

### **Keynesian Supermultiplier**

National income accounting equation:

$$Y = C + I + G + X - M \quad (1)$$

Consumption function includes autonomous consumption,  $a$ , plus the marginal propensity to consume,  $b$ , times disposable income:

$$C = a + bY_d \quad (2)$$

Disposable income is aggregate national income less the tax bill,  $T$ :

$$Y_d = Y - T \quad (3)$$

Assuming a flat rate income tax,  $t$ , the tax bill is equal to the tax rate times aggregate national income:

$$T = tY \quad (4)$$

Substituting equation 4 into equation 3 gives:

$$Y_d = Y - tY \quad (5)$$

Investment may be thought of as having an autonomous component,  $d$ , but also a component that is a function of income (not disposable income). So we can introduce the marginal propensity to invest,  $e$ :

$$I = d + eY \quad (6)$$

Government spending remains autonomous:

$$G = G \quad (7)$$

Aggregate exports are also exogenous, since