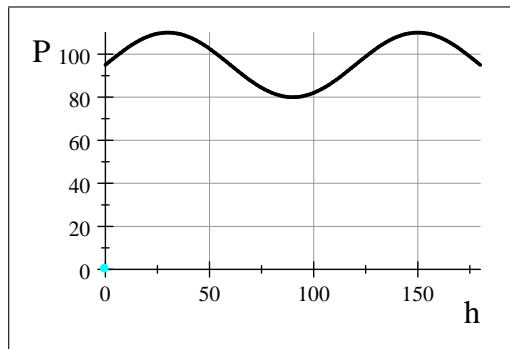




Problems 5 and 6 refer to the graph below. The graph gives Jerome's weight in pounds as a function  $f$  of the number  $n$  days after January 1, 2012.



- 5 pts 5.   **C**   Which of the following statements is a correct interpretation of  $117 = f(140)$ ?
- (a) The expression means 117 equals  $f$  times 140.
  - (b) The expression means an input of 140 pounds produces an output of 117 days since January 1, 2012.
  - (c) The expression means an input of 140 days since January 1, 2012 produces an output of 117 pounds.
  - (d) Both Statements (a) and (b) are true.
  - (e) Both Statements (a) and (c) are true.
- 5 pts 6.   **C**   What is the solution to the equation  $80 = f(n)$ ?
- (a)  $n = \frac{90}{f}$  days since January 1, 2012
  - (b)  $n \approx 82$  pounds
  - (c)  $n \approx 90$  days since January 1, 2012
  - (d) Both Statements (a) and (b) are true.
  - (e) Both Statements (a) and (c) are true.
- 5 pts 7.   **C**   If  $f(t) = \frac{2}{t}$  and  $g(u) = u - 1$ , then what is the rule defining the function  $h = g \circ f$ ?
- (a)  $h(u) = \left(\frac{2}{u}\right)(u - 1)$
  - (b)  $h(t) = \left(\frac{2}{t}\right)(t - 1)$
  - (c)  $h(t) = \frac{2}{t} - 1$
  - (d)  $h(u) = \frac{2}{u - 1} - 1$
  - (e)  $h(u) = \frac{2}{u - 1}$
- 5 pts 8.   **E**   If  $y = h(x) = 3x + 1$ , then what steps must be followed to create the rule defining the function  $h^{-1}$ ?
- (a) Take the reciprocal of  $y$ .
  - (b) Divide  $y$  by 3, then subtract 1 from the result.
  - (c) Take the reciprocal of  $y$ , multiply the result by 3, and then subtract 1.
  - (d) Add 3 to  $y$ , then multiply the result by  $x$ .
  - (e) Subtract 1 from  $y$ , then divide the result by 3.

5 pts 9.     C     Suppose that  $y = f(x)$  defines the values of  $y$  as a function of the values of  $x$ . Which of the following expressions gives the average rate of change for  $f$  as the values of  $x$  change from  $x = -2$  to  $x = 5$ ?

(a)  $\frac{f(5) + f(2)}{3}$       (b)  $f(5) + f(2)$

(c)  $\frac{f(5) - f(-2)}{7}$       (d) 7

(e)  $\frac{f(-2) - f(5)}{3}$

5 pts 10.     D     For the table below, which of the following statements is correct?

$x$	0.0	1.0	7.5	1.0
$y$	1.0	2.0	2.0	7.5

- (a) In the relation,  $x$  is **not** a function of  $y$ , but  $y$  is a function of  $x$ .
- (b) In the relation,  $x$  is a function of  $y$ , and  $y$  is a function of  $x$ .
- (c) In the relation,  $x$  is a function of  $y$ , but  $y$  is **not** a function of  $x$ .
- (d) In the relation,  $x$  is **not** a function of  $y$ , and  $y$  is **not** a function of  $x$ .
- (e) There is not enough information to tell whether one variable is a function of the other.

5 pts 11.     A     After completing a pit stop, a racecar pulls back onto the racetrack. Let  $f$  be the function that gives the distance in feet that race car has traveled since leaving the pit with respect to the time  $t$  in seconds since the racecar left the pit. Which of the following statements is true about the expression  $f(5) - f(3)$ ?

- I.** It is true that  $f(5) - f(3)$  is the change in distance traveled whenever  $\Delta t = 2$  seconds.
  - II.** It is true that  $f(5) - f(3) = f(2)$ .
  - III.** It is true that  $f(5) - f(3)$  is the change in distance traveled from  $t = 3$  to  $t = 5$  seconds since leaving the pit.
- (a) Only Statement III is true.                      (b) Only Statement II is true.
  - (c) Statements I and II are true.                  (d) Statements II and III are true.
  - (e) All three statements are true.

10 pts 12. Construct the output formula for the function  $g \circ f$  if we know that  $y = f(x) = 2\sqrt{x}$  and  $u = g(y) = \frac{y}{y-1}$ . You must use proper function notation for full credit.

**Solution.** Based on the output formulas given, we know

$$u = g(f(x)) \implies u = g(2\sqrt{x}) \implies u = \frac{2\sqrt{x}}{2\sqrt{x} - 1}$$

Therefore, the output formula for  $g \circ f$  is  $u = g(f(x)) = \frac{2\sqrt{x}}{2\sqrt{x} - 1}$ .

- 10 pts 13. If  $w = h(t) = \frac{2t + 3}{5}$ , construct the inverse function for  $h$ . You must show your steps and use proper function notation for full credit.

**Solution.** There are two ways to approach this problem ...both of which are really equivalent. We could list the steps in the process that transforms the values of  $t$  into the values of  $w$  and then reverse those steps to determine the output formula for  $h^{-1}$ . We could also solve the equation relating  $w$  and  $t$  for the variable  $t$ .

#### THE STEP METHOD

The process named  $h$  is

**STEP 1:** Take the value of  $t$  and multiply it by 2.

**STEP 2:** Take the result of Step 1 and add 3 to it.

**STEP 3:** Take the result of Step 2 and divide it by 5.

The process named  $h^{-1}$  is

**STEP 1:** Take the value of  $w$  and multiply it by 5.

**STEP 2:** Take the result of Step 1 and subtract 3 from it.

**STEP 3:** Take the result of Step 2 and divide it by 2.

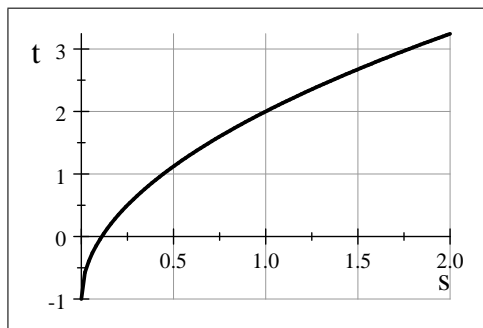
Translating these steps into algebra gives us the output formula for  $h^{-1}$ . In particular,  $t = h^{-1}(w) = \frac{5w - 3}{2}$ .

#### SOLVING THE EQUATION FOR $t$

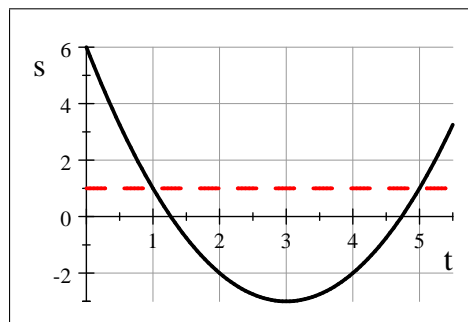
$$\begin{aligned} w = \frac{2t - 3}{5} &\implies 5w = 2t + 3 \\ &\implies 5w - 3 = 2t \\ &\implies \frac{5w - 3}{2} = t \end{aligned}$$

Once again, we see that the output formula for  $h^{-1}$  is given by  $t = h^{-1}(w) = \frac{5w - 3}{2}$ .

14. The function  $f$  below gives  $t$  as a function of  $s$ , and the function  $g$  below gives  $s$  as a function of  $t$ .



Graph of  $f$



Graph of  $g$

5 pts (a) If possible, evaluate  $g(f^{-1}(1))$ . If it is not possible, explain why.

**Solution.** Based on the graphs given, we see that the function  $f$  has an inverse ... because its graph passes the horizontal line test. Now,  $f(0.5) = 1$ , so we know that  $f^{-1}(1) = 0.5$ . Therefore,  $g(f^{-1}(1)) = g(0.5) = 4$ .

5 pts (b) If possible, evaluate  $f(g^{-1}(1))$ . If it is not possible, explain why.

**Solution.** The graph of the function  $g$  fails the horizontal line test; we must therefore conclude that  $g$  does not have an inverse. It is not possible to evaluate this expression.

5 pts (c) If possible, find all solutions to the equation  $f(g(t)) = 2$  for the variable  $t$ . If it is not possible, explain why.

**Solution.** The equation  $f(g(t)) = 2$  tells us we must have  $g(t) = 1$ , since  $f(1) = 2$ . The dashed line  $s = 1$  shown above intersects the graph of  $g$  at two points, namely  $(1, 1)$  and  $(5, 1)$ . Consequently, there are two solutions to the equation, namely  $t = 1$  and  $t = 5$ .

10 pts 15. What is the domain of the function  $f$  defined by the output formula  $y = f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{2x-1}}{x-1}$ ? You must show your work for full credit.

**Solution.** First, notice that there will be division by 0 when  $x - 1 = 0$ , and this occurs when  $x = 1$ . We therefore know that  $x = 1$  must be excluded from the domain of the function. Next, observe that there will be square roots of negative numbers when  $2x - 1 < 0$ , and this occurs when  $x < 1/2$ . We must therefore exclude all values of  $x$  that are smaller than  $1/2$  from the domain of the function. The domain of  $f$  will therefore be all  $x \geq 1/2$  EXCEPT for  $x = 1$ .