Math 251

Inverse Functions

Name:

Show all relevant work!

1. The following table shows values for the function f.

x	-6	-3	-1	0	1	4	7
f(x)	-6	-5	0	2	4	7	9

- (a) Find f(4).
- (b) Solve f(x) = 4.
- (c) Solve f(x) = x.
- (d) Find $f^{-1}(9)$.
- (e) Solve $f^{-1}(x) = 0$.
- 2. Use the exponential function, g(x), graphed below to answer the given questions.
 - (a) Estimate g(0).
 - (b) Estimate g(2).
 - (c) Estimate $g^{-1}(1)$.
 - (d) Estimate $g^{-1}(5)$.
 - (e) Estimate $g^{-1}(5.5)$.





4. If
$$g(x) = 2^x + \sqrt{x} - 1$$
, find $g^{-1}(17)$.



5. Suppose P = f(t) gives the population of a city in millions of people as a function of time in years since 1950. (a) Give the units and interpret the meaning of f(30) = 9.2.

(b) Give the units and interpret the meaning of $f^{-1}(15) = 49$.