

You deposit \$7550 into an account that pays 7.25% interest, compounded continuously. How long will it take the money to triple?

$$3 \times 7550 = 22650$$

$$\frac{22650}{7550} = \frac{7550 e^{.0725t}}{7550}$$

$$\ln 3 = .0725t$$

$$\frac{\ln 3}{.0725} = \frac{.0725t}{.0725}$$

$$t = \frac{\ln 3}{.0725} = 15.15$$

About 15.2 years

Looks like "Parent"

Compounding Formulas:

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

Key Words: "Compounded"

daily, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, yearly

anything but continuously!

Solving for P

Determine the principal that will yield \$200,000 when invested at 8% compounded daily for 20 years.

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

$$200,000 = P \left(1 + \frac{.08}{365} \right)^{365(20)}$$

$$\frac{200,000}{\left(1 + \frac{.08}{365} \right)^{365(20)}} = P$$

$$P = \$40,386.38$$

A total of \$12,000 is invested at an annual interest rate of 9%. Find the balance after 5 years if it is compounded

a. Quarterly: $A = 12000 \left(1 + \frac{.09}{4} \right)^{4(5)}$
 $n=4$

$$\$18,726.11$$

b. Monthly: $A = 12000 \left(1 + \frac{.09}{12} \right)^{12(5)}$
 $n=12$

$$\$18,788.17$$

c. Continuously:

Per $A = 12000 e^{.09(5)}$

$$= \$18,819.75$$