

2.5 Review Compound Interest

Solutions

Daniel

$$2.(a) P_2 = 30,000(1+r) = 31,650$$

$$r = 2.75\%$$

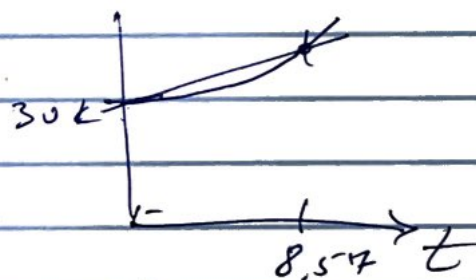
Rebecca

$$(b) P_2' = 30,000(1+0.025)^2$$

$$= 31,518.80 \text{ AUD}$$

$$(c) 30,000(1+0.025)^t > 30,000(1+0.0275)^t$$

9 years



$$(d)i) 31,650 \cdot 0.80 = 25,320 \text{ AUD}$$

$$ii) P_t = 25,320 \left(1 + \frac{0.03}{4}\right)^{4t} > 30,000$$

$$\left[\left(1 + \frac{0.03}{4}\right)^4\right]^t > \frac{30,000}{25,320} = 1.18483...$$

$$(1.03034)^t > 1.18483$$

$$t > \log_{1.03034} 1.18483 = 5.67448...$$

6 years

6. [Maximum mark: 6]

In a geometric sequence, the fourth term is 8 times the first term. The sum of the first 10 terms is 2557.5. Find the 10th term of this sequence.

$$u_4 = u_1 r^{(4-1)} = 8u_1$$

$$r^3 = 8$$

$$r = 2$$

$$S_{10} = u_1 \left(\frac{2^{10} - 1}{2 - 1} \right) = 2557.5$$

$$u_1 = 2.5$$

$$u_{10} = ~~2.5~~ 2.5 \cdot 2^{(10-1)}$$

$$= 1280$$



7. [Maximum mark: 8]

Note: One decade is 10 years

A population of rare birds, P_t , can be modelled by the equation $P_t = P_0 e^{kt}$, where P_0 is the initial population, and t is measured in decades. After one decade, it is estimated that $\frac{P_1}{P_0} = 0.9$.

(a) (i) Find the value of k .

(ii) Interpret the meaning of the value of k .

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(b) Find the least number of **whole** years for which $\frac{P_t}{P_0} < 0.75$.

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$$\text{a) i) } \frac{P_1}{P_0} = e^{k \cdot 1} = 0.9$$

$$k = \ln 0.9 = -0.105361... \\ \approx -0.105$$

ii) The population is decreasing by about 10% per decade

$$\text{(b) } \frac{P_t}{P_0} = e^{-0.105361t} < 0.75$$

$$0.9^t < 0.75$$

$$t = \log_{0.9} 0.75 = 2.73045...$$

3 years



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#2 Price of a used car

(a)i) $r = -0.9943$

(b)ii) $a = -1.58096... \approx -1.58$

$b = \frac{0.988728...}{33,480.30} \approx 0.989$

(b) $y = -1.58(11,000) + 33,480.30$
 $= 16,089.70$
 $\approx \$16,100$

(c) $FV = 16,100(1.005)^6$
 $= \$11,835$

(d) $FV = 16,100(0.95)^t = 10,000$

$t = \log_{0.95} \left(\frac{10,000}{16,100} \right) = 9.28453...$

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Part A

Geometric sequence

$$(a) \quad u_4 = 1024 r^{(4-1)} = 128$$

$$r^3 = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$r = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(b) \quad u_n = 1024 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{(n-1)} = 1$$

$$(c) \quad S_8 = 1024 \left(\frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^8}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} \right) = 2040$$

$$(d) \quad S_n = 1024 \left(\frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} \right) > \$2047.968$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n < \left(\frac{2047.968}{1024} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 1 = 0.954168$$

$$n > \log_{1/2} \frac{0.954168}{0.000016} = 15.9658$$

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Part B

$$(a) \quad u_n = 1 + 3(n-1) = 31$$

$$(b) i) \quad S_{100} = \frac{100}{2} (3(100) - 1) = 14,950$$

$$ii) \quad S_n = \frac{n}{2} (3n - 1) = 477$$

$$3n^2 - n = 954$$

$$3n^2 - n - 954 = 0$$

$$n = 18$$

$$\text{p.f. Roots } (3n^2 - n - 954 = 0, n) \\ \left\{ -\frac{53}{3}, 18 \right\}$$

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5. The mass of a decaying substance

(a) strong negative

$$(b) \ln(a \times b^t) = -0.12t + 4.67$$

$$\ln a + \ln b^t = -0.12t + 4.67$$

$$\ln a + t \ln b = -0.12t + 4.67 \quad \text{since } a \text{ is constant}$$

$$\ln b = -0.12$$

$$b = e^{-0.12}$$

$$\ln a = 4.67$$

$$= 0.88692...$$

$$\approx 0.887$$