

5.3 Inverse Functions

check to see if $f(g(x)) = g(f(x))$

Ex! $f(x) = 2x^3 - 1$ $g(x) = \sqrt[3]{\frac{x+1}{2}}$

$f(g(x)) =$

$$2\left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{x+1}{2}}\right)^3 - 1$$

$$2\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right) - 1$$

$$x+1-1$$

x

$g(f(x)) =$

$$\sqrt[3]{\frac{2x^3 - 1 + 1}{2}}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{\frac{2x^3}{2}}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{x^3}$$

x

f & g are inverses x

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Reflective Property of Inverse Functions

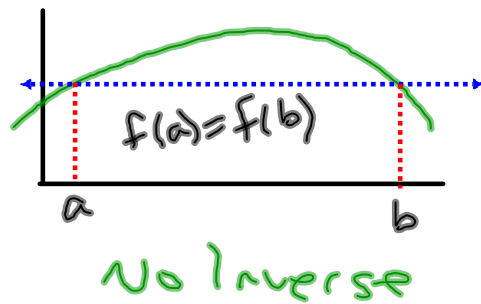
The graph of f contains the point (a,b) if and only if the graph of f^{-1} contains the point (b,a) .

$y=x$

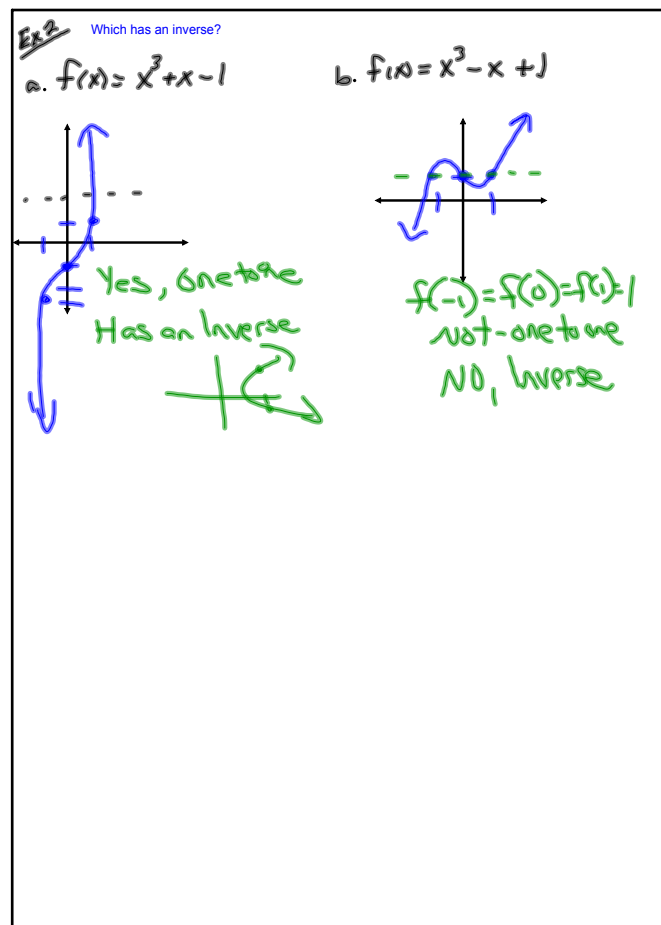
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Existence of an Inverse Function

Not every function has an inverse, it has to pass the horizontal line test



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Ex3 Finding an Inverse

$$f(x) = \sqrt{2x-3} \quad \text{solve for } y.$$

$$y = \sqrt{2x-3}$$

$$x^2 = \sqrt{2y-3}$$

$$x^2 = 2y - 3$$

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

$$f(f^{-1}(x)) = x \quad \text{if it is a true inverse.}$$

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1-7 odd

9-12

23-33 odd

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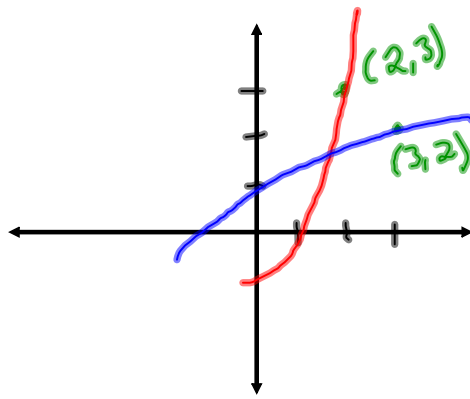
Ex 4 Evaluating the Derivative

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{4}x^3 + x - 1$$

a) $f^{-1}(3) =$

b) $(f^{-1})'(x)$ when $x=3$

$$(f^{-1})'(3) =$$



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★ Graphs of inverse functions have reciprocal slopes

Let $f(x) = x^2$ let $f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt{x}$ show that the slopes of the graphs of f and f^{-1} are reciprocals at each point.

Ex 5 (2, 4) and (4, 2)

Ex 6 (3, 9) and (9, 3)

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1-7 odd
9-12, 20-33 odd
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