

# 6-3 Exponential Growth and Decay

## NOTES

LEARNING OBJECTIVE: I will learn how to write and solve exponential growth and decay equations.

Exponential Function:  $f(x) = a(b)^x$   
 initial amt.  $\leftarrow$   $\rightarrow$  common/constant ratio  
 Growth factor

 Exponential Growth (increasing)

$$f(t) = a(1+r)^t$$

$a$  = initial amount  
 $r$  = rate as decimal  
 $t$  = time

$12\% \rightarrow 0.12$   
 $6\% \rightarrow 0.06$

 Exponential Decay decreasing

$$f(t) = a(1-r)^t$$

The population of Hillville grows at 15%. If its current population is 5,000, what will its estimated population be in 5 years?

$a = 5000$   
 $r = 15\% = 0.15$   
 $t = 5 \text{ yrs}$

Desmos  $\rightarrow$   
 math tools  $\rightarrow$   
 scientific calc

$$f(t) = a(1+r)^t$$

$$f(t) = 5000(1.15)^t \rightarrow \text{function}$$

$$f(5) = 5000(1.15)^5$$

$$f(5) = 10,056$$

The population of Central City is currently 300,000. However, it is decreasing by 5% each year. What will its estimated population be in 7 years?

$a = 300,000$   
 $r = 5\% = 0.05$   
 $t = 7 \text{ yrs}$

$$f(t) = a(1-r)^t$$

$$f(t) = 300000(0.95)^t$$

$$f(7) = 300000(0.95)^7$$

$$f(7) =$$

The value of a painting increases by 96% each year. If the painting was purchased four years ago for \$9700, how much is it worth today?

$a = 9700$   
 $r = 96\% = 0.96$   
 $t = 4$

$$f(t) = a(1+r)^t$$

$$f(t) = 9700(1.96)^t$$

$$f(4) = 9700(1.96)^4$$

$$f(4) = \$143,151.54$$

The value of Taran's car depreciates by 10% each year. If his car is currently valued at \$10,000, what will its estimated value be in 3 years?

$a = 10000$   
 $r = 10\% = 0.10$   
 $t = 3 \text{ yrs}$

$$f(t) = a(1-r)^t$$

$$f(t) = 10000(0.9)^t$$

$$f(3) = 10000(0.9)^3$$

Interest can be calculated in two ways: Simple Interest, which is paid only on the principal, and Compound Interest, which is paid on both the principal and interest already earned.

Simple Interest:  $I = Prt$

$I$  = Interest  
 $P$  = Principal  
 $r$  = rate (as decimal)  
 $t$  = time

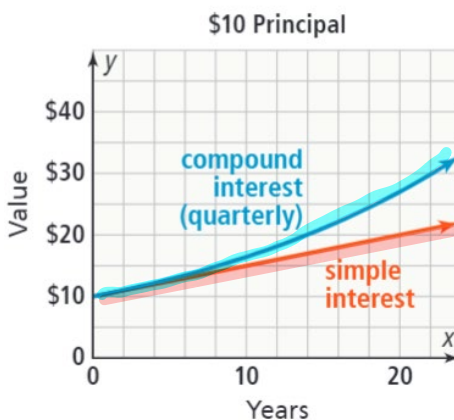
This graph shows \$10 at 5% simple interest and 5% compounded quarterly.

This "A" and the "a" from page 1 are NOT the same!

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

$A$  = Total Amount  
 $P$  = Principal initial amt.  
 $r$  = rate (as decimal)  
 $n$  = number times interest is compounded  
 $t$  = time

annually  $\rightarrow n = 1$   
 semi-annually  $\rightarrow n = 2$   
 quarterly  $\rightarrow n = 4$   
 monthly  $\rightarrow n = 12$   
 daily  $\rightarrow n = 365$



\* compound interest grows more quickly is exponential

\* Simple Interest is linear

Jan's family invested \$3000 for her in a Certificate of Deposit (CD) when she was born. It earns 8% interest compounded quarterly. What is the value after 5 years?

$A = ?$   
 $P = 3000$   
 $r = 8\% = 0.08$   
 $n = 4$   
 $t = 5$

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

$$= 3000 \left(1 + \frac{0.08}{4}\right)^{4(5)}$$

$$= \$4457.84$$

Will the value of Jan's CD be greater after 15 years if it is compounded annually rather than quarterly?

Annually  $n = 1$   
 $A = 3000 \left(1 + \frac{0.08}{1}\right)^{1(15)}$   
 ~~$= \$4407.98$~~   
 $= \$9516.51$

Quarterly  $n = 4$   
 $A = 3000 \left(1 + \frac{0.08}{4}\right)^{4(15)}$   
 $A = \$9843.09$

The value will be greater if compounded quarterly.

Amy wants to buy a new car that costs \$15,600. If the interest is 3% compounded monthly, how much will Amy actually end up paying for her car? \* Typical car loan = 5 years

$A = ?$   
 $P = 15600$   
 $r = 3\% = 0.03$   
 $n = 12$   
 $t = 5$

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

$$A = 15600 \left(1 + \frac{0.03}{12}\right)^{12(5)}$$

$$A = \$18,121.22$$

Sidney invests \$5,000. Her investment earns 6% interest compounded semi-annually. How much will her investment be worth in 10 years?

$A = ?$   
 $P = 5000$   
 $r = 6\% = 0.06$   
 $n = 2$   
 $t = 10$

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

$$A = 5000 \left(1 + \frac{0.06}{2}\right)^{2(10)}$$

$$A = \$9030.56$$