

Compound Interest and Annuities

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The Russell Index tracks the average performance of various groups of stocks. On average, a \$10,000 investment in mid-cap growth funds over a 10-year period would have grown to \$63,000. What annual nominal rate would produce the same growth if interest were compounded (a) annually, (b) continuously? Express answers as a percentage, rounded to three decimal places.

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Future Value of an Annuity

Example

Suppose you decide to deposit \$100 every 6 months into a savings account which pays 6% compounded semiannually. If you make 6 deposits, one at the end of each interest payment period over the course of 3 years, how much money will be in the account after the last deposit is made?

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So adding up the future values of all these will give us the amount of money in the account

$$\begin{aligned}
 B &= \$100(1.03)^5 + \$100(1.03)^4 + \$100(1.03)^3 \\
 &\quad + \$100(1.03)^2 + \$100(1.03) + \$100 = \$646.84
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Note that the payments are made at the end of each period.

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Example

New parents are trying to save for their child's college and want to save up \$80,000 in 17 years. They have found an account that will pay 8% interest compounded quarterly. How much will they have to deposit every quarter in order to have a value of \$80,000?

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