

4.4 Inverse Functions

Pre-Calculus

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Inverse functions are reflections across line $y=x$
 (y,x)

$$f(x) = (x + 2)^3 + 3$$

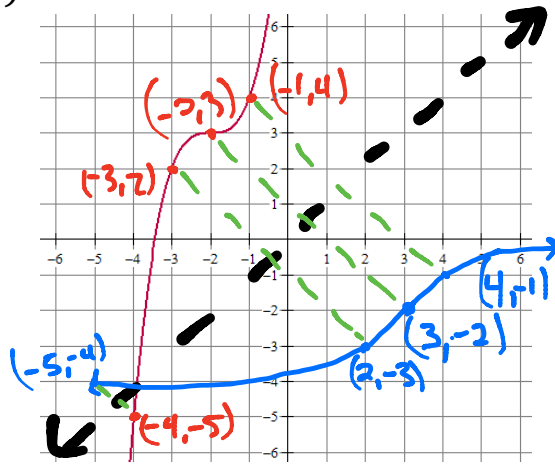
$$y = (x+2)^3 + 3$$

$$x = (y+2)^3 + 3$$

$$x-3 = (y+2)^3$$

$$\sqrt[3]{x-3} = y+2$$

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



x	f(x)
-2	3
-1	4
-3	2
-4	-5

x	f ⁻¹ (x)
3	-2
4	-1
2	-3
-5	-4

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

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

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

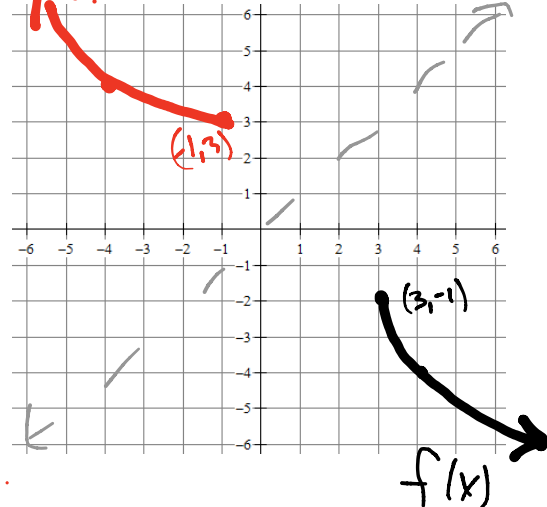
$$\frac{x+2}{-2} = \sqrt{y-3}$$

$$\left(\frac{x+2}{-2}\right)^2 = y-3$$

$$\left(\frac{x+2}{-2}\right)^2 + 3 = y$$

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

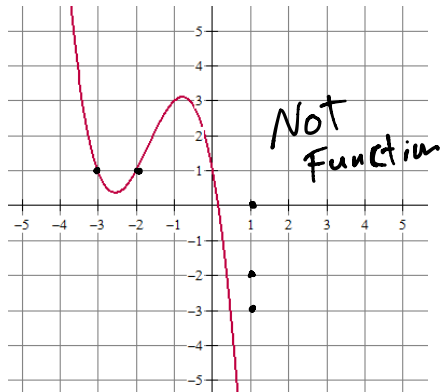
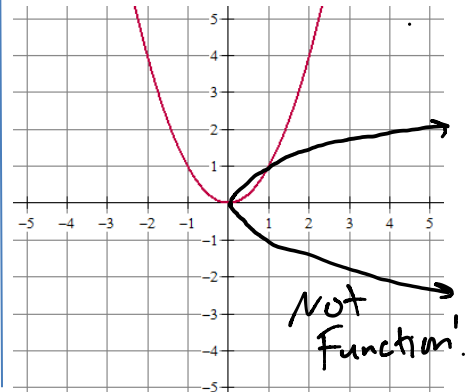
$$f(x) = -2\sqrt{x-3} - 2$$



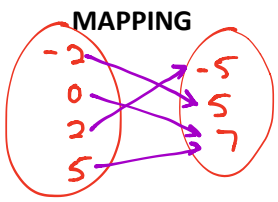
$f(x)$
 DOMAIN: $[3, \infty)$
 RANGE: $(-\infty, -2]$

$f(x)^{-1}$
 DOMAIN: $(-\infty, -2]$
 RANGE: $[3, \infty)$

Does the function have an inverse?

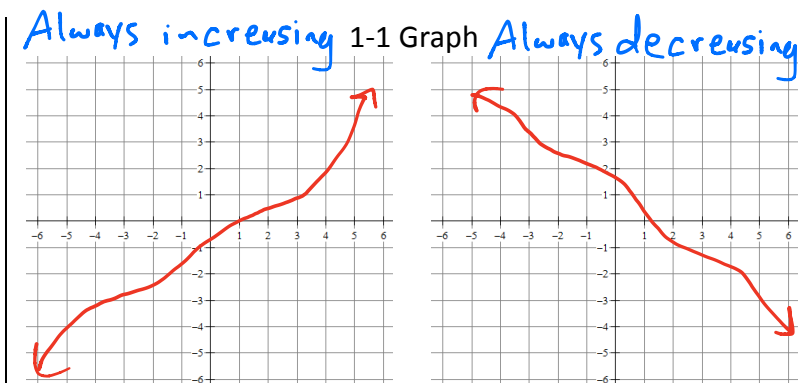
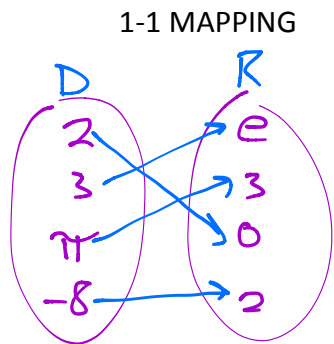


x	f(x)
-2	5
0	7
2	-5
5	7



Horizontal line test

A one-to-one function passes the VLT and HLT.



PROVE 2 FUNCTIONS ARE INVERSES!

$$f(g(x)) = f(g(x)) = x$$

Are $f(x) = \frac{2}{x+3}$ and $g(x) = \frac{2}{x} - 3$ inverses?

$$\begin{aligned} f(g(x)) &= \frac{2}{g(x)+3} \\ &= \frac{2}{\left(\frac{2}{x}-3\right)+3} \\ &= \frac{2}{\frac{2}{x}} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(g(x)) = x$$

$$\begin{aligned} g(f(x)) &= \frac{2}{f(x)} - 3 \\ &= \frac{2}{\frac{2}{x+3}} - 3 \\ &= \frac{2(x+3)}{2} - 3 \\ &= x+3-3 \end{aligned}$$

$$g(f(x)) = x$$

$\therefore f$ and g are inverses

BRING THE PAIN

$$y = \frac{2x-3}{x+4}$$

FIND INVERSE

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{4x+3}{2-x}$$

$$x = \frac{2y-3}{y+4}$$

$$(y+4)x = 2y-3$$

$$xy + 4x = 2y - 3$$

$$4x+3 = 2y - xy$$

$$4x+3 = y(2-x)$$

$$\frac{4x+3}{2-x} = y$$

SUMMARY:

Now,
summarize
your notes
here!