

Section 6.2/Compound Interest:

Annual: once per year, Semiannual: twice per year, Quarterly: 4 times per year, Monthly: 12 times per year, Daily: 365 times per year  
 If the interest due at the end of each period is added to the principal we call this compounding.

Example 1/Page 302: A bank pays interest of 4% per annum compounded quarterly. If 200 is deposited in an account and the quarterly interest is left in the account, how much money is in the account after 1 year?

$I = Prt$  :

end of first quarter (3 months):  $I = 200 \cdot 0.04 \cdot \left(\frac{3}{12}\right) = \$2.00$ . New principal =  $200 + 2 = 202$ .

end of second quarter (next 3 months):  $I = 202 \cdot 0.04 \cdot \frac{3}{12} = \$2.02$ . New principal =  $202 + 2.02 = 204.02$

end of third quarter (next 3 months)  $I = 204.02 \cdot 0.04 \cdot \frac{3}{12} = \$2.04$ . New principal =  $204.02 + 2.04 = 206.06$

end of fourth quarter (last 3 months)  $I = 206.06 \cdot 0.04 \cdot \frac{3}{12} = 2.06$ . New principal =  $208.12$

For each part above we have  $\frac{3}{12} = \frac{3 \cdot 1}{3 \cdot 4} = \frac{1}{4} \leftarrow 4$  is the number of times we compound.

observations:  
 $I = Pr \cdot \frac{1}{n} = P \cdot \frac{r}{n}$   
 $A = P + I = P + P \cdot \frac{r}{n} = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^1$   
 $A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right) \cdot 1 + P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right) \frac{r}{n}$   
 $P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)$  is common so factor it out:  
 $A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right) \left[1 + \frac{r}{n}\right] = A \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^2$

If we repeat this process for t year, we end up with  $A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$

Discrete compounding formula:  $P = \text{principal}$ ,  $r = \text{rate}$ ,  $n = \text{number of times we compound}$ , and  $t = \text{time}$ .

$A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^2 \cdot 1 + P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^2 \frac{r}{n}$   
 $A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^2 \left[1 + \frac{r}{n}\right] = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^3$

example 2/page 304: If \$1000 is borrowed at a rate of 10% and no payments are made on this loan, what is the amount after 5 years if the compounding takes place:

$\Rightarrow$  So after n periods we get  $A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^n$

annual  $n=1$ :  $A = 1000 \left(1 + \frac{0.1}{1}\right)^{1 \cdot 5} = 1000 (1 + 0.1)^5 = \$1610.51 \leftarrow \text{interest} = A - P = 1610.51 - 1000 = \$610.51$

monthly  $n=12$ :  $A = 1000 \left(1 + \frac{0.1}{12}\right)^{12 \cdot 5} = 1000 (1 + 0.0083)^{60} = 1645.31 \leftarrow \text{interest} = A - P = 1645.31 - 1000 = \$645.31$

daily  $n=365$ :  $A = 1000 \left(1 + \frac{0.1}{365}\right)^{365 \cdot 5} = 1000 (1.64861)^{1825} = 1648.61 \leftarrow \text{interest} = A - P = 1648.61 - 1000 = \$648.61$

observations based on example above:

| Per Annum Rate: | Compounding Method | Interest Rate per Period: (effective interest rate)                      |
|-----------------|--------------------|--|
| 10%             | Annual             | 0.1  |
| 10%             | monthly            | $0.1 / 12 = 0.00833 \leftarrow$ at end of each month rate is not 10%     |
| 10%             | Daily              | $0.1 / 365 = 0.000274 \leftarrow$ at the end of each day rate is not 10% |

Example 3: Investing 10,000 at an annual rate of 4% compounded annually, semiannually, quarterly, monthly and daily will yield the following amounts after 1 year:

Annual compounding ( $n=1$ )  $A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt} = 10000 \left(1 + \frac{0.04}{1}\right)^{1 \cdot 1} = 10000 (1 + 0.04) = \$10,400. \quad t = 1, n = 1$

semiannual compounding ( $n=2$ )  $A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{2}\right)^{2 \cdot 1} = 10000 \left(1 + \frac{0.04}{2}\right)^2 = \$10,404.00$

monthly compounding ( $n=12$ )  $A = 10000 \left(1 + \frac{0.04}{12}\right)^{12 \cdot 1} = \$10,407.42$

Seems as we increase n, the value goes up.

daily compounding ( $n = 365$ )  $A = 10000 \left(1 + \frac{0.04}{365}\right)^{365} = \$10,408.08$

$10400 \rightarrow 10404 \rightarrow 10407 \rightarrow 10408$

As we compound more and more, the exponent goes up but the rate per period goes down, so we don't end up with an infinite number of dollars.

A particular expression that's important here:

$1 \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n \cdot 1}$ ,  $1 = \text{investment of 1 dollar}$   
 $1 = \text{interest rate of 100\%}$   
 $n = \text{number of times we compound}$   
 $t = 1$

Invest 1 dollar, for 1 year, at 100% interest, and see what happens as the number of compounding periods goes to infinity.

$$\begin{aligned}
 n=1: & \quad 1(1+1/1)^1 = 1(1+1)^1 = 1(2)^1 = 2 \\
 n=2: & \quad 1(1+1/2)^2 = 2.25 \leftarrow \text{not } 4 \qquad 2.25-2=.25 \\
 n=5: & \quad 1(1+1/5)^5 = 2.48832 \leftarrow \text{bigger but not so much bigger} \\
 n=10: & \quad 1(1+1/10)^{10} = 2.5937 \leftarrow \text{bigger but not so much bigger} \\
 n=10,000: & \quad 1(1+1/10000)^{10000} = 2.718145927 \\
 n=100,000: & \quad 1(1+1/100000)^{100000} = 2.718268237 \\
 n=1,000,000: & \quad 1\left(1+\frac{1}{1,000,000}\right)^{1,000,000} = 2.718280469 \\
 n=1,000,000,000: & \quad 1\left(1+\frac{1}{1,000,000,000}\right)^{1,000,000,000} = 2.718281827
 \end{aligned}$$

the first 2 repeats  
last two values:  
2.718145927  
2.718268237  
2.718 is repeating

As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $1\left(1+\frac{1}{n}\right)^n \rightarrow 2.718 \dots$   
2.718 ... is called **e**  
Euler (oiler)

If we do a bit more mathmagic, we can produce the **continuous** compounding formula

Imagine we compute the interest at the end of each tiny fraction of a second...we get a new formula:

$$A = Pe^{rt}$$

discrete compounding:  $A = P\left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$ , *cont.* compounding =  $Pe^{rt}$ , where e is as defined above.

example 4: The amount A that results from investing a principal P of \$10,000 at an annual rate r of 4% compounded cont. for a time t of 1 year is

$$A = 10000 e^{0.04 \cdot 1} = \$10,408.11 \text{ This is the most we can get at 4\% if we invest 10,000 for 1 year.}$$

$$\text{Interest} = A - P = \$10,408.11 - \$10,000 = \$408.11$$

Example 5: On January 1, 2010, 2000 was placed in an IRA(individual retirement account) that will pay interest of 3% per annum compounded cont.

(a) What will the IRA be worth on January 1, 2030?

$$t = 2030 - 2010 = 20 \text{ years}$$

$$A = 2000 \cdot e^{0.03 \cdot 20} = 3644.24$$

Interst =  $A - P = 3644.24 - 2000 = 1644.24$  (average over 20 years  $1644.24 / 20 = 82$  dollars per year average)

(b) What is the effective annual rate of interest?

b/c it says annual, we mean  $t=1$ :

$$\text{interest} = Prt$$

$$A = 2000 e^{0.03 \cdot 1} = 60.91$$

effective annual simplest interest rate

$$60.91 = 2000 r \cdot 1 \quad \text{Interest} = Prt \text{ (simple interest)}$$

$$\frac{60.91}{2000} = r$$

$$r = 0.0305 = 3.05\% \text{ little bit different from } 3\%.$$

If we compounded once per year, we'd have to use 3.05% and not 3% to get the same interest of 60.91.

$$I = 2000 \cdot 0.0305$$

$$\frac{60.91}{2000} \approx 0.0305$$

Effective annual rate is the rate that gives the same amount of interest as the cont. comounding result, but the interest is computed only once.