

## 9. [12 points]

- a. [6 points] Let  $f(y)$  be the length of a trout (in inches) that is  $y$  years old and  $g(d)$  be the weight (in lbs) of a trout of length  $d$  inches. Suppose that both  $f$  and  $g$  are invertible functions. Find a practical interpretation for the following mathematical expressions:

i)  $g(17) = 3$

*Solution:* A trout that measures 17 inches weighs 3 lbs.

ii)  $f^{-1}(7)$

*Solution:* The age of a trout in years that measures 7 inches.

iii)  $g(f(7))$

*Solution:* The weight of a trout in lbs that is 7 in years old.

- b. [6 points] Let  $A(t)$  and  $B(t)$  be the number of apple and pear trees in Michigan  $t$  years after 2005. Let  $C(t)$  be the average harvest yield of apples per tree (in pounds per tree) in Michigan  $t$  years after 2005. Similarly, define  $D(t)$  to be the average harvest yield of pears per tree (in pounds per tree) in Michigan  $t$  years after 2005. Find mathematical expressions using the functions  $A(t)$ ,  $B(t)$ ,  $C(t)$  and  $D(t)$  for each of the following quantities:

- i) The number of apple and pear trees in Michigan in 2013.

*Solution:*  $A(8) + B(8)$

- ii) The total number of pounds of apple harvested in Michigan in 2005.

*Solution:*  $A(0)C(0)$

- iii) The average harvest yield of pears per tree (in pounds per tree) in Michigan  $k$  **decades after 2010** (1 decade = 10 years).

*Solution:*  $D(5 + 10k)$