

Compound Interest Formula

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

A = Ending Balance

P = Original amount invested (Principle)

r = interest rate (growth rate)

n = # of times investment interest is compounded.

t = time in years

Example: Oliver opens a savings account and deposits \$134.00. If the interest rate is 3%, how much money will Oliver have in 5 years...

a.) compounded yearly $n = 1$

$$A = 134 \left(1 + \frac{.03}{1}\right)^{1(5)} = \boxed{\$155.34}$$

b.) compounded monthly $n = 12$

$$A = 134 \left(1 + \frac{.03}{12}\right)^{12(5)} = \boxed{\$155.66}$$

c.) compounded quarterly $n = 4$

$$A = 134 \left(1 + \frac{.03}{4}\right)^{4(5)} = \boxed{\$155.60}$$

d.) compounded daily $n = 365$

$$A = 134 \left(1 + \frac{.03}{365}\right)^{365(5)} = \boxed{\$155.68}$$