You can get to the TVM solver by pressing the [FINANCE] key and selecting option 1 on the TI-83, or pressing [APPS] and selecting [1:Finance] then [1:TVM Solver...] on the TI-83 Plus/TI-84. You will see a window that looks like the following except there may be different numbers.

For our purposes, we will always set P/Y and C/Y to the same thing, the number of compoundings per year. Also all payments are made at the end of the compounding period, so END should always be highlighted.

Compound Interest

Example 1: If $100 is deposited into an account that earns 5% interest compounded monthly, then how much will be in the account after 3 years?

Solution: Put the following into the calculator. Please note that for the percentage we put in 5 and not .05.

PV was a cash outlay. Cash outlays always go into the calculator as a negative number. As always, make sure that END is highlighted and move the cursor to FV= (You will not be allowed to leave FV blank until all of the other values are filled in) and press [SOLVE] ([alpha] [ENTER]).

The value of 116.1472231 gets filled in for FV, so the answer is $116.15.

Example 2: If $100 is deposited into an account the earns 5% interest compounded monthly, then how long will it take for the account to have $150?

Solution: Here we are given everything except N, the number of compoundings.

Since the FV is not a cash outlay we put the value in as a positive number. Now solve for N and we get N=97.5.

Future Value

Example 3: What is the value of an ordinary annuity at the end of 15 years if $100 is deposited each month into an account earning 5% compounded monthly.

Solution:

PV is the value of the account at the beginning which is 0. PMT is a cash outlay so it goes in as −100 Solve, and FV = $26728.89.

Present Value

Example 4: You wish to set up an annuity that pays $350 per month for 5 years. How much money must be deposited into an account that pays 6% compounded monthly in order to establish the annuity?

Solution:

FV should be 0 since you want there to be no money in the account after the 5 years. Solve and PV = −$18103.95.