

## 6.2: GEOMETRIC SEQUENCES & COMPOUND INTEREST.

review: Arithmetic sequences.

ex: 3, 5, 7, 9, ..., 201

$$a_n = 3 + 2(n-1)$$

$$a_n = a_1 + d(n-1)$$

$$3 + 5 + 7 + 9 + \dots + 201$$

Formula for the  $n$ th term of the arithmetic sequence.  
 ← 100 terms.

$$S_{100} = \frac{100(3 + 201)}{2}$$

$$S_n = \frac{n(a_1 + a_n)}{2}$$

Formula.  
 Sum of  $n$  terms of an arith. seq.

Geometric sequences.

ex: Find the next few terms

(a) 3, 6, 12, 24, 48, 96, 192, ...  
 ↗ \*2      ↗ \*2

(b) 54, 18, 6, 2,  $\frac{2}{3}$ ,  $\frac{2}{9}$ ,  $\frac{2}{27}$ , ...  
 ↘ \* $\frac{1}{3}$       ↘ \* $\frac{1}{3}$

common

ratio of 2 or  $\frac{1}{3}$

Formula for the  $n$ th term  
in a geometric seq is:

$$\boxed{a_n = a_1 \cdot r^{n-1}}$$
 where  $a_1 = 1$ st term  
and  $r =$  common ratio.

ex: Find a formula for the  
 $n$ th term of:

(a) 7, 21, 63, ...

$$a_n = 7 \cdot 3^{n-1}$$

(b) 192, 96, 48, 24, ...

$$a_n = 192 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

ex: Find the  $n$ th term of  
the geo. seq if the 3<sup>rd</sup> term  
is 24 and the 9<sup>th</sup> term is 1536.

Set up a system

$$\begin{cases} a_3 = 24 = a_1 \cdot r^2 \\ a_9 = 1536 = a_1 \cdot r^8 \end{cases}$$

USE SUBSTITUTION

(1) solve for  $a_1$ :  $a_1 = \frac{24}{r^2}$

(2) sub into 2<sup>nd</sup> eqn.

$$1536 = \frac{24}{r^2} \cdot r^8$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1536}{24} = \frac{24}{24} r^6$$

$$\Rightarrow 64 = r^6$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \sqrt[6]{64} = 64^{1/6} = 2$$

(3) substitute back to find  $a_1$

$$a_1 = \frac{24}{2^2} = 6$$

(4) nth term:  $a_n = 6 \cdot 2^{n-1}$

The sum of a geometric seq.

Recall:  $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 100 = \frac{100(101)}{2}$   
 $\frac{100 + 99 + 98 + \dots + 1}{101 + \dots + 101}$

ex: Find  $6 + 12 + 24 + \dots + 768 + 1536$   
 $1536 + 768 + \dots + 6$

epic fail: need a new trick.

$$\text{sum} = (6 + 12 + \dots + 768 + 1536) \left( \frac{2-1}{2-1} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{12} + \cancel{24} + \dots + \cancel{1536} + 3072 - 6 - \cancel{12} - \dots - \cancel{768} - \cancel{1536}}{2-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{3072 - 6}{2 - 1} \\
 &= \frac{6(512 - 1)}{2 - 1} \\
 &= \frac{6(2^9 - 1)}{2 - 1}
 \end{aligned}$$

The sum of  $n$  terms of a geo seq. is

$$S_n = \frac{a_1(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$$

Compound interest.

How much will we have in 5 yrs if we save \$1000 today @ 12% interest.

Simple interest

| t | \$   |
|---|------|
| 0 | 1000 |
| 1 | 1120 |
| 2 | 1240 |
| 3 | 1360 |
| 4 | 1480 |
| 5 | 1600 |

Annual compound interest

| t | \$                      |
|---|-------------------------|
| 0 | 1000                    |
| 1 | 1120 = 1000 (1.12)      |
| 2 | 1254.4 = 1120 (1.12)    |
| 3 | 1404.93 = 1254.4 (1.12) |
| 4 | 1573.5 = 1404.93 (1.12) |
| 5 | 1762.31 = 1573.5 (1.12) |

$$FV = P(1 + r)^t$$

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OR

$$FV = P \left( 1 + \frac{r}{2} \right)^{2t}$$

## 6.2 cont.

Formulas for periodic compounded interest.

$$(1) \quad FV = P(1+r)^t$$

annual compounding.

$$(2) \quad FV = P\left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$$

compounding  $n$  times/year.

FV = future value

P = present value.

r = interest rate.

n = number of compoundings  
per year.

t = number of years.

ex: Find the future value if \$3200  
is invested for 7 yrs w/  
quarterly compounding @ 9%.

$$*FV = \quad r = 0.09 \quad t = 7$$

$$P = 3200 \quad n = 4$$

$$FV = 3200 \left(1 + \frac{0.09}{4}\right)^{4(7)}$$

$$= 5966.54$$

The future value is \$5966.54.

ex: How much must be invested @ 8% compounded monthly to have \$17,500 in 4 yrs?

$$FV = 17500 \quad 17500 = P \left(1 + \frac{0.08}{12}\right)^{12(4)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} * P &= \\ r &= 0.08 & \Rightarrow P &= \frac{17500}{\left(1 + \frac{0.08}{12}\right)^{12(4)}} \\ n &= 12 \\ t &= 4 & &= 12721.11 \end{aligned}$$

We need to save \$12,721.11 to have \$17,500 in 4 yrs.

ex: How much will Euler have in 1 yr if he invests \$1 @ 100%?

FV = How is FV impacted by n.

$$P = 1$$

$$r = 1 \leftarrow 100\%$$

$$n =$$

$$t = 1$$

$$\underline{N=1:}$$

$$FV = 1 \left(1 + \frac{1}{1}\right)^{(1)} = 2$$

$$\underline{N=2:}$$

$$FV = 1 \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)^{2(1)} = 2.25$$

$$\underline{n=4:}$$

$$FV = \left(1 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^4 = 2.44$$

$$\underline{n:}$$

$$FV = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$$

As  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we see  $FV \rightarrow e$



Euler's number.

w/ continuous compounding, the best Euler gets is  $FV = e$

Formula for continuous compounding.

$$(3) FV = P e^{rt}$$

ex: Find the future value if \$3200 is invested for 7 yrs @ 9% compounded continuously.

\*FV

$$P = 3200$$

$$r = 0.09$$

$$N = N/A$$

$$t = 7$$

$$FV = 3200 e^{0.09(7)}$$

$$= 6008.35$$

The future value is \$6,008.35.



ex: How much must be invested @  
8% compounded continuously to have  
\$17500 in 4 yrs?

$$FV = 17500$$

$$\text{solve } 17500 = P e^{0.08(4)}$$

$$*A =$$

$$r = 0.08$$

$$n = n/A$$

$$t = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow P = \frac{17500}{e^{0.08(4)}} \\ = 12707.61$$

We need to invest \$12707.61 today.