

7.1 Simple and Compound Interest

Simple Interest: Interest is earned only on the original investment.

Simple Interest Formulas:

$$I = Prt$$

$$A = P + I$$

where

A = Amount at the end of investment (\$)

P = Principal or original amount (\$)

r = Rate of interest per year (decimal)

t = Time invested (years)

I = Total interest earned (\$)

"per annum"
per year

Ex. 1 Veeta invests \$900 at 5%/a for 7 years.

a) How much interest does she earn?

b) What is the total amount in the account?

$$\begin{aligned} a) I &= Prt \\ &= 900(0.05)(7) \\ &= \$315 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b) A &= P + I \\ &= 900 + 315 \\ &= \$1215 \end{aligned}$$

Ex. 2 Margot invests \$100 at 7%/a for 5 years. Simple Interest earned on \$100

a) Complete the table to examine what happens to her investment.

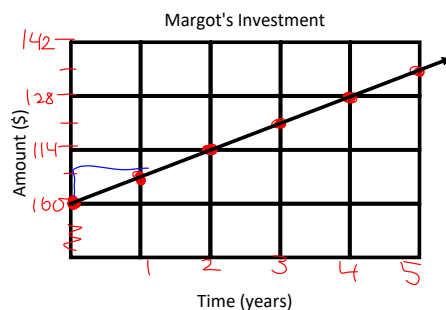
$$I = 100(0.07)(1)$$

Year	Interest (\$)	Amount (\$)
0	\	100
1	7	\$107
2	7	114
3	7	121
4	7	128
5	7	135

What type of sequence does this represent?
Arithmetic

Linear

b) Sketch the growth of her money over the 5 years.



What type of growth does this represent?
Linear

Interest is constant: \$ 7 / yr
Slope is 7

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 7x + 100 \\ A &= 7t + 100 \\ A &= 100 + 7t \\ P + I \end{aligned}$$

Simple Interest:

- Increases by the same amount of money for each time interval.
- Creates an arithmetic sequence.
- Represents linear growth.

Compound Interest: <http://time.com/money/4343323/compound-interest-returns>

- Interest is added to the principal for the next compound period.
- Has the effect of paying/earning interest on interest.

Ex. 1 Consider Margot's investment of \$100 at 7% if the interest is compounded yearly.

a) Complete the table to examine what happens to her investment.

Year	Interest (\$)	Amount (\$)
0	/	100
1	7	107
2	7.49	114.49
3	8.01	122.50
4	8.58	131.08
5	9.18	140.26

$$I = 100(0.07)(1)$$

$$\times 1.07$$

$$I = 107(0.07)(1)$$

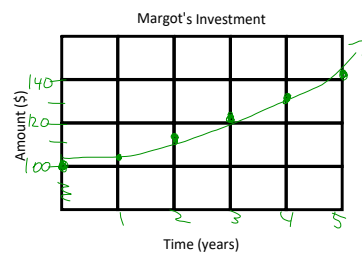
$$I = 114.49(0.07)(1)$$

$$I = 122.50(0.07)(1)$$

What type of sequence does this represent?

geometric

b) Sketch the growth of her money over the 5 years.



What type of growth does this represent?

exponential growth

Amount has a constant ratio

$$r = 1.07$$

$$A = a_0(b)^x = 100(1.07)^x$$

Compound Interest:

- Increases by a constant multiplier for each compound period.
- Creates a geometric sequence.
- Represents exponential growth.

Compound Interest Formulas:

$$A = P(1+i)^n$$

This is the formula for exponential growth. The growth factor is $(1+i)$.

$$I = A - P$$

where

P = Principal or amount invested/borrowed (\$)

A = Amount at the end of the investment (\$)

i = Interest rate per compound period (decimal) \rightarrow not per year

$$i = \frac{\text{Annual rate}}{\text{\# of compounding periods per year}}$$

n = Number of compound periods \rightarrow not number of years

$$n = (\text{\# of years}) \times (\text{\# of periods per year})$$

Compounding Periods \rightarrow How often interest is compounded.

	annually	1	
	semi-annually	2	
	quarterly	4	
	monthly	12	
2 x every month	bi-monthly	24	
every other week	weekly	52	
	bi-weekly	26	
	daily	365	

Typical compound periods

of compounds / year

Ex. 2 Myla invests \$1500 in an account paying 4.75%/a compounded quarterly. How much money will she have at the end of 5 years?

$$A = P(1+i)^n$$

$$P = 1500$$

$$i = \frac{0.0475}{4}$$

$$n = 5 \times 4 = 20$$

$$A = 1500 \left(1 + \frac{0.0475}{4}\right)^{20} = \$1899.45$$

Interest \$399.45

Annotations: leave as decimal, 4.75% → 1.18%, 20 so exact answer, timeline diagram with 20 periods.

Ex. 3 Sarah needs to borrow \$4500 to buy her first car.

(She will not be making payments but will pay it off in one lump sum in 5 years.)

She has 2 options:

- a) 3.4 %/a for 5 years compounded monthly
- b) 3.9%/a for 5 years compounded semi-annually.

OR \$4500 NOW
↓
Repay after 5 years

Which option is better?

<p>①</p> $P = 4500$ $i = \frac{0.034}{12}$ $n = 5 \times 12$ $A = P(1+i)^n = 4500 \left(1 + \frac{0.034}{12}\right)^{60}$ <p>less interest</p> <p>A = 5332.59</p>	<p>② P = 4500</p> $i = \frac{0.039}{2}$ $n = 5 \times 2$ $A = P(1+i)^n = 4500 \left(1 + \frac{0.039}{2}\right)^{10}$ <p>A = 5458.64</p>
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Ex. 4 Don has \$24 000 invested in a University fund that he hopes will grow to \$30 000 in 3 years. What interest rate, annual compounded quarterly will he need to invest at in order to achieve his goal?

$$A = 30000$$

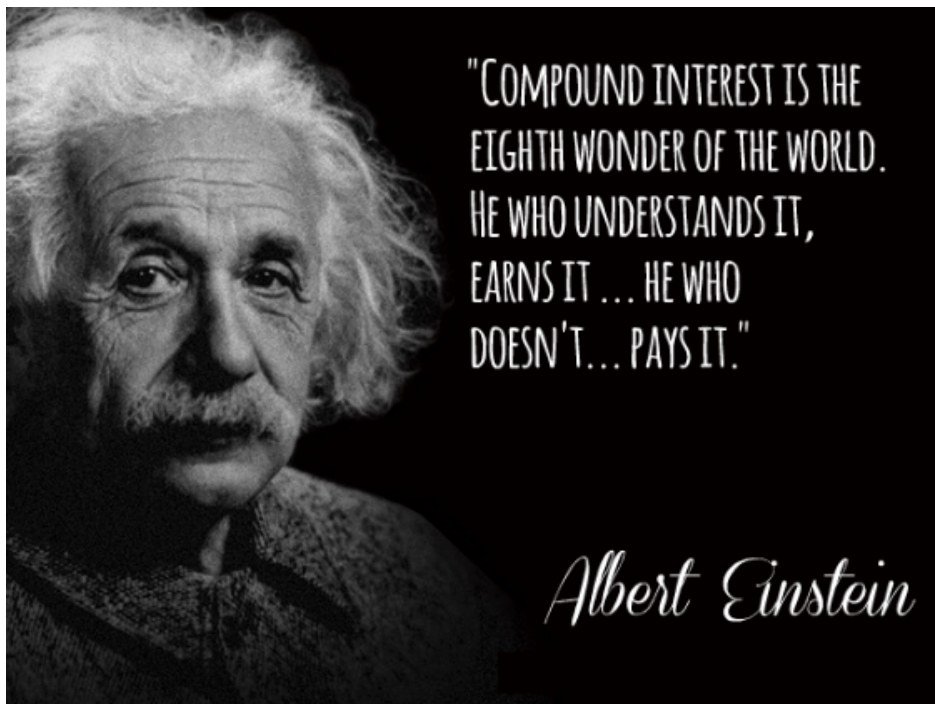
$$P = 24000$$

$$i = \frac{r}{4}$$

$$n = 3 \times 4 = 12$$

HOMEWORK

Pg. 423 # C2, C3, 1ad, 3, 5, 8
p. 433 #1, 3d, 5c, 6, 9, 11, 14



"COMPOUND INTEREST IS THE
EIGHTH WONDER OF THE WORLD.
HE WHO UNDERSTANDS IT,
EARNS IT ... HE WHO
DOESN'T... PAYS IT."

Albert Einstein