

7.) The populations of Michigan and Arizona between the years of 1960 and 1990 can be modeled by the following functions, where t is the number of years since 1960, and the units of the population is in millions.

Michigan: $f(t) = 7.8(1.0058)^t$; Arizona: $g(t) = 1.3(1.035)^t$

- (a) (3 pts) [No sentence necessary.] Over the 30 year period, what was the annual percent growth rate for the population of Arizona?

3.5%

How much greater was that than the corresponding rate for Michigan?

$$\frac{3.50}{-0.58} = 2.92\%$$

- (b) (2 pts) What was the difference in the two populations in 1960? [No sentence needed.]

$$\frac{7.8}{-1.3} = 6.5 \text{ million people}$$

- (c) (4 pts) If the two states continue to grow according to the patterns given above, will there be a time when the population of Arizona will surpass that of Michigan? If not, explain (mathematically) why not. If so, give the year. [Show your work and express your answer in sentence form.]

$$7.8(1.0058)^t = 1.3(1.035)^t \rightarrow \ln\left(\frac{7.8}{1.3}\right) = t \ln\left(\frac{1.035}{1.0058}\right) \rightarrow t = \frac{\ln(6.0)}{\ln(1.027)} \rightarrow t = 62.6$$

$$\frac{7.8}{1.3} = \left(\frac{1.035}{1.0058}\right)^t$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1960 \\ + 62.6 \\ \hline 2022.6 \end{array}$$

Yes, in the year 2022 the population of Arizona would surpass the population of Michigan.

- (d) (2 pts) How many people would the model predict for the population of Michigan in the 2000 census? [No sentence necessary—show work.]

In 2000, $t = 40$, so

$$7.8(1.0058)^{40} = 9.83 \text{ million people}$$

- (e) (2 pts) Interpret, in the context of this problem, the meaning of $g^{-1}(2)$. [Sentence form, of course.]

In this model, $g^{-1}(2)$ gives the year that the population of Arizona will have 2 million people.

- (f) (3 pts) According to the model above, in what year was the population of Michigan 5 million people? [Show work and express answer in sentence form.]

We want $5 = 7.8(1.0058)^t \rightarrow \frac{5}{7.8} = (1.0058)^t$

$$\text{so } t \cdot \ln(1.0058) = \ln\left(\frac{5}{7.8}\right) \rightarrow t = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{5}{7.8}\right)}{\ln(1.0058)}$$

$$t = -76.89$$

According to this model, the population of Michigan was 5 million people in the year 1883!

$$\begin{array}{r} 1960.00 \\ - 76.89 \\ \hline 1883.11 \end{array}$$