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Compound Interest

▪SWBAT find compound interest.

Compound Interest Formula

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

Regular Interest

$$I = Prt$$

P = principal amount (the initial amount)

r = annual rate of interest (as a decimal)

t = the number of years the amount is borrowed or deposited for.

A = amount of money accumulated after t years (including interest)

n = the number of times the interest is compounded per year.

Ex 1: Compound Interest

An amount of \$1,500.00 is deposited in a bank paying an annual interest rate of 4.3%, compounded quarterly. What is the balance after 6 years?

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

$$A = ?$$

$$P = 1500$$

$$r = 4.3\% \Rightarrow .043$$

$$n = 4$$

$$t = 6$$

$$A = 1500 \left(1 + \frac{.043}{4} \right)^{24}$$

$$1500 \left(1 + \left(\frac{.043}{4} \right) \right)^{24}$$

$$A \approx 1938.836$$

$$\boxed{\$1938.84}$$

Ex 2: Compound Interest

Kelly received \$750 in graduation money. She puts it into an account that earns 4.25% interest compounded semi-annually for the 4 years she is away at college. How much will be in Kelly's account at the end of four years?

$$A = ?$$

$$P = 750$$

$$r = .0425$$

$$t = 4$$

$$n = 2$$

$$A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n} \right)^{nt}$$
$$A = 750 \left(1 + \frac{.0425}{2} \right)^8$$

$$A \approx 887.3967$$

$$\text{about } \$887.40$$

Ex 3: Compound Interest

Doctor Lee deposited \$123,000 into a trust fund for his son that pays 4.5% annual interest compounded monthly. What is the balance in his account 4 years later?

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

$$A = ?$$

$$P = 123,000$$

$$n = 12$$

$$r = .045$$

$$t = 4$$

$$A = 123,000 \left(1 + \frac{.045}{12} \right)^{48}$$

$$A = 147,208.1684$$

$$\text{About } \$147,208.17$$

Homework



- **Worksheet**

SWBAT: Find compound interest of word problems.