

Question 1

$$\log_7(80x^2 - 144x + 55) = 3 \Rightarrow (80x^2 - 144x + 55) = 7^3 \Rightarrow 5x^2 - 9x - 18 = 0$$

$$\Delta = 441 \quad x = \frac{9 \pm 21}{10} = 3 \text{ or } -\frac{6}{5} \quad \text{two candidates, only the first is accepted} \Rightarrow \boxed{S = \{3\}}$$

Question 2

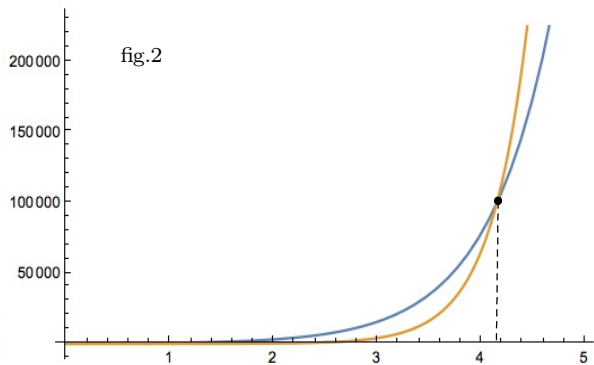
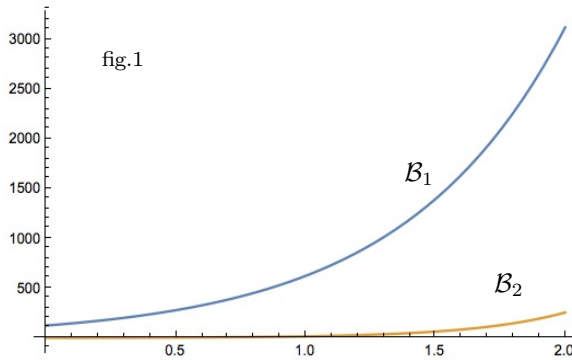
Solve $\log_2(3x + 17) - \log_2(8x - 36) = \log_2(24) - \log_2(3)$

$$\log_7\left(\frac{3x + 17}{8x - 36}\right) = \log_7\left(\frac{24}{3}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{3x + 17}{8x - 36} = 8 \Rightarrow 3x + 17 = 8(8x - 36) \Rightarrow x = \frac{305}{61} = 5 \quad \boxed{S = \{5\}}$$

Question 3

$\mathcal{B}_1 : n_1(t) = 5^{(t+3)}$ $\mathcal{B}_2 : n_2(t) = 4^{(2t)}$

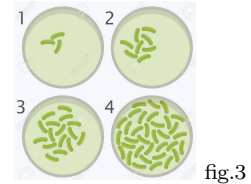
i) comparing at $t=1$ we have : \mathcal{B}_1 with $n_1(1) = 5^4 = 625$ bacteria and \mathcal{B}_2 with $n_2(1) = 4^2 = 16$ only.
But at $t=5$ we have : \mathcal{B}_1 with $n_1(5) = 5^8 = 39\,065$ and \mathcal{B}_2 with $n_2(5) = 4^{10} = 1\,048\,576$ bacteria.



ii) The populations the same at time t such that $n_1(t) = n_2(t)$

Hence we solve $5^{(t+3)} = 4^{(2t)} \Rightarrow \log_5(5^{(t+3)}) = \log_5(4^{(2t)})$

$$\Rightarrow t + 3 = 2t \log_5(4) \Rightarrow t = \frac{3}{2 \log_5(4) - 1} = \frac{3}{2 \frac{\log(4)}{\log(5)} - 1} = \boxed{4.151 \text{ days}}$$



Question 4

$N_o = 17$ grams (initial mass)

$N_n = N_o \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$ where $n = 0, 1, 2, 3$ is the number $\boxed{138 \text{ days}}$.

- i) $N_o \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n = \frac{1}{8} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3$ for $n = 3$, hence after $3 \times 138 = \boxed{414 \text{ days}}$.
- ii) $N_o \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n = 1\text{g} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n = \frac{1}{N_o} = \frac{1}{12} \Rightarrow n = \log_{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}\left(\frac{1}{12}\right) = \frac{\log\left(\frac{1}{12}\right)}{g\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} = 3.585 \Rightarrow \text{about } \boxed{495 \text{ days}}$.
- iii) $N_o \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n = (100 - 99)\% \text{ of } N_o \Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n = \frac{1}{100} \Rightarrow n = \log_{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}\left(\frac{1}{100}\right) = \frac{\log\left(\frac{1}{100}\right)}{g\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} = 6.644 \Rightarrow \boxed{495 \text{ days}}$.