

1. James is investing \$1500 for 20 years at a 6.25% annual interest rate. How much will be in the account if:
  - a. the account is compounded annually  
**\$5042.78**
  - b. the account is compounded semiannually  
**\$5136.29**
  - c. the account is compounded quarterly  
**\$5185.16**
  - d. the account is compounded monthly  
**\$5218.56**
  - e. the account is compounded daily  
**\$5234.95**
  - f. the account is compounded continuously  
**\$5235.51**
2. How much time is required for an investment to double in value if interest is earned at the rate of 5.75% compounded quarterly?  
**≈ 12.1412 years**
3. What annual interest rate compounded monthly is required for an \$8500 investment to triple in five years?  
**≈ 22.17%**
4. Which investment is more attractive, one that pays 9.75% compounded quarterly or another that pays 9.7% compounded monthly? Why?  
**9.7% compounded monthly because over one year it would yield more money (has a higher APY)**
5. Find the annual percentage yield (APY) for \$8000 at 4.7% compounded monthly.  
**4.803%**
6. Explain APY and APR.  
**APY = Annual Percentage Yield and it is used to compare interest rates compounded at different intervals by determining the interest rate that could be used to compound annually**  
**APR = Annual Percentage Rate and it is used for the calculations of interest for varying intervals of compounding, but the percentage itself is based on one year**
7. Sue contributes money every month into the Lincoln National Bond Fund earning 12.5% annual interest.
  - a. Sue decides to contribute \$50 per month. What is the value of her investment after 25 years?  
**\$102,695.83**
  - b. Sue has decided that contributing \$50 a month will not meet her goal of having \$500,000 by the time she retires in 25 years. If she keeps her money in the same fund earning the same interest (12.5%), what monthly contribution must she make to reach her goal?  
**\$243.44**
8. What is Eric's monthly payment for a 3-year \$12,000 car loan with an APR of 9.65% from County Bank?  
**\$385.24**
9. Curt is has just begun making \$150 monthly payments in to an IRA that earns 4.5% annual interest. How long will he have to continue making payments to have \$120,000 in his account?  
**≈ 30.86 years**
10. What are the required monthly payments on a \$120,000 mortgage for 30 years at 7.70% APR?  
**\$855.52**
  - a. Suppose you decide to make monthly payments of \$1250. When would the mortgage be completely paid?  
**≈ 12.47 years**
  - b. How much do you save with the greater payments compared with the original plan?  
**\$120,937.20**
11. An investor determines a need for a \$1.5 million retirement account at age 65 and has been assured of an 8.5% annual rate of return.

a. Determine the regular monthly payment required if the individual starts at age 25.

**\$371.41**

b. If the individual started at age 25 what is the actual amount of money invested? How much money would have come from interest?

**Invested \$178,276.80      From Interest \$1,321,723.20**

c. How does the situation change if the individual waits until age 40 to begin the retirement account?

**Monthly investment now becomes \$1453.41, resulting in actually investing \$436,023 which is about 245% more than it would have been starting at age 25.**

12. A potential home buyer is looking to borrow \$250,000 at 5.2% interest for a 30 year home loan. What is the regular monthly payment? What is the total cost of the loan? How does the situation change if the loan is changed to a 15 year loan?

**30-year: Monthly payment is \$1372.77 which results in the total loan cost being \$494,197.20**

**15-year: Monthly payment is \$2003.13 which results in the total loan cost being \$360,563.40 saving about \$133,633.80 on the amount of interest paid**