## Exercises 11 Exponential function and equations Compound interest, nominal/effective annual interest rate

## **Objectives**

- be able to calculate the future capital that is invested at an interest rate which is compounded more than once per year.
- know and understand the terms "nominal annual interest rate" and "effective annual interest rate".
- be able to treat specific compound interest tasks.

## **Problems**

- 11.1 An initial capital  $C_0 = 1000$  CHF is invested at a nominal annual interest rate r = 10%, compounded ...
  - a) ... quarterly.
    - i) Determine the capitals  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ , and  $C_3$ , after one, two, and three years respectively.
    - ii) Determine the effective annual interest rate r\*.
  - b) ... monthly.
    - i) Determine the capitals  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ , and  $C_3$ , after one, two, and three years respectively.
    - ii) Determine the effective annual interest rate r\*.
- 11.2 Determine the effective annual interest rate for a nominal annual interest rate of 6%, compounded ...
  - a) ... annually.
  - b) ... semiannually.
  - c) ... quarterly.
  - d) ... monthly.
  - e) ... daily (1 year = 360 days).
- 11.3 What is the future value if \$3200 is invested for 5 years at 8% compounded quarterly?
- 11.4 Find the interest that will be earned if \$10'000 is invested for 3 years at 9% compounded monthly.
- What amount of money do parents need to deposit in an account earning 10%, compounded monthly, so that it will grow to \$40'000 for their son's college tuition in 18 years?
- 11.6 An initial capital of 1000 CHF amounts to 1500 CHF if it is invested for 10 years at an unknown annual interest rate, compounded quarterly.

Determine the ...

- a) ... nominal annual interest rate.
- b) ... effective annual interest rate.
- How long (in months) would a capital have to be invested at 6%, compounded monthly, to double its value?

- 11.8 Ms P. wants to invest 100'000 CHF. Her bank makes two offers:
  - A effective annual interest rate of 8.5%
  - B nominal annual interest rate of 8%, compounded monthly

Which offer is better, offer A or offer B?

- How long (in years) would 1000 CHF have to be invested at 2.5%, compounded daily, to earn 250 CHF interest?
- 11.10 At what nominal rate, compounded quarterly, would \$20'000 have to be invested to amount to \$26'425.82 in 7 years?
- 11.11 A couple needs \$15'000 as a down payment for a home. If they invest the \$10'000 they have at 8% compounded quarterly, how long will it take for the money to grow into \$15'000?

## Answers

11.2 
$$r^* = \left(1 + \frac{r}{m}\right)^m - 1$$
  $r = 6\% = 0.06$ 

- a) m = 1  $r^* = 6\%$
- b) m = 2  $r^* = 6.09\%$
- c) m = 4  $r^* = 6.136\%$  (rounded)
- d) m = 12  $r^* = 6.168\%$  (rounded)
- e) m = 360  $r^* = 6.183\%$  (rounded)
- 11.3  $C_5 = $4755.03 \text{ (rounded)}$
- 11.4 \$3086.45 (rounded)
- 11.5  $C_0 = $6661.46 \text{ (rounded)}$
- 11.6 a) r = 4.08% (rounded)
  - b)  $r^* = 4.14\%$  (rounded)
- 11.7 n = 11.58... mn = 138.98... 139 months = 11 years 7 months

$$\begin{array}{ll} 11.8 & r^*(A) = 8.5\% \\ & r^*(B) = 8.3\% < 8.5\% \end{array}$$

Offer A is better than offer B

11.9 
$$n = 8.92...$$
 9 years

11.10 
$$r = 4\%$$

11.11 
$$n = 5.11...$$
  $mn = 20.47...$  21 quarters = 5 years 3 months