Economics 314 Daily Problem #28

In the model with imperfect competition but no price stickiness, we derive the following equations:

- 1. Firm *i*'s optimal pricing equation: $\frac{P_i}{P} = \frac{\eta}{\eta 1} \left(\frac{W}{P}\right)$
- 2. Demand curve for firm *i*'s product: $Y_i = \left(\frac{P_i}{P}\right)^{-\eta} Y$
- 3. Labor supply curve for economy: $L = \left(\frac{W}{P}\right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma-1}}$
- 4. Production function: $Y_i = L_i$ or Y = L

Next we will add in an aggregate-demand curve Y = M/P.

Using these equations, solve for *Y*, *L*, and *P* in terms of *M*, noting that in equilibrium all firms will set the same price (because they are symmetric) and therefore $P_i/P = 1$. Are these values optimal? Does aggregate demand (*M*) affect output or employment? How does *M* affect prices? Is money neutral in this model?