

Homework 3b: *Quantities and Rates*

1. You buy exercise equipment for your home for \$700 at an APR of 8%. Interest is compounded monthly and the loan term is 12 months. Compute your monthly payments and the interest you will pay when you finish paying for the equipment. What is the APY?
2. Repeat the problem in question (1) when the payments are made twice a month. What conclusion might you draw from this?
3. Do some research to find out the difference between paying the total price of a camping tent upfront and paying for it over 12 months. Report the monthly payment, APR, APY, and the total cost of interest over the 12 months.
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6. Investigate and report the amount of money borrowed by the US government and how much the US government pays for *only* its interest payments. Please cite your sources. Describe the scale of these interest payments relative to something else economic, like the Gross Domestic Product of a developed country.
7. Create a Python program that queries the user to provide amount borrowed in dollars (\$), an APR value, and then computes the monthly payment for a 36-month loan, and prints the results to the screen. Test the program using \$10,000 borrowed and an APR of 6%.
Guidelines:
 - Do not define any functions (we will get to those later).
 - Document your program.
 - The output format should be typical for monetary amounts; e.g., \$2028.91.