

- Sandy invests \$10,000 in an account that earns 4.5% compounded quarterly. What is the value of the investment after 3.5 years?

$$A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n} \right)^{nt}$$

$$P = 10000$$

$$n = 4$$

$$r = 0.045$$

$$t = 3.5$$

$$10000 \left(1 + \frac{0.045}{4} \right)^{(4 \times 3.5)}$$

$$\approx \$ 11,695.51$$

- What if interest is compounded continuously?

$$A = Pe^{rt}$$

$$10000 e^{0.045 \times 3.5}$$

$$\approx \$ 11,705.80$$