

MA115 :: Section 2.8 :: Inverse Functions

$$\frac{x+3}{3x+10}$$

Warm-up 1: If $f(g(x)) = 6(\underline{x^7} + \underline{7})^9$ and $g(x) = x^7 + 7$, find $f(x)$.

$$f(x) = 6x^9$$

$$g\left(\frac{1}{x+3}\right) = \boxed{\frac{1}{x+3} + 3}$$

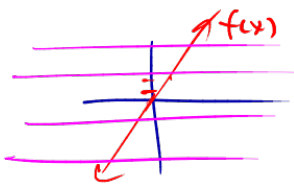
Warm-up 2: If $f(\underline{x}) = x + 3$ and $g(x) = \frac{1}{\underline{x} + 3}$, find

$$(f \circ g)(2) \text{ and } (g \circ g)(x)$$

$$f(g(x)) = f\left(\frac{1}{x+3}\right) = \boxed{\frac{1}{x+3} + 3} \left(\frac{x+3}{x+3}\right) = \frac{1+3x+9}{x+3} = \frac{3x+10}{x+3} \quad (\star)$$

$$f(g(2)) = \frac{6+10}{2+3} = \frac{16}{5} = 3.2$$

⚠ #4 satisfies the horiz line test.
 don't satisfy V.L.T



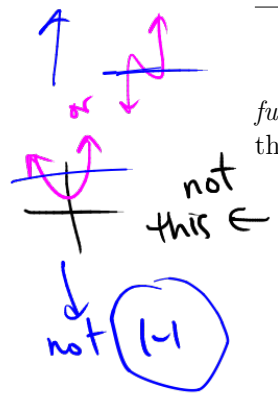
Ex. $y = 2x$ as a function.
 $f(x) = 2x$
 what's the inverse function? f^{-1}

MA115 :: Section 2.8 :: Inverse Functions

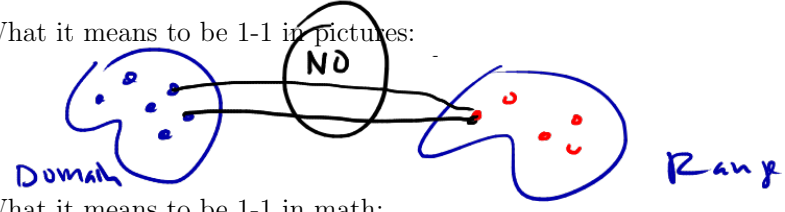
For **certain** functions, there is an equal and opposite function, an *inverse function*. This function "undoes" whatever the function has done. Functions that have inverses are called *one-to-one*.

$f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$ not $\frac{1}{f}$

Here:
 $g(x) = \frac{1}{2}x$
 $g(f(x)) = \frac{1}{2}(2x) = x$



1. What it means to be 1-1 in words: *never take on the same value twice*
2. What it means to be 1-1 in pictures:



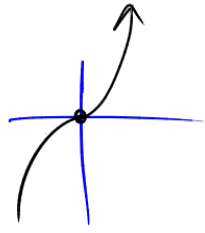
3. What it means to be 1-1 in math:

If $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ then $x_1 = x_2$

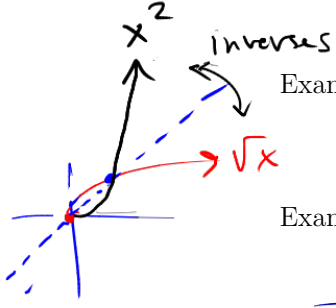
4. What it means to be 1-1 in a graph: see ⚠

⚠ useful when you have some formula.
 still (1-1)
 $x(x^2 + 1)$
 $x^3 + x$
 $x^3 - x$
not 1-1.

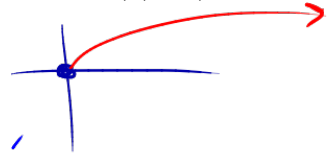
Example: $f(x) = x^3$



Example: $f(x) = |x|$



Example: $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$



Example: $f(x) = ax + b$

constants

lines always 1-1.

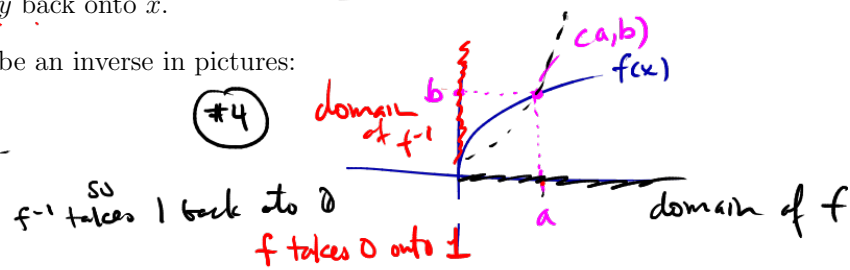
The Inverse of a Function

If f is a 1-1 function with domain A and range B, then its *inverse function* f^{-1} has domain B and range A and is defined by

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

- ① What it means to be an inverse in words: if f takes x onto y , then f^{-1} takes y back onto x .

2. What it means to be an inverse in pictures:



3. To find the inverse for specific values: If $f(0) = 1, f(2) = 3, f(4) = 5$, then if f is 1-1 then

$$f^{-1}(1) = \underline{0} \quad f^{-1}(3) = \underline{2} \quad f^{-1}(5) = \underline{4}$$

4. What it means to be 1-1 in a graph:

$$\bullet (a, b) \in \text{graph}(f) \iff (b, a) \in \text{graph}(f^{-1})$$

5. To verify that two functions are inverses: $f(x) = x^2, g(x) = \sqrt{x}$.

$$f(g(x)) = f(\sqrt{x}) = (\sqrt{x})^2 = x$$

$$g(f(x)) = g(x^2) = \sqrt{x^2} = x$$

check: $f^{-1}(f(x)) = f^{-1}(5x+3) = \frac{1}{5}(5x+3) - \frac{3}{5} = x + \frac{3}{5} - \frac{3}{5} = x$

MA115 :: Section 2.8 :: Inverse Functions

How to find the inverse of a 1-1 function

1. Set $y = f(x)$
2. Solve for x
3. Interchange x and y , to get $y = f^{-1}(x)$

multiply by 5, then add 3

multiply by 1/5 then subtract 3/5

Example: Find the inverse of $f(x) = 5x + 3$

$$y = 5x + 3$$

$$y - 3 = 5x$$

$$\frac{1}{5}y - \frac{3}{5}$$

$$= \frac{y-3}{5} = x$$

step 3:

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{5}x - \frac{3}{5}$$

Example: Find the inverse of $f(x) = \sqrt{x+3}$

$$y = \sqrt{x+3}$$

$$y^2 = x+3$$

$$y^2 - 3 = x$$

$$\text{so } y = x^2 - 3 \quad \& \quad f^{-1}(x) = x^2 - 3$$

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

check:

!!

Example: Find the inverse of

$$f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x+6}}{7-\sqrt{x}}$$

$$y = \frac{\sqrt{x+6}}{7-\sqrt{x}}$$

cross mult.

$$y(7-\sqrt{x}) = \sqrt{x+6}$$

$$7y - y\sqrt{x} = \sqrt{x+6}$$

$$7y - 6 = y\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x} = \sqrt{x}(y+1)$$

so

$$\frac{7y-6}{y+1} = \sqrt{x}$$

$$\left(\frac{7y-6}{y+1}\right)^2 = x$$

4

what's goal?
solve for x.

now square both sides

$$f^{-1}(x) = \left(\frac{7x-6}{x+1}\right)^2$$

let's check a few points:

$$f(1) = \frac{\sqrt{1+6}}{7-\sqrt{1}} = \frac{7}{6}$$

$$f^{-1}\left(\frac{7}{6}\right) = \left(\frac{7\left(\frac{7}{6}\right)-6}{\frac{7}{6}+1}\right)^2$$

$$= \left(\frac{\frac{49}{6}-\frac{36}{6}}{\frac{7}{6}+\frac{6}{6}}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\frac{13}{6}}{\frac{13}{6}}\right)^2 = 1^2 = 1$$

MA115 :: Section 2.8 :: Inverse Functions

Warm-up 1: If $f(g(x)) = 6(x^7 + 7)^9$ and $g(x) = x^7 + 7$, find $f(x)$.

f takes $g(x)$ and ... raises it to the 9th, then multiplies by 6 so ... $f(x) = 6x^9$

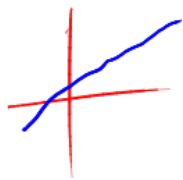
Warm-up 2: If $f(\underline{x}) = x + 3$ and $g(x) = \frac{1}{x+3}$, find

$f(g(2)) = (f \circ g)(2)$ _____ and $(g \circ g)(x)$ _____

$$f(g(x)) = f\left(\frac{1}{x+3}\right) = \boxed{\frac{1}{x+3} + 3} = \frac{1}{x+3} + \frac{3(x+3)}{(x+3)} = \frac{3x+10}{x+3}, \text{ now plug } x=2$$

$$f(g(2)) = \frac{16}{5} = 3.2$$

$$g(g(x)) = g\left(\frac{1}{x+3}\right) = \boxed{\frac{1}{\frac{1}{x+3} + 3}} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{3x+10}{x+3}\right)} = \boxed{\frac{x+3}{3x+10}}$$



or



ex.1 $f(x) = 2x$. The inverse function $f^{-1}(x)$

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

f^{-1} undoes f .

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

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

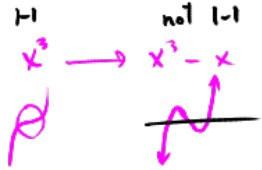
doesn't mean $\frac{1}{f}$

MA115 :: Section 2.8 :: Inverse Functions

For **certain** functions, there is an equal and opposite function, an *inverse function*. This function "undoes" whatever the function has done. Functions that have inverses are called *one-to-one*.

1. What it means to be 1-1 in words: never take on the same value twice
2. What it means to be 1-1 in pictures:

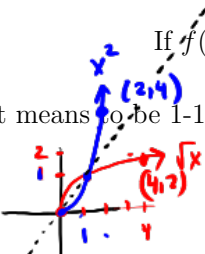
3. What it means to be 1-1 in math:



If $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ then $x_1 = x_2$

4. What it means to be 1-1 in a graph:

f & f^{-1} are symmetric about line $y=x$.



Example: $f(x) = x^3$



Example: $f(x) = |x|$



not 1-1

Example: $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$



yes

Example: $f(x) = ax + b$

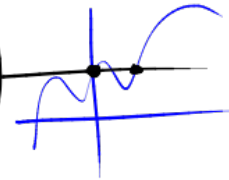
constant — constant

yes, lines are 1-1

(assuming $a \neq 0$)

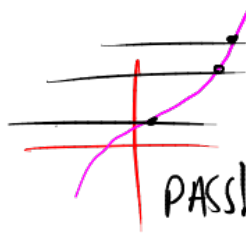
Yes if graph satisfies HORIZONTAL LINE TEST

not 1-1



FAILS!

1-1



PASS!

The Inverse of a Function

Ⓐ If f is a 1-1 function with domain A and range B , then its *inverse function* f^{-1} has domain B and range A and is defined by



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

$$f: x \longrightarrow y$$

$$x \longleftarrow y: f^{-1}$$



1. What it means to be an inverse in words: if f takes x onto y , then f^{-1} takes y back onto x .

2. What it means to be an inverse in pictures:

3. f is 1-1 —
To find the inverse for specific values: If $f(0) = 1, f(2) = 3, f(4) = 5$, then

$$f^{-1}(1) = 0 \quad f^{-1}(3) = 2 \quad f^{-1}(5) = 4$$

4. What it means to be 1-1 in a graph:

$$\star \quad (a, b) \in \text{graph}(f) \iff (b, a) \in \text{graph}(f^{-1})$$

5. To verify that two functions are inverses: $f(x) = x^2, g(x) = \sqrt{x}$.

check: $f \circ g(x) = x$

$$f(g(x)) = f(\sqrt{x})$$

$$g(f(x)) = g(x^2) = \sqrt{x^2} = x \quad \text{yes!} \quad = (\sqrt{x})^2 = x$$

Verify: $f \circ f^{-1}(x) = x \dots f^{-1}(f(x)) = \frac{1}{5}(5x+3) - \frac{3}{5} = x + \frac{3}{5} - \frac{3}{5} = \underline{x}$

MA115 :: Section 2.8 :: Inverse Functions

How to find the inverse of a 1-1 function

1. Set $y = f(x)$
2. Solve for x
3. Interchange x and y , to get $y = f^{-1}(x)$

$f(x)$: multiply by 5, add 3

$f^{-1}(x)$: mult. by $\frac{1}{5}$
then subtract $\frac{3}{5}$

Example: Find the inverse of $f(x) = 5x + 3$

$y = f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{5}x - \frac{3}{5}$

$y = 5x + 3$

$y - 3 = 5x$

$x = \frac{y-3}{5} = \frac{y}{5} - \frac{3}{5}$

Example: Find the inverse of $f(x) = \sqrt{x+3}$

$y = \sqrt{x+3}$

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

$y^2 - 3 = x$

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

Example: Find the inverse of $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x}+6}{7-\sqrt{x}}$

cross mult.

$(7-\sqrt{x})y = \sqrt{x} + 6$

$7y - y\sqrt{x} = \sqrt{x} + 6$

$-6 + y\sqrt{x} \quad -6 + y\sqrt{x}$

$7y - 6 = \sqrt{x} + y\sqrt{x} = \sqrt{x}(1+y)$

$\frac{7y-6}{1+y} = \sqrt{x}$ square both sides

goal: isolate x

$f^{-1}(x) = y = \left(\frac{7x-6}{1+x}\right)^2$

$x = \left(\frac{7y-6}{1+y}\right)^2$

check

$\frac{\left(\frac{7x-6}{1+x}\right) + 6\left(\frac{1+x}{1+x}\right)}{\left(\frac{1+x}{1+x}\right) - \frac{7x-6}{1+x}} = x$