

# Number & Algebra: Strands 3 & 4

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## *Linking Depreciation and Compounding to Prior Knowledge on Exponential Functions using Tables, Graphs and Formulae*

### *2007 JC HL Q1 (b)*

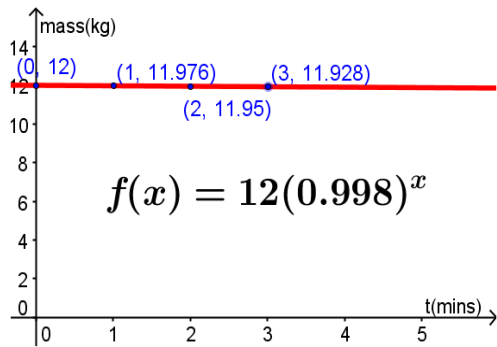
-  A snowman has a mass of 12 kg.  
It melts at a rate of 0.2% of its mass per minute.  
What will be the mass of the  
snowman after 3 minutes?  
Give your answer correct to 2 decimal places.



*Poorly answered.*

*Common errors:*

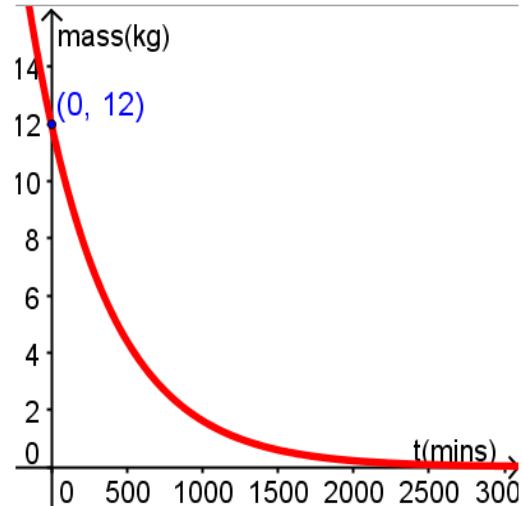
- 1. Ignoring cumulative loss of mass.*
- 2. Mistake in % or decimal.*



Looks linear.....???



The bigger picture.....

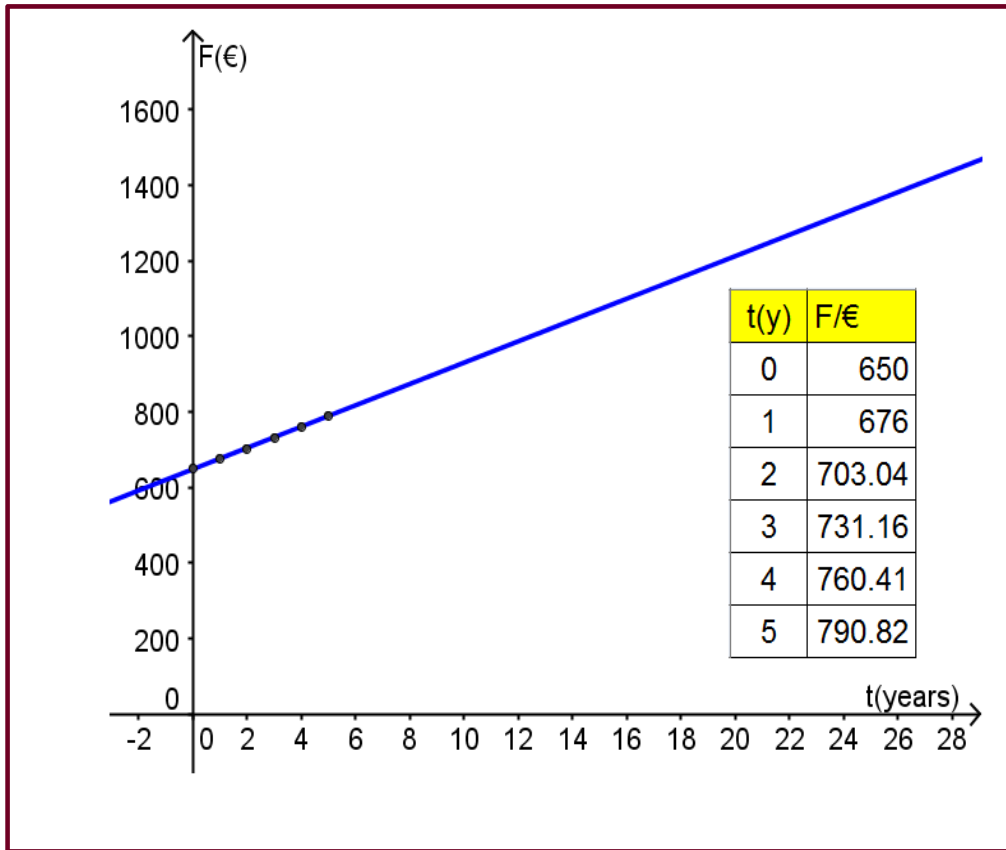


€650 is deposited in a fixed interest rate bank account. The amount in the account at the end of each year is shown in the following table.

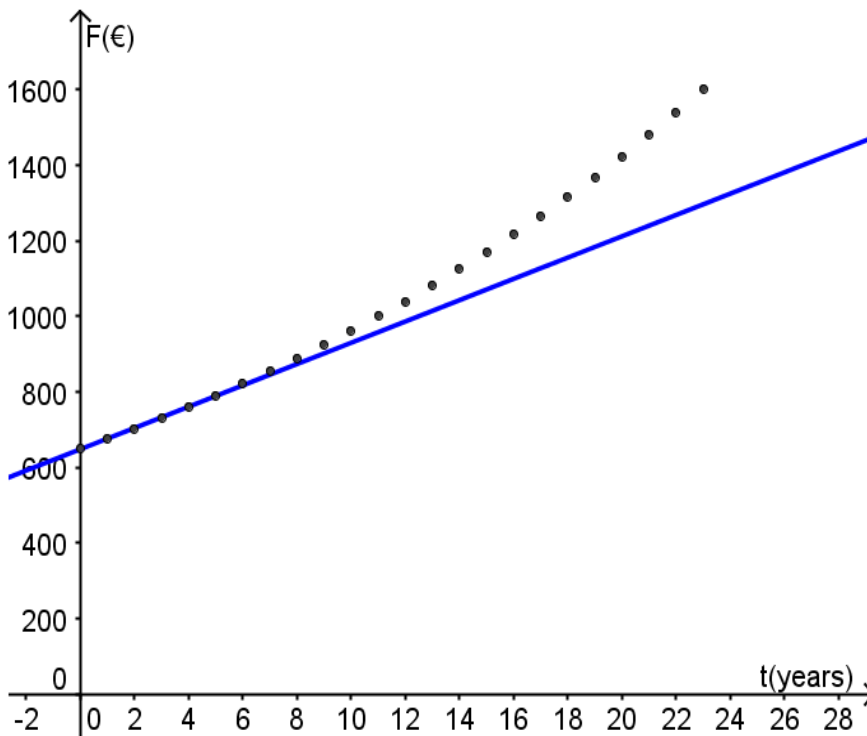
End of year	1	2	3	4	5
Final value/€	676	703.04	€731.16	760.41	790.82

- (a) Explain whether or not the relationship between final value and time can be modelled by a linear, quadratic or exponential function or by none of these?
- (b) If you plot a graph of final value against time what does the graph look like for this limited range of times?

Looks linear.....



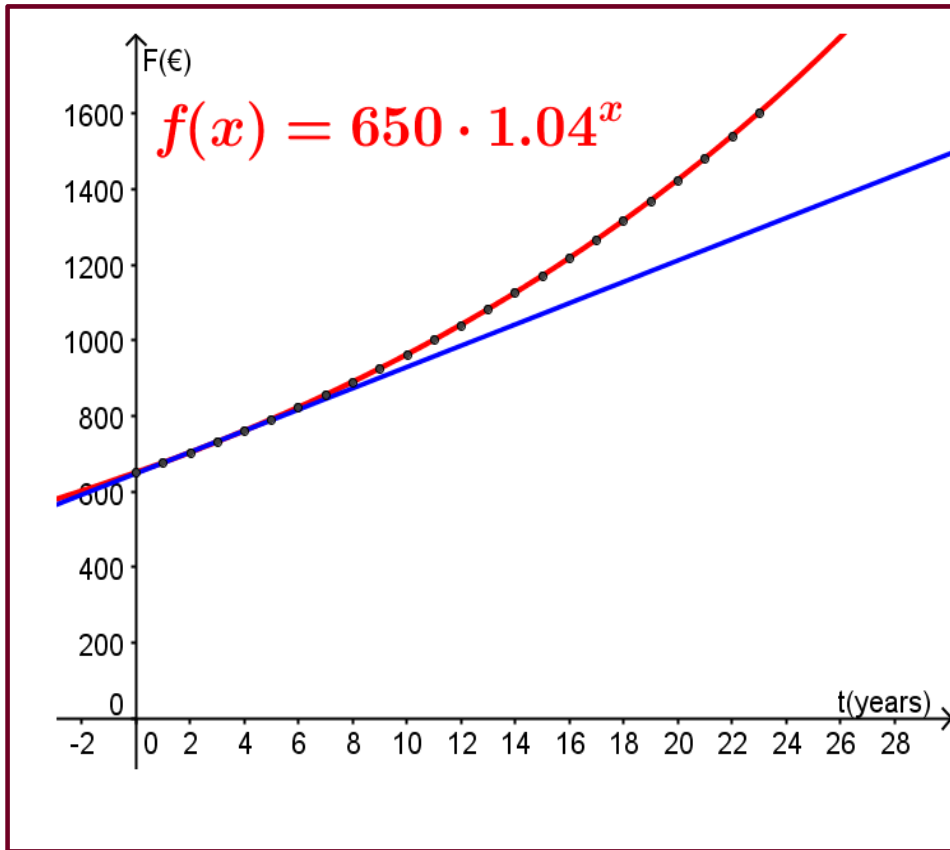
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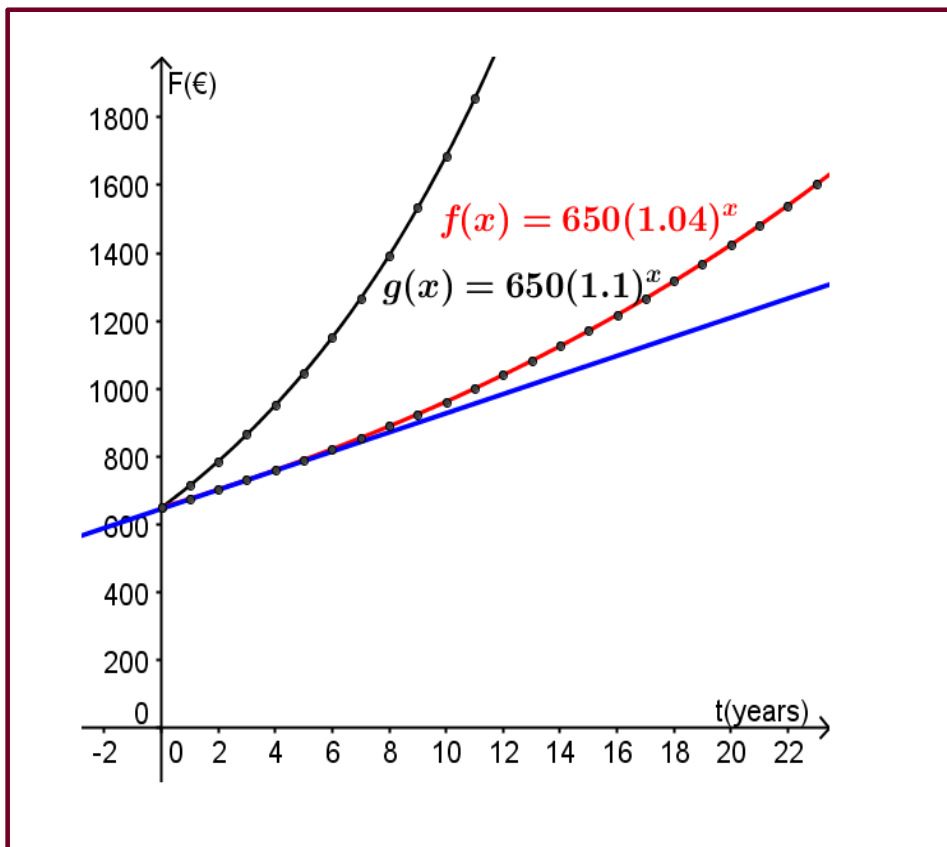
t(y)	F/€
0	650
1	676
2	703.04
3	731.16
4	760.41
5	790.82
6	822.46
7	855.36
8	889.57
9	925.15
10	962.16
11	1000.65
12	1040.67
13	1082.3
14	1125.59
15	1170.61
16	1217.44
17	1266.14
18	1316.78
19	1369.45
20	1424.23
21	1481.2
22	1540.45
23	1602.07

What formula expresses the final value in  $t$  years given an initial value of €650?

### Final value is growing exponentially



### Comparing a 10% interest rate to a 4% interest rate



## Applying Rules for Indices

Complete the following table, without the use of a calculator.  
Leave your answers in index form:

Before multiplying	After multiplying	Before multiplying	After multiplying
1. $a^7 \times a^3$		6. $1.02^3 \times 1.02^3$	
2. $8^3 \times 8^2$		7. $1.14^5 \times 1.14^2$	
3. $8.2^5 \times 8.2^2$		8. $1.06^4 \times 1.06$	
4. $(6.4)^5 (6.4)^2$		9. $(1.08)^5 (1.08)$	
5. $1.3^2 \times 1.3^5$		10. $1.07 \times 1.07^5$	

## Evaluate Using the Calculator (prior knowledge for method 2)

- $7^4$
- $4.5^4$
- $1.8^5$
- $1.06^6$
- $1.325^5$
- $\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^7$
- $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4$
- $10(3)^4$
- $100(6)^3$
- $1000(2.5)^3$
- $300(1.03)^6$
- $2000(1.025)^5$
- $250(1.16)^4$
- $400(1.08)^4$

## Final Value Using Compounding (two methods)

Method 1	
Value of the gift ( $P$ )	€5000
Interest for the 1 <sup>st</sup> year ( $I_1$ ) (4% of €5 000)	€200
$F_1$ = Final value (end of year 1)	€5200
Interest for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> year ( $I_2$ )	€208
$F_2$ = Final Value (end of year 2)	€5408
Interest for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> year ( $I_3$ )	€216.32
$F_3$ = Final Value (end of year 3)	€5624.32

$0.04 = i$   
 $1.04 = 1 + i$

Write an expression for the final value  $F$  in terms of  $P$ ,  $i$  and  $t$ .

What % of $P$ is $F_1$ ?	104%	Express this as a number and use it to calculate $F_1$	1.04
What % of $F_1$ is $F_2$ ?	104%	Express this as a number and use it to calculate $F_2$	1.04
What % of $F_2$ is $F_3$ ?	104%	Express this as a number and use it to calculate $F_3$	1.04

Method 2		
Value at end of year 1 $€5000 \times 1.04$ $= €5200$	=	Value at end of year 1 $€5000 \times 1.04$
Value at end of year 2 $€5200 \times 1.04$ $= €5408$	=	Value at end of year 2 $€5000 \times 1.04^2$ Check with a calculator
Value at end of year 3 $€5408 \times 1.04$ $= €5624.32$	=	Value at end of year 3 $€5000 \times 1.04^3$ Check with a calculator

## Finding Roots

### Revision using the Calculator

$2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 32$ , therefore the 5<sup>th</sup> root of 32 is 2.

Verify this using the root key  $\left[ \sqrt[b]{a} \right]$

Evaluate the following:

(a)  $625^{\frac{1}{4}}$

(b)  $\sqrt[12]{1.043}$

(c)  $1.043^{\frac{1}{365}}$

(d)  $\sqrt[10]{\frac{5000}{3750}}$

## Finding Number of Years (or other time periods) LCHL

Fiona has put €5000 into a savings account at 7% AER.  
She needs €10 000 in order to build an extension to her house.  
How many years will it take for Fiona to reach her target of €10 000 ?  
Give your answer correct to one decimal place.

$P$	$i$	$(1+i)$	$t$	$F$
€5000	0.07	1.07		€10000

N.B. Prior knowledge of logarithms required

$$10000 = 5000(1.07)^t$$

$$2 = (1.07)^t$$

$$\log_{1.07} 2 = t$$

$$t = 10.24 \text{ years}$$

## Reducing Balance

Jillian and Noel are each going to buy a games console. It costs €500 and they are getting a loan from the credit union. Jillian says "I am making a lot of money at the moment so I can afford to pay €100 per month." Noel says that he can only afford €80 per month. The credit union is charging them a monthly interest rate of 1% to be paid at the end of each month. Find their outstanding balances at the end of each month.

- (a) A loan is taken out
- (b) After 1 month interest is added on
- (c) The person then makes his/her monthly repayment. This process is then repeated until the loan is fully paid off.



## Reducing Balance

Compare the total interest paid by Jillian and Noel.

**Total interest J = €15.55**

**Total interest N = €18.98**

Compare the time taken by Jillian and Noel to pay off the loan.

$t_J = 6$  months

$t_N = 7$  months

### Jillian

Initial loan	€500.00
Interest 1	€5.00
Total	€505.00
Payment 1	€100.00
Balance 1	€405.00

Interest 2	4.05
Total	€409.05
Payment 2	€100.00
Balance 2	€309.05

Interest 3	3.0905
Total	€312.14
Payment 3	€100.00
Balance 3	€212.14

Interest 4	2.121405
Total	€214.26
Payment 4	€100.00
Balance 4	€114.26

Interest 5	1.14261905
Total	€115.40
Payment 5	€100.00
Balance 5	€15.40

Interest 6	0.154045241
Total	€15.56
Payment 6	€15.56
Balance 6	€0.00

### Noel

Initial loan	€500.00
Interest 1	€5.00
Total	€505.00
Payment 1	€80.00
Balance 1	€425.00

Interest 2	4.25
Total	€429.25
Payment 2	€80.00
Balance 2	€349.25

Interest 3	3.4925
Total	€352.74
Payment 3	€80.00
Balance 3	€272.74

Interest 4	2.727425
Total	€275.47
Payment 4	€80.00
Balance 4	€195.47

Interest 5	1.95469925
Total	€197.42
Payment 5	€80.00
Balance 5	€117.42

Interest 6	1.174246243
Total	€118.60
Payment 6	€80.00
Balance 6	€38.60

Interest 7	0.385988705
Total	€38.98
Payment 7	€38.98
Balance 7	€0.00

## Depreciation

A company buys a new lorry for €50 000. After 4 years it needs to sell the lorry. The value of the lorry reduces by 15% each year. What is the value of the lorry after 4 years?



# Depreciation

Method 1	
Original Value of Lorry $P$	€50000
Depreciation in year 1 =€50000(0.15)	€7500
$F_1$ =Final value (end of year 1)	€42500
Depreciation in year 2	€6375
$F_2$ = Final Value (end of year 2)	€36125
Depreciation in year 3	€5418.75
$F_3$ =Final Value (end of year 3)	€30706.25

Method 2		
Value at end of year 1 $€50000 \times 0.85$ = €42500	=	Value at end of year 1 $€50000 \times 0.85$
Value at end of year 2 $€42500 \times 0.85$ = €36125	=	Value at end of year 2 $€50000 \times 0.85^2$ Check with a calculator
Value at end of year 3 $€36125 \times 0.85$ = €30706.25	=	Value at end of year 3 $€50000 \times 0.85^3$ Check with a calculator

$0.04 = i$   
 $1.04 = 1 + i$

Write an expression for the final value  $F$  in terms of  $P$ ,  $i$  and  $t$ .

What % of $P$ is $F_1$ ?	85%	Express this as a number and use it to calculate $F_1$	0.85
What % of $F_1$ is $F_2$ ?	85%	Express this as a number and use it to calculate $F_2$	0.85
What % of $F_2$ is $F_3$ ?	85%	Express this as a number and use it to calculate $F_3$	0.85

## AER, EAR, CAR & Interest Rates other than Annual

## Savings and Investments

**AER (annual equivalent/effective rate)** tells you what interest you will earn annually, which depends on how often interest is added.

- ✓ Used for savings and investments
- ✓ It may or may not include charges;
- ✓ Allows investors to make comparisons between savings accounts which pay interest at different intervals
- ✓ Takes into consideration the effect of compounding interest

The financial regulator's office considers the terms AER/EAR and CAR all to be equivalent. The term CAR is approved for use in relation to tracker bonds – for other investment products the regulator considers the acronym AER or EAR should be used.

## AER

### Leaving Certificate 2010 Sample Paper 1 Foundation Level Q2

A sum of €5000 is invested in an eight-year government bond with an annual equivalent rate (**AER**) of 6%.

Find the value of the investment when it matures in eight years' time.

$$F = P(1 + 0.06)^8 = €7969.24$$

### Leaving Certificate 2010 Sample Paper 1 Ordinary Level Q2

(a) A sum of €5000 is invested in an eight-year government bond with an annual equivalent rate (**AER**) of 6%. Find the value of the investment when it matures in eight years' time.

(b) A different investment bond gives 20% interest after 8 years. Calculate the AER for this bond.

$$6000 = 5000(1 + i)^8 \Rightarrow (1 + i) = 1.2^{\frac{1}{8}} = 1.02305 \Rightarrow i = 0.02305$$

$$\text{AER} = 2.305\%$$

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