

6-4 Inverse Functions

Objectives:

-I can find the inverse of a given function graphically and algebraically

-I can analyze the domain of a function and its inverse

Inverse of a Relation

The **inverse of a relation** consisting of the ordered pairs (x, y) is the set of all ordered pairs (y, x) .

Notation:

$$f^{-1}(x)$$

Represents the inverse of the function $f(x)$

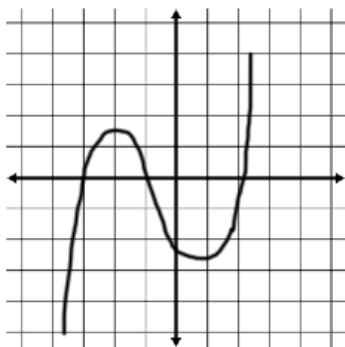
$$\begin{array}{c} (2, 5) \\ \swarrow \searrow \\ (5, 2) \end{array}$$

Horizontal-Line Test

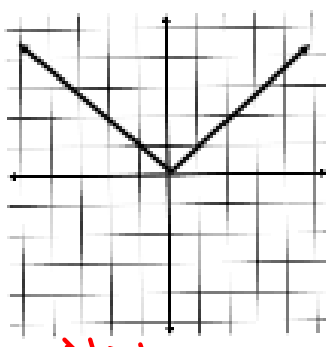
The inverse of a function is a function if and only if every horizontal line intersects the graph of the given function (passed the vertical-line test) at no more than one point.

If a function passes both the vertical line test AND the horizontal line test, then it is a one-to-one function.

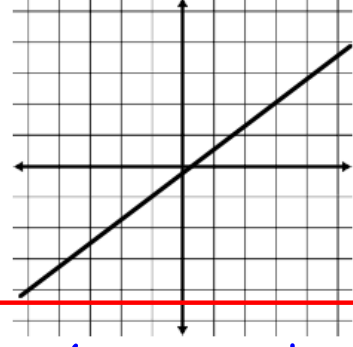
Horizontal line test



Not one-to-one



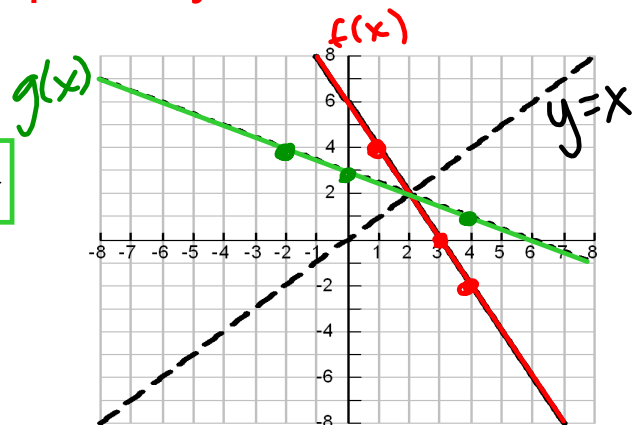
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Yes, one-to-one

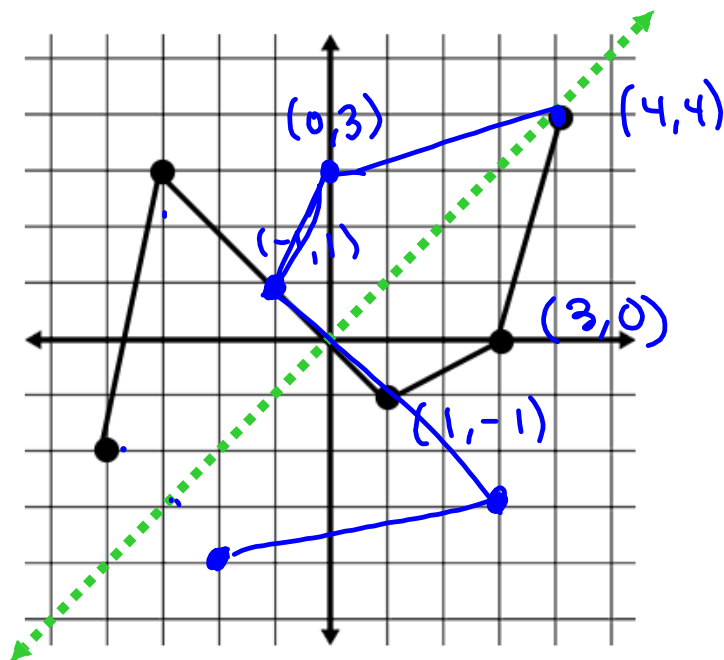
Inverses - graphically

Show $f(x) = 6 - 2x$ and $g(x) = \frac{6-x}{2}$ are inverses graphically.



$f(x):$	$(1,4)$	$(3,0)$	$(4,-2)$
	$\swarrow \searrow$	$\swarrow \searrow$	$\swarrow \searrow$
$g(x):$	$(4,1)$	$(0,3)$	$(-2,4)$

Graph the inverse of the graph. (Use $y=x$ to find inverse points)



To find the inverse equation of a function

1. Change $f(x)$ to y .
2. Interchange x and y
3. Solve for y
4. Change new y to $f^{-1}(x)$

Find the inverse of each function

$$f(x) = x^2 + 1$$

$$x = y^2 + 1$$

$$\sqrt{x-1} = \sqrt{y^2}$$

$$\sqrt{x-1} = y$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt{x-1}$$

1. $h(x) = 2x^3 + 3$

2. $x = 2y^3 + 3$

3. $\frac{(x-3)}{2} = y^3$

$$\sqrt[3]{\frac{(x-3)}{2}} = \sqrt[3]{y^3}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{\frac{x-3}{2}} = y$$

4. $h^{-1}(x) = \sqrt[3]{\frac{x-3}{2}}$

$$1. \quad \cancel{g(x)}^y = \sqrt[3]{x} - 3$$

$$2. \quad x = \sqrt[3]{y} - 3$$

+3 +3

$$3. \quad (x+3)^3 = \cancel{\sqrt[3]{y}}^3$$

$$4. \quad \boxed{g^{-1}(x) = (x+3)^3 = y}$$

$$\cancel{g(x)}^y = \frac{x+1}{2x+3}$$

$$(2y+3)x = \frac{(y+1)(2y+3)}{\cancel{2y+3}}$$

$$2xy + 3x = y + 1$$

-y -y

$$2xy - y + 3x = 1$$

-3x -3x

$$2xy - y = -3x + 1$$

$$\cancel{y}(2x-1) = \frac{-3x+1}{\cancel{2x-1}}$$

$$y = \frac{(-3x+1)}{(2x-1)} = g^{-1}(x)$$

1. get rid of denominator by multiplying

2. move y's to the same side

3. move anything w/out y to other side

4. Factor out a y

$$(4) \quad y = \frac{2x-3}{x+1}$$

$$(y+1)x = \frac{2y-3}{(y+1)}(y+1)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} xy+1x = 2y-3 \\ -2y \quad -2y \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} xy-2y+x = -3 \\ -x \quad -x \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$xy-2y = -x-3$$

$$\begin{array}{r} y(x-2) = -x-3 \\ (x-2) \quad x-2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$y = \frac{-x-3}{x-2}$$

1. What are the 4 steps to finding inverses?

1. Change $f(x)$ to y
2. Switch x & y
3. Solve for y
4. Change y to $f^{-1}(x)$

2. Find the inverse of: $f(x) = 3x - 2$

$$\begin{array}{r} x = 3y - 2 \\ +2 \quad +2 \\ \hline \frac{x+2}{3} = \frac{3y}{3} \end{array}$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x+2}{3}$$

3. Find the inverse of: $f(x) = \frac{x+2}{3}$

$$3x = \frac{(y+2)}{3}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x = y+2 \\ -2 \\ \hline 3x-2 = y \end{array}$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = 3x - 2$$

4. Find the inverse of: $f(x) = \frac{x+2}{x-3}$

$$f(x) = \frac{x+2}{x-3}$$

$$(y-3)x = \frac{y+2}{(y-3)}(y-3)$$

$$xy - 3x = y + 2$$

$$xy - y - 3x = 2$$

$$xy - y = 3x + 2$$

$$y \cdot \frac{(x-1)}{(x-1)} = \frac{3x+2}{(x-1)}$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{3x+2}{(x-1)} = \frac{-3x-2}{1-x} = \frac{-1(3x+2)}{-1(x-1)}$$

Due at the end of class:

- White "warm-up" paper (4 questions)
- Factoring Practice Worksheet

$$-\frac{4}{3}y = \frac{-4y}{3}$$