

Compound Interest and the TVM Solver

Compound interest is when the interest earned is added to the original amount invested more frequently, and so you earn more interest.

Note: Annually = 1 time per year
Semi-annually = 2 times per year
Quarterly = 4 times per year
Bi-weekly = 26 times per year
Daily = 365 times per year

TVM SOLVER: You can use this program in a graphing calculator to calculate compound interest.

* To start press: APPS – Finance – TVM Solver

* Enter the following values

N = total # of payments
I = annual interest rate (as a percent)
PV = present value
PMT = payment each period } Both are entered as negative values
FV = future value
PY = # of payments per year
CY # of compounding periods per year

BEGIN (Always use BEGIN for investments, and END for loans)

* To finish, highlight the wanted value and press: ALPHA - ENTER

Example 1: Calculate the future value when \$5000 is invested at 6.5% per annum (per year) compounded semi-annually for 8 years.

N =	FV =
I =	PY =
PV =	CY =
PMT =	BEGIN

Example 2: How long will it take \$3000 to double if it is invested at 4.5% p.a. (per annum) compounded monthly?

N =	FV =
I =	PY =
PV =	CY =
PMT =	BEGIN

Example 3: How much must be invested at 6.8% p.a. compounded quarterly in order to have \$10 000 after 5 years?

N =	FV =
I =	PY =
PV =	CY =
PMT =	BEGIN

Compound Interest and the TVM Solver – Assignment

1. Use the TVM Solver to calculate the amount (Future Value) of the following investments:

- a) \$1000 invested at 6% per annum compounded semi-annually for 5 years.
- b) \$ 800 invested at 4.8% per annum compounded semi-annually for 3 years.
- c) \$ 600 invested at 8% per annum compounded quarterly for 3 years.
- d) \$1200 invested at 6.8% per annum compounded quarterly for 10 years.
- e) \$2500 invested at 12% per annum compounded monthly for 4 years.
- f) \$10 000 invested at 5.4% per annum compounded monthly for 8 years.

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2. Use the TVM Solver to determine the following times. Answer in years.

- a) How long will it take an investment of \$1 000 to reach \$1 200 at 6.5% p.a. compounded monthly?
- b) How long will it take for an investment of \$5 000 at 5.6% p.a. compounded quarterly to double in value?
- c) How long will it take for an investment of \$10 000 at 9.5% p.a. compounded semi-annually to triple in value?
- d) How long will it take for an investment of \$3 000 at 8.2% p.a. compounded annually to reach \$5000?

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3. Use the TVM Solver to determine the original amount (Present Value) invested.

- a) How much must be invested at 3.5% p.a. compounded semi-annually in order to have \$5000 after 8 years?
- b) How much must be invested at 4.1% p.a. compounded bi-weekly in order to have \$2000 after 3 years?

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Answers: 1. a) \$1343.92 b) \$922.34 c) \$760.95 d) \$2355.15 e) \$4030.57 f) \$15388.43
 2. a) 2.8 yrs b) 12.46 yrs c) 11.84 yrs d) 6.48 yrs
 3. a) \$3788.08 b) 1768.70