

AP Macroeconomics

Multiple Deposit Expansion

Reserve Requirement

- The Fed requires banks to always have some money readily available to meet consumers' demand for cash.
- The amount, set by the Fed, is the Required Reserve Ratio.
- The Required Reserve Ratio is the % of demand deposits (checking account balances) that must not be loaned out.
- Typically the Required Reserve Ratio = 10%

The Money Multiplier

- Similar to the spending multiplier, the money multiplier shows us the impact of a change in demand deposits on loans and eventually the money supply.
- To calculate the money multiplier, divide 1 by the required reserve ratio.
 - Money multiplier = $1 / \text{reserve ratio}$
 - Ex. If the reserve ratio is 25%, then the multiplier = 4.
 - Why? $1 / .25 = \underline{4}$

The Three Types of Multiple Deposit Expansion Question

- Type 1: Calculate the initial change in excess reserves
 - a.k.a. the amount a single bank can loan from the initial deposit
- Type 2: Calculate the change in loans in the banking system
- Type 3: Calculate the change in the money supply
 - Sometimes type 2 and type 3 will have the same result (i.e. no Fed involvement)

Example 1

- Given a required reserve ratio of 20%, assume the Federal Reserve purchases \$100 million worth of US Treasury Securities on the open market from a primary security dealer. *Determine the amount that a single bank can lend from this Federal Reserve purchase of bonds.*

The amount of new demand deposits – required reserve = The initial change in excess reserves

\$100 million – (20% * \$100 million)

\$100 million – \$20 million = \$80 million in ER

Example 2

- Given a required reserve ratio of 20%, assume the Federal Reserve purchases \$100 million worth of US Treasury Securities on the open market from a primary security dealer. *Determine the maximum total change in loans in the banking system from this Federal Reserve purchase of bonds.*

The initial change in excess reserves * The money multiplier = max change in loans

\$80 million * (1/20%)

\$80 million * (5) = \$400 million max in new loans

Example 3

- Given a required reserve ratio of 20%, assume the Federal Reserve purchases \$100 million worth of US Treasury Securities on the open market from a primary security dealer. *Determine the maximum total change in the money supply from this Federal Reserve purchase of bonds.*

The maximum change in loans + \$ amount of Federal Reserve action

\$400 million + \$100 million = \$500 million max change in the money supply

A Formula For All Seasons

$\langle \{ [\text{Deposit} - (\text{rr}\% \times \text{Deposit})] \times \frac{1}{\text{rr}\%} \} + \$ \text{ of OMO} \rangle$

$\langle \text{Maximum change in money supply} \rangle$

{max change in loans in banking system}

[Initial change in excess reserves]

(required reserve)