

Financial Application Questions

Indicate which formula to use, which variable to solve for, and then solve. Compare with your answers from the TVM solver.

$$I = Prt \quad A = P + I \quad FV = P(1+i)^n \quad PV = \frac{A}{(1+i)^n} \quad A = \frac{R[(1+i)^n - 1]}{i} \quad PV = \frac{R[1 - (1+i)^{-n}]}{i}$$

1. Jason invests \$500 in an account that pays interest at a rate of 3.9%/a, compounded monthly.

a) How much will he have after 6 years?

$$A = P(1+i)^n \quad i = 0.039 \div 12 = 0.00325$$

$$= 500(1.00325)^{72}$$

$$= \$631.58$$

∴ He will have \$631.58 after 6 years.

b) How long will it take him to have \$1 200?

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

$$1200 = 500(1.00325)^n$$

$$2.4 = 1.00325^n$$

$$n = \frac{\log 2.4}{\log 1.00325} \approx 270 \text{ months}$$

$$\approx 22.5 \text{ years.}$$

2. Jolanda wants to save enough money to buy a \$900 wedding dress in 2 years.

a) If her account pays interest at a rate of 2.1%/a, compounded weekly, how much must she deposit now?

$$PV = A(1+i)^{-n} \quad i = \frac{0.021}{52} = 0.0004038$$

$$n = 104$$

$$= 900(1.0004038)^{-104}$$

$$= \$862.99$$

b) What must her interest rate be if she has \$820 today?

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

$$900 = 820(1+i)^{104}$$

$$1.09756 = (1+i)^{104}$$

$$\sqrt[104]{1.09756} = 1+i$$

$$i = 0.0008955 \text{ per week} \times 52$$

$$= 0.0466 \approx 4.66\% / \text{year.}$$

3. John deposits \$300 every 3 months into an account that pays interest at a rate of 3.3%/a, compounded quarterly.

a) How much will he have after 5 years?

$$A = R \left[\frac{(1+i)^n - 1}{i} \right]$$

$$= 300 \left[\frac{1.00825^{20} - 1}{0.00825} \right]$$

$$= \$6494.37$$

∴ He will have \$6494.37 after 5 years.

b) How long will it take him to have \$11 000?

$$A = R \left[\frac{(1+i)^n - 1}{i} \right]$$

$$11000 = 300 \left[\frac{1.00825^n - 1}{0.00825} \right]$$

$$\frac{90.75}{300} = \frac{1.00825^n - 1}{300}$$

$$0.3025 = 1.00825^n - 1$$

$$1.3025 = 1.00825^n$$

$$n = \frac{\log 1.3025}{\log 1.00825} \approx 32 \text{ quarters} \approx 8 \text{ years}$$

4. Jane wants to put a \$25 000 down payment on a house 3 years from now.

- a) If her account pays interest at a rate of 1.7% / a, compounded monthly, how much must she deposit every month?
 b) What must her interest rate be if she can afford monthly payments of \$600?

$$A = R \frac{[(1+i)^n - 1]}{i}$$

$$25000 = R \frac{[(1.017)^{36} - 1]}{0.017}$$

$$R = 677.38$$

$$i = 0.017 / 12 = 0.001417$$

$$n = 3 \times 12 = 36$$

~~$$A = R \frac{[(1+i)^n - 1]}{i}$$

$$25000 = 600 \frac{[(1+i)^{36} - 1]}{i}$$

$$0 = 600(1+i)^{36} - 600 - 25000i$$~~

USE TVM Solver :)

5. Jackie is planning to retire with \$500 000 in her account that pays an interest rate of 4.5% / a, compounded semi-annually.

- a) If she wants semi-annual payments for 30 years, how much will she receive every 6 months?
 b) If she wants semi-annual payments of \$18 000, how long will she receive payments?

$$PV = R \frac{[1 - (1+i)^{-n}]}{i}$$

$$500000 = R \frac{[1 - (1.0225)^{-60}]}{0.0225}$$

$$R = 15267.66$$

$$i = 0.045 / 2 = 0.0225$$

$$n = 30 \times 2 = 60$$

$$PV = R \frac{[1 - (1+i)^{-n}]}{i}$$

$$500000 = 18000 \frac{[1 - (1.0225)^{-n}]}{0.0225}$$

$$\frac{11250}{18000} = 1 - 1.0225^{-n}$$

$$1.0225^{-n} = 1 - 0.625$$

$$1.0225^n = 2.6667$$

$$n \log 1.0225 = \log 2.6667$$

$$n = 44.1 \text{ months} = 22 \text{ years}$$

6. Jorge bought a racing bicycle for \$3 500 and agreed to pay the store back with weekly payments. The store charges him interest at a rate of 11% / a, compounded weekly.

- a) If he wants to pay back the store by the end of 2 years, how much must he pay every week?
 b) If he can only pay \$20 a week, how long will it take him to pay off his purchase?

$$PV = R \frac{[1 - (1+i)^{-n}]}{i}$$

$$3500 = R \frac{[1 - (1.002115)^{-104}]}{0.002115}$$

$$R = 37.53$$

$$i = 0.11 / 52 = 0.002115$$

$$n = 2 \times 52 = 104$$

$$PV = R \frac{[1 - (1+i)^{-n}]}{i}$$

$$3500 = 20 \frac{[1 - (1.002115)^{-n}]}{0.002115}$$

$$\frac{7.4}{20} = 1 - (1.002115)^{-n}$$

$$1.002115^{-n} = 1 - 0.37$$

$$1.002115^n = 1.6298$$

$$n \log 1.002115 = \log 1.6298$$

$$n = 218.8 \text{ weeks} = 4.2 \text{ years}$$

7. Edna deposited \$6 000 in an account that paid simple interest at 7.5% / a.

- a) If she made no further deposits, how much would she have had in her account after 50 years?
 b) If the balance is now \$36 150, how long has Edna had her money in this account (assuming no further deposits)?

$$I = P \cdot r \cdot t$$

$$= 6000(0.075)(50)$$

$$= 22500$$

$$A = P + I = 6000 + 22500 = 28500$$

$$A = P + I$$

$$36150 = 6000 + I$$

$$I = 30150$$

$$I = P \cdot r \cdot t$$

$$30150 = 6000(0.075)t$$

$$t = \frac{30150}{(6000)(0.075)} = 67 \text{ years}$$

c) Assume Edna's account paid compound interest instead, compounded annually. How much additional interest would she have accrued after 50 years?

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

$$= 6000(1.075)^{50}$$

$$= 223138.48$$

$$A = P + I, \text{ so } I_2 = 223138.48 - 6000$$

$$\text{Difference} = I_2 - I_1$$

$$= 217138.48 - 22500$$

$$\text{Difference} = 194638.48$$