

# A Formula for the Computation of Compound Interest With Payments

Let the accumulated value be defined by:

$$\begin{aligned}A_0 &= P \\A_n &= A_{n-1} + r(A_{n-1} + d) \\&= A_{n-1}(1 + r) + rd\end{aligned}$$

Here,  $r$  is the rate of interest, and  $d$  is the additional change made per cycle, i.e. payments to a loan, or deposits into a bank account.

Let the function  $F : \mathbb{Z} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  be defined as

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ \sum_{k=0}^x (1 + r)^k & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

**Lemma 1.** *If  $x$  is an integer greater than or equal to -1, then  $F(x)(1 + r) + 1 = F(x + 1)$*

(Proof)

Let  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

**Case 1.**  $x = -1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}F(x)(1 + r) + 1 &= F(-1)(1 + r) + 1, \\&= 0 + 1, \\&= 1, \\&= F(0), \\&= F(x + 1).\end{aligned}$$

**Case 2.**  $x \geq 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}F(x)(1 + r) + 1 &= \left( \sum_{k=0}^x (1 + r)^k \right) (1 + r) + 1 \quad (\text{by definition of } F), \\&= \sum_{k=0}^x (1 + r)^{k+1} + 1, \\&= \sum_{k=1}^{x+1} (1 + r)^k + 1, \\&= \sum_{k=1}^{x+1} (1 + r)^k + (1 + r)^0, \\&= \sum_{k=0}^{x+1} (1 + r)^k, \\&= F(x + 1).\end{aligned}$$

**QED**

**Theorem.**  $A_n = P(1 + r)^n + rdF(n - 1)$

(Proof by Induction)

**Base Case:**

$$\begin{aligned} A_0 &= P && \text{(by definition),} \\ &= P(1) + rd(0) \\ &= P(1 + r)^0 + rdF(0 - 1). \end{aligned}$$

**Induction Step:**

Suppose  $A_k = P(1 + r)^k + rdF(k - 1)$ , for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^{\text{nonneg}}$ .

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} A_{k+1} &= A_k(1 + r) + rd && \text{(by definition),} \\ &= [P(1 + r)^k + rdF(k - 1)](1 + r) + rd && \text{(by supposition),} \\ &= P(1 + r)^k(1 + r) + rdF(k - 1)(1 + r) + rd, \\ &= P(1 + r)^{k+1} + rd[F(k - 1)(1 + r) + 1], \\ &= P(1 + r)^{k+1} + rdF(k) && \text{(by Lemma 1).} \end{aligned}$$

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