

# Manual for SOA Exam FM/CAS Exam 2.

Chapter 1. Basic Interest Theory.  
Section 1.3. Compounded interest.

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$$\text{for each } 0 \leq s < t, \quad \frac{A(t) - A(s)}{A(s)} = \frac{A(t - s) - A(0)}{A(0)}.$$

Notice that

$$\frac{A(t) - A(s)}{A(s)} = \frac{A(0)(1 + i)^t - A(0)(1 + i)^s}{A(0)(1 + i)^s} = (1 + i)^{t-s} - 1.$$

The effective rate of interest earned in the  $n$ -th year is

$$i_n = \frac{A(n) - A(n-1)}{A(n-1)} = \frac{A(0)(1 + i)^n - A(0)(1 + i)^{n-1}}{A(0)(1 + i)^{n-1}} = i.$$

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If deposits/withdrawals are made according with the table

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Time (in years)	$t_1$	$t_2$	$\cdots$	$t_n$

where  $0 \leq t_1 < t_2 < \cdots < t_n$ , into an account earning compound interest with an annual effective rate of interest of  $i$ , then the present value at time  $t$  of the cashflow is

$$V(t) = \sum_{j=1}^n C_j(1+i)^{t-t_j}.$$

In particular, the present value of the considered cashflow at time zero is  $\sum_{j=1}^n C_j(1+i)^{-t_j}$ .

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The accumulation function for simple interest is  $a(t) = 1 + it$ , which is a linear function.

The accumulation function for compound interest is  $a(t) = (1 + i)^t$ , which is an increasing convex function.

We have that

(i) If  $0 < t < 1$ , then  $(1 + i)^t < 1 + it$ .

(ii) If  $1 < t$ , then  $1 + it < (1 + i)^t$ .



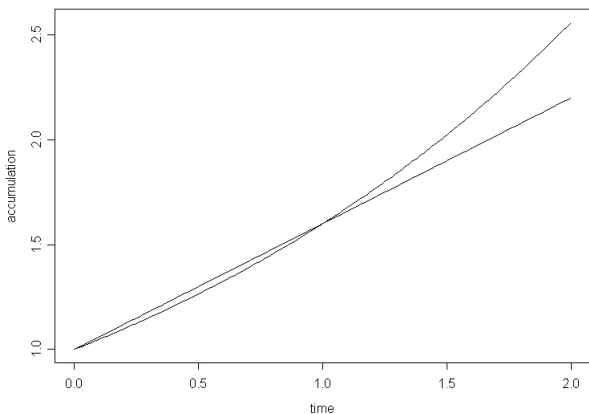


Figure 1: comparison of simple and compound accumulation functions

Usually, we solve for variables in the formula,  $A(t) = A(0)(1 + i)^t$ , using the TI-BA-II-Plus calculator.

To turn on the calculator press ON/OFF.

To clear errors press CE/C. It clears the current displays (including error messages) and tentative operations.

When entering a number, you realized that you make a mistake you can clear the whole display by pressing CE/C.

When entering numbers, if you would like to save some of the entered digits, you can press → as many times as digits you would like to remove. Digits are deleted starting from the last entered digit.

It is **recommended** to set-up the TI-BA-II-Plus calculator to 9 decimals. You can do that doing

2nd, FORMAT, 9, ENTER, 2nd, QUIT.

We often will use **the time value of the money worksheet** of the calculator. There are 5 main **financial variables** in this worksheet:

- ▶ The number of periods  $N$ .
- ▶ The nominal interest for year  $I/Y$ .
- ▶ The present value  $PV$ .
- ▶ The payment per period  $PMT$ .
- ▶ The future value  $FV$ .

You can use the calculator to find one of these financial variables, by entering the rest of the variables in the memory of the calculator and then pressing  $CPT$   $\boxed{\text{financial key}}$ , where financial key is either  $N$ ,  $\% i$ ,  $PV$ ,  $PMT$  or  $FV$ .

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- ▶ You can recall the entries in the time value of the money worksheet, by pressing RCL financial key.
- ▶ To enter a variable in the entry financial key, type the entry and press financial key. The entry of variables can be done in any order.
- ▶ To find the value of any of the five variables (after entering the rest of the variables in the memory) press CPT financial key.
- ▶ When computing a variable, a formula using all five variables and two auxiliary variables is used

To set-up  $C/Y=1$  and  $P/Y=1$ , do

$2^{nd}$ ,  $P/Y$ ,  $1$ ,  $ENTER$ ,  $\downarrow$ ,  $1$ ,  $ENTER$ ,  $2^{nd}$ ,  $QUIT$ .

To check that this is so, do

$2^{nd}$   $P/Y$   $\downarrow$   $2^{nd}$   $QUIT$ .

If  $PMT$  equals zero,  $C/Y=1$  and  $P/Y=1$ , you have the formula,

$$PV + FV \left( 1 + \frac{I/Y}{100} \right)^{-N} = 0. \quad (1)$$

You can use this to solve for any element of the four elements in the formula  $A(t) = A(0)(1+i)^t$ . Unless it is said otherwise, we will assume that the entries for  $C/Y$  and  $P/Y$  are both 1 and  $PMT$  is 0.

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**Solution:**  $A(t) = 12000(1 + 0.05)^7 = 16885.21$ . You can do this in the calculator by entering:

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Note that since the calculator, uses the formula

$$\text{PV} + \text{FV} \left( 1 + \frac{\text{I/Y}}{100} \right)^{-\text{N}} = 0.$$

the display in your calculator is negative.

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**Solution:** We solve for  $i$  in  $275 = 200(1 + i)^5$  and get  $i = 6.5763\%$ . In the calculator, you do

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Since the calculator uses the formula (1), either the present value or the future value has to be entered as negative number (and the other one as a positive number). If you enter both the present value and the future value as positive values, you get the error message . To clear this error message press .

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**Solution:** We solve for  $A(0)$  in  $10000 = A(0)(1 + 0.05)^{10}$  and get that  $A(0) = 6139.13$ . In the calculator, you do

10000 FV 5 I/Y 10 N CPT PV.

The calculator has a memory worksheet with values in the memory, which stores ten numbers. These ten numbers are called:  $M_0$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $M_9$ . To enter the number in the display into the  $i$ -th entry of the memory, press  $\text{STO } i$ , where  $i$  is an integer from 0 to 9. To recall the number in the memory entry  $i$ , press  $\text{RCL } i$ , where  $i$  is an integer from 0 to 9. The command  $\text{STO } + i$  adds the value in display to the entry  $i$  in the memory. You can see all the numbers in the memory by accessing the memory worksheet. To enter this worksheet press  $\text{2nd MEM}$ . Use the arrows  $\uparrow$ ,  $\downarrow$  to move from entry to another. To enter a new value in one entry, type the number and press  $\text{ENTER}$ .



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Using the calculator, you do

$\boxed{-1000}$   $\boxed{FV}$   $\boxed{1}$   $\boxed{N}$   $\boxed{5.5}$   $\boxed{I/Y}$   $\boxed{CPT}$   $\boxed{PV}$

and get  $(1000)(1.055)^{-1} = 947.8672986$ . You enter this number in the memory of the calculator doing  $\boxed{STO}$   $\boxed{1}$

Next doing

$\boxed{-2000}$   $\boxed{FV}$   $\boxed{2}$   $\boxed{N}$   $\boxed{CPT}$   $\boxed{PV}$

you find  $(2000)(1.055)^{-2} = 1796.904831$ . Notice that you do not have to reenter the percentage interest rate. You enter this number in the memory of the calculator doing  $\boxed{STO}$   $\boxed{2}$

Next doing

$\boxed{-5000}$   $\boxed{FV}$   $\boxed{3}$   $\boxed{N}$   $\boxed{CPT}$   $\boxed{PV}$

you get  $(5000)(1.055)^{-3} = 4258.068321$ . You enter this number in the memory of the calculator doing  $\boxed{STO}$   $\boxed{3}$ .

You can recall and add the three numbers doing

$\boxed{CRCL}$   $\boxed{1}$   $\boxed{+}$   $\boxed{CRCL}$   $\boxed{2}$   $\boxed{+}$   $\boxed{CRCL}$   $\boxed{3}$   $\boxed{=}$

and get 7002.840451.