

1.5 SIMPLE AND COMPOUND INTEREST

The terms *interest*, *interest period*, and *interest rate* were introduced in Section 1.3 for calculating equivalent sums of money for one interest period in the past and one period in the future. However, for more than one interest period, the terms *simple interest* and *compound interest* become important.

Simple interest is calculated using the principal only, ignoring any interest accrued in preceding interest periods. The total simple interest over several periods is computed as

$$\text{Interest} = (\text{principal})(\text{number of periods})(\text{interest rate}) \quad [1.3]$$

$$\text{Final value} = \text{Principal} (1 + \text{interest rate} \%)^{(n)}$$

Simple interest

$$\text{While Compound Value} = \text{Principal} (1 + i)^n$$

n : number of Periods

HP borrowed money to do rapid prototyping for a new ruggedized computer that targets desert oilfield conditions. The loan is \$1 million for 3 years at 5% per year simple interest. How much money will HP repay at the end of 3 years? Tabulate the results in \$1000 units.

EXAMPLE 1.4

Borrowed Money

TABLE 1.1 Simple Interest Computations (in \$1000 units)

(1) End of Year	(2) Amount Borrowed	(3) Interest	(4) Amount Owed	(5) Amount Paid
0	\$1000			
1	—	\$50	\$1050	\$ 0
2	—	50	1100	0
3	—	50	1150	1150

$$\text{First year} = 1,000,000 (1 + 0.05(1)) = \$1,050,000$$

$$\text{2nd year} = 1,000,000 (1 + 0.05(2)) = \$1,100,000$$

$$\text{3rd year} = 1,000,000 (1 + 0.05(3)) = \$1,150,000$$

increase of \$50,000 per year

Using Excel

Simple interest

Using excel to solve 1.4

$D_5 = \$1.00$ Million

$D_6 = 0.05(1)$

5%

written as (0.05)

	B	C	D	E	F	G
1						
2						
3	Solved example 1.40					
4	case of simple interest					
5	Present value (principal)		1	Million		
6	Interest rate		0.05	%percent		
7	Terms(years)		3	years		
8	Period		balance			
9	start		1	Millions		
10	After -one year		1.05	Millions		
11	After -two years		1.1	Millions		
12	After -three years		1.15	Millions		

$FV = 1,000,000$
 $(FV)_1 = \$1(1 + 0.05(1))$

$FV_2 = \$1(1 + (0.05)(2))$

$FV_3 = \$1(1 + (0.05)(3))$

=D5*(1+D6*2)

2 For 2 years

EXAMPLE 1.5

If HP borrows \$1,000,000 from a different source at 5% per year compound interest, compute the total amount due after 3 years. Compare the results of this and the previous example.

Solution: Case of Compound interest 5%.

End of First year \Rightarrow amount accrued $= 1,000,000 (1 + 0.05)^{n=1} = 1,050,000$ \$ 1 year

End of 2nd year \Rightarrow amount accrued \downarrow
 $1,050,000 (1.05) \Rightarrow \$1,102,500$

End of Third year \Rightarrow amount accrued \downarrow
 $= 1,102,500 (1.05) = \$1,157,625$

or
 $= 1,000,000 (1.05)^1 (1.05)^1 (1.05)^1 = 1,000,000 (1.05)^3 = \$1,157,625$

Simple interest 5%

1,000,000 n=3 0 year



\$ 1,050,000

1 year

+ 0.05(1,000,000)

+ 50,000 → \$ 1,100,000

2nd

\$ 1,150,000

3rd

Compound interest 5%

1,000,000 → n=3

\$ 1,050,000

\$ 1,102,500

\$ 1,157,625

Comparison between calculations

Excel
Compound interest

FV

$$= \$1.00 (1 + 0.05)^n$$

FV: future value



Solved example 1.50

Compound interest yearly

Case of compound interest

				Period	time	balance	
Present value	1	Million	5%	start	0	1	Millions
Interest rate	5	%percent		After -one year	1	1.05	Millions
Terms(years)	3	years		After -two years	2	1.1025	Millions
Compounding periods by year	3	Compounded yearly		After -three years	3	1.15763	Millions

Future value £1.16

Syntax FV(rate, nper, , pv, [type])

↗ rate

FV(5%,3,,-1)

amount is in negative so as to get the future value amount in positive.

For our Example ↗ nper, , -\$1.000 ↗ Present value

