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Algebra - Downing

Compound Interest is the interest earned on the principal and on previously earned interest. The balance y of an account earning compound interest is

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

P = Principal

t = time in years

r = annual interest rate (APR)
in decimal form

n = # of times
compounding
per year

Compounding ... (n)

annually - 1

Semi-annually - 2

quarterly - 4

monthly - 12

weekly - 52

daily - 365

Ex) \$2000 deposit that earns 5% annual interest compounded quarterly for 7 years.

$$y = 2000 \left(1 + \frac{.05}{4}\right)^{(4 \cdot 7)} = \$2831.98$$

Ex) \$1400 deposit that earns 10% annual interest compounded monthly for 15 years.

$$y = 1400 \left(1 + \frac{.1}{12}\right)^{(12 \cdot 15)} = \$6235.48$$

Ex) \$6200 deposit that earns 9.2% annual interest compounded monthly for 12 years.

$$y = 6200 \left(1 + \frac{.092}{12}\right)^{(12 \cdot 12)} = \$18,621.90$$

$y = a(b)^x \rightarrow$ basic exponential

$y = a(1+r)^t \rightarrow$ growth

$y = a(1-r)^t \rightarrow$ decay

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