

## Aggregate Demand

Aggregate demand (AD) = total spending on goods and services

$$AD = C + I + G + (X - M)$$

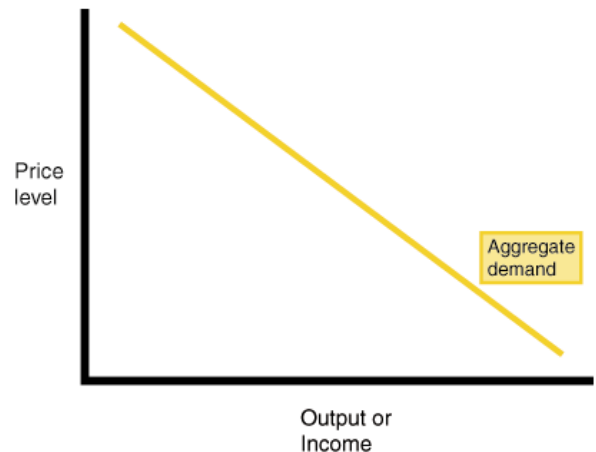
IF the curve slopes downwards:

Lower prices → Wealth effect

Lower prices → Cheaper exports

Lower prices → Expensive imports

The AD curve will shift right or left if there is a change to any of these factors:



**Consumption:** includes:

Durables: ex. motor vehicles

Non-durables: food and drinks (must be re-purchased).

**Capital investment:**

– Spending in capital goods, such as equipment.

– Working capital such as stocks and semi-finished goods.

**FACT:** Capital investment spending in the UK accounts for between 16–20% of GDP (75% from the private sector, 25% from the public sector)

**Government spending:** This is spending on state-provided goods and services including public goods.

**X: Exports of goods and services** – Exports sold overseas are an inflow of demand (an injection) into our circular flow of income and spending adding to aggregate demand.

**M: Imports of goods and services.** Imports are a withdrawal of demand (a leakage) from the circular flow of income and spending.