

Week in Review #9

Section 5.1: Compound Interest

- Simple interest
 - interest is computed on the original principal only
 - $I = Prt$
 - $A = P(1 + rt)$
 - Compound interest
 - interest is earned on the principal and on the interest
 - $A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{m}\right)^{mt}$
 - Effective interest rate
 - $r_{eff} = 100 \left(1 + \frac{r}{m}\right)^m - 100$
 - calculator command: Eff(r,m)
 - present value
 - compound interest problems may be solved using the TVM Solver on the calculator.
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1. Find the simple interest on a \$600 investment made for 2 years at a simple interest rate of 8% per year. What is the accumulated amount?

 2. How long will it take an investment to grow from \$500 to \$750 if the investment earns a simple interest rate of 8% per year?

 3. Determine the annual simple interest rate at which \$1500 will grow to \$1580 in 7 months.

 4. One bank, A, advertises a nominal rate of 7.15% per year compounded semi-annually. a second bank, B, advertises a nominal rate of 7% per year compounded daily. What are the effective yields for each bank? Which bank has the best interest rate?

