

Problem 9: You invest 2000 USD at 10% yearly interest compounded continuously.
(you may use that $\ln 2 \simeq 0.69$, $e^{0.2} \simeq 1.221$, $e^{0.1} \simeq 1.105$, $e^{0.05} \simeq 1.051$)

(a) What is the amount after 2 years?

$$P(t) = P_0 e^{rt} = 2000 e^{(0.1)t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(2) &= 2000 e^{(0.1)2} = 2000 e^{0.2} \\ &\simeq 2000 \cdot (1.221) \\ &= 2442 \text{ USD} \end{aligned}$$

(b) How long will it take for the amount to double?

$$\begin{aligned} P(t) &= 4000. && \text{Solve for } t. \\ 2000 e^{(0.1)t} &= 4000 \\ e^{(0.1)t} &= 2 \\ (0.1)t &= \ln 2 \\ t &= 10 \ln 2 \simeq 6.9 \text{ yrs} \end{aligned}$$