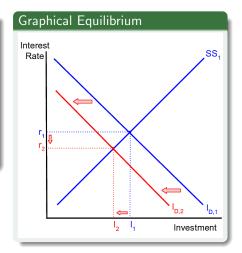
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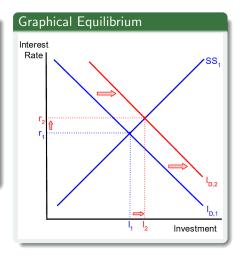


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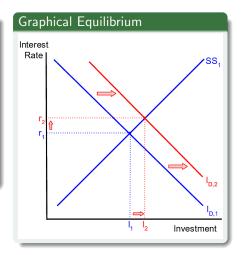


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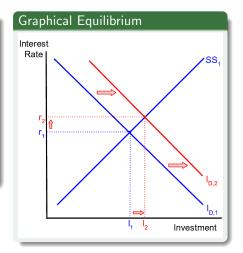


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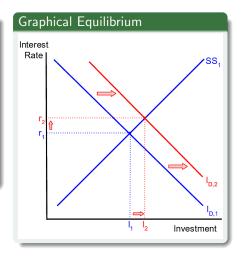


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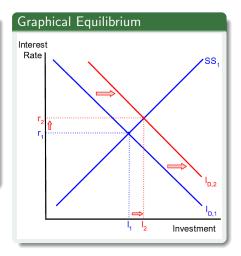
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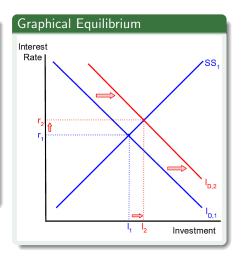
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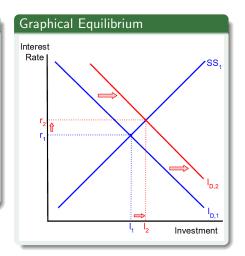
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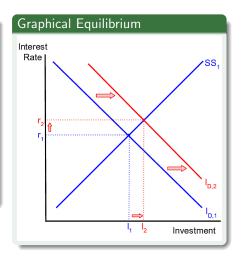
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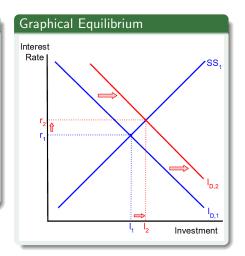
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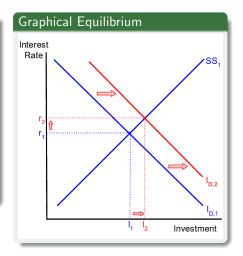
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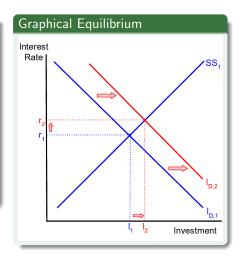
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