Lecture 6: Financial Markets (Cont.)

- Current events (Bloomberg 09/24/01)
- Singapore Bank Cuts Prime Rates as Premier Goh Warns of Extended Recession United Overseas Bank Ltd. cut the interest it charges best customers by half a percentage point, becoming the first Singapore lender since 1998 to lower its prime rate as loan growth slows due to a weakening economy
- Review Lecture 5
 - Simple model: i
- Banks

Equilibrium Interest rate

- Simple model:
 - Money supply is constant (i.e. it doesn't depend on interest rate or P or Y)
- Equilibrium:

M = P Y L(i)

• Our interest is to determine the interest rate, so we fix P and Y.

Equilibrium





Open Market Operation

- Central Bank buys bonds in the open market
- As a result, price of bonds rises

=> interest rate falls

$$i = \$100 - P_{\underline{B}}$$
$$P_{\underline{B}}$$

Banks

- Financial intermediation
 - Institutions (many) that receive money from people
 - Buy stocks, bonds, make loans,...
- Banks: Liabilities are money (checkable deposits can be used to pay for transactions)

Key Balance Sheets

	Banks			
	assets	liabilities		
_	Reserves Loans Bonds	Checkable Deposits		

Central Bank

	Bonds		entral Bank Money Reserves + Currency
Central Bank Mc	oney	≠	Money

Banks in Money Supply

- Not all Central Bank Money is held as currency by the public.
 - Some is held as reserves by banks
- Why do banks hold reserves
 - mismatches (depositors, other banks)
 - legal requirement (about 10% in U.S.)
 - RESERVE RATIO (reserves to chk.deposits)
- Assume no loans (only bonds)

Supply and Demand for Central Bank Money

Warning: this is non-standard; often done directly on Money

Neat: This Supply is controlled by Central Bank!



Equilibrium Interest Rate

Md = P Y L(i)CUd = c MdDd = (1-c) Md

 $R = \theta D$ => $Rd = \theta (1-c) Md$

 $H = CUd + Rd \quad (supply CB = demand CB)$ $H = [c+\theta (1-c)] Md$ $H = [c+\theta (1-c)] P Y L(i)$

Equilibrium in M rather than Central Bank M

Ms = H $c + \theta(1-c)$ $Ms = Md \implies$ H = P Y L(i) $c + \theta(1-c)$

Examples: a) Y2k ; b) Prudence; c) OMO with multiplier