

MCR3U Unit 1: Introduction to functions

Lesson 1.4: The inverse function

Learning Goals:

I will be able to:

- given a function in equation form, find its inverse
- given a function in graphical form, find its inverse

The inverse function

Let $f(x)$ be a one-to-one function. Then $f^{-1}(x)$ is the inverse function of $f(x)$.

Domain and ranges of inverse functions:

- The domain of $f(x)$ is equal to the range of $f^{-1}(x)$.
- The range of $f(x)$ is equal to the domain of $f^{-1}(x)$.

Steps of finding the inverse of $f(x)$

- 1) exchange the x and y values of $f(x)$
- 2) rearrange the equation to isolate for y .
- 3) the resulting equation is the inverse of $f(x)$.

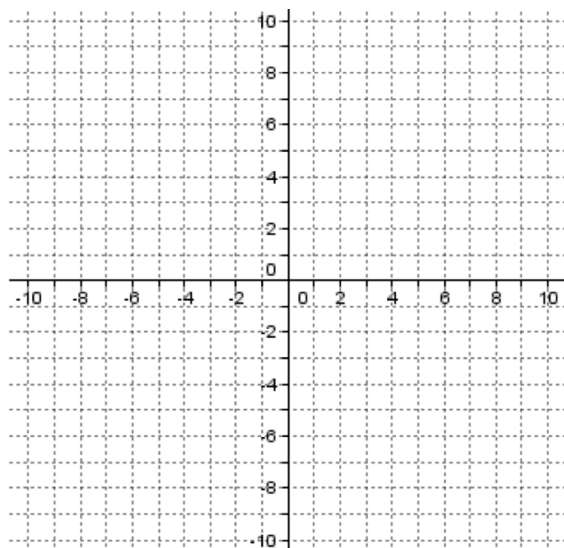
Example 1:

a) Find the inverse of, $g(x) = \frac{1}{x} - 2$, algebraically.


b) Find the inverse of, $g(x) = \sqrt[3]{x} - 3$, algebraically.

c) Plot the pair of each functions in Desmos and see what similarity do you notice graphically.

Example 2: Graph the inverse of $y = 2(x + 4)^2 - 1$



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7.  (a) If $\frac{1}{\cos x} - \tan x = 3$, what is the numerical value of $\sin x$?



(b) Determine all linear functions $f(x) = ax + b$ such that if $g(x) = f^{-1}(x)$ for all values of x , then $f(x) - g(x) = 44$ for all values of x . (Note: f^{-1} is the inverse function of f .)

Practice:

Read textbook 1.5 - The inverse function and its properties

Work on pg. 46 # 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17