



Foundations of Mathematics 12 – 1.2 & 1.3

Example 2: Determining the future value of an investment with semi-annual compounding

Gerald invested his inheritance of \$20 000 in an account that earns 9.2% compounded semi-annually. The interest rate is fixed for 10 years. He plans to use the money for a sport car in 5 to 10 years. ↑

Compare the future value of his investment after 5 years and 10 years. What if his investment were to earn simple interest instead?  $A = P(1+i)^n$

$$5 \text{ yrs. } A = 20000 \left(1 + \frac{0.092}{2}\right)^{5 \times 2} = \$31\,357.89$$

$$10 \text{ yrs. } A = 20000 (1 + 0.046)^{20} = \$49\,165.87$$

↑ interest rate / year  
0.092/2  
↓ 20 ← 10 × 2

Example 3: Comparing interest on investments with different compounding periods

Hanna wants to invest \$3000 so that she can renovate her living room in about 3 years; she has the following investment options (annual/semi-annual/monthly/weekly/daily) at 4.8%:

↑ interest rate / year

Principal (\$)	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000
Interest Rate	0.048 <span style="color: purple;">0.048</span>	0.048 <span style="color: purple;">0.024</span>	0.048 <span style="color: purple;">0.004</span>	0.048	0.048
Periods / Year	1 <span style="color: orange;">3</span>	2 <span style="color: orange;">3 × 2 = 6</span>	12 <span style="color: orange;">3 × 12 = 36</span>	52 <span style="color: orange;">3 × 52 = 156</span>	365 <span style="color: orange;">3 × 365 = 1095</span>
Value at End of Year	$3000(1+0.048)^3$	$3000(1+0.024)^6$	$3000(1+0.004)^{36}$		
0	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000
1					
2					
3	<span style="color: purple;">3453.07</span>	<span style="color: purple;">3458.76</span>	<span style="color: purple;">3463.66</span>	<span style="color: purple;">3464.42</span>	<span style="color: purple;">3464.62</span>

Example 4: Estimating doubling times for investments

Ivan and Jenny invested \$4000 by purchasing CSBs. Ivan's earns 8% compounded annually, while Jenny's earn 9% compounded annually.

↑ Canada Savings Bond

- Estimate the doubling time for each CSB.
- Verify the estimate by determining the doubling time for each CSB.

Ivan  $72/8 = 9 \text{ years}$

Jenny  $72/9 = 8 \text{ years}$