Lesson 4.3 (Fall 2009)

Objectives: Determine if two functions are inverses.
Find the inverse of a function.
Determine if a function is one-to-one.

EXAMPLE: Let f(x) = 3x + 2 and g(x) = $\frac{x-2}{3}$.

Find: f(0) and g(2) f(2) and g(8)

f(-4) and g(-10) f(g(x)) and g(f(x)).

These are inverse functions.

Inverse Functions

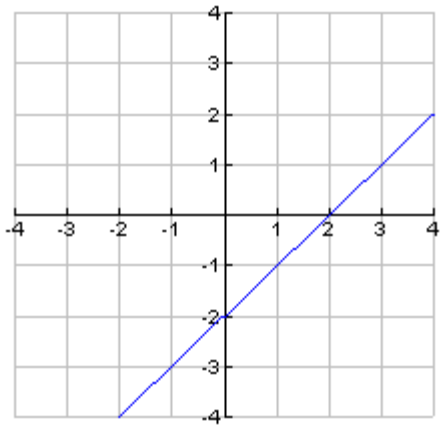
Functions *f* and *g* for which $f(g(x)) = x$ for all *x* in the domain of *g*, and $g(f(x)) = x$ for all *x* in the domain of *f*, are called inverse functions. f^{-1} is read as "*f* inverse".

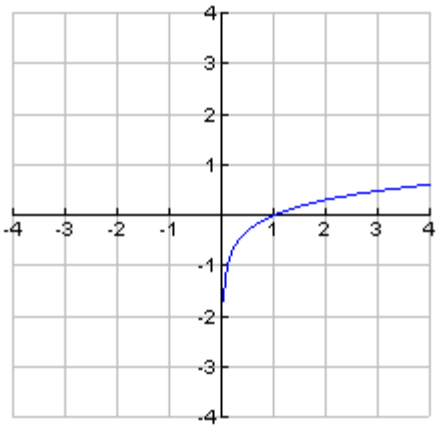
If *f* and *g* are inverse functions then whenever the pair *(a,b)* satisfies *y = f(x)*, then the pair *(b,a)* satisfies *y = g(x).*

EXAMPLE; Find the inverse of the following set of ordered pairs.

{(0,1), (2, 3), (3, 4), (4, 5)}

Given the graph of f below, draw the graph of f^{-1}.





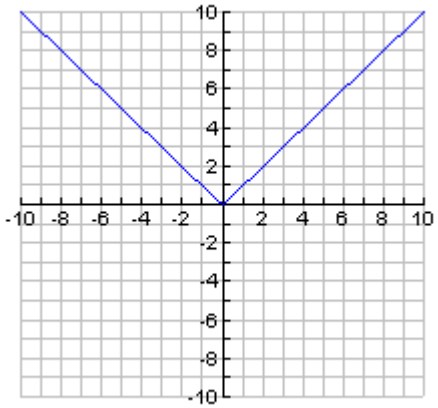
One-to-One Function

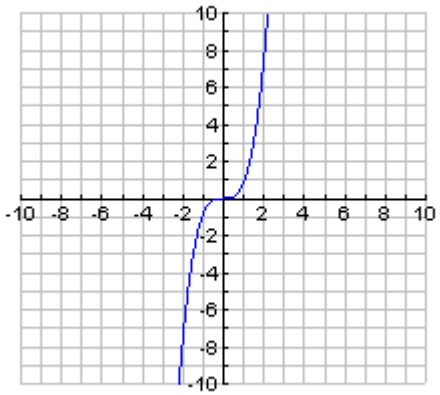
A one-to-one function has exactly one output for each input and exactly one input for each output. This means there is a one-to-one correspondence between the independent and dependent variables defining the function. Every one-to-one function has an inverse function.

Graphically – Horizontal Line Test

A function is one-to-one if no horizontal line can intersect the graph of the function in more than one point.

EXAMPLE: Are the following one-to-one?





Finding the Inverse of a Function

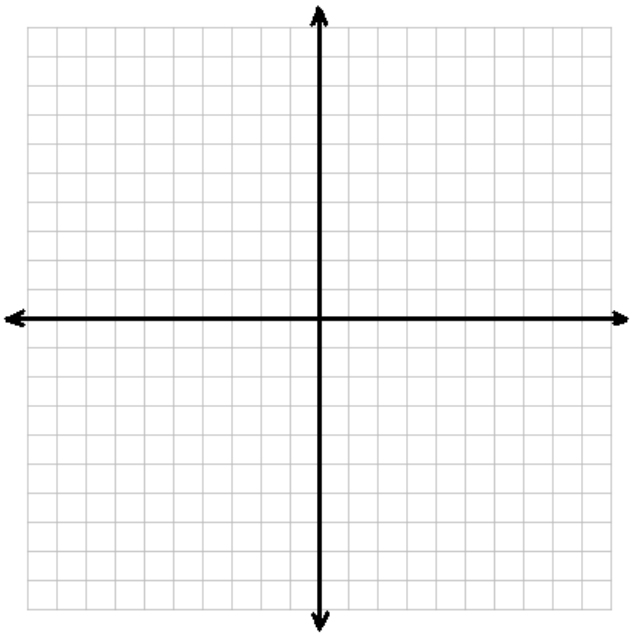
1. Rewrite the function replacing *f(x)* with *y*.
2. Interchange *x* and *y* in the equation defining the function.
3. Solve the new equation for *y*. If this equation cannot be solved uniquely for *y*, the original function has no inverse function.
4. Replace y with $f^{-1}(x)$

EXAMPLE: Find the inverse of:

a) $f(x) = 3x + 7$ b) $f(x) = 3x^3 - 2$

c) Verify that b above is the inverse by showing that $f(g(x))=x$ and $g(f(x))=x$.

EXAMPLE: Graph $y = \frac{2x-1}{3}$ and its inverse on the same axes.



Graphs of Inverse Functions

The graph of a function and its inverse are symmetric with respect to the line y = x.

Inverse Function on Limited Domain

If original function is not 1-to-1, the domain may reduced so that it becomes 1-to-1

Find the inverse of $f(x) = x^2 - 4$ for $x \geq 0$.

Example #46 The surface area of a cube is $y = 6x^2$ sq. cm, where x is the length of the edge of the cube in cm.

a. For what values of x does this model make sense? Is the model a 1-1 function for these values of x?

b. What is the inverse of this function on this interval?

c. How could the inverse function be used?

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