

Example

A savings account pays 4% interest. If you deposit \$10 a day into this account, how much will you have after 15 years? How much of that amount is from interest?

Daily deposit $d = \$10$

Annual interest rate (r): 4% ($r = 0.04$ as a decimal)

Compounding periods per year $k = 365$ (compounded daily)

Number of years $N = 15$

$$P_N = \frac{d((1 + r/k)^{Nk} - 1)}{(r/k)} \quad P_N = \frac{((1 + \underline{\quad}/\underline{\quad})^{\underline{\quad}} - 1)}{(\underline{\quad}/\underline{\quad})}$$

$$= \$92,370$$

Total deposits: $\underline{\quad} \times \underline{\quad} \times \underline{\quad} = \$54,750$

Interest earned: $\$ \underline{\quad} - \$ \underline{\quad} = \$37,620$

Question

A retirement savings account offers 2.5% annual interest. If you deposit \$3 per day into this account, how much will you have after 8 years? How much of that total will come from interest?

Question

You decide to invest \$200 each month into an account earning 5% annual interest, compounded monthly.

a) How much will you have in the account after 25 years?

b) How much total money will you contribute to the account?

c) How much of the total balance will come from interest?

Example

You want to save \$150,000 for a down payment on a house in 20 years. Your savings account earns 6% annual interest, compounded monthly. How much do you need to deposit each month to reach your goal?

Annual interest rate (r): 6% ($r = 0.06$ as a decimal)

Compounding periods per year $k = 12$ (monthly deposits)

Number of years $N = 20$

Target amount $P_{20} = \$150,000$

$$P_N = \frac{d((1 + r/k)^{Nk} - 1)}{(r/k)} \quad d = \frac{\underline{\quad} (\underline{\quad}/\underline{\quad})}{((1 + \underline{\quad}/\underline{\quad})^{\underline{\quad}} - 1)}$$

$$= \frac{\underline{\quad} \times (\underline{\quad}/\underline{\quad})}{((1 + \underline{\quad}/\underline{\quad})^{\underline{\quad}} - 1)}$$

$$\approx \$324.68$$

Question

You want to save \$250,000 for your child's college education in 18 years. Your investment account earns 7% annual interest, compounded monthly. How much do you need to deposit each month to reach your goal?

Example

If you invest \$50 each month into an account earning 4% annual interest, compounded monthly, how long will it take for the account to grow to \$5,000?

Monthly deposit $d = \$50$

Annual interest rate (r): 4% ($r=0.04$ as a decimal)

Compounding periods per year $k=12$ (monthly deposits)

Target amount $P_N = \$5,000$

Unknown (N): Time in years

$$\frac{P_N (r/k)}{d} + 1 = (1 + r/k)^{Nk}$$

$$P_N = \frac{d((1 + r/k)^{Nk} - 1)}{(r/k)}$$

$$\log\left[\frac{P_N (r/k)}{d} + 1\right] = \log[(1 + r/k)^{Nk}] = Nk \log(1 + r/k)$$

$$\frac{P_N (r/k)}{d} + 1 = (1 + r/k)^{Nk}$$

$$N = \frac{\log\left[\frac{P_N (r/k)}{d} + 1\right]}{k \log(1 + r/k)} = \frac{\log\left[\frac{5000(0.04/12) + 1}{50}\right]}{12 \log(1 + 0.04/12)} \approx 7.2$$