

A fixed exchange rate regime

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In Figure 2, as the aggregate demand curve shifts from D_0 to D_1 , the aggregate supply curve also shifts from S_0 to S_1 since the exchange rate is fixed. The increase in the aggregate supply of domestic currency is usually done through the central bank intervention in the foreign exchange market.

2. The higher a country's interest rates, the greater the demand for that currency. ("Exchange Rate", 2006) When foreign interest increases, foreign investments are more attractive. As domestic people want to exchange domestic currency to foreign currency in order to earn more interest, the demand for domestic currency would decrease. Under the floating exchange rate regime, as shown in Figure 3, as the demand for a domestic currency decreases, the aggregate demand curve shifts from D_0 to D_1 , causing the exchange rate to rise from e_0 to e_1 . Under the fixed exchange rate regime, however, as the demand for a domestic currency decreases from D_0 to D_1 as a result of the increase in foreign interest, the aggregate supply of domestic currency must also decrease, from S_0 to S_1 , as shown in Figure 4.