

Section 5-3

Inverse Functions

TEST: Friday, Sept. 26th

Definition of Inverse Functions

$$\text{If } \boxed{f(g(x)) = x}$$

and

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

Then $g(x)$ is the inverse of $f(x)$

NOTE:

The inverse is sometimes written $f^{-1}(x)$ however it is not the same as

$$\frac{1}{f(x)}$$

Example :

$$f = \ln x$$
$$g(x) = e^x$$

$$\ln(e^x) = x \quad \leftarrow$$

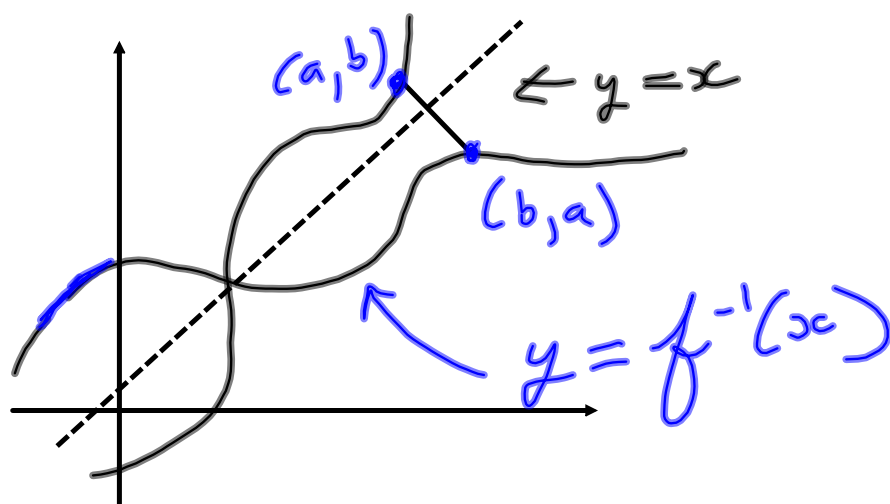
$$e^{\ln x} = x \quad \leftarrow$$

These are
inverses!

Theorem 5-6

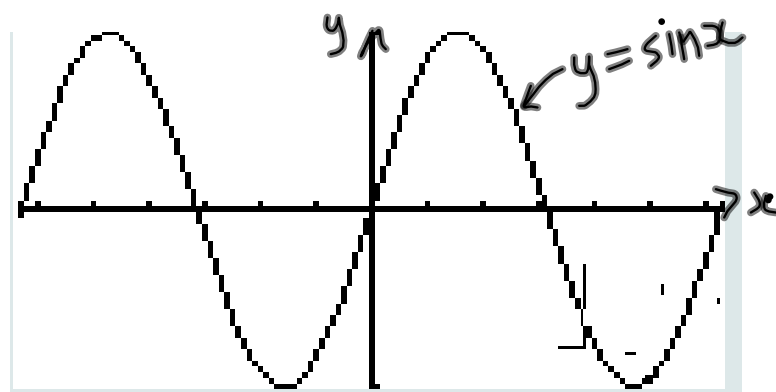
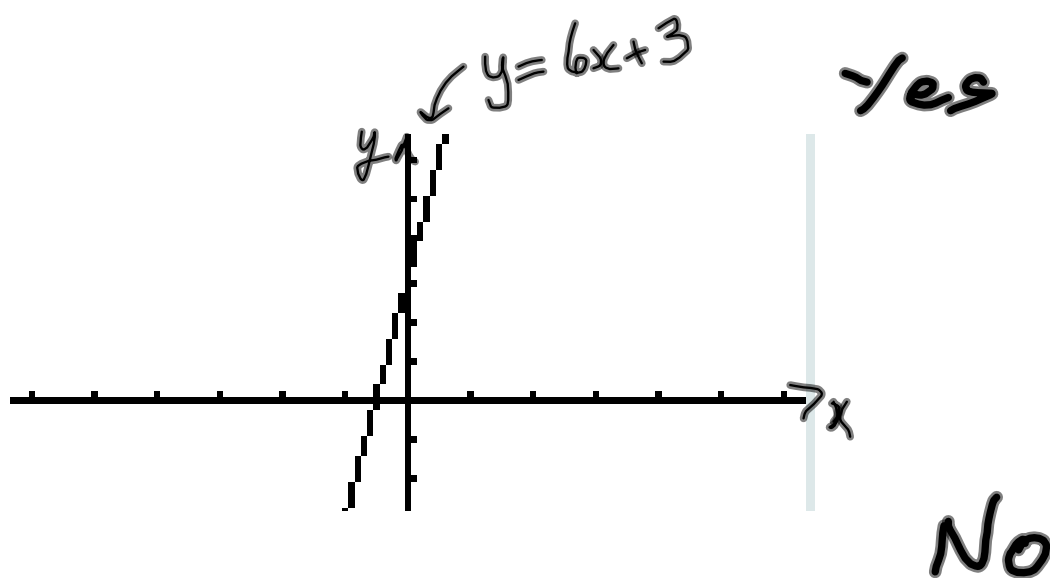
Reflective Property of Inverse Functions

The graph of f contains the point (a,b) iff the graph of f inverse contains the point (b,a)



Horizontal Line Test

A function is one-one if every horizontal line intersects the graph at one point.



Theorem 5-7

The Existence of an Inverse Function

1) A function has an inverse iff it is ONE-ONE

2) If f is strictly Monotonic (always increasing or always decreasing) on its entire domain, then it must be one-one and therefore has an inverse. We may use FDT to test this.

Guidelines for Finding an Inverse Function

- 1) Check to see if its one-one.
- 2) Get y alone.
- 3) Switch x and y .
- 4) Solve for the "new" y .
- 5) Call it $f^{-1}(x)$

Theorem 5-8:

Continuity and Differentiability of Inverse Functions .

1) If f is continuous on its domain, then its inverse is continuous.

2) If f is decreasing, then its inverse must also be decreasing. (same is true for increasing)

3) If f is differentiable on an interval containing c and $f'(c)$ is not equal to 0, then f^{-1} is also differentiable at $f(c)$.

Theorem 5-9

The Derivative of an Inverse Function

Let f be a function that is differentiable on I . If f has an inverse g then $f'(g(x)) \neq 0$ and

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{f'(g(x))}$$

Proof:

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

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

Chain Rule:

$$f'(f^{-1}(x)) \cdot [f^{-1}(x)]' = 1$$

$$[f^{-1}(x)]' = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(x))}$$

$$\text{or } [g(x)]' = \frac{1}{f'(g(x))}$$

Examples: Page 350. SHOW that f and g are inverses

a) Algebraically b) Graphically

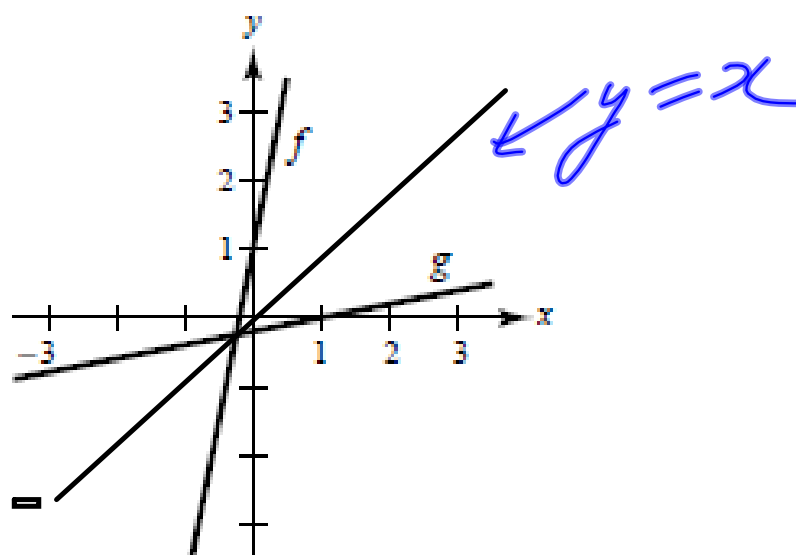
1. (a) $f(x) = 5x + 1$

$$g(x) = \frac{x - 1}{5} \quad \text{or } f^{-1}(x)$$

$$f(g(x)) = f\left(\frac{x - 1}{5}\right) = 5\left(\frac{x - 1}{5}\right) + 1 = x \quad \checkmark$$

$$g(f(x)) = g(5x + 1) = \frac{(5x + 1) - 1}{5} = x \quad \checkmark$$

(b)



- Find the inverse.
- Graph f and f^{-1} .
- Write Domain.

$$\begin{aligned}
 25) \quad f(x) &= x^5 \\
 y &= x^5 \\
 x &= y^{1/5} \\
 y &= x^{1/5} \\
 f^{-1}(x) &= x^{1/5}
 \end{aligned}$$

$D: f \text{ and } f^{-1}$
all reals

$R: f, f^{-1}$
all reals

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Use the Derivative to determine whether the function is strictly monotonic on its entire domain and therefore has an inverse.

$$41) f(x) = 2 - x - x^3$$

$$f'(x) = -1 - 3x^2$$

$$0 = -1 - 3x^2$$

$$3x^2 = -1$$

$$x^2 = -\frac{1}{3}$$

Strictly monotonic, has
inverse.

Use the derivative to determine whether the function is monotonic

$$44) f(x) = \frac{x^4}{4} - 2x^2$$

Critical pts

$$f'(x) = x^3 - 4x$$

$$0 = x(x^2 - 4)$$

$$C.N.'s \quad x = 0, x = \pm 2$$

x	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
$f'(x)$	-	↓	+	↓	-	↓	+
		rel. min		rel max		rel min	

Not Monotonic

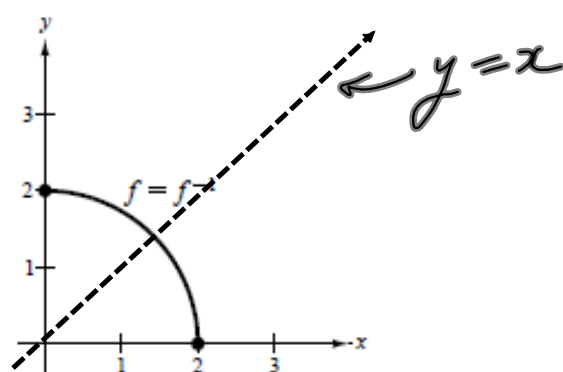
Therefore there is No Inverse

35. $f(x) = \sqrt{4 - x^2} = y, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 2$

$$x = \sqrt{4 - y^2}$$

$$y = \sqrt{4 - x^2}$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt{4 - x^2}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 2$$



Verify that f has an inverse.
Then use the function f and a to find f^{-1} at a .

$$71) f(x) = x^3 - 1, \quad a = 26$$

ONE-ONE function.

$$y = x^3 - 1 \quad f'(x) = 3x^2$$

$$x = y^3 - 1$$

$$x + 1 = y^3$$

$$y = \sqrt[3]{x+1}$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt[3]{x+1} = g(x)$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{f'(g(x))}$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{3(\sqrt[3]{x+1})^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3(\sqrt[3]{27})^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3(9)} = \boxed{\frac{1}{27}}$$

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