Chapter 1

1. (a) Applying formula (1.1)

$$A(t) = t^2 + 2t + 3$$
 and $A(0) = 3$

so that

$$a(t) = \frac{A(t)}{k} = \frac{A(t)}{A(0)} = \frac{1}{3}(t^2 + 2t + 3).$$

(b) The three properties are listed on p. 2.

(1)
$$a(0) = \frac{1}{3}(3) = 1.$$

(2)
$$a'(t) = \frac{1}{3}(2t+2) > 0$$
 for $t \ge 0$,
so that $a(t)$ is an increasing function.

- (3) a(t) is a polynomial and thus is continuous.
- (c) Applying formula (1.2)

$$I_n = A(n) - A(n-1) = [n^2 + 2n + 3] - [(n-1)^2 + 2(n-1) + 3]$$

= $n^2 + 2n + 3 - n^2 + 2n - 1 - 2n + 2 - 3$
= $2n + 1$.

2. (a) Appling formula (1.2)

$$I_1 + I_2 + \dots + I_n = [A(1) - A(0)] + [A(2) - A(1)] + \dots + [A(n) - A(n-1)]$$

= $A(n) - A(0)$.

- (b) The LHS is the increment in the fund over the *n* periods, which is entirely attributable to the interest earned. The RHS is the sum of the interest earned during each of the *n* periods.
- 3. Using ratio and proportion

$$\frac{5000}{11,130}(12,153.96-11,575.20) = $260.$$

4. We have $a(t) = at^2 + b$, so that

$$a(0) = b = 1$$

 $a(3) = 9a + b = 1.72.$

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Solving two equations in two unknowns a = .08 and b = 1. Thus,

$$a(5) = 5^{2}(.08) + 1 = 3$$

$$a(10) = 10^2 (.08) + 1 = 9$$
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and the answer is $100 \frac{a(10)}{a(5)} = 100 \frac{9}{3} = 300$.

5. (a) From formula (1.4b) and A(t) = 100 + 5t

$$i_5 = \frac{A(5) - A(4)}{A(4)} = \frac{125 - 120}{120} = \frac{5}{120} = \frac{1}{24}.$$

(b)
$$i_{10} = \frac{A(10) - A(9)}{A(9)} = \frac{150 - 145}{145} = \frac{5}{145} = \frac{1}{29}.$$

$$A(t) = 100(1.1)^{t}$$
 and

6. (a)
$$i_5 = \frac{A(5) - A(4)}{A(4)} = \frac{100[(1.1)^5 - (1.1)^4]}{100(1.1)^4} = 1.1 - 1 = .1.$$

(b)
$$i_{10} = \frac{A(10) - A(9)}{A(9)} = \frac{100[(1.1)^{10} - (1.1)^{9}]}{100(1.1)^{9}} = 1.1 - 1 = .1.$$

7. From formula (1.4b)

$$i_n = \frac{A(n) - A(n-1)}{A(n-1)}$$

so that

$$A(n) - A(n-1) = i_n A(n-1)$$

and

$$A(n) = (1+i_n)A(n-1).$$

8. We have $i_5 = .05$, $i_6 = .06$, $i_7 = .07$, and using the result derived in Exercise 7

$$A(7) = A(4)(1+i_5)(1+i_6)(1+i_7)$$

= 1000(1.05)(1.06)(1.07) = \$1190.91.

9. (a) Applying formula (1.5)

$$615 = 500(1 + 2.5i) = 500 + 1250i$$

so that

$$1250i = 115$$
 and $i = 115/1250 = .092$, or 9.2%.

(b) Similarly,

$$630 = 500(1 + .078t) = 500 + 39t$$

so that

$$39t = 130$$
 and $t = 130/39 = 10/3 = 3\frac{1}{3}$ years.

10. We have

$$1110 = 1000(1+it) = 1000 + 1000it$$

 $1000it = 110$ and $it = .11$

so that

$$500 \left[1 + \left(\frac{3}{4} \right) (i)(2t) \right] = 500 [1 + 1.5it]$$
$$= 500 [1 + (1.5)(.11)] = $582.50.$$

11. Applying formula (1.6)

$$i_n = \frac{i}{1+i(n-1)}$$
 and $.025 = \frac{.04}{1+.04(n-1)}$

so that

$$.025 + .001(n-1) = .04$$
, $.001n = .016$, and $n = 16$.

12. We have

$$i_1 = .01$$
 $i_2 = .02$ $i_3 = .03$ $i_4 = .04$ $i_5 = .05$

and adapting formula (1.5)

$$1000 \left[1 + \left(i_1 + i_2 + i_3 + i_4 + i_5 \right) \right] = 1000 (1.15) = \$1150.$$

13. Applying formula (1.8)

$$600(1+i)^2 = 600 + 264 = 864$$

which gives

$$(1+i)^2 = 864/600 = 1.44$$
, $1+i=1.2$, and $i=.2$

so that

$$2000(1+i)^3 = 2000(1.2)^3 = $3456.$$

14. We have

$$\frac{(1+i)^n}{(1+j)^n} = (1+r)^n$$
 and $1+r = \frac{1+i}{1+j}$

so that

$$r = \frac{1+i}{1+j} - 1 = \frac{(1+i) - (1+j)}{1+j} = \frac{i-j}{1+j}.$$

This type of analysis will be important in Sections 4.7 and 9.4.

15. From the information given:

$$(1+i)^a = 2$$
 $(1+i)^a = 2$
 $2(1+i)^b = 3$ $(1+i)^b = 3/2$
 $3(1+i)^c = 15$ $(1+i)^c = 5$
 $6(1+i)^n = 10$ $(1+i)^n = 5/3$.

By inspection $\frac{5}{3} = 5 \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$. Since exponents are addictive with multiplication, we have n = c - a - b.

16. For one unit invested the amount of interest earned in each quarter is:

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Quarter:	1	2	3	4	
Simple:	.03	.03	.03	.03	
Compound: Thus, we have	1.03 - 1	$(1.03)^2 - 1.03$	$(1.03)^3 - (1.03)^2$	$(1.03)^4 - (1.03)^4$	
Ť	$\frac{D(4)}{D(3)} =$	$\frac{1}{1000} \frac{\left[(1.03)^4 - (1.03)^4 - (1.03)^4 - (1.03)^4 \right]}{\left[(1.03)^3 - (1.03)^4 - (1.03)^4 - (1.03)^4 \right]}$			

17. Applying formula (1.12)

A:
$$10,000[(1.06)^{-18} + (1.06)^{-19}] = 6808.57$$

B: $10,000[(1.06)^{-20} + (1.06)^{-21}] = \underline{6059.60}$
Difference = \$748.97.

18. We have

$$v^n + v^{2n} = 1$$

and multiplying by $(1+i)^{2n}$

$$(1+i)^n + 1 = (1+i)^{2n}$$

or

$$(1+i)^{2n} - (1+i)^n - 1 = 0$$
 which is a quadratic.

Solving the quadratic

$$(1+i)^n = \frac{1\pm\sqrt{1+4}}{2} = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$$
 rejecting the negative root.

Finally,

$$(1+i)^{2n} = \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1+2\sqrt{5}+5}{4} = \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2}.$$

19. From the given information $500(1+i)^{30} = 4000$ or $(1+i)^{30} = 8$. The sum requested is

$$10,000 \left(v^{20} + v^{40} + v^{60}\right) = 10,000 \left(8^{-\frac{2}{3}} + 8^{-\frac{4}{3}} + 8^{-2}\right)$$
$$= 10,000 \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{64}\right) = \$3281.25.$$

20. (a) Applying formula (1.13) with a(t) = 1 + it = 1 + .1t, we have

$$d_5 = \frac{I_5}{A_5} = \frac{a(5) - a(4)}{a(5)} = \frac{1.5 - 1.4}{1.5} = \frac{.1}{1.5} = \frac{1}{15}.$$

(b) A similar approach using formula (1.18) gives

$$a^{-1}(t) = 1 - dt = 1 - .1t$$

and

$$d_5 = \frac{I_5}{A_5} = \frac{a(5) - a(4)}{a(5)} = \frac{(1 - .5)^{-1} - (1 - .4)^{-1}}{(1 - .5)^{-1}}$$
$$= \frac{1/.5 - 1/.6}{1 - 1/.5} = \frac{2 - 5/3}{2} = \frac{6 - 5}{2 \cdot 3} = \frac{1}{6}.$$

21. From formula (1.16) we know that v = 1 - d, so we have

$$200 + 300(1-d) = 600(1-d)^2$$

$$6d^2 - 12d + 6 - 2 - 3 + 3d = 0$$

 $6d^2 - 9d + 1 = 0$ which is a quadratic.

Solving the quadratic

$$d = \frac{9 \pm \sqrt{(-9)^2 - (4)(6)(1)}}{2 \cdot 6} = \frac{9 - \sqrt{57}}{12}$$

rejecting the root > 1, so that

$$d = .1208$$
, or 12.08%.

22. Amount of interest: iA = 336.

Amount of discount: dA = 300.

Applying formula (1.14)

$$i = \frac{d}{1-d}$$
 and $\frac{336}{A} = \frac{300/A}{1-300/A} = \frac{300}{A-300}$

so that

$$336(A-300) = 300A$$

 $36A = 100,800$ and $A = 2800 .

- 23. Note that this Exercise is based on material covered in Section 1.8. The quarterly discount rate is .08/4 = .02, while 25 months is $8 \frac{1}{3}$ quarters.
 - (a) The exact answer is

$$5000v^{25/3} = 5000(1 - .02)^{25/3} = $4225.27.$$

(b) The approximate answer is based on formula (1.20)

$$5000v^{8}\left(1-\frac{1}{3}d\right) = 5000\left(1-.02\right)^{8}\left[1-\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)(.02)\right] = $4225.46.$$

The two answers are quite close in value.

24. We will algebraically change both the RHS and LHS using several of the basic identities contained in this Section.

RHS =
$$\frac{(i-d)^2}{1-v} = \frac{(id)^2}{d} = i^2 d$$
 and
LHS = $\frac{d^3}{(1-d)^2} = \frac{i^3 v^3}{v^2} = i^3 v = i^2 d$.

25. Simple interest: a(t) = 1 + it from formula (1.5). Simple discount: $a^{-1}(t) = 1 - dt$ from formula (1.18).

Thus,

$$1 + it = \frac{1}{1 - dt}$$

and

$$1 - dt + it - idt^{2} = 1$$
$$it - dt = idt^{2}$$
$$i - d = idt.$$

26. (*a*) From formula (1.23*a*)

$$\left(1 - \frac{d^{(4)}}{4}\right)^{-4} = \left(1 + \frac{i^{(3)}}{3}\right)^3$$

so that

$$d^{(4)} = 4 \left[1 - \left(1 + \frac{i^{(3)}}{3} \right)^{-\frac{3}{4}} \right].$$

(b)

$$\left(1 + \frac{i^{(6)}}{6}\right)^6 = \left(1 - \frac{d^{(2)}}{2}\right)^{-2}$$

so that

$$i^{(6)} = 6 \left[\left(1 - \frac{d^{(2)}}{2} \right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} - 1 \right].$$

27. (a) From formula (1.24)

$$i^{(m)} - d^{(m)} = \frac{i^{(m)}d^{(m)}}{m}$$

so that

$$i^{(m)} = d^{(m)} \left(1 + \frac{i^{(m)}}{m} \right) = d^{(m)} \left(1 + i \right)^{1/m}.$$

- (b) $i^{(m)}$ measures interest at the ends of *m*ths of a year, while $d^{(m)}$ is a comparable measure at the beginnings of *m*ths of a year. Accumulating $d^{(m)}$ from the beginning to the end of the *m*thly periods gives $i^{(m)}$.
- 28. (a) We have $j = \frac{i^{(4)}}{4} = \frac{.06}{4} = .015$ and $n = 2 \cdot 4 = 8$ quarters, so that the accumulated value is

$$100(1.015)^8 = $112.65.$$

(b) Here we have an unusual and uncommon situation in which the conversion frequency is less frequent than annual. We have j = 4(.06) = .24 per 4-year period and $n = 2(1/4) = \frac{1}{2}$ such periods, so that the accumulated value is

$$100(1-.24)^{-.5} = 100(.76)^{-.5} = $114.71.$$

29. From formula (1.24)

$$i^{(m)} - d^{(m)} = \frac{i^{(m)}d^{(m)}}{m}$$

so that

$$m = \frac{i^{(m)}d^{(m)}}{i^{(m)} - d^{(m)}} = \frac{(.1844144)(.1802608)}{.1844144 - .1802608} = 8.$$

30. We know that

$$1 + \frac{i^{(4)}}{4} = (1+i)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$
 and $1 + \frac{i^{(5)}}{5} = (1+i)^{\frac{1}{5}}$

so that

RHS =
$$(1+i)^{\frac{1}{4}-\frac{1}{5}} = (1+i)^{\frac{1}{20}}$$

LHS = $(1+i)^{\frac{1}{n}}$ and $n = 20$.

31. We first need to express v in terms of $i^{(4)}$ and $d^{(4)}$ as follows:

$$v = 1 - d = \left(1 - \frac{d^{(4)}}{4}\right)^4$$
 so that $d^{(4)} = 4(1 - v^{25})$

and

$$v = (1+i)^{-1} = \left(1 - \frac{i^{(4)}}{4}\right)^{-4}$$
 so that $i^{(4)} = 4(v^{-25} - 1)$.

Now

$$r = \frac{i^{(4)}}{d^{(4)}} = \frac{4(v^{-.25} - 1)}{4(1 - v^{.25})} = v^{-.25}$$
 so that $v^{.25} = r^{-1}$ and $v = r^{-4}$.

32. We know that d < i from formula (1.14) and that $d^{(m)} < i^{(m)}$ from formula (1.24). We also know that $i^{(m)} = i$ and $d^{(m)} = d$ if m = 1. Finally, in the limit $i^{(m)} \to \mathcal{S}$ and $d^{(m)} \to \mathcal{S}$ as $m \to \infty$. Thus, putting it all together, we have

$$d < d^{(m)} < \delta < i^{(m)} < i$$
.

33. (a) Using formula (1.26), we have

$$A(t) = Ka^t b^{t^2} d^{c^t}$$
$$\ln A(t) = \ln K + t \ln a + t^2 \ln b + c^t \ln d$$

and

$$\delta_t = \frac{d}{dt} \ln A(t) = \ln a + 2t \ln b + c^t \ln c \ln d.$$

(b) Formula (1.26) is much more convenient since it involves differentiating a sum, while formula (1.25) involves differentiating a product.

Fund A:
$$a^{A}(t) = 1 + .10t$$
 and $\delta_{t}^{A} = \frac{\frac{d}{dt}a^{A}(t)}{a^{A}(t)} = \frac{.10}{1 + .10t}$.

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Fund B:
$$a^{B}(t) = (1 - .05t)^{-1}$$
 and $\delta_{t}^{B} = \frac{\frac{d}{dt} a^{B}(t)}{a^{B}(t)} = \frac{.05}{1 + .05t}$.

Equating the two and solving for t, we have

$$\frac{.10}{1+.10t} = \frac{.05}{1-.05t}$$
 and $.10-.005t = .05+.005t$

so that .01t = .05 and t = 5.

35. The accumulation function is a second degree polynomial, i.e. $a(t) = at^2 + bt + c$.

$$a(0) = c = 1$$
 from Section 1.2

$$a(.5) = .25a + .5b + c = 1.025$$
 5% convertible semiannually

$$a(1) = a + b + c = 1.07$$
 7% effective for the year

Solving three equations in three unknowns, we have

$$a = .04$$
 $b = .03$ $c = 1$.

36. Let the excess be denoted by E_t . We then have

$$E_{t} = (1+it)-(1+i)^{t}$$

which we want to maximize. Using the standard approach from calculus

$$\frac{d}{dt}E_{t} = i - (1+i)^{t} \ln(1+i) = i - \delta(1+i)^{t} = 0$$

$$(1+i)^t = \frac{i}{\delta}$$
 and $t \ln(1+i) = t\delta = \ln i - \ln \delta$

so that

$$t = \frac{\ln i - \ln \delta}{\delta}.$$

37. We need to modify formula (1.39) to reflect rates of discount rather than rates of interest. Then from the definition of equivalency, we have

$$a(3) = (1+i)^3 = (1-d_1)^{-1} (1-d_2)^{-1} (1-d_3)^{-1}$$
$$= (.92)^{-1} (.93)^{-1} (.94)^{-1} = .804261^{-1}$$

and

$$i = (.804264)^{-\frac{1}{3}} - 1 = .0753$$
, or 7.53%.

38. (a) From formula (1.39)

$$a(n) = (1+i_1)(1+i_2)...(1+i_n)$$
 where $1+i_k = (1+r)^k (1+i)$

so that

$$a(n) = [(1+r)(1+i)][(1+r)^{2}(1+i)]...[(1+r)^{n}(1+i)]$$

and using the formula for the sum of the first n positive integers in the exponent, we have

$$a(n) = (1+r)^{n(n+1)/2} (1+i)^n$$
.

(b) From part (a)

$$(1+j)^n = (1+r)^{n(n+1)/2} (1+i)^n$$
 so that $j = (1+r)^{(n+1)/2} -1$.

39. Adapting formula (1.42) for t = 10, we have

$$a(10) = e^{5(.06)}e^{5\delta} = 2$$
, so that $e^{5\delta} = 2e^{-.3}$

and

$$\delta = \frac{1}{5} \ln(2e^{-.3}) = .0786$$
, or 7.86%.

40. Fund X: $a^{X}(20) = e^{\int_{0}^{20} (.01t+.1)dt} = e^{4}$ performing the integration in the exponent.

Fund Y: $a^{Y}(20) = (1+i)^{20} = e^{4}$ equating the fund balances at time t = 20.

The answer is

$$a^{Y}(1.5) = (1+i)^{1.5} = \left[(1+i)^{20} \right]^{.075} = (e^{4})^{.075} = e^{.3}$$

41. Compound discount:

$$a(3) = (1 - d_1)^{-1} (1 - d_2)^{-1} (1 - d_3)^{-1} = (.93)^{-1} (.92)^{-1} (.91)^{-1} = 1.284363$$
 using the approach taken in Exercise 37.

Simple interest: a(3) = 1 + 3i.

Equating the two and solving for i, we have

$$1+3i=1.284363$$
 and $i=.0948$, or 9.48%.

42. Similar to Exercise 35 we need to solve three equations in three unknowns. We have

$$A(t) = At^2 + Bt + C$$

and using the values of A(t) provided

$$A(0) = C = 100$$

$$A(1) = A + B + C = 110$$

$$A(2) = 4A + 2B + C = 136$$

which has the solution A = 8 B = 2 C = 100.

(a)
$$i_2 = \frac{A(2) - A(1)}{A(1)} = \frac{136 - 110}{110} = \frac{26}{110} = .236$$
, or 23.6%.

(b)
$$\frac{A(1.5) - A(.5)}{A(1.5)} = \frac{121 - 103}{121} = \frac{18}{121} = .149$$
, or 14.9%.

(c)
$$\delta_t = \frac{A'(t)}{A(t)} = \frac{16t + 2}{8t^2 + 2t + 100}$$
 so that $\delta_{1,2} = \frac{21.2}{113.92} = .186$, or 18.6% .

(d)
$$\frac{A(.75)}{A(1.25)} = \frac{106}{115} = .922.$$

43. The equation for the force of interest which increases linearly from 5% at time t = 0 to 8% at time t = 6 is given by

$$\delta_t = .05 + .005t$$
 for $0 \le t \le 6$.

Now applying formula (1.27) the present value is

$$1,000,000a^{-1}(6) = 1,000,000e^{-\int_{0}^{6}(.05+.005t)dt} = 1,000,000e^{-.39} = \$677,057.$$

44. The interest earned amounts are given by

$$A: \quad X\left[\left(1+\frac{i}{2}\right)^{16} - \left(1+\frac{i}{2}\right)^{15}\right] = X\left(1+\frac{i}{2}\right)^{15}\left(\frac{i}{2}\right)$$
$$B: \quad 2X\cdot\frac{i}{2}.$$

Equating two expressions and solving for *i*

$$X\left(1+\frac{i}{2}\right)^{15}\left(\frac{i}{2}\right)=2X\cdot\frac{i}{2}$$
 $\left(1+\frac{i}{2}\right)^{15}=2$ $i=2\left(2^{1/15}-1\right)=.0946$, or 9.46%.

45. Following a similar approach to that taken in Exercise 44, but using rates of discount rather than rates of interest, we have

A:
$$X = 100 \left[(1-d)^{-11} - (1-d)^{-10} \right] = 100 (1-d)^{-10} \left[(1-d)^{-1} - 1 \right]$$

B: $X = 50 \left[(1-d)^{-17} - (1-d)^{-16} \right] = 50 (1-d)^{-16} \left[(1-d)^{-1} - 1 \right]$.

Equating the two expressions and solving for d

$$100(1-d)^{-10} = 50(1-d)^{-16} \quad (1-d)^{-6} = 2 \quad (1-d)^{-1} = 2^{\frac{1}{6}}.$$

Finally, we need to solve for X. Using A we have

$$X = 100 \cdot 2^{\frac{10}{6}} (2^{\frac{1}{6}} - 1) = 38.88.$$

46. For an investment of one unit at t = 2 the value at t = n is

$$a(n) = e^{\int_{2}^{n} \delta_{t} dt} = e^{2\int_{2}^{n} (t-1)^{-1} dt} = e^{2\ln(t-1)]_{2}^{n}} = \frac{(n-1)^{2}}{(2-1)^{2}} = (n-1)^{2}.$$

Now applying formula (1.13)

$$d_n = \frac{a(n+1) - a(n)}{a(n+1)} = \frac{n^2 - (n-1)^2}{n^2}$$

and

$$1 - dn = \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^2.$$

Finally, the equivalent $d_n^{(2)}$ is

$$d_n^{(2)} = 2\left[1 - \left(1 - d_n\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right] = 2\left[1 - \frac{n-1}{n}\right] = \frac{2}{n}.$$

47. We are given $i = .20 = \frac{1}{5}$, so that

$$d = \frac{i}{1+i} = \frac{1/5}{1+1/5} = \frac{1}{6}.$$

We then have

$$PV_{A} = (1.20)^{-1} \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{5} \right]^{-1}$$

$$PV_{B} = (1.20)^{-1} \left[1 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \right]$$

and the required ratio is

$$\frac{PV_A}{PV_B} = \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{10}\right)^{-1}}{1 - \frac{1}{12}} = \frac{10}{11} \cdot \frac{12}{11} = \frac{120}{121}.$$

48. (a) $i = e^{\delta} - 1 = \delta + \frac{\delta^2}{2!} + \frac{\delta^3}{3!} + \frac{\delta^4}{4!} + \cdots$

using the standard power series expansion for e^{δ} .

(b)
$$\delta = \ln(1+i) = i - \frac{i^2}{2} + \frac{i^3}{3} - \frac{i^4}{4} + \cdots$$

using a Taylor series expansion.

(c)
$$d = \frac{i}{1+i} = i(1+i)^{-1} = i(1-i^2+i^2-i^3+\cdots) = i-i^2+i^3-i^4+\cdots$$

using the sum of an infinite geometric progression.

(d)
$$\delta = -\ln(1-d) = -\left(-d - \frac{d^2}{2} - \frac{d^3}{3} - \frac{d^4}{4} - \cdots\right)$$

adapting the series expansion in part (b).

49. (a)
$$\frac{dd}{di} = \frac{d}{di} \left(\frac{i}{1+i} \right) = \frac{(1+i)-i}{(1+i)^2} = (1+i)^{-2}$$
.

(b)
$$\frac{d\delta}{di} = \frac{d}{di} \ln(1+i) = \frac{1}{1+i} = (1+i)^{-1}$$
.

(c)
$$\frac{d\delta}{di} = \frac{d}{dv}(-\ln v) = -\frac{1}{v} = -v^{-1}$$
.

(d)
$$\frac{dd}{d\delta} = \frac{d}{d\delta} (1 - e^{-\delta}) = -e^{-\delta} (-1) = e^{-\delta}.$$

50. (a) (1)
$$a(t) = e^{\int_0^t (a+br)dr} = e^{at+bt^2/2}$$
.

(2)
$$1+i_n=\frac{a(n)}{a(n-1)}=\frac{e^{an+.5bn^2}}{e^{a(n-1)+.5b(n-1)^2}}=e^{an+.5bn^2-an+a-.5bn^2+bn-.5b}=e^{(a-b/2)+bn}.$$

(b) (1)
$$a(t) = e^{\int_0^t ab^r dr} = e^{a(b^t - 1)/\ln b}$$
.

(2)
$$1+i_n=\frac{a(n)}{a(n-1)}=e^{\frac{a}{\ln b}\left[(b^n-1)-(b^{n-1}-1)\right]}=e^{a(b-1)b^{n-1}/\ln b}.$$