

## 3. [12 points]

- The amount of money Bizzi earns in one week,  $W$  (in US Dollars), is a function of the number of hours she works that week,  $h$ . That is,  $W = f(h)$ .
- On the other hand, the number of hours she can spend watching K-pop videos,  $K$ , is *also* a function of the number of hours she works that week,  $h$ . That is,  $K = g(h)$ .

Both  $W = f(h)$  and  $K = g(h)$  are invertible functions.

- a. [6 points] Describe the meaning of each of the following expressions or equations in the context of Bizzi's life, or explain why the expression or equation doesn't make sense in context.

(i)  $f^{-1}(1210) = 50$

*Solution:* Bizzi must work 50 hours in a week to earn \$1210 that week.

To see this, note that the function  $f$  takes as input the number of hours Bizzi works in a week and outputs the amount of money she earns that week, in dollars. Therefore, the inverse function  $f^{-1}$  should take as input the amount Bizzi earned, in dollars, in one week and output the number of hours she worked that week.

(ii)  $g(f(30)) = 2$

*Solution:* This composition does not make sense in the context of the problem. The output of  $f$  is an amount of money that Bizzi earns in a week. Therefore,  $f(30)$  represents some amount of money, in dollars. However,  $g$  takes an input a number of hours, not an amount of money in dollars. Therefore, it does not make sense to plug  $f(30)$  into  $g$  in this context.

(iii)  $g(40)$

*Solution:* This represents the number of hours Bizzi can spend watching K-pop videos if she works 40 hours in a week.

- b. [6 points] For each of the following phrases or sentences, write an expression or equation to represent it symbolically using the functions  $f$ ,  $g$ , or their inverses.

- (i) Bizzi does *not* work on January 1, but gets paid that week as if she worked 8 hours that day. Express the amount of money Bizzi earns the week of January 1 if she works  $h$  hours total during the remainder of the week.

*Solution:*  $f(h+8)$ . Bizzi gets paid for the  $h$  hours she actually worked plus an additional 8 hours.

- (ii) The week of April 1, every employee in the company gets a \$200 bonus. Express the amount of money Bizzi earns the week of April 1 if she works  $h$  hours.

*Solution:*  $f(h) + 200$ . Bizzi gets paid an additional \$200 on top of the  $f(h)$  dollars she would normally get paid for working  $h$  hours.

- (iii) Represent the following sentence as an equation: On a week where Bizzi earns 950 dollars, she has time to watch 3 hours of K-Pop videos.

*Solution:*  $g(f^{-1}(950)) = 3$  OR  $f(g^{-1}(3)) = 950$ .

Looking at units, we see that 950 must be an output of  $f$  or input of  $f^{-1}$  and 3 must be an output of  $g$  or input of  $g^{-1}$ . To actually translate this into an equation, we note that if Bizzi earns 950 dollars in a week, she must have worked  $f^{-1}(950)$  hours. This would give her  $g(f^{-1}(950))$  hours to watch K-pop videos, so  $g(f^{-1}(950)) = 3$ . Alternatively, if Bizzi had 3 hours to watch K-pop videos in a week, she must have worked  $g^{-1}(3)$  hours. This would mean she earned  $f(g^{-1}(3))$  dollars, so  $f(g^{-1}(3)) = 950$ .