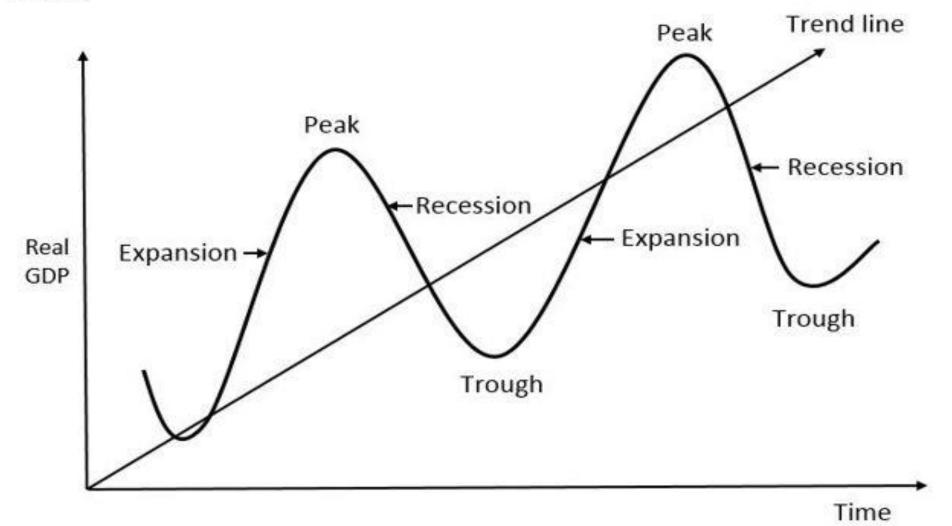
BUSINESS CYCLE

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Phases of a Business Cycle

- Prosperity / Boom
- Recession
- Depression
- Recovery / Revival

Graph 1



Prosperity/Boom

- Large volume of production
- High level of employment
- Rising interest rates
- Expansion of credit & borrowing
- Rise in profits, wages & income

Recession

- Starts from the failure of a bank or a company
- Over optimism leading to pessimism
- Decrease in I >> Decrease in p/n, Y & profits
- Increase in liquidity preference
- Worsens & leads to depression

Depression / Trough

- Extremely low level of economic activity
- Decrease in prices >> firms incur losses >> closure of business >> unemployment >> decrease in demand
- Banks' reluctance towards loans & advances.

Recovery/Revival

- Begins with the revival of demand from capital goods industries by taking loans – positive signal (low interest rates)
- Autonomous Investment
- Additional Investment >> Increased
 production >> Increased profits >> Increased
 employment >> Increased wages >> Increased
 Income (Y)

Causes of Business Cycle

Internal/ Endogenous

External / Exogenous

Internal Factors

- Fluctuations in effective demand
- Fluctuations in investment
- Variations in government spending
- Macroeconomic policies
- Money supply
- Psychological factors

External Factors

- Wars
- Post war Reconstruction
- Technology shocks
- Natural factors
- Population growth

THANK YOU!