

**TIP on HW tonight: #2) variables  $t$  &  $n$  are in days, not years.  
#3) Add 'annual' to question at end: What 'annual' interest rate did he charge you?**

# Applications of Logs

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

P = principal (amount invested)

A = Amount after t years

e = Euler's number

Compounded Continuously:  $A = Pe^{rt}$

r = rate as a decimal

t = number of years

n = number of compounds per year

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1. If \$5000 is invested at 6.5% annual interest rate, how much will you have after  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years if the money is compounded:

a. Annually  $n=1$

$$A = 5000 \left( 1 + \frac{.065}{1} \right)^{1(3.5)}$$

$$A = \$6232.95$$

b. Quarterly  $n=4$

$$A = 5000 \left( 1 + \frac{.065}{4} \right)^{4(3.5)}$$

$$A = \$6265.82$$

c. Monthly  $n=12$

$$A = 5000 \left( 1 + \frac{.065}{12} \right)^{12(3.5)}$$

$$A = \$6273.43$$

d. Continuously

$$A = Pe^{rt} = 5000e^{.065(3.5)}$$

$$A = \$6277.29$$

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2. How long will it take your \$5000 invested at 6.5% to double compounded:  $r = .065$   $\ln e = \log_e e = 1$

SOLN

a. Monthly  $n = 12$   
 $A = P(1 + \frac{r}{n})^{nt}$   
 $2(5000) = \frac{5000(1 + \frac{.065}{12})^{12t}}{5000}$   
 $2 = (1 + \frac{.065}{12})^{12t}$   
 $\log 2 = \log(1 + \frac{.065}{12})^{12t}$   
 $\log 2 = 12t \log(1 + \frac{.065}{12})$   
 $t = \frac{\log 2}{(12 \log(1 + \frac{.065}{12}))}$   
 $t = 10.69 \text{ years}$

alternative  
 $\frac{\log(2)}{\log(1 + \frac{.065}{12})} = \frac{12t}{12}$   
 $12$

b. Continuously  $A = Pe^{rt}$   
 $2(5000) = 5000e^{.065t}$   
 $2 = 1e^{.065t}$   
 $\ln 2 = .065t$   
 $t = \frac{\ln 2}{.065}$   
 $t = 10.66 \text{ years}$

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3. If you put \$5000 in an account that pays interest quarterly what interest rate must you receive in order to have \$7500 after 5 years?  $n = 4$

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

$$\frac{7500}{5000} = \frac{5000(1 + \frac{r}{4})^{4(5)}}{5000}$$

$$\sqrt[20]{1.5} = \sqrt[20]{(1 + \frac{r}{4})^{20}}$$

$$\sqrt[20]{1.5} = 1 + \frac{r}{4}$$

$$4(\sqrt[20]{1.5} - 1) = (\frac{r}{4})^4$$

$$r = 4(\sqrt[20]{1.5} - 1) = .08192 \approx 8.2\% \text{ tenth}$$

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4. Mike invests \$6000 in a retirement account with a fixed annual interest rate, compounded continuously. After 15 years, his balance is \$8099.15. What is the interest rate on the account?

$$A = Pe^{rt}$$

$$\frac{8099.15}{6000} = \frac{6000 e^{r(15)}}{6000}$$

$$\frac{8099.15}{6000} = e^{15r}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{8099.15}{6000}\right) = 15r$$

$$r = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{8099.15}{6000}\right)}{15} = .01999 \approx 2.0\%$$

tenths %

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The mass of a radioactive element at time  $t$  is given by

$$A = A_0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{t}{h}}$$

Where  $A_0$  is the initial mass and  $h$  is the half-life of the element.

5. After 43 years, a 20-milligram sample of strontium-90 ( $^{90}\text{Sr}$ ) decays to 6.071 mg. What is the half-life of strontium-90?

$h$ ?

$$\frac{6.071}{20} = \frac{20(.5)^{43/h}}{20}$$

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$$h \log\left(\frac{6.071}{20}\right) = \left(\frac{43}{h} \log(.5)\right)h$$

$$h \log\left(\frac{6.071}{20}\right) = 43 \log(.5)$$

$$h = \frac{43 \log(.5)}{\log\left(\frac{6.071}{20}\right)} = 25.00$$

25 years

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6. When a living organism dies, its carbon-14 decays. The half-life of carbon-14 is 5730 years. If the skeleton of a mastodon has lost 58% of its original carbon-14, when did the mastodon die? (to the nearest hundred years)

$$A = A_0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{t/t_{1/2}}$$

$$.42 = 1 \left(.5\right)^{t/5730}$$

$$100 - 58 = 42\% \text{ remaining}$$

$$1 - .58$$



$$\log .42 = \frac{t}{5730} \log .5$$

$$5730 \log .42 = t \log .5$$

$$t = \frac{5730 \log .42}{\log .5} = 7171.3 \approx 7200 \text{ years.}$$

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