

2. [6 points] Scientists are studying three different populations of bacteria.

a. [4 points] Population A is doubling every 5 hours.

*Show any needed work. Give answers in exact form or rounded to 3 decimal places.*

i. What is the growth factor for population A?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

ii. How long does it take population A to triple?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_ hours

b. [2 points]

Population B is growing exponentially at a rate of 16% per hour.

Population C is growing exponentially at a *continuous* rate of 14% per hour.

Which of these two populations is growing more quickly? Circle your answer, then briefly justify.

POPULATION B

POPULATION C

**Justification:**