

Assignment I - ICSE 10 2018 - Q9(a)

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The various parameters given are listed in the following table:

Symbol	Description	Value
I	Interest	₹5550
P	Monthly Deposit	₹1000
r	Annual Interest Percentage	10%
n	Number of Months	?

We know the formula for interest on a recurring deposit is:

$$I = \frac{P \cdot n(n+1) \cdot r}{12 \cdot 2 \cdot 100} \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 5550 = \frac{1000 \cdot n(n+1) \cdot 10}{12 \cdot 2 \cdot 100} \quad (2)$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n+1) = 1332 \quad (3)$$

$$= 36 \cdot 37 \quad (4)$$

Solving the quadratic, we get $n = 36$ or $n = -37$. Discarding the negative solution, we get that the time of maturity is 36 months, or 3 years.

We can verify this answer by graphing the interest as a function of time, i.e.,

$$y = \frac{1000 \cdot x(x+1) \cdot 10}{12 \cdot 2 \cdot 100} \quad (5)$$

along with the interest at time of maturity $y = 5550$, and checking for the point of intersection, where y is the interest in rupees, and x is time in months.

