

One-to-One (1-1) Function:

Function  $f$  is One-to-One Iff  $f(a) = f(b) \rightarrow a = b$  for all  $a$  and  $b$  in the domain of  $f$ .

Although this is **not to be used in a proof**, 1-1 functions pass the horizontal line test.

That is, you cannot find a horizontal line that passes through the graph at more than one point.

$y = 3x - 1$  is a one-to-one function.

A small partial set of the elements it contains:  $\{(1, 2), (-2, -7), (10, 29), (\sqrt{2}, 3\sqrt{2} - 1)\}$  plus an infinite number of other elements.

If  $y(x) = y(10)$  which is 29, then  $x$  must equal 10

$y = x^2 - 6x + 13$  is a function, but it is not one-to-one.

For example  $y(0) = y(6) = 13$ , but  $0 \neq 6$

To **prove** that a function **IS** one-to-one, we start by stating that:

$f(a) = f(b)$ . Then we must show that as a result, we can arrive at  $a = b$

To **prove** that a function **IS NOT** one-to-one, we must find a **specific counter-example** that defies the definition.

Prove or Disprove that:  $f(x) = 5x + 2$  is 1-1.

Let  $f(a) = f(b)$

$$5a + 2 = 5b + 2$$

$$5a = 5b$$

$$a = b$$

Definition of  $f$

Subtraction of 2

Divide by 5

Therefore,  $f(x)$  is one-to-one because  $f(a) = f(b) \rightarrow a = b$

Q.E.D.

Prove or Disprove that:  $f(x) = 2x^2 + 3$  is 1-1.

$$f(4) = f(-4) = 35, \text{ but } 4 \neq -4$$

Therefore,  $f(x)$  is not one-to-one.

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Inverse Functions:

If  $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = x$ ,  $\forall x$  in the domain of  $(f \circ g)$  and

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Then  $f$  and  $g$  are **inverse** functions of each other.

$$f^{-1}(x) = g(x) \text{ and } g^{-1}(x) = f(x)$$

$f^{-1}(x)$  means **the inverse of  $f(x)$**

Consider the following functions

$G = \{(2, 6), (-3, 4), (5, 1), (3, 2), (0, -1)\}$  and

$F = \{(6, 2), (4, -3), (1, 5), (2, 3), (-1, 0)\}$

Note that both  $G$  and  $F$  are functions.

Also note that the reversal of each ordered pair in  $G$  gives an ordered pair in  $F$ .

When this is the case, and both are functions, then they are inverses of each other.

$$G(a) = b \leftrightarrow F(b) = a$$

A function has an inverse function iff it is one-to-one.

To Find the inverse of a one-to-one function,  $y = f(x)$  algebraically, exchange the  $x$  and  $y$  (or  $f(x)$ ), then solve for the new  $y$  (or  $f(x)$ ).

Find the inverse of  $y = f(x) = 5x + 4$

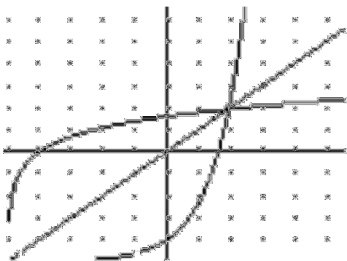
1. Put  $x$  in place of all  $y$  and put  $y$  in place of all  $x$ :  $x = 5y + 4$

2. Solve for this new  $y$ :  $5y = x - 4$   $y = \frac{x-4}{5}$

$f(x) = x^2$  is not one-to-one, and therefore has no inverse.

$f(x)$  contains elements:  $(2, 4)$  and  $(-2, 4)$ . If it was a 1-1 function, then the inverse  $f^{-1}(x)$  must contain  $(4, 2)$  and  $(4, -2)$  and therefore cannot be a function.

The graphs of two functions that are inverses of each other are symmetric with respect to the line  $y = x$  (The  $45^\circ$  Line)..



The graphs above represent two functions that are inverses of each other.

Find the inverse function of

$$y = f(x) = \sqrt{16 - x^2}, -4 \leq x \leq 0$$

Rewrite:

$$x = \sqrt{16 - y^2}, -4 \leq y \leq 0 \text{ and } 0 \leq x \leq 4$$

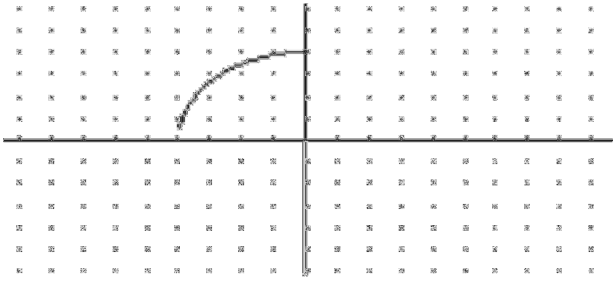
Now Solve for  $y$ :

$$x^2 = 16 - y^2$$

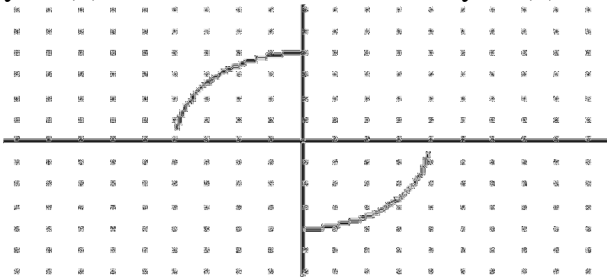
$$y^2 = 16 - x^2$$

$$y = f(x) = -\sqrt{16 - x^2}, 0 \leq x \leq 4$$

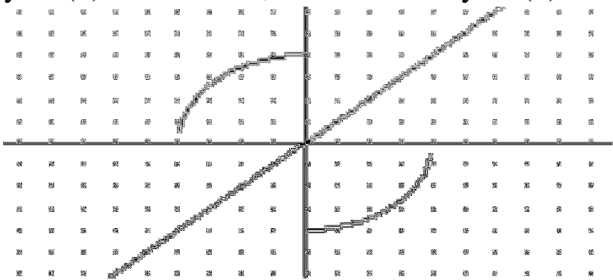
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Exer. 1-8: Find the inverse function of  $f$  informlly. Verify that  $f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$ .

1.  $f(x) = 6x$

3.  $f(x) = x + 7$

6.  $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{4}$

Exer. 9-14: (a) Show that  $f$  and  $g$  are inverse functions algebraically and (b) use a graphing utility to create a table of values for each function to numerically show that  $f$  and  $g$  are inverse functions.

9.  $f(x) = -\frac{7}{2}x - 3$ ,  $g(x) = -\frac{2x+6}{7}$

13.  $f(x) = -\sqrt{x-8}$ ,  $g(x) = 8 + x^2$ ,  $x \leq 0$

14.  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{3x-10}$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{x^3+10}{3}$

Exer. 15-20: Show that  $f$  and  $g$  are inverse functions algebraically. Use a graphing utility to graph  $f$  and  $g$  in the same viewing window. Describe the relationship between the graphs.

16.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

18.  $f(x) = 9 - x^2$ ,  $x \geq 0$ ,  $g(x) = \sqrt{9-x}$

Exer. 21-24: Match the graph of the function with the graph of its inverse function. [The graphs of the inverse functions are labeled (a), (b), (c), and (d)]

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Exer. 29-34: Determine if the graph is that of a function. If so, determine if the function is one-to-one.

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Exer. 35-46: Use a graphing utility to graph the function and use the Horizontal Line Test to determine whether the function is one-to-one and so an inverse function exists.

38.  $g(x) = \frac{4-x}{6x^2}$

Exer. 47-58: Determine algebraically whether the function is one-to-one. Verify your answer graphically.

52.  $h(x) = \frac{4}{x^2}$

Exer. 59-68: Find the inverse function of  $f$  algebraically. Use a graphing utility to graph both  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  in the same viewing window. Describe the relationship between the graphs.

65.  $f(x) = \sqrt{4-x^2}$   $0 \leq x \leq 2$

Exer. 81-88: Use the graphs of  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = g(x)$  to evaluate the function.

82.  $g^{-1}(0)$