

## c. Economy-Wide Interactions

### 3 principles

- a. One person's spending is another person's income

A cut in business spending leads to layoffs or pay cuts; incomes fall, spending by consumers fall

- b. Overall Spending Sometimes Gets Out of Line With the Economy's Productive Capacity

- collapse of consumer and business spending, a crisis in the banking industry & other factors  $\Rightarrow$  a plunge in overall spending  $\Rightarrow$  high unemployment during the Great Depression of the 1930s
- Overall spending may not match what the economy can produce

### c. Government Policies can change spending

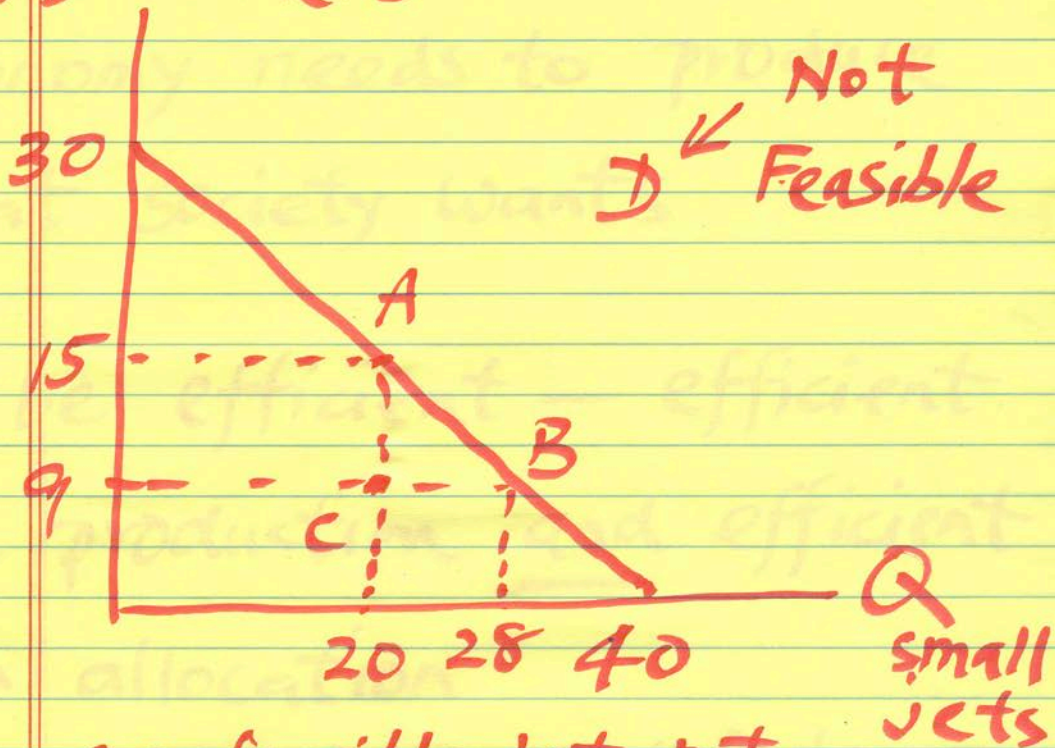
- increase in infrastructure spending
- increase in spending on education
- tax cuts

all can increase national spending

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Production Possibility Frontier  
(PPF)

Q Dreamliners



C : feasible but not efficient

A, B efficient in production

CP 5

Society may want A or B

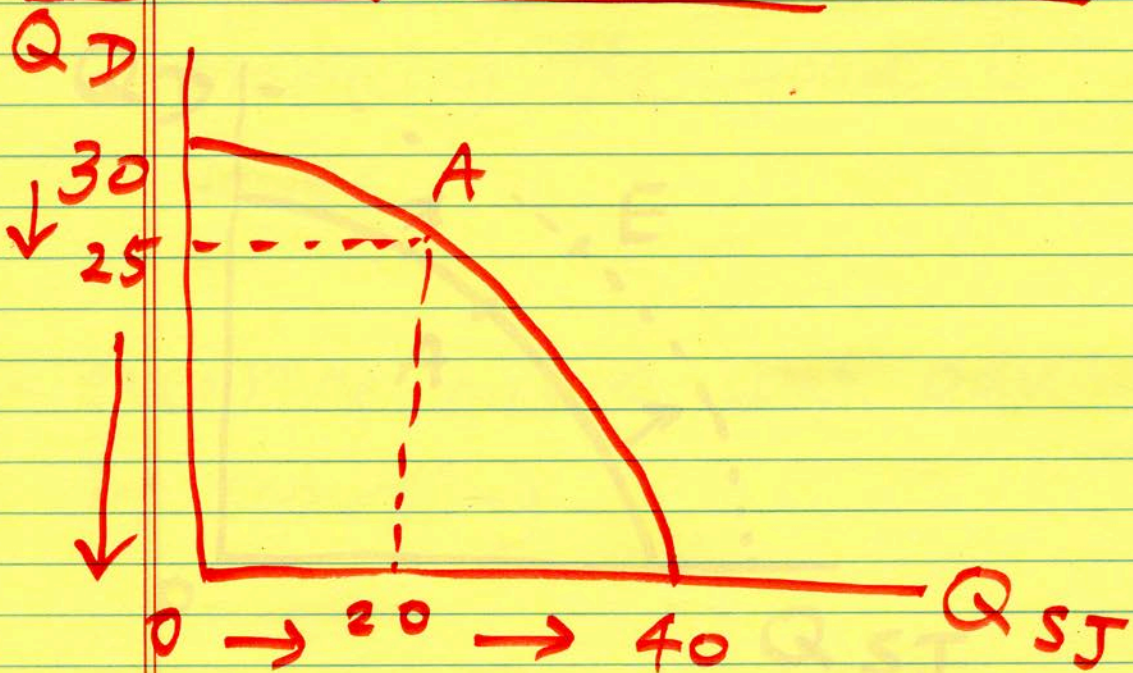
To be efficient in allocation  
economy needs to produce  
what society wants

To be efficient — efficient  
in production and efficient  
in allocation

A → B    8 more small jets  
            6 fewer Dreamliners

Opportunity cost of a small jet  
=  $\frac{6}{8}$  or  $\frac{3}{4}$  Dreamliners

## Increasing opportunity cost

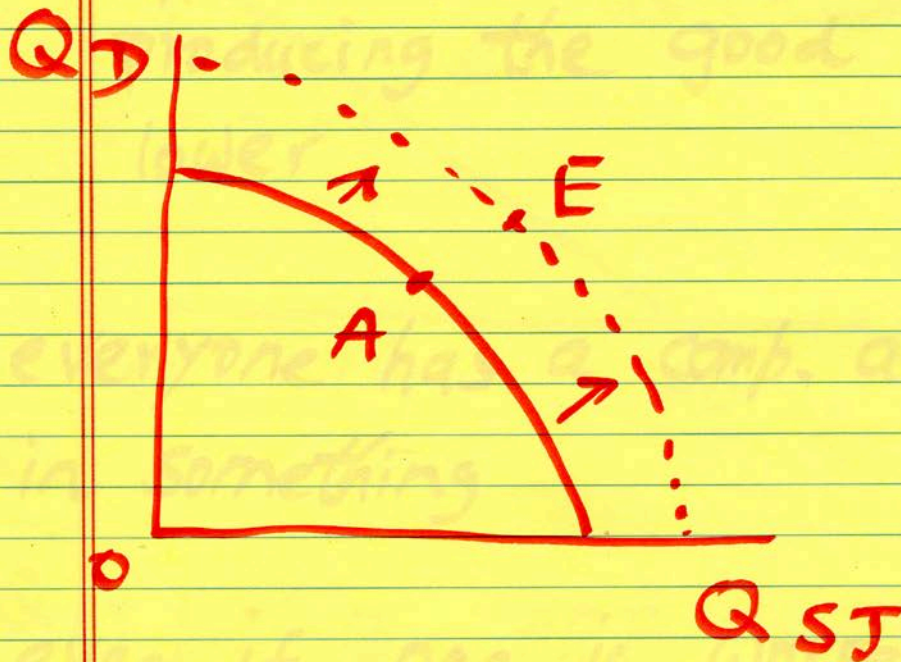


First 20 small jets, give up  
5 Dreamliners

For next 20 small jets, give  
up 25 Dreamliners

Why?

## Economic Growth



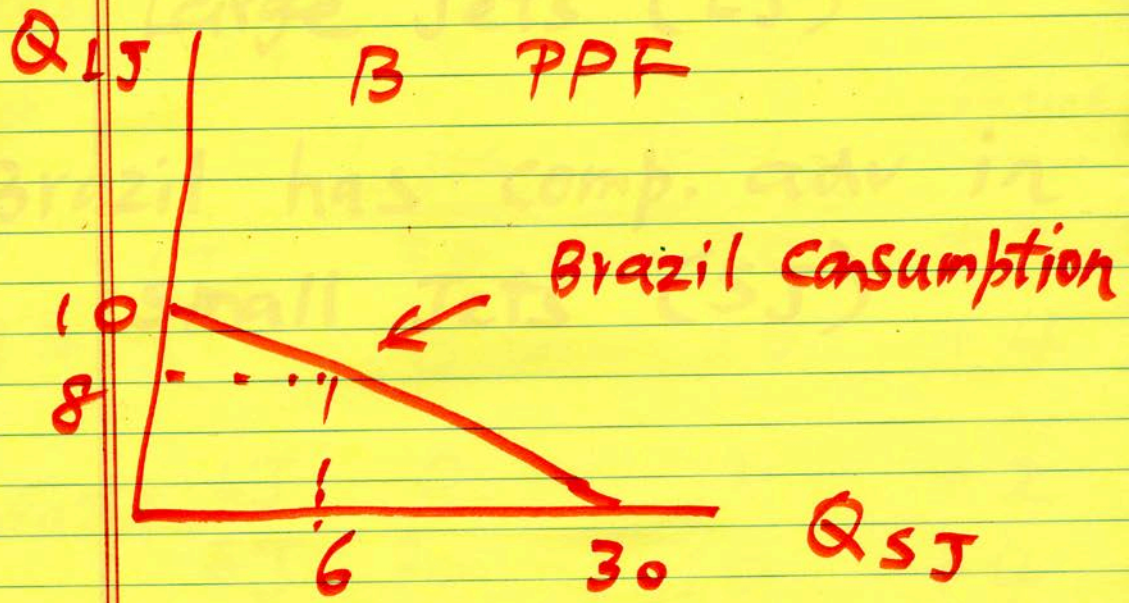
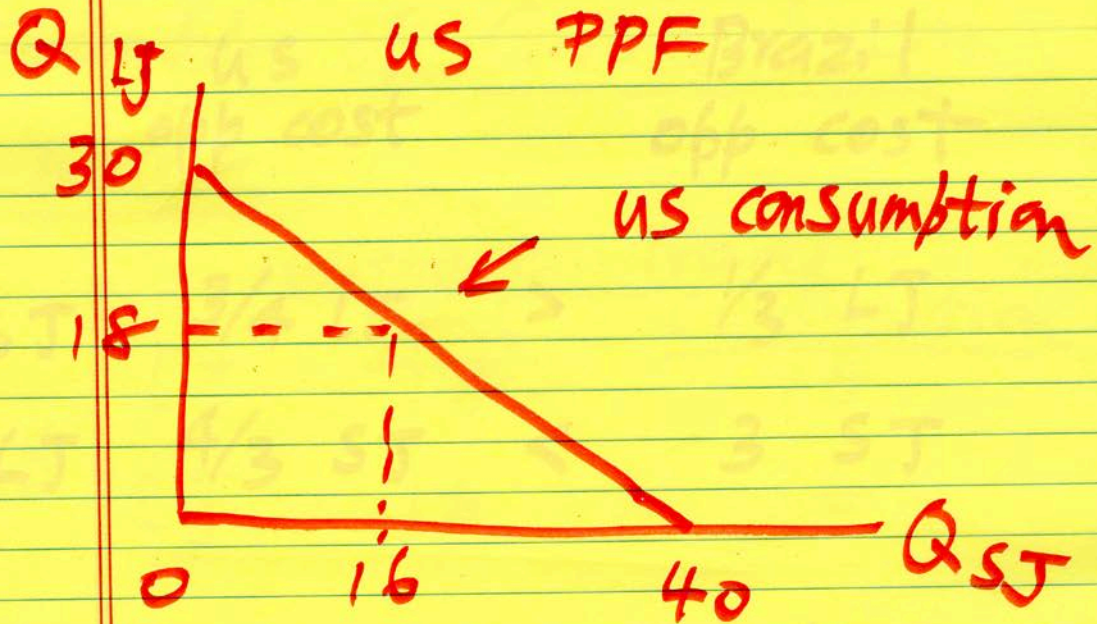
Due to

- a) increase in factors of production - land, labor, physical capital, human capital
- b) technology improvement

## Comparative advantage

- opportunity cost of producing the good is lower
- everyone has a comp. adv in something
- even if one is worse in everything





US  
opp cost

Brazil  
opp cost

1 SJ     $\frac{3}{4}$  LJ    >     $\frac{1}{3}$  LJ

1 LJ     $\frac{4}{3}$  SJ    <    3 SJ

US has comp. adv in  
Large Jets (LJ)

Brazil has comp. adv in  
Small Jets (SJ)