

\$12,000 is invested in an account compounded continuously at rate of 6.5 % .

a) Determine the amount in the account at the end of 15 years.

b) How many years will it take for the account to grow to \$ 1,000,000 ?

- We must use the exponential growth equation: $A(t) = A_0 e^{rt}$
- For this problem we have $A_0 = 12000$ and $r = .065$.
- Since $A(t) = 12000 e^{0.065 t}$, $A(15) = 12000 e^{(.065)15} = \$31,814.00$
- To determine how long it takes to grow to \$1,000,000, we must solve the equation $1000000 = 12000 e^{0.065 t}$ for t .
- $1000000 = 12000 e^{0.065 t} \Rightarrow \frac{1000000}{12000} = \frac{1000}{12} = e^{0.065 t} \Rightarrow$
- $\ln\left(\frac{1000}{12}\right) = \ln\left(e^{0.065 t}\right) \Rightarrow 4.4228 = 0.065 t \Rightarrow$
- $t = 68.04$ years