

Compound interest. One thousand dollars is invested at 5% compounded continuously

- Give the formula for $A(t)$, the compound amount after t years
- How much \$ will be in the account after 6 years
- After 6 years, at what rate will $A(t)$ be growing? ($A(t)$: Amount)
- What is the time required to the initial investment to double?

Ans: a) $A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$ | $e = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n = e$

$A = Pe^{rt}$ (P = principal amount, r = rate of interest, t = number of years)

$P = \$1000$, $r = 5\%$, $A = 1000e^{0.05t}$

b) After 6 years, $A(6) = 1000e^{0.05 \times 6} = 1000e^{0.3} \approx \1349.86

c) Rate of growth = $A'(t) = 1000 \times 0.05 \cdot e^{0.05t} = 50e^{0.05t}$

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d) $2000 = 1000e^{0.05t} \Rightarrow e^{0.05t} = 2 \Rightarrow t \cdot 0.05 = \ln 2 \Rightarrow t = \frac{\ln 2}{0.05} \approx 13.86 \text{ years}$

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Some not