

**LESSON**  
**13-4**

# Compound Interest

## Reteach

There are three formulas used to model investments that earn **compounding interest**. In each formula,  $V$  represents the value of the account at time  $t$ ,  $r$  is the annual interest rate, and  $P$  is the principal, or the initial amount invested.

I. When interest is compounded once per year:  $V(t) = P(1+r)^t$

II. When interest compounded  $n$  times per year:  $V(t) = P\left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$

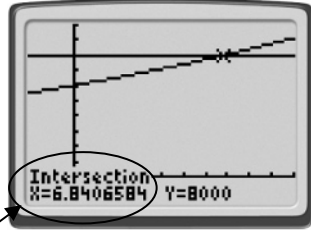
If the account is compounded: *monthly* then  $n = 12$ , *quarterly* then  $n = 4$ , *semiannually* then  $n = 2$ , *daily* then  $n = 365$ .

III. When interest is compounded continuously:  $V(t) = Pe^{rt}$

When solving compound interest problems where  $V$ ,  $P$ , and  $r$  (and sometimes  $n$ ) are given, you must solve for  $t$ . To do this, first determine which formula to use. Then write a model that represents the problem. Solve for  $t$  using a graphing calculator. Graph each side of the equation. The  $x$ -value of the point of intersection is the solution.

### Example

Peter opens an account with \$6000 that earns 4.25% interest, compounded semiannually. How long will it take for the account value to be \$8000?

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
<p>Since the account is compounded semiannually, <math>n = 2</math>.</p> <p>Use <math>V(t) = P\left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}</math>.</p>	<p>Substitute using the values given for <math>V</math>, <math>P</math>, <math>r</math>, and <math>n</math>, and simplify.</p> $V(t) = P\left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$ $8000 = 6000\left(1 + \frac{0.0425}{2}\right)^{2t}$ $8000 = 6000(1.02125)^{2t}$	<p>Graph each side of the equation and use the intersection feature to solve for <math>t</math>.</p> 

It will take about 6.8 years for the account value to be \$8000.

### Solve.

- Fatima opens an account with \$1300 that earns 3.5% interest, compounded monthly. How long will it take the account value to be \$2500?
- Eli opens an account with \$10,000 that earns 6% interest, compounded continuously. How long will it take the account value to be \$20,000?

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### Reteach 13-2

1.  $f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$ ;  $b = \frac{1}{2}$ ;  $y = -2$ ; (3, 2), (2, 6)
2.  $f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^x$ ;  $b = \frac{1}{10}$ ;  $y = 1$ ; (-2, 8), (-3, 71)
3.  $f(x) = 0.3^x$ ;  $b = 0.3$ ;  $y = -3$ ; (-3, 3), (-4, 17)
4.  $f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^x$ ;  $b = \frac{1}{4}$ ;  $y = -5$ ; (6, -6), (5, -9)
5.  $f(x) = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^x$ ;  $b = \frac{2}{3}$ ;  $y = 9$ ; (0, 10), (-1, 10.5)
6.  $f(x) = \left(\frac{3}{10}\right)^x$ ;  $b = \frac{3}{10}$ ;  $y = 7$ ; (4, 5),  $\left(3, \frac{1}{3}\right)$

### Reteach 13-3

1.  $g(x) = -2e^{x+1} - 3$
2.  $g(x) = 3e^{x-9} + 4$
3.  $g(x) = 0.5e^{x-2} - 0.1$
4.  $g(x) = -e^{x+3} + 2$

### Reteach 13-4

1. About 18.8 years
2. About 11.6 years

### Reteach 14-1

1.  $y = 1.2 \cdot 1.3^x$
2.  $y = 56 \cdot 0.9^x$
3.  $y = -20 \cdot 1.1^x$
4.  $y = 3.0 \cdot 2.1^x$
5.  $y = 100 \cdot 0.8^x$
6.  $y = -5 \cdot 0.5^x$

### Reteach 14-2

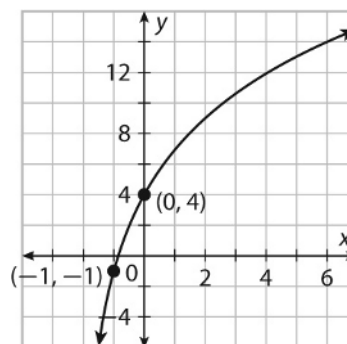
1.  $f(x) = 0.598 \cdot 2.402^x$
2.  $f(x) = 2.156x + 13.642$
3.  $f(x) = 0.526x^2 - 7.803x + 81.341$
4.  $f(x) = 203.67 \cdot 0.95^x$

### Reteach 15-1

1.  $\log_2 64 = 6$
2.  $\log_4 \frac{1}{16} = -2$
3.  $\log_{\frac{1}{3}} \frac{1}{27} = 3$
4.  $7^2 = 49$
5.  $2^{-4} = \frac{1}{16}$
6.  $8^x = 48$
7. 4
8.  $\frac{1}{3}$
9. -2

### Reteach 15-2

1.  $x = -2$ ; (-1, -1), (0, 4);



2.  $x = -5$ ; (-4, 2), (5, 1);

