

# A simple SFC model

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Suppose that we have an economy with the following features:

- There are three sectors: firms, households and banks.
- **Firms** make investment by using retained profits and loans. A part of firms' profits is distributed to households.
- **Households** accumulate savings in the form of deposits.
- **Banks** provide firm loans by creating deposits. Banks' profits are distributed to households.

This is a model which includes only **private money** that is created when banks provide loans to firms.

## Balance sheet matrix

	Households	Firms	Commercial banks	Total
Deposits	+M		-M	0
Loans		-L	+L	0
Capital		+K		+K
Total (net worth)	+M	+V <sub>f</sub>	0	+K

## Transactions flow matrix

	Households	Firms		Commercial banks		Total
		Current	Capital	Current	Capital	
Consumption	-C	+C				0
Investment		+I	-I			0
Wages	+W	-W				0
Firms' profits	+DP	-TP	+RP			0
Banks' profits	+BP			-BP		0
Interest on deposits	$+r_m M_1$			$-r_m M_1$		0
Interest on loans		$-r_l L_1$		$+r_l L_1$		0
Change in deposits	$-\Delta M$				$+\Delta M$	0
Change in loans			$+\Delta L$		$-\Delta L$	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Households

- Wage income of households:  $W = s_w Y$  (1)
- Capital income of households:  $Y_c = DP + BP + r_m M_{-1}$  (2)
- Consumption expenditures:  $C = c_1 W_{-1} + c_2 Y_{c-1} + c_3 M_{-1}$  (3)
- Deposits (identity):  $M = M_{-1} + W + Y_c - C$  (4)

## Firms

- Output:  $Y = C + I$  (5)
- Total profits of firms (identity):  $TP = Y - W - r_l L_{-1}$  (6)
- Retained profits:  $RP = s_f TP$  (7)
- Distributed profits (identity):  $DP = TP - RP$  (8)
- Investment:  $I = g_k K_{-1}$  (9)
- Capital stock:  $K = K_{-1} + I$  (10)
- Loans (identity):  $L = L_{-1} + I - RP$  (11)

## Banks

- Profits of banks (identity):  $BP=r_l L_{-1}-r_m M_{-1}$  (12)
- Deposits (redundant identity):  $M_{red}=L$  (13)

## Auxiliary equations

- Potential output:  $Y^*=vK$  (14)
- Capacity utilisation:  $u=\frac{Y}{Y^*}$  (15)
- Growth rate of output:  $g_y=\frac{Y-Y_{-1}}{Y_{-1}}$  (16)
- Leverage ratio:  $lev=\frac{L}{K}$  (17)