

Ch. 3 Section 3.4 HW Solns

#1) a) Are  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x-1}$  and  $g(x) = x^3 + 1$  inverses?

$$\text{Dom } f = \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{Range } f = \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{Dom } g = \mathbb{R}$$

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For an inverse fun,  $g$  of  $f$ , the requirement is met  $\rightarrow$   $\begin{cases} \text{dom } g = \text{range } f \\ \text{range } g = \text{dom } f \end{cases}$

Check algebraically:

$$f(x) = y = \sqrt[3]{x-1} \rightarrow x = \sqrt[3]{y-1} \rightarrow x^3 = y-1 \rightarrow y = x^3 + 1 = f^{-1}(x)$$

So  $f$  &  $g$  are inverses.

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

Check that  $f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$  &  $g^{-1}(g(x)) = x$

$$f^{-1}(\sqrt[3]{x-1}) = (\sqrt[3]{x-1})^3 + 1 = x - 1 + 1 = x$$

$$g^{-1}(x^3 + 1) = \sqrt[3]{x^3 + 1 - 1} = x \quad \therefore \begin{matrix} f^{-1} = g \\ g^{-1} = f \end{matrix} //$$

b)  $f(x) = 5 - x$ ,  $g(f(x)) = g(5 - x) = 5 - x - 5 = -x \neq x$

$$\therefore f^{-1} \neq g$$

c)  $f(x) = 3x - 2$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{1}{3}x + 2$

$$f(g(x)) = f\left(\frac{1}{3}x + 2\right) = 3\left(\frac{1}{3}x - 2\right) + 2 = -6 + 2 = -4 \neq x$$

$$\therefore f^{-1} \neq g$$

d)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{4}x + 3$ ,  $g(x) = 4x - 12$

$$f(g(x)) = f(4x - 12) = \frac{1}{4}(4x - 12) + 3 = x$$

$$g(f(x)) = g\left(\frac{1}{4}x + 3\right) = 4\left(\frac{1}{4}x + 3\right) - 12 = x //$$

$$\therefore f = g^{-1}, \quad g = f^{-1}$$

#2) a)  $f(x) = 4x + 2$  (note: This is one-one-good!)

If  $f^{-1}$  is the inverse fun., then notationally either solving  $y = f(x)$  via  $x = g(y)$  for  $y$  will give  $f^{-1}(x)$ . More rigorous than this "switching  $x$  +  $y$ " method is that of p. 82:

Set  $f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$  + solve for  $f^{-1}(x)$

We seek this

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

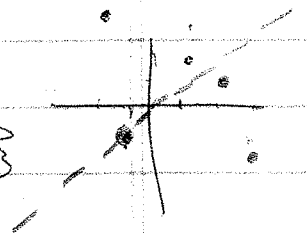
Candidate  $\rightarrow$   $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x-2}{4}$   
for  $f^{-1}(x)$

found by assuming  $f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$ . Verify by checking that  $f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$ .

$$f^{-1}(4x+2) = \frac{4x+2-2}{4} = x \quad \text{yes!} \quad //$$

b)  $f(x) = \{(1, 2), (-2, 3), (-1, -1)\}$

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



c)  $f(x) = 2x^5 - 3$

Find  $f^{-1}$  such that  $f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$  + check via  $f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$

$$f(f^{-1}(x)) = 2(f^{-1}(x))^5 - 3 = x$$

$$[f^{-1}(x)]^5 = \frac{x+3}{2}$$

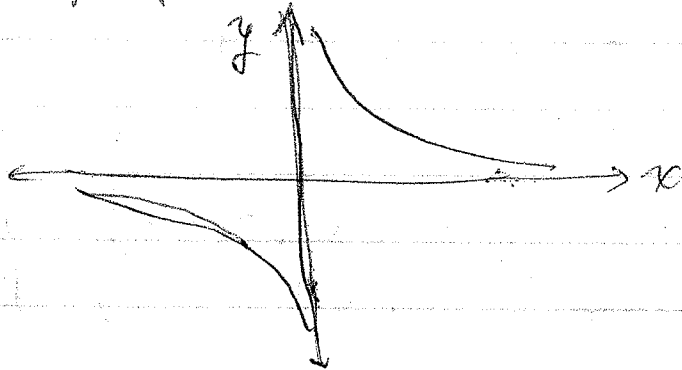
$$f^{-1}(x) = \left(\frac{x+3}{2}\right)^{1/5} \quad \text{If this is } f^{-1} \text{ then } f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$$

Check:  $f^{-1}(2x^5 - 3) = \left(\frac{2x^5 - 3 + 3}{2}\right)^{1/5} = x \quad //$

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#2d)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow f(f^{-1}(x)) = x \Rightarrow \frac{1}{f^{-1}(x)} = x$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} = f^{-1}(x)$  It works both ways (check).

The graph is shown:



$f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  is its own inverse.  
Draw  $y=x$  & check reflection to see this.

e)  $f(x) = \frac{4+x}{2x-7}$  Like the example - you can find the range of  $f$  by taking  $f^{-1}$  & naming its domain.

The "switching  $x$  &  $y$ " method:

$$f(x) = y = \frac{4+x}{2x-7} \rightarrow x = \frac{4+y}{2y-7} \rightarrow \frac{x(2y-7)}{2y-7} = 4+y$$

$$\rightarrow 2xy - 7x = 4 + y \rightarrow \textcircled{-7x} = 4 + y \textcircled{-2xy}$$

$$\rightarrow -7x - 4 = y - 2xy$$

COMMON FACTOR  $\rightarrow -7x - 4 = y \cdot (1 - 2x)$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{\frac{-7x-4}{1-2x} = y = f^{-1}}$$

Check that this is indeed  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

Note that its domain is  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq \frac{1}{2}\}$

This is also the range of  $f$ . (what's the domain of  $f$ ?)

$$x = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{7/2\}$$

# see detail

$$f(x) = \frac{4+x}{2x-7} = y$$

$$(-\infty, 7/2) \cup (7/2, \infty)$$

Dom  $f \because 2x-7 \neq 0$

$$x \neq 7/2$$

Dom =  $\{x \mid x \neq 7/2\}$

- Try to isolate  $y$

$$\frac{4+y}{2y-7} = x$$

$$4+y = 2xy - 7x$$

cross  $x$   
+ expanded

- Get the terms containing  $y$  together on one side

$$4+7x = 2xy - y$$



$$4+7x = y(2x-1)$$

- Factor out  $y$

- Divide by  $(2x-1)$

$$\frac{4+7x}{2x-1} = y = f^{-1}$$

Dom:  $x \neq 1/2$   
Therefore, this is the range of  $f$

f)  $f(x) = 3 - x^2$  for  $x \geq 0$

Notice the domain is restricted.

This is b/c  $f(x)$  is not one-one otherwise, so an inverse can't be found.

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

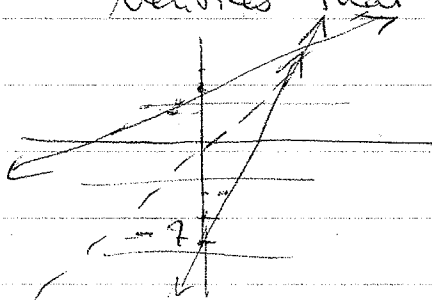
$$\rightarrow \stackrel{(f^{-1})}{y} = \sqrt{3 - x} \geq 0 \text{ for } x \leq 3$$

Thus,  $\text{Dom } f^{-1} = \{x \mid x \leq 3\}$      $\text{Range } f^{-1} = \{y \mid y \geq 0\}$

$\text{Range } f = \{x \mid x \leq 3\}$      ~~$\text{Dom } f = \{x \mid x \geq 0\}$~~

As given. //

#3) Showing  $f(x) = 2x - 7$  has an inverse verifies that it is one-one. So does its graph.



$$f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$$

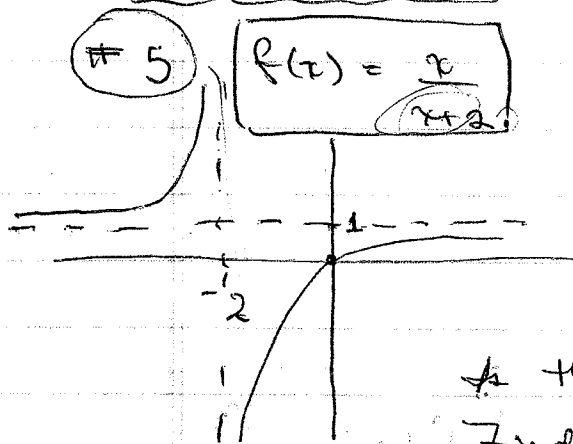
$$2f^{-1}(x) - 7 = x$$

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

#4 The y-intercept of a function  $f$  is the value it takes at  $x = 0$ . Thus,  $f(0)$  is the y-intercept. Since  $f^{-1}(x) = g(x) = 0$  when  $x \in \text{Dom } g$  is the y-intercept of  $f$ , and since the x-intercept of a function  $g$  is the value it takes when  $y = 0$ , then apparently  $f^{-1} = g$  has an x-intercept at  $(x, 0) = (f(0), 0)$ .

$$x\text{-intercept} \equiv \text{root}(s) \equiv \text{zero}(s)$$

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Incidentally, the graph of this - you don't need to sketch it yet, but a picture helps w inverse understanding - is seen left.

Is this one-to-one? Sure! Odd? No. Find  $f^{-1}(x)$ . If it exists (and it does, as Idea 3.4.2 justifies), then

$$f \circ f^{-1} = f(f^{-1}(x)) = x, \text{ that is,}$$

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

Solving for  $f^{-1}$ , we get:

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

$$f^{-1}(x) - x f^{-1}(x) = 2x$$

$$f^{-1}(x) (1-x) = 2x$$

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

(Check using  $f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$  that this works.)

What is the dom of  $f^{-1}$ ?  $\{x \mid x \neq 1\}$

This is the same as the range of  $f(x)$

(see the graph). If we graph  $f^{-1}$  we find its asymptotes are reversed & it reflects  $f$  across the line  $y=x$ .

(This is where you used to pull out your calculator - now, <sup>(this semester)</sup> we'll learn how to create the graph from our brain.)

## #5 Summary

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

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{x+2}$$

Checking:  $f^{-1}(f(x)) \stackrel{?}{=} x$

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

LCD  $\frac{x+2}{x+2}$

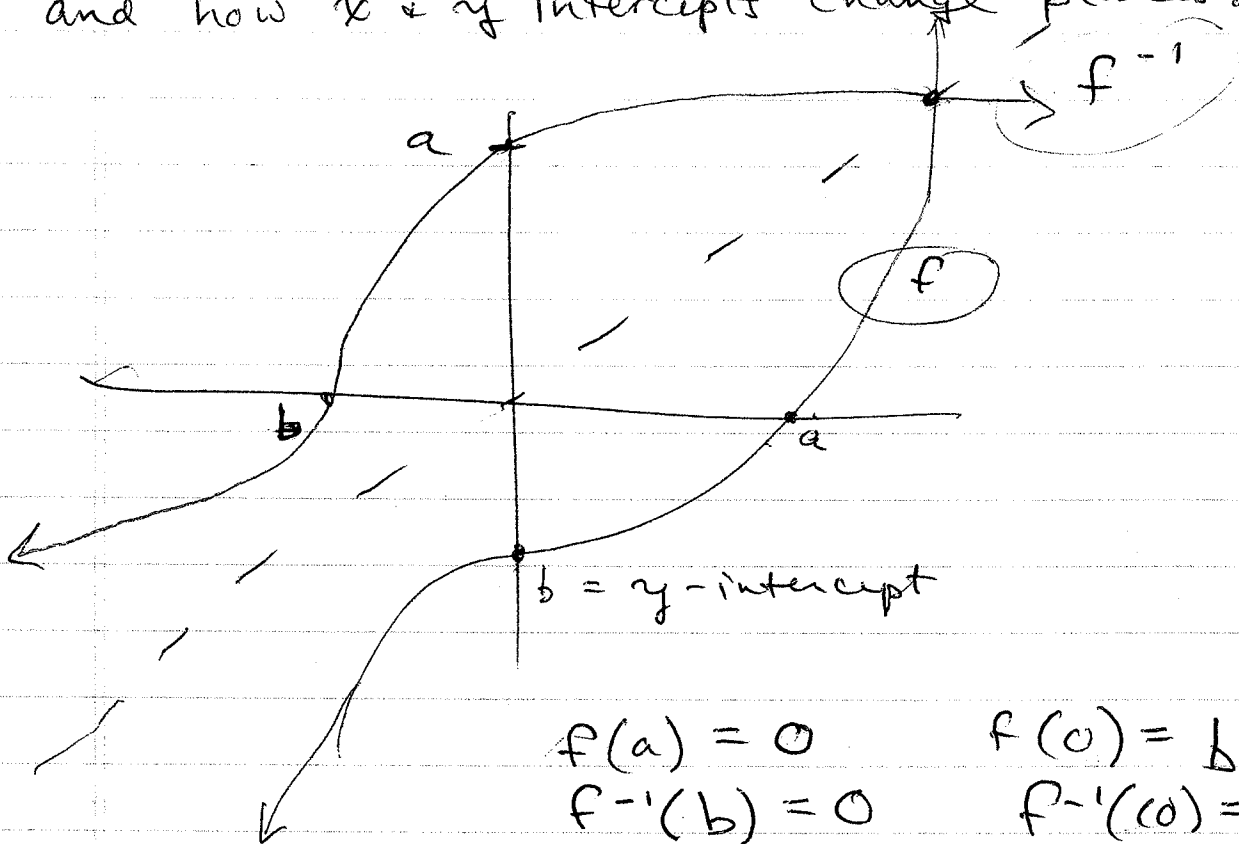
$$\frac{2\left(\frac{x}{x+2}\right)}{1 - \left(\frac{x}{x+2}\right)} \stackrel{?}{=} x$$

Simplifying  
a complex  
rational  
expression

$$\frac{2x}{x+2-x} = x$$

So  $f^{-1} \circ f = x$

Example of a function  $f$ , its inverse  $f^{-1}$  and how  $x$  &  $y$  intercepts change places.



The  $y$ -intercept of  $f$  = The  $x$ -intercept of  $f^{-1}$

and vice-versa.

(What are 2 other names for the  $x$ -intercept?)

Answer: root(s), zero(s)