

Inverse Functions

If $f(g(x))=x$, $g(f(x))=x \Rightarrow$
 f and g are said to be inverses
of each other.

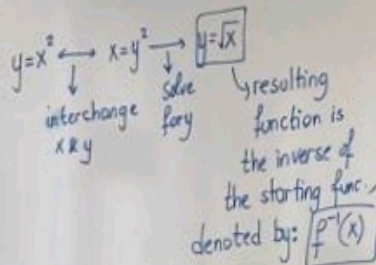
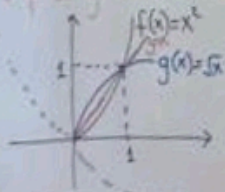
eg $f(x)=x^2$, $g(x)=\sqrt{x}$

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

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

Since
dom of g is \mathbb{R}_+
 $[0, \infty)$

f & g are inverses of each other.



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

inverse func. of f

25 Find the inverse of the following functions:

3-12) $f(x) = \frac{x+2}{5x+4}$

Dom $f: \{x \mid x \neq -\frac{4}{5}\} = (-\infty, -\frac{4}{5}) \cup (-\frac{4}{5}, \infty)$

$$y = \frac{x+2}{5x+4} \leftrightarrow x = \frac{y+2}{5y+4} \rightarrow x(5y+4) = y+2$$

$$y(5x-1) = 2-4x$$

$$y = \frac{2-4x}{5x-1} \Rightarrow f^{-1}(x) = \frac{2-4x}{5x-1}$$

*Note: the domain and range of the original function and its inverse are reversed.

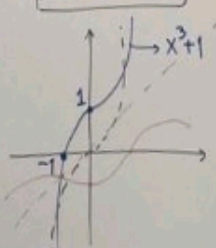
Check that: i) $f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$?
ii) $f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{i) } f(f^{-1}(x)) &= f\left(\frac{2-4x}{5x-1}\right) = \frac{\left(\frac{2-4x}{5x-1}\right)+2}{5\left(\frac{2-4x}{5x-1}\right)+4} = \frac{\frac{2-4x+2(5x-1)}{5x-1}}{\frac{10-20x+20x-4}{5x-1}} \\
 &= \frac{6x}{5x-1} \cdot \frac{5x-1}{6} = x \quad \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$

$$ii) f^{-1}(f(x)) = f^{-1}\left(\frac{x+2}{5x+4}\right) = \frac{2 - 4\left(\frac{x+2}{5x+4}\right)}{5\left(\frac{x+2}{5x+4}\right) - 1}$$

$$= \frac{10x+8-4x-8}{5x+4} = \frac{6x}{5x+4} = \frac{6x}{5x+4} \cdot \frac{5x+4}{6} = x \checkmark$$

3-14) $f(x) = x^3 + 1$



$$y = x^3 + 1 \xrightarrow{x \leftrightarrow y} x = y^3 + 1 \rightarrow y^3 = x - 1$$

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

Claim: i) $f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$? \checkmark
 ii) $f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$? \checkmark

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

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

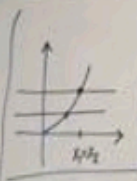
$f(x) = x^3 + 1$ & $f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt[3]{x-1}$
 are inverses of each other.

One-to-one functions:

If $f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 \Rightarrow f$ is 1-1

eg $f(x) = x^2$: $f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1^2 = x_2^2$
 $x_1^2 - x_2^2 = 0$
 $(x_1 - x_2)(x_1 + x_2) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$ (since $x_1 + x_2 \neq 0$)

$x_1 > 0$
 $x_2 > 0$ } Dom: $[0, \infty)$



$f(x) = x^2$ is not 1-1 on $(-\infty, \infty)$ [but it is on $(0, \infty)$]
 $g(x) = x^3$ is 1-1 on $(-\infty, \infty)$

Onto function: Let $f: A \rightarrow B$. If \exists an $x \in A \forall y \in B$ st $f(x) = y \Rightarrow f$ is onto.
 ex $f(x) = 2x + 1$ onto \checkmark
 $g(x) = |x|$ not onto (since $\nexists x \in \mathbb{R} \ni g(x) = -2$).

Thm: A function has an inverse \Leftrightarrow if it is 1-1 and onto.

Ex 3-3: Find the inverse of the function $f(x) = \frac{x-2}{x+1}$ on domain: $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\}$ and range $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{1\}$ (this function is 1-1 & onto in the given domain & range)

Soln: $y = \frac{x-2}{x+1} \xrightarrow{x \leftrightarrow y} x = \frac{y-2}{y+1} \rightarrow x(y+1) = y-2$
 $xy + x = y - 2 \rightarrow xy - y = -x - 2 \rightarrow y(x-1) = -x-2$
 $y = \frac{-x-2}{x-1} = f^{-1}(x)$

HW: Check that:

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

Domain: $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{1\}$
 Range: $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\}$