# INTERESTS

# A DEFINITIONS

#### A.1 FINDING THE INTEREST

Ex 1: Louis lends Hugo 100 dollars. After one year, Hugo repays Louis 110 dollars. Find the interest paid.

10 dollars

Solution: The interest paid is the difference between the amount repaid and the original amount lent:

> Interest = Amount repaid - Original amount= 110 - 100= 10 dollars

Ex 2: Maria borrows 200 dollars from John. After one year, Maria repays John 230 dollars. Find the interest paid.

30 dollars

Solution: The interest paid is the difference between the amount repaid and the original amount lent:

> Interest = Amount repaid - Original amount= 230 - 200= 30 dollars

Ex 3: Jack lends Sarah 500 dollars. After one year, Sarah repays Jack 525 dollars. Find the interest paid.

25 dollars

Solution: The interest paid is the difference between the amount repaid and the original amount lent:

Interest = Amount repaid – Original amount  
= 
$$525 - 500$$
  
= 25 dollars

**Ex 4:** A bank lends 1 000 dollars to a customer. After one year, the customer repays the bank 1 080 dollars. Find the interest paid.

80 dollars

Solution: The interest paid is the difference between the amount repaid and the original amount lent:

Interest = Amount repaid - Original amount  
= 
$$1\,080 - 1\,000$$
  
=  $80$  dollars

#### A.2 FINDING THE TOTAL AMOUNT

**Ex 5:** A customer borrows 2 500 dollars from a bank, with 150 dollars of interest.

Find the total amount the customer needs to repay the bank.

2650 dollars

Solution: The total amount to be repaid is the sum of the original amount borrowed (the principal) and the interest:

> Amount to repay = Principal + Interest = 2500 + 150= 2650 dollars

Ex 6: Maria borrows 300 dollars from John with 30 dollars of interest.

Find the amount Maria needs to repay.

330 dollars

Solution: The total amount to be repaid is the sum of the original amount borrowed (the principal) and the interest:

> Amount to repay = Principal + Interest = 300 + 30= 330 dollars

Ex 7: Jack lends Sarah 500 dollars with 50 dollars of interest. Find the total amount Sarah needs to repay Jack.

550 dollars

Solution: The total amount to be repaid is the sum of the original amount borrowed (the principal) and the interest:

Amount to repay = Principal + Interest  
= 
$$500 + 50$$
  
=  $550$  dollars

Ex 8: A bank lends 1 000 dollars to a customer with 80 dollars of interest.

Find the total amount the customer needs to repay the bank.

1080 dollars

Solution: The total amount to be repaid is the sum of the original amount borrowed (the principal) and the interest:

> Amount to repay = Principal + Interest  $= 1\,000 + 80$ = 1080 dollars

### A.3 FINDING THE PRINCIPAL

Ex 9: Emma repaid 330 dollars in total, including 30 dollars of interest. Find the original amount (principal) that Emma borrowed.

300 dollars

Solution: The principal is the difference between the total amount repaid and the interest paid:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Principal} &= \text{Amount repaid} - \text{Interest} \\ &= 330 - 30 \\ &= 300 \text{ dollars} \end{aligned}$$

Ex 10: Lucas repaid 550 dollars in total, including 50 dollars of interest. Find the original amount (principal) that Lucas borrowed.

Solution: The principal is the difference between the total amount repaid and the interest paid:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Principal} &= \text{Amount repaid} - \text{Interest} \\ &= 550 - 50 \\ &= 500 \text{ dollars} \end{aligned}$$

Ex 11: Sophia repaid 1,080 dollars in total, including 80 dollars of interest. Find the original amount (principal) that Sophia borrowed.

Solution: The principal is the difference between the total amount repaid and the interest paid:

$$Principal = Amount repaid - Interest$$
$$= 1,080 - 80$$
$$= 1,000 \text{ dollars}$$

Ex 12: Mia repaid 750 dollars in total, including 150 dollars of interest. Find the original amount (principal) that Mia borrowed.

Solution: The principal is the difference between the total amount repaid and the interest paid:

> Principal = Amount repaid - Interest= 750 - 150= 600 dollars

## **B** SIMPLE INTEREST

### **B.1 FINDING THE INTEREST**

Ex 13: Find the simple interest on a principal of \$500 at a rate of 3% per year over 5 years (you can use a calculator).

75 dollars

Solution:

Interest = Number of years  $\times$  Percentage of the principal  $= 5 \times 3\%$  of 500  $=5 \times \frac{3}{100} \times 500$ 

$$= 75 \text{ dollars}$$

Ex 14: Find the simple interest on a principal of \$1000 at a Ex 18: Find the simple interest on a principal of \$700 at a rate rate of 4% per year over 3 years (you can use a calculator).

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Interest} &= \text{Number of years} \times \text{Percentage of the principal} \\ &= 3 \times 4\% \text{ of } 1\,000 \end{aligned}$$

120 dollars

$$= 3 \times \frac{4}{100} \times 1\,000$$
$$= 120 \text{ dollars}$$

**Ex 15:** Find the simple interest on a principal of \$750 at a rate of 5% per year over 2 years (you can use a calculator).

75 dollars

Solution:

Interest = Number of years × Percentage of the principal  
= 
$$2 \times 5\%$$
 of 750

$$= 2 \times \frac{5}{100} \times 750$$
$$= 75 \text{ dollars}$$

**Ex 16:** Find the simple interest on a principal of \$1200 at a rate of 6% per year over 4 years (you can use a calculator).

288 dollars

Solution:

Interest = Number of years  $\times$  Percentage of the principal  $= 4 \times 6\%$  of 1 200

$$= 4 \times \frac{6}{100} \times 1200$$
$$= 288 \text{ dollars}$$

### **B.2 FINDING THE INTEREST OVER MIXED TIME** PERIODS

Ex 17: Find the simple interest on a principal of \$600 at a rate of 4% per year over 18 months (you can use a calculator).

36 dollars

Solution:

• Convert the time from months to years:

$$18 \text{ months} = \frac{18}{12} \text{ years}$$
$$= 1.5 \text{ years}$$

• Calculate the interest:

Interest = Number of years  $\times$  Percentage of the principal  $= 1.5 \times 4\%$  of 600

$$= 1.5 \times \frac{4}{100} \times 600$$
$$= 36 \text{ dollars}$$

of 5% per year over 180 days (you can use a calculator).



Solution:

• Convert the time from days to years:

180 days = 
$$\frac{180}{365}$$
 years  
 $\approx 0.493$  years

• Calculate the interest:

$$\label{eq:interest} \begin{split} \text{Interest} &= \text{Number of years} \times \text{Percentage of the principal} \\ &= 0.493 \times 5\% \text{ of } 700 \end{split}$$

$$= 0.493 \times \frac{5}{100} \times 700$$
$$= 17.26 \text{ dollars}$$

**Ex 19:** Find the simple interest on a principal of \$800 at a rate of 4% per year over 9 months (you can use a calculator).

24 dollars

Solution:

• Convert the time from months to years:

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$$months = \frac{9}{12} years$$
$$= 0.75 years$$

• Calculate the interest:

Interest = Number of years × Percentage of the principal  
= 
$$0.75 \times 4\%$$
 of 800  
=  $0.75 \times \frac{4}{100} \times 800$   
= 24 dollars

**Ex 20:** Find the simple interest on a principal of \$1200 at a rate of 4% per year over 2 years and 6 months (you can use a calculator).

120 dollars

Solution:

• Convert the time from years and months to just years:

2 years 6 months = 
$$2 + \frac{6}{12}$$
 years  
=  $2 + 0.5$  years  
=  $2.5$  years

• Calculate the interest:

 $\begin{aligned} \text{Interest} &= \text{Number of years} \times \text{Percentage of the principal} \\ &= 2.5 \times 4\% \text{ of } 1\,200 \end{aligned}$ 

$$= 2.5 \times \frac{4}{100} \times 1200$$
$$= 120 \text{ dollars}$$

# **B.3 FINDING THE TOTAL AMOUNT**

**Ex 21:** Jack lends Sarah 500 dollars with simple interest over 3 years at a rate of 3% per year.

Find the total amount Sarah needs to repay Jack (you can use a calculator).

545 dollars

Solution:

- The total amount to be repaid is the sum of the original amount borrowed (the principal) and the interest.
- Calculate the interest

Interest = Number of years 
$$\times$$
 Percentage of the principal

$$= 3 \times \frac{3}{100} \times 500$$
$$= 45 \text{ dollars}$$

• Calculate the total amount to repay:

Amount to repay = Principal + Interest  
= 
$$500 + 45$$
  
=  $545$  dollars

**Ex 22:** Emma borrows 600 dollars from a bank with simple interest over 4 years at a rate of 2.5% per year. Find the total amount Emma needs to repay the bank (you can use a calculator).

660 dollars

Solution:

- The total amount to be repaid is the sum of the original amount borrowed (the principal) and the interest.
- Calculate the interest

 $\label{eq:interest} \text{Interest} = \text{Number of years} \times \text{Percentage of the principal}$ 

$$= 4 \times \frac{2.5}{100} \times 600$$
$$= 60 \text{ dollars}$$

• Calculate the total amount to repay:

Amount to repay = Principal + Interest  
= 
$$600 + 60$$
  
=  $660$  dollars

**Ex 23:** Michael lends 800 dollars to a friend with simple interest over 2 years at a rate of 4% per year.

Find the total amount the friend needs to repay Michael (you can use a calculator).

864 dollars

Solution:

• The total amount to be repaid is the sum of the original amount borrowed (the principal) and the interest.



• Calculate the interest

Interest = Number of years  $\times$  Percentage of the principal

$$= 2 \times \frac{4}{100} \times 800$$
$$= 64 \text{ dollars}$$

• Calculate the total amount to repay:

Amount to repay = Principal + Interest= 800 + 64

$$= 864$$
 dollars

**Ex 24:** Sophia borrows 1 200 dollars with simple interest over 5 years at a rate of 2.5% per year.

Find the total amount Sophia needs to repay (you can use a calculator).

Solution:

- The total amount to be repaid is the sum of the original amount borrowed (the principal) and the interest.
- Calculate the interest

Interest = Number of years 
$$\times$$
 Percentage of the principal

$$= 5 \times \frac{2.5}{100} \times 1200$$
$$= 150 \text{ dollars}$$

• Calculate the total amount to repay:

nt to repay = Principal + Interest  
= 
$$1200 + 150$$
  
=  $1350$  dollars

#### **B.4 FINDING THE PRINCIPAL**

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**Ex 25:** Find the original amount invested if a flat rate of 4% per year produces \$1 800 interest in 5 years (you can use a calculator).

*Solution:* We can use the simple interest formula to find the original amount (principal):

 $Interest = Time \times Rate \times Principal$ 

Rearranging to solve for the principal:

$$Principal = \frac{Interest}{Time \times Rate}$$

Substituting the values:

$$Principal = \frac{1800}{5 \times \frac{4}{100}}$$
$$= \frac{1800}{5 \times 0.04}$$
$$= \frac{1800}{0.2}$$
$$= 9\,000 \text{ dollars}$$

**Ex 26:** Find the original amount invested if a flat rate of 5% per year produces \$2500 interest in 10 years (you can use a calculator).

#### 5000 dollars

*Solution:* We can use the simple interest formula to find the original amount (principal):

$$\mathrm{Interest} = \mathrm{Time} \times \mathrm{Rate} \times \mathrm{Principal}$$

Rearranging to solve for the principal:

$$Principal = \frac{Interest}{Time \times Rate}$$

Substituting the values:

$$Principal = \frac{2500}{10 \times \frac{5}{100}} \\ = \frac{2500}{10 \times 0.05} \\ = \frac{2500}{0.5} \\ = 5000 \text{ dollars}$$

**Ex 27:** Find the original amount invested if a flat rate of 6% per year produces \$720 interest in 4 years (you can use a calculator).

*Solution:* We can use the simple interest formula to find the original amount (principal):

$$Interest = Time \times Rate \times Principal$$

Rearranging to solve for the principal:

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$$Principal = \frac{Interest}{Time \times Rate}$$

Substituting the values:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{acipal} &= \frac{720}{4 \times \frac{6}{100}} \\ &= \frac{720}{4 \times 0.06} \\ &= \frac{720}{0.24} \\ &= 3\,000 \text{ dollars} \end{aligned}$$

**Ex 28:** Find the original amount invested if a flat rate of 5% per year produces \$1 250 interest in 2 years (you can use a calculator).

12500 dollars

*Solution:* We can use the simple interest formula to find the original amount (principal):

$$Interest = Time \times Rate \times Principal$$

Rearranging to solve for the principal:

$$Principal = \frac{Interest}{Time \times Rate}$$

Substituting the values:

$$Principal = \frac{1250}{2 \times \frac{5}{100}}$$
$$= \frac{1250}{2 \times 0.05}$$
$$= \frac{1250}{0.1}$$
$$= 12500 \text{ dollars}$$



#### **B.5 FINDING THE INTEREST RATE**

**Ex 29:** Find the interest rate per year if an original investment of \$8 000 earns \$960 in interest over 3 years (you can use a calculator).

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*Solution:* We can use the simple interest formula to find the interest rate:

$$Interest = Time \times Rate \times Principal$$

Rearranging to solve for the rate:

$$Rate = \frac{Interest}{Time \times Principal}$$

Substituting the values:

Rate = 
$$\frac{960}{3 \times 8000}$$
  
=  $\frac{960}{24000}$   
= 0.04  
= 4%

**Ex 30:** Find the interest rate per year if an original investment of \$5 000 earns \$600 in interest over 4 years (you can use a calculator).

3 %

*Solution:* We can use the simple interest formula to find the interest rate:

 $Interest = Time \times Rate \times Principal$ 

Rearranging to solve for the rate:

$$Rate = \frac{Interest}{Time \times Principal}$$

Substituting the values:

$$Rate = \frac{600}{4 \times 5\,000}$$
$$= \frac{600}{20\,000}$$
$$= 0.03$$
$$= 3\%$$

**Ex 31:** Find the interest rate per year if an original investment of \$7 500 earns \$900 in interest over 5 years (you can use a calculator).

2.4 %

*Solution:* We can use the simple interest formula to find the interest rate:

 $Interest = Time \times Rate \times Principal$ 

Rearranging to solve for the rate:

$$Rate = \frac{Interest}{Time \times Principal}$$

Substituting the values:

Rate =  $\frac{900}{5 \times 7500}$ =  $\frac{900}{37500}$ = 0.024 = 2.4%

**Ex 32:** Find the interest rate per year if an original investment of \$10 000 earns \$1 200 in interest over 4 years (you can use a calculator).

3%

 ${\scriptstyle Solution:}$  We can use the simple interest formula to find the interest rate:

 $Interest = Time \times Rate \times Principal$ 

Rearranging to solve for the rate:

$$Rate = \frac{Interest}{Time \times Principal}$$

Substituting the values:

Rate = 
$$\frac{1200}{4 \times 10000}$$
  
=  $\frac{1200}{40000}$   
= 0.03  
= 3%

**B.6 FINDING THE TIME** 

**Ex 33:** Find the time required for an original investment of \$6 000 to earn \$720 in interest at an interest rate of 4% per year (you can use a calculator).

3 years

Solution: We can use the simple interest formula to find the time:

$$Interest = Time \times Rate \times Principal$$

Rearranging to solve for the time:

$$\text{Time} = \frac{\text{Interest}}{\text{Rate} \times \text{Principal}}$$

Substituting the values:

$$Time = \frac{720}{0.04 \times 6\,000}$$
$$= \frac{720}{240}$$
$$= 3 \text{ years}$$

**Ex 34:** Find the time required for an original investment of \$4 500 to earn \$540 in interest at an interest rate of 3% per year (you can use a calculator).

4 years



Solution: We can use the simple interest formula to find the time:

 $Interest = Time \times Rate \times Principal$ 

Rearranging to solve for the time:

$$\text{Time} = \frac{\text{Interest}}{\text{Rate} \times \text{Principal}}$$

Substituting the values:

$$Time = \frac{540}{0.03 \times 4500}$$
$$= \frac{540}{135}$$
$$= 4 \text{ years}$$

**Ex 35:** Find the time required for an original investment of \$2 500 to earn \$375 in interest at an interest rate of 5% per year (you can use a calculator).

3 years

Solution: We can use the simple interest formula to find the time:

 $Interest = Time \times Rate \times Principal$ 

Rearranging to solve for the time:

$$\text{Time} = \frac{\text{Interest}}{\text{Rate} \times \text{Principal}}$$

Substituting the values:

Time = 
$$\frac{375}{0.05 \times 2500}$$
  
=  $\frac{375}{125}$   
= 3 years

**Ex 36:** Find the time required for an original investment of \$7 000 to earn \$840 in interest at an interest rate of 4% per year (you can use a calculator).

3 years

Solution: We can use the simple interest formula to find the time:

 $\mathrm{Interest} = \mathrm{Time} \times \mathrm{Rate} \times \mathrm{Principal}$ 

Rearranging to solve for the time:

$$\text{Time} = \frac{\text{Interest}}{\text{Rate} \times \text{Principal}}$$

Substituting the values:

$$Time = \frac{840}{0.04 \times 7\,000}$$
$$= \frac{840}{280}$$
$$= 3 \text{ years}$$

# C COMPOUND INTEREST

### C.1 FINDING THE TOTAL AMOUNT USING A TABLE

**Ex 37:** \$1000 is placed in an account that earns 10% interest per annum (p.a.), and the interest is allowed to compound over three years. This means the account is earning 10% p.a. in compound interest.

Fill the compound interest table (you can use a calculator).

Year	Amount	Compound interest
0	\$1000	10% of $1000 = 100$
1	\$1000 + \$100 = \$1100	10% of $1100 = 110$
2	\$ 1210	121
3	\$ 1331	

Find the amount at 3 years.

1331 dollars

Solution:

Year	Amount	Compound interest
0	\$1000	10% of $1000 = 100$
1	1000 + 100 = 1100	10% of $1100 = 110$
2	1100 + 110 = 1210	10% of $1210 = 121$
3	1210 + 121 = 1331	

The amount at 3 years is 1331 dollars.

**Ex 38:** \$3 000 is placed in an account that earns 20% interest per annum (p.a.), and the interest is allowed to compound over three years. This means the account is earning 20% p.a. in compound interest.

Fill the compound interest table (you can use a calculator).

Year	Amount		Compo	und interest
0	\$3 000		20% of \$	3000 = \$600
1	3000 + 600 = 3600		20% of	3600 = \$720
2	\$ 43	320		864
3	\$ 51	184		

Find the amount at 3 years.

5184 dollars

Solution:

Year	Amount	Compound interest
0	\$3 000	20% de $3000 = 600$
1	3000 + 600 = 3600	20% de $3600 = 720$
2	3600 + 720 = 4320	20% de $4320 = 864$
3	\$4320 + \$864 = \$5184	

The amount at 3 years is 5184 dollars.

**Ex 39:** \$3 000 is placed in an account that earns 20% interest per annum (p.a.), and the interest is allowed to compound over three years. This means the account is earning 20% p.a. in compound interest.

Fill the compound interest table (you can use a calculator).

Year	Amount		Compound interest	
0	\$3	<b>B</b> 000	600	
1	\$ [:	3600	720	
2	\$ 4	4320		

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Find the amount after 2 years.

Solution:

Year	Amount	Compound interest
0	3000	20% of $3000 = 600$
1	3000 + 600 = 3600	20% of $3600 = 720$
2	3600 + 720 = 4320	20% of $4320 = 864$

The amount at 3 years is 4320 dollars.

### C.2 FINDING THE TOTAL AMOUNT

**Ex 40:** Find the final amount on a principal of \$10 000 at a rate of 10% per year over 3 years compounded yearly (you can use a calculator).

13310 dollars

Solution:

### • Method 1: Amount over year

- Year 0: Initial amount = 10000
- Year 1: 10000 + 10% of 10000 = 11000
- Year 2: 11000 + 10% of 11000 = 12100
- Year 3: 12100 + 10% of 12100 = 13310

So, the final amount after 3 years is \$13310.

### • Method 2: Using the compound interest Formula

$$A = (1+r)^{t} P$$
  
=  $(1+0.10)^{3} 10\,000$  (substituting the values)  
=  $13\,310$ 

Thus, the final amount after 3 years is \$13310.

**Ex 41:** Find the final amount on a principal of  $200\,000$  at a rate of 5% per year over 3 years compounded yearly (you can use a calculator).

231525 dollars

Solution:

# • Method 1: Amount over year

- Year 0: Initial amount = 200000
- Year 1:  $200\,000 + 5\%$  of  $200\,000 = 210\,000$
- Year 2:  $$210\,000 + 5\%$  of  $210\,000 = $220\,500$
- Year 3: 220500 + 5% of 220500 = 231525

So, the final amount after 3 years is \$231525.

# • Method 2: Using the compound interest Formula

 $A = \left(1+r\right)^t P$ 

 $= (1 + 0.05)^3 200\,000$  (substituting the values) = 231525

Thus, the final amount after 3 years is \$231525.

**Ex 42:** Find the final amount on a principal of 5000 at a rate of 8% per year over 2 years compounded yearly (you can use a calculator).

 $5\,832$  dollars

Solution:

### • Method 1: Amount over year

- Year 0: Initial amount = \$5000
- Year 1: \$5000 + 8% of 5000 = \$5400
- Year 2: \$5400 + 8% of 5400 = \$5832

So, the final amount after 2 years is \$5832.

• Method 2: Using the Compound Interest Formula

$$A = (1 + r)^{t} P$$
  
= (1 + 0.08)<sup>2</sup> 5 000 (substituting the values)  
= 5 832

Thus, the final amount after 2 years is \$5832.

**Ex 43:** Find the final amount on a principal of 5000 at a rate of 8% per year over 20 years compounded yearly (round at 2 decimal places).

Solution: Using the compound interest formula,

 $A = (1+r)^{t} P$ =  $(1+0.08)^{20} 5\,000$  (substituting the values)  $\approx 23\,304.79$  dollars

Thus, the final amount after 20 years is \$23304.79.

## C.3 FINDING THE BEST OPTION OF INVESTMENT

**Ex 44:** You have \$8000 to invest for 5 years and there are 2 possible options you have been offered:

- Option 1: Invest at 9% p.a. simple interest.
- Option 2: Invest at 8% p.a. compound interest.

You can use a calculator.

• Calculate the amount accumulated at the end of the 3 years for option 1 (round to the neareast integer)

## 11600 dollars

• Calculate the amount accumulated at the end of the 3 years for option 2 (round to the neareast integer)

# 11755 dollars

• Decide which option to take. **Option 2** 

Solution:



• **Option 1: Simple Interest**For option 1, we substitute the values in the formula for simple interest:

$$A = (1 + t \times r) \times P$$
  
= (1 + 5 × 0.09) × 8 000  
= 11 600 dollars

Thus, the amount accumulated for option 1 after 5 years is \$11600.

#### • Option 2: Compound Interest

For option 2, we substitute the value in the formula for compound interest

$$A = (1 + r)^t P$$
  
=  $(1 + 0.08)^5 \times 8\,000$   
 $\approx 11\,755$  dollars

Thus, the amount accumulated for option 2 after 5 years is \$11754.

### • Conclusion

Comparing the two options, we see that:

- Option 1 (simple interest) gives \$11600,
- Option 2 (compound interest) gives \$11755.

Since option 2 gives a higher final amount, it would be better to choose option 2 with compound interest.

**Ex 45:** You have \$20,000 to invest for 5 years and there are 2 possible options you have been offered:

- Option 1: Invest at 7% p.a. simple interest.
- Option 2: Invest at 6% p.a. compound interest.

You can use a calculator.

• Calculate the amount accumulated at the end of 5 years for option 1 (round to the nearest integer):

27000 dollars

• Calculate the amount accumulated at the end of 5 years for option 2 (round to the nearest integer):

26764 dollars

• Decide which option to take. **Option 1** 

Solution:

### • Option 1: Simple Interest

For option 1, we substitute the values in the formula for simple interest:

$$A = (1 + t \times r) \times P$$
  
= (1 + 5 × 0.07) × 20 000  
= (1 + 0.35) × 20 000  
= 1.35 × 20 000  
= 27 000 dollars

Thus, the amount accumulated for option 1 after 5 years is  $$27\,000$ .

### • Option 2: Compound Interest

For option 2, we substitute the values in the formula for compound interest:

$$A = (1 + r)^{t} \times P$$
  
=  $(1 + 0.06)^{5} \times 20\,000$   
=  $(1.06)^{5} \times 20\,000$   
 $\approx 26\,764$  dollars

Thus, the amount accumulated for option 2 after 5 years is \$26744.

### • Conclusion

Comparing the two options:

- Option 1 (simple interest) gives \$27000,
- Option 2 (compound interest) gives \$26764.

Since option 1 gives a higher final amount, it is better to choose option 1 with simple interest.

**Ex 46:** You have \$50,000 to invest for 30 years and there are 2 possible options you have been offered:

- Option 1: Invest at 10% p.a. simple interest.
- Option 2: Invest at 9% p.a. compound interest.

You can use a calculator.

• Calculate the amount accumulated at the end of the 30 years for option 1 (round to the nearest integer):

# 200000 dollars

• Calculate the amount accumulated at the end of the 30 years for option 2 (round to the nearest integer):

663384 dollars

• Decide which option to take. **Option 2** 

Solution:

### • Option 1: Simple Interest

For option 1, we substitute the values in the formula for simple interest:

$$A = (1 + t \times r) \times P$$
  
= (1 + 30 × 0.10) × 50 000  
= (1 + 3.0) × 50 000  
= 4.0 × 50 000  
= 200 000 dollars

Thus, the amount accumulated for option 1 after 30 years is  $200\,000.$ 

### • Option 2: Compound Interest

For option 2, we substitute the values in the formula for compound interest:

$$A = (1 + r)^{t} \times P$$
  
=  $(1 + 0.09)^{30} \times 50\,000$   
=  $(1.09)^{30} \times 50\,000$   
 $\approx 663\,384$  dollars

Thus, the amount accumulated for option 2 after 30 years is 663384.



### • Conclusion

Comparing the two options:

- Option 1 (simple interest) gives \$200\,000,
- Option 2 (compound interest) gives \$663384.

Since option 2 gives a much higher final amount, it is better to choose option 2 with compound interest.