

Chapter 21: Saving Models

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Section 21.4 A Model for Saving

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A Savings Plan

- ❑ To have a specified amount of money in an account at a particular time in the future, you need to determine what size deposit you need to make regularly into an account with a fixed rate of interest.

- ❑ Savings Formula

The amount A accumulated after a certain period of time can be calculated by stating a uniform deposit of d per compounding period (*deposited at the end of the period*) and using a certain interest rate i per compounding period.

Savings Formula

$$A = d \left[\frac{(1+i)^n - 1}{i} \right]$$

Where:

A = Amount accumulated in the future after compounding interest is earned

d = Uniform deposits (or payments made)

i = Interest rate per compounding period which is computed as $i = r/m$

n = Number of compounding, $n=mt$

t = The years of the savings plan (or loan)

Example: An individual saves \$100 per month, deposited directly into her credit union account on payday, the last day of the month. The account earns 6% per year, **compounded monthly**. How much will she have at the end of 5 years, assuming that the credit union continues to pay the same interest rate?

Solution: In this case $d = \$100$, the monthly interest rate is $0.06/12$.

$$\text{Answer: } A = \$100 \frac{\left(1 + \frac{0.06}{12}\right)^{60} - 1}{\frac{0.06}{12}} = \$6977.00$$

- Payment Formula: $d = A \left[\frac{i}{(1+i)^n - 1} \right]$
 - Solving for d in the Savings Formula so we can calculate how much our periodic payment should be in order to have \$A in the future yields:

Old Exam Question

The Chavez family has decided to save up for a new spa. They want to save \$10,000 in five years. They find a savings account for which interest was compounded monthly at 8.2%. How much will they have to deposit each month to meet this goal?

$$i = r/m = 8.2\%/12 = 0.082/12 = 0.00683$$

$$n = mt = 12 \times 5 = 60$$

$$d = A [i / ((1+i)^n - 1)] = \$10,000 \times 0.013539 = \$135.39$$