

Question #1

The economy of Blahnik is defined by the following equations in the Keynesian model.

$$\mathbf{C = consumption = 500 + 0.8(Y-T)}$$

$$\mathbf{I = autonomous investment = 600}$$

$$\mathbf{G = government spending = 700 + 0.6T}$$

$$\mathbf{X = autonomous exports = 400}$$

$$\mathbf{M = imports = 200 + 0.2(Y-T)}$$

$$\mathbf{T = net taxes = 0.1Y}$$

(Note that the coefficient 0.2 in our import function is known as the **marginal propensity to import**, an important idea in Keynesian models which is very similar to the marginal propensity to consume.)

- a) Write out the savings function in terms of aggregate income, and find the MPC and MPS.

- b) Find equilibrium GDP (Y^*) in Blahnik.

- c) Find equilibrium consumption, government savings, and capital inflows.

- d) Find private savings, using the fact that leakages must equal injections in equilibrium. Does this equal the value that we would get if we plugged Y^* directly into our savings function from part a?

- e) How much does Y^* increase if President Manolo decides to increase autonomous government spending by \$100? (warning: this problem is very challenging)