

## Exponential Functions With Base “e”

**"e" is an irrational number approximately equal to 2.71828.**

### Definition

### Continuously Compounded Interest Formula

amount in account      rate of interest (annual)

$A = Pe^{rt}$  ← time in years

principal

Suppose you invest \$3500 at an annual interest rate of 3.5% compounded continuously. How much money will you have after 10 years?

$$A = Pe^{rt}$$
$$A = 3,500e^{(0.035)(10)}$$

$$A = 4,966.74$$

You will have \$4,966.74 after 10 years.

Invest: 1050

Annual rate: 5.5%

How much money after 5 years?