

May 30, 2018

# Exponential Growth and Interest

Objective: Use the interest formula to model situations involving interest

\* Recall the exponential model...

$$f(x) = a(b)^x$$

↑ start value

\* If  $b > 1$ , it's exponential growth

$$f(x) = a(1+c)^x$$

↑ growth rate

\* If  $0 < b < 1$ , it's exponential decay

$$f(x) = a(1-c)^x$$

↑ decay rate

WHAT IS INTEREST?! you earn interest (more \$)  
when you lend money or deposit funds into an interest bearing bank account such as a savings account or a certificate of deposit (CD)

example) Invested \$100 at 8% Per year.

\* Always exponential growth!

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= a(1+c)^x \\ &= 100(1+0.08)^x \\ &= 100(1.08)^x \end{aligned}$$

↑ growth rate  
8% → 0.08  
Percent - 100 → decimal

- How much money will I have in 20 years if no \$ is added or taken out?

$$X=20 \rightarrow f(20) = 100(1.08)^{20} = \$466.09 \leftarrow \text{after 20 years}$$

- How many years will it take to double the money in the account?

$$f(x) = 200 \rightarrow \frac{100(1.08)^x}{100} = \frac{200}{100} \leftarrow \text{get exponent alone}$$

$$1.08^x = 2 \leftarrow \text{change into log to solve for } x!$$

$$\log_{1.08} 2 = x$$

$$\frac{\log(2)}{\log(1.08)} = x$$

It will take 9 years to double the money!

$$9 = x$$

### Interest formula -

$$A = P \left( 1 + \frac{r}{n} \right)^{nt}$$

amount \$ in account

Start value / amount deposited

# of times interest is compounded per year

interest rate (decimal)

time (years)

\* Interest isn't usually taken out only once per year...

It can be compounded...

- biannually - twice a year ( $n=2$ )
- quarterly - 4x a year ( $n=4$ )
- monthly - 12x a year ( $n=12$ )
- daily - 365x a year ( $n=365$ )
- hourly - 8760x a year ( $n=8760$ )
- Instantaneously - very very small piece of time  
(we will learn tomorrow)

example) Investing \$1000 at 12% interest  
 $\begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ P \end{matrix}$        $\begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ r=12\% = 0.12 \end{matrix}$

- Compounded once per year? ( $n=1$ )

$$\begin{aligned} A &= P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt} \\ &= 1000 \left(1 + \frac{0.12}{1}\right)^{1t} \\ &= 1000 (1.12)^t \end{aligned} \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{after 1 year?} \\ t=1 \\ 1000 (1.12)^1 \\ = \$1120 \end{array} \right\}$$

- Compounded biannually? ( $n=2$ )

$$\begin{aligned} A &= P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt} \\ &= 1000 \left(1 + \frac{0.12}{2}\right)^{2t} \\ &= 1000 (1 + 0.06)^{2t} \\ &= 1000 (1.06)^{2t} \end{aligned} \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{after 1 year?} \\ t=1 \\ 1000 (1.06)^{2(1)} \\ = \$1123.60 \end{array} \right\}$$

- compounded quarterly? ( $n=4$ )

$$A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$$

$$= 1000 \left(1 + \frac{0.12}{4}\right)^{4t}$$

$$= 1000 (1 + 0.03)^{4t}$$

$$= 1000 (1.03)^{4t}$$

after 1 year?  
 $t=1$

$$1000 (1.03)^{4(1)}$$

$$= \$1125.50$$

\*\*\* The more often its compounded each year the more you make!!!

More examples (if needed) -

ex 1) Investing  $(P=1000)$  at  $(r=12\%=0.12)$  interest.  
How much will I have in 1 year  
if its compounded daily?  $(n=365)$   $t=1$

$$A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$$

$$= 1000 \left(1 + \frac{0.12}{365}\right)^{365(1)}$$

$$= \$1127.47$$

$P=4000$

ex 2) How much will a  $(P=4000)$  investment be worth if its invested at  $8\%$  compounded quarterly for 5 years?  $t=5$   $r=8\%=0.08$

$n=4$

$$A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$$

$$= 4000 \left(1 + \frac{0.08}{4}\right)^{4(5)}$$

$$= \$5943.79$$

ex 3) How long will it take a  $\$7000$  investment, compounded monthly at 9% interest to double?  
 $n=12$   $r=9\%=0.09$   $A=14000$

$$A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$$

$$14000 = 7000 \left(1 + \frac{0.09}{12}\right)^{12t}$$

$$\frac{14000}{7000} = \frac{7000}{7000} (1.0075)^{12t}$$

$$2 = (1.0075)^{12t}$$

7000 must be multiplied by 2 to double!

$$(1.0075)^{12t} = 2$$

rewrite to make  $\log$  to change into a logarithm

$$\log_{1.0075} 2 = 12t$$

$$\frac{\log(2)}{\log(1.0075)} = 12t$$

$$\frac{332.56}{12} = \frac{12t}{12}$$

$$27.71 = t$$

It will take 27.7 years to double the money!