

COMPOUND INTEREST

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

↑ amount  
 ↑ y-int. initial \$ principal  
 ↓ # of times compounded  
 ↑ time  
 → rate (annual) → decimal

$$y = a(b)^t$$

**Ex:** You deposit \$4000 in an account that pays 2.92% annual interest. Find the balance <sub>after 1 year</sub> if the interest is compounded:

a) quarterly

$$n=4 \quad P=4000 \quad r=0.0292 \quad t=1$$

$$\frac{2.92}{100}$$

$$A = 4000 \left( 1 + \frac{0.0292}{4} \right)^{4(1)}$$

b) daily

$$n=365$$

$$A = 4000 \left( 1 + \frac{0.0292}{365} \right)^{365}$$

$$\$4118.09$$

$$= \$4118.52$$

c) annually

$$n=1$$