

1. Solve each equation without graphing:

a) $27^x = 9^{2x-1}$

$$3^{3x} = 3^{4x-2}$$

$$\therefore 3x = 4x - 2$$

$$-x = -2$$

$$\boxed{x = 2}$$

b) $4^{8x} = \frac{1}{16}$

$$4^{8x} = 4^{-2}$$

$$\therefore 8x = -2$$

$$\boxed{x = -\frac{1}{4}}$$

c) $\frac{8^{x+6}}{16^{2x-1}} = 32^{3x-4}$

$$\frac{2^{3x+18}}{2^{8x-4}} = 2^{15x-20}$$

$$2^{-5x+22} = 2^{15x-20}$$

$$\therefore -5x + 22 = 15x - 20$$

$$-20x = -42$$

$$\boxed{x = 2.1}$$

2. A bacterial culture starts with 3000 bacteria. After 3 hours it has grown to 48 000. What is the doubling period for this culture? (Solve without graphing)

$$48000 = 3000 (2)^{\frac{3}{n}}$$

$$16 = 2^{\frac{3}{n}}$$

$$2^4 = 2^{\frac{3}{n}}$$

$$\therefore 4 = \frac{3}{n}$$

$$n = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{3}{4} \text{ hour}}$$

3. Once inside the human body, a particular virus doubles every 9 minutes. The first symptoms of infection occur when there are about 8^{23} of these viruses present in the body. If a person is infected with a single virus now, how long will it take for the first symptoms to occur? (Solve without graphing)

$$8^{23} = 1(2)^{t/9}$$

$$(2^3)^{23}$$

$$2^{69} = 2^{t/9}$$

$$\therefore 69 = t/9$$

$$t = 9 \cdot 69$$

$$= \boxed{621 \text{ minutes}}$$

4. Determine the final value of each investment:

a) \$5000 at 6%/a
compounded monthly for
3 years

$$= 5000 \left(1 + \frac{.06}{12}\right)^{36}$$

$$= \boxed{\$5983.40}$$

b) \$5000 at 6%/a
compounded bi-weekly
for 3 years

$$= 5000 \left(1 + \frac{.06}{26}\right)^{78}$$

$$= \boxed{\$5984.85}$$

c) \$2000 at 4.5%/a
compounded quarterly
for 5 years

$$= 2000 \left(1 + \frac{.045}{4}\right)^{20}$$

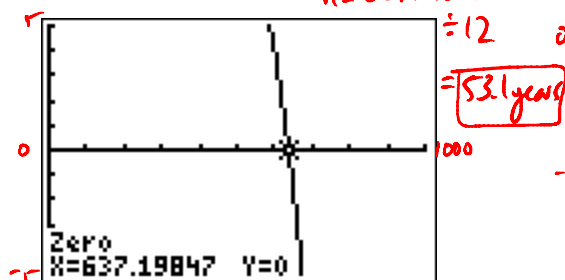
$$= \boxed{\$2501.50}$$

5. For each scenario in question 4 above, determine how long (tenth of a year) it will take for each investment to grow to \$120 000.

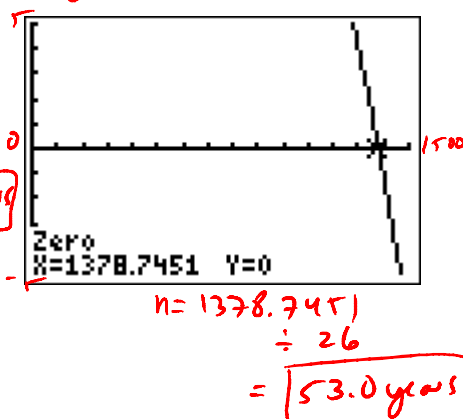
a) $120000 = 5000(1.005)^n$
 $24 = 1.005^n$

$$0 = 24 - 1.005^n$$

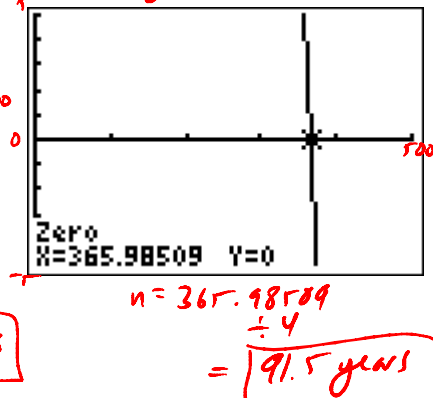
$$n = 637.19847$$



b) $24 = \left(1 + \frac{.04}{26}\right)^n$
 $0 = 24 - \left(1 + \frac{.04}{26}\right)^n$



c) $120000 = 2000 \left(1 + \frac{.045}{4}\right)^n$
 $60 = 1.01125^n$
 $0 = 60 - 1.01125^n$



6. An element has a half-life of 5 hours.

a) What percent of an original amount remains after 4 days?

$$F = 100 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{96hr}$$

$$= 1.66 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$= \boxed{0.00017\%}$$

b) How long will it take until only 20% of an original amount remains?

$$20 = 100 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{t/5}$$

$$0.2 = 0.5^{t/5}$$

$$0 = 0.2 - 0.5^{t/5}$$

$$t = \boxed{11.6 \text{ hours}}$$

