

1/9/07Review A function f is 1-1 if $f(a) = f(b) \Rightarrow a = b$ It is 1-1 \Leftrightarrow passes hor. line test.

Def of inverse function

Def Suppose $f(x)$ is 1-1 with domain A , range B . Then its inverse function f^{-1} has domain B , range A and is defined by:

$$f^{-1}(y) = x \Leftrightarrow f(x) = y$$

Facts

1. Domain $f^{-1} =$ Range f
 2. Range $f^{-1} =$ Domain f
 3. $x \in A$ then $f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$
 4. $x \in B$ then $f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$
- > cancellation laws

Finding Inverse FunctionsGiven $y = f(x)$, to find a formula for $f^{-1}(x)$:

1. Write $y = f(x)$
2. Solve for x
3. Swap x & y to get $y = f^{-1}(x)$

Examples

$$1. f(x) = 6x^5 + 2$$

$$y = 6x^5 + 2$$

$$x^5 = \frac{y-2}{6}$$

$$x = \sqrt[5]{\frac{y-2}{6}}$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt[5]{\frac{x-2}{6}}$$

$$2. f(x) = \frac{1-\sqrt{x}}{1+\sqrt{x}}$$

$$y = \frac{1-\sqrt{x}}{1+\sqrt{x}}$$

$$y + y\sqrt{x} = 1 - \sqrt{x}$$

$$(y+1)\sqrt{x} = 1-y$$

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

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

$$3. f(x) = x+3 \quad f^{-1}(x) = x-3$$

$$f(x) = 2x+7 \quad f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x-7}{2}$$

$$4. f(x) = x^5 + 6x^3 + 3x$$

• $f(x)$ is 1-1 since $f'(x) = 5x^4 + 18x^2 + 3 > 0$
by mean value thm,

$$y = x^5 + 6x^3 + 3x$$

can't solve for x !

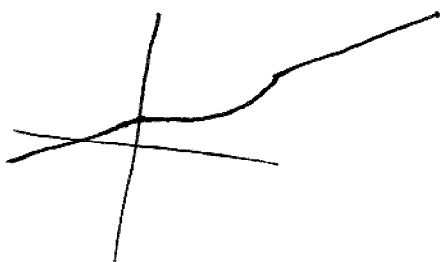
Graph of f^{-1}

~~The~~ The graph of f^{-1} is obtained by reflecting the graph about line $y=x$.

Example

1. $f(x) = \sqrt{x+2}$

2. $f(x) =$



Calculus

Recall $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$

Theorem Suppose $f(x)$ is 1-1, differentiable, with inverse f^{-1} .

~~Then~~ Assume $f'(f^{-1}(a)) \neq 0$

- f^{-1} is differentiable at a ,

- $(f^{-1})'(a) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(a))}$

Proof

$$(f^{-1})'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f^{-1}(x) - f^{-1}(a)}{x - a}$$

Let $f^{-1}(a) = b$, so $a = f(b)$

Let $y = f(x)$ so $x = f^{-1}(y)$

Then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f^{-1}(x) = f^{-1}(a)$, i.e. as $x \rightarrow a$ then $y \rightarrow b$

$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow b} \frac{y - b}{f(y) - f(b)} = \lim_{y \rightarrow b} \frac{1}{\frac{f(y) - f(b)}{y - b}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{f'(a)} = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(a))}$$

Example

$$f(x) = x^5 - x^3 + 2x \quad a = 2 \quad \text{Find } (f^{-1})'(a)$$