

5. [10 points] Let us consider the following functions, which concern the productivity of a soybean farm. Bushels are a unit of volume often used to measure a farm's yield.
- Let $Y(b)$ be the yield, in bushels of soybeans, of the farm in the year 2019 when it is infested with b beetles.
 - Let $R(s)$ be the revenue, in dollars, of the farm in the year 2019 when it yields s bushels of soybeans.

The functions $Y(b)$ and $R(s)$ are differentiable and invertible.

- a. [2 points] Use a complete sentence to give a practical interpretation of the equation

$$R(Y(1,200)) = 75,000.$$

Solution: This equation tells us that when the farm is infested with 1,200 beetles in 2019, its revenue that year is \$75,000.

- b. [4 points] Write a single equation representing the following statement in terms of the functions Y , R , and/or their inverses:

If there are 1,600 beetles, then the farm yields 200 bushels of soybeans fewer than are necessary for a revenue of \$64,000 in the year 2019.

Solution:

$$Y(1,600) = R^{-1}(64,000) - 200.$$

- c. [4 points] Complete the following sentence to give a practical interpretation of the equation

$$Y'(1,000) = -0.1.$$

If the beetle population was 1,000 rather than 950...

Solution: Since $1,000 - 950 = 50$, the equation $Y'(1,000) = -0.1$ tells us that $Y(1,000)$ is about $0.1 \cdot 50 = 5$ less than $Y(950)$. Therefore we may complete the sentence as follows:

If the beetle population was 1,000 rather than 950, the farm would yield about 5 fewer bushels of soybeans in 2019.