Money Supply Process

Economics 301: Money and Banking



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Algebraic Solution

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General Money Multiplier

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- Ompute the impact on the monetary base.
- 2 Compute the impact on the M1 money supply.
- Compute the impact on the amount of deposits held in the banking sector.
- Compute the impact on required reserves, excess reserves, and total reserves held by banks.
- Oescribe and illustrate the impact on the equilibrium interest rate.



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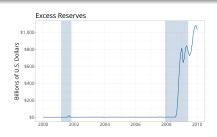
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