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- 1 In the equation  $y = 0.5(1.21)^x$ , y represents the number of snowboarders in millions and x represents the number of years since 1988. Find the year in which the number of snowboarders will be 10 million for the first time. (Only an algebraic solution will be accepted.)
- 2 Growth of a certain strain of bacteria is modeled by the equation  $G = A(2.7)^{0.584t}$ , where:
  - G = final number of bacteria
  - A = initial number of bacteria
  - t = time (in hours)

In approximately how many hours will 4 bacteria first increase to 2,500 bacteria? Round your answer to the *nearest hour*.

3 The number of houses in Central Village, New York, grows every year according to the function  $H(t) = 540(1.039)^t$ , where *H* represents the number of houses, and *t* represents the number of years since January 1995. A civil engineering firm has suggested that a new, larger well must be built by the village to supply its water when the number of houses exceeds 1,000. During which year will this first happen?

4 Currently, the population of the metropolitan Waterville area is 62,700 and is increasing at an annual rate of 3.25%. This situation can be modeled by the equation  $P(t) = 62,700(1.0325)^t$ , where P(t) represents the total population and trepresents the number of years from now. Find the population of the Waterville area, to the *nearest hundred*, seven years from now. Determine how many years, to the *nearest tenth*, it will take for the original population to reach 100,000. [Only an algebraic solution can receive full credit.]

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- 5 Carla wants to start a college fund for her daughter Lila. She puts \$63,000 into an account that grows at a rate of 2.55% per year, compounded monthly. Write a function, C(t), that represents the amount ofmoney in the account *t* years after the account is opened, given that no more money is deposited into or withdrawn from the account. Calculate algebraically the number of years it will take for the account to reach \$100,000, to the *nearest hundredth of a year*.
- 6 Seth's parents gave him \$5000 to invest for his 16th birthday. He is considering two investment options. Option A will pay him 4.5% interest compounded annually. Option B will pay him 4.6% compounded quarterly. Write a function of option A and option B that calculates the value of each account after n years. Seth plans to use the money after he graduates from college in 6 years. Determine how much more money option B will earn than option A to the nearest cent. Algebraically determine, to the nearest tenth of a year, how long it would take for option B to double Seth's initial investment.

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- 7 The Manford family started savings accounts for their twins, Abby and Brett, on the day they were born. They invested \$8000 in an account for each child. Abby's account pays 4.2% annual interest compounded quarterly. Brett's account pays 3.9% annual interest compounded continuously. Write a function, A(t), for Abby's account and a function, B(t), for Brett's account that calculates the value of each account after t years. Determine who will have more money in their account when the twins turn 18 years old, and find the difference in the amounts in the accounts to the *nearest cent*. Algebraically determine, to the *nearest tenth of a year*, how long it takes for Brett's account to triple in value.
- 8 Monthly mortgage payments can be found using the formula below:

$$M = \frac{P\left(\frac{r}{12}\right)\left(1 + \frac{r}{12}\right)^n}{\left(1 + \frac{r}{12}\right)^n - 1}$$

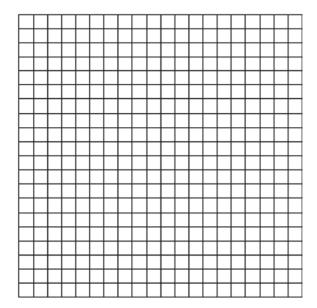
M = monthly payment P = amount borrowed r = annual interest rate n = number of monthly payments

The Banks family would like to borrow \$120,000 to purchase a home. They qualified for an annual interest rate of 4.8%. Algebraically determine the *fewest* number of whole years the Banks family would need to include in the mortgage agreement in order to have a monthly payment of no more than \$720.

9 Kristen invests \$5,000 in a bank. The bank pays 6% interest compounded monthly. To the *nearest tenth of a year*, how long must she leave the money in the bank for it to double? (Use the formula

 $A = P\left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$ , where A is the amount accrued, P

is the principal, r is the interest rate, n = 12, and t is the length of time, in years.) [The use of the grid is optional.]

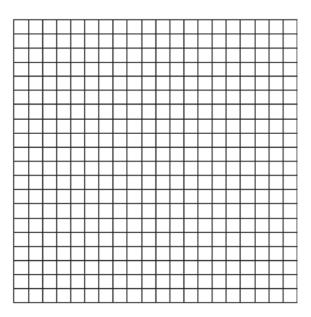


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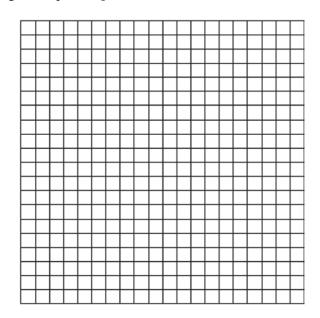
10 An amount of P dollars is deposited in an account paying an annual interest rate r (as a decimal) compounded n times per year. After t years, the amount of money in the account, in dollars, is

given by the equation  $A = P\left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$ . Rachel

deposited \$1,000 at 2.8% annual interest, compounded monthly. In how many years, to the *nearest tenth of a year*, will she have \$2,500 in the account? [The use of the grid is optional.]



11 Since January 1980, the population of the city of Brownville has grown according to the mathematical model  $y = 720,500(1.022)^x$ , where x is the number of years since January 1980. Explain what the numbers 720,500 and 1.022 represent in this model. If this trend continues, use this model to predict the year during which the population of Brownville will reach 1,548,800. [The use of the grid is optional.]



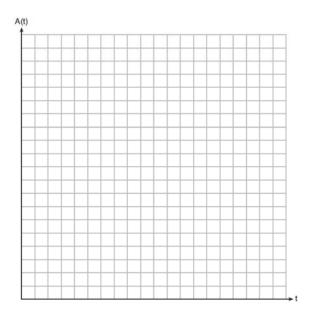
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12 After an oven is turned on, its temperature, *T*, is represented by the equation  $T = 400 - 350(3.2)^{-0.1m}$ , where *m* represents the number of minutes after the oven is turned on and T represents the temperature of the oven, in degrees Fahrenheit. How many minutes does it take for the oven's temperature to reach 300°F? Round your answer to the *nearest minute*. [The use of the grid is optional.]

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13 Tony is evaluating his retirement savings. He currently has \$318,000 in his account, which earns an interest rate of 7% compounded annually. He wants to determine how much he will have in the account in the future, even if he makes no additional contributions to the account. Write a function, A(t), to represent the amount of money that will be in his account in *t* years. Graph A(t) where  $0 \le t \le 20$  on the set of axes below.



Tony's goal is to save \$1,000,000. Determine algebraically, to the *nearest year*, how many years it will take for him to achieve his goal. Explain how your graph of A(t) confirms your answer.

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1 ANS:

$$10 = 0.5(121)^{x}$$

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$$20 = 121^{x}$$

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$$10g 20 = x \log 121$$

$$x = \frac{\log 20}{\log 1.21}$$

$$x \approx 15.7$$
Plot1 Plot2 Plot3  

$$Y_{1} \equiv 100$$

$$Y_{2} \equiv 0.5(1.21)^{x} \times 10^{2}$$

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Intersection  $X = 15.715699$ 

$$Y = 10$$

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2 ANS:

	$2,500 = 4(2.7)^{0.584t}$	WINDOW Xmin=0	Plot1 Plot2 Plot3 \Y182500	<b>└───</b> ₩
	$625 = (2.7)^{0.584t}$	Xmax=15   Xscl=1	×Ϋ2∎4(2.7)^(.584 Χ)∎	
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11	log 625 = 0.584 <i>t</i> ·log 2.7	L Veccet	\Ŷ6=	X=11.098442_Y=2500

$$\frac{\log 625}{0.584 \cdot \log 2.7} = t$$

 $t\approx 11.1$ 

3 ANS:

 $1000 = 540(1.039)^t$ 

$$\frac{1000}{540} = 1.039^{t}$$

$$\log \frac{50}{27} = \log 1.039^{t}$$

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$$t = \frac{\log \frac{50}{27}}{\log 1.039}$$

$$x \approx 16.1$$

$$\frac{1000}{540} = 1.039^{t}$$

$$\frac{1000}{27} = t \log 1.039$$

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4 ANS: 78,400, 14.6

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5 ANS:

$$C(t) = 63000 \left(1 + \frac{0.0255}{12}\right)^{12t} \quad 63000 \left(1 + \frac{0.0255}{12}\right)^{12t} = 100000$$
$$12t \log(1.002125) = \log \frac{100}{63}$$
$$t \approx 18.14$$

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6 ANS:

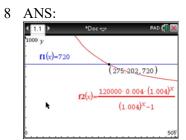
$$A = 5000(1.045)^{n} \qquad 5000 \left(1 + \frac{.046}{4}\right)^{4(6)} - 5000(1.045)^{6} \approx 6578.87 - 6511.30 \approx 67.57 \quad 10000 = 5000 \left(1 + \frac{.046}{4}\right)^{4n}$$
$$2 = 1.0115^{4n}$$
$$\log 2 = 4n \cdot \log 1.0115$$
$$n = \frac{\log 2}{4 \log 1.0115}$$
$$n \approx 15.2$$

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7 ANS:

$$A(t) = 8000 \left(1 + \frac{.042}{4}\right)^{4t} \quad A(18) = 16970.900 \quad 24000 = 8000e^{.039t}$$
$$B(18) = \frac{16142.274}{828.63} \quad \ln 3 = \ln e^{.039t}$$
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$$720 = \frac{120000\left(\frac{.048}{12}\right)\left(1 + \frac{.048}{12}\right)^n}{\left(1 + \frac{.048}{12}\right)^n - 1} \quad \frac{275.2}{12} \approx 23 \text{ years}$$

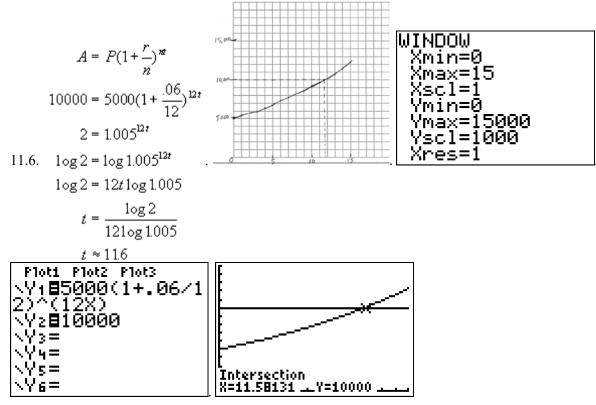
 $720(1.004)^{n} - 720 = 480(1.004)^{n}$  $240(1.004)^{n} = 720$  $1.004^{n} = 3$ 

 $n\log 1.004 = \log 3$ 

 $n \approx 275.2$  months

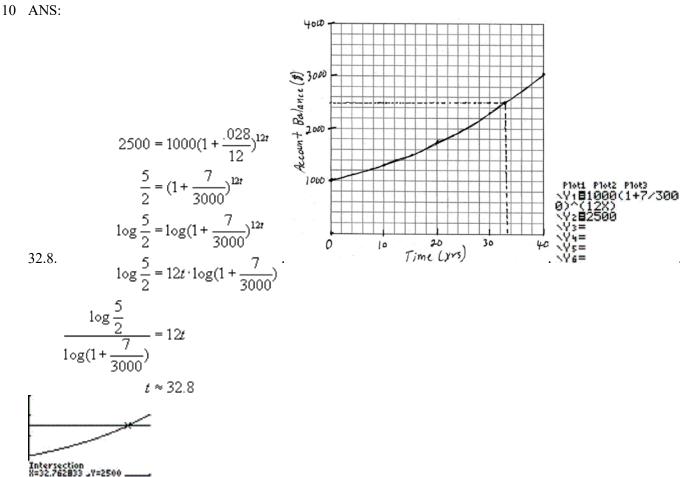
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9 ANS:



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BROWNVILLS (since 1980)



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11 ANS:

720,500 is the population in 1980, 1.022 represents a growth rate of 2.2%, 2015.

$$1,548,800 = 720,500(1.022)^{x}$$

$$\frac{1,548,800}{720,500} = 1.022^{x}$$

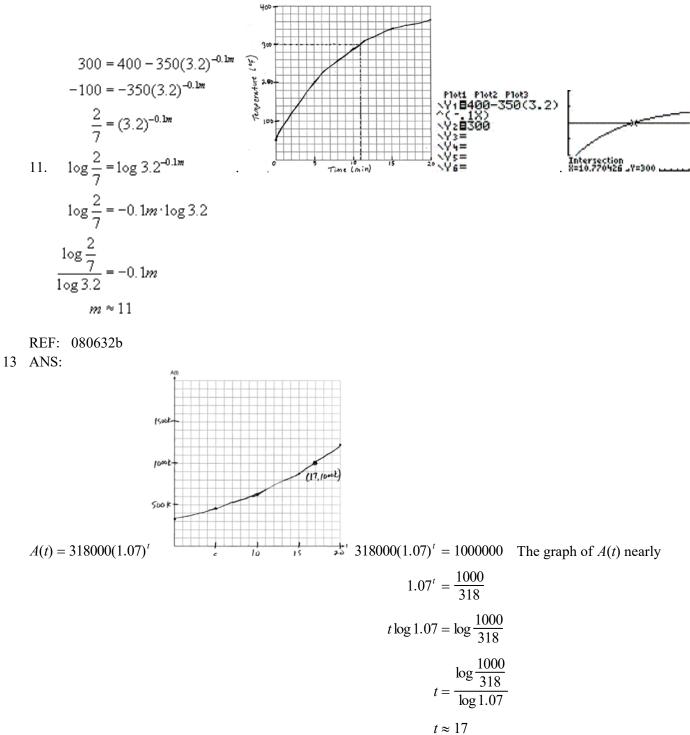
$$\log \frac{1,548,800}{720,500} = \log 1.022^{x}$$

$$\log \frac{1,548,800}{720,500} = x\log 1.022$$

$$x \approx 35$$

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12 ANS:



intersects the point (17, 100000).

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