

The Fidelity Capital Appreciation Large-Cap Growth mutual fund has a three year average rate of return of 7.72%.

Suppose this rate of return is continuous over the three year period.

1. If you put \$10,000 in the fund three years ago, how much would you have in the fund now?
2. If you want to have \$50,000 in the account now, how much should you have put in three years ago?
3. Do you think that the assumption of a continuous rate of return is realistic?

The Third National Bank of Springfield advertises 7.0% interest compounded continuously, but charges depositors a \$100 annual fee for maintaining the account. For simplicity, assume that the fee is deducted continuously over the course of the year. If  $y(t)$  represents the value of an account after  $t$  years, then the DE that models this situation is

$$y' = 0.07y - 100$$

1. Show that  $y = \frac{100}{0.07} + Ce^{0.07t}$  is a solution to this differential equation.
2. If \$10,000 is deposited in the account now, how much will it be worth in 8 years?  
Notice that you'll need to find the value for  $C$  to answer this.
3. The bank also offers an account paying 6.3% interest compounded continuously but without any annual fee. What would be the difference if you deposited the \$10,000 in this account for 8 years?