

# NCERT-12.9.Ex.14

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**Question:** In a bank, principal increases continuously at the rate of 5% per year. In how many years Rs 1000 double itself?

**Theoretical Solution:** Let  $P$  be the principle at any time  $t$ . According to the given problem,

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = \left( \frac{5}{100} \right) \times P \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = \frac{P}{20} \quad (2)$$

separating the variables in 2, we get

$$\frac{dp}{P} = \frac{dt}{20} \quad (3)$$

Integrating on both sides of 3, we get

$$\log P = \frac{t}{20} + C_1 \quad (4)$$

$$P = e^{\frac{t}{20}} \times e^{C_1} \quad (5)$$

$$P = C e^{\frac{t}{20}} \quad (6)$$

Now, when  $t = 0$ ,  $P = 1000$ .

Substituting the values of  $P$  and  $t$  in 6, we get  $C = 1000$ . Therefore, 6 gives

$$P = 1000 e^{\frac{t}{20}} \quad (7)$$

Let  $t$  years be the time required to double the principal. Then

$$2000 = 1000 e^{\frac{t}{20}} \quad (8)$$

$$t = 20 \ln 2 \approx 13.86 \quad (9)$$

**Solution Using Trapezoid Rule:** Formula of Trapezoidal rule over an interval  $(a, b)$  divided into  $n$  equal subintervals is:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{h}{2} [f(x_0) + 2f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + \cdots + 2f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)] \quad (10)$$

If we do it for one subinterval:

$$\int_{a+nh}^{a+(n+1)h} f(x) dx \approx \frac{h}{2} [f(a+nh) + f(a+(n+1)h)] \quad (11)$$

To obtain difference equation using Trapezoidal rule, we need to integrate 3 for one subinterval.

$$\int_{P(t_n)}^{P(t_{n+1})} dp = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \frac{P dt}{20} \quad (12)$$

from 11

$$[P(t_{n+1}) - P(t_n)] = \frac{h}{2} \left[ \frac{P(t_n) + P(t_{n+1})}{20} \right] \quad (13)$$

Here,  $h = t_{n+1} - t_n$ , Which gives

$$[P(t_{n+1}) - P(t_n)] = \frac{t_{n+1} - t_n}{2} \left[ \frac{P(t_n) + P(t_{n+1})}{20} \right] \quad (14)$$

$$P_{n+1} = P_n \left[ \frac{40 + t_{n+1} - t_n}{40 - t_{n+1} + t_n} \right] \quad (15)$$

$$P_{n+1} = P_n \left[ \frac{40 + h}{40 - h} \right] \quad (16)$$

Depending upon the length of subinterval we choose, the accuracy of the result is determined. By considering one subinterval has 1 year time gap, and  $P_0 = 1000$ ,  $P_n = 2000$ ,  $t_0 = 0$ , and using 15 in recursion, we can find  $n$ , which indicates the time required to double the principal amount. The smaller the value of  $h$ , the more accurate the estimated time will be.

Choosing  $h = 1\text{yr}$ ,

$$P_{n+1} = P_n \left[ \frac{41}{39} \right] \quad (17)$$

$$P_1 = P_0 \left[ \frac{41}{39} \right] \quad (18)$$

$$P_2 = P_1 \left[ \frac{41}{39} \right] \quad (19)$$

$$\vdots \quad (20)$$

$$P_n = P_0 \left[ \frac{41}{39} \right]^n \quad (21)$$

Substituting  $P_0 = 1000$  and  $P_n = 2000$  in 21, we get  $n \approx 13.86$ , which means  $P_{13} < 2000 < P_{14}$ .

