

algebraically  
- Switch x and y  
- solve for y

graphically  
Symmetric to  $y=x$   
q1 original  
q2 each choice  
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Algebra II.

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## Finding the Inverse of a Function

1. What is the inverse of the function  $y=2x-3$ ?

(1)  $y = \frac{x+3}{2}$       (3)  $y = -2x+3$        $x = 2y - 3$   
(2)  $y = \frac{x}{2} + 3$       (4)  $y = \frac{1}{2x-3}$        $+3 \quad +3$   
 $\frac{x+3}{2} = 2y$

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

2. If a function is defined by the equation  $y = 3x + 2$ , which equation defines the inverse of this function?

(1)  $x = \frac{1}{3}y + \frac{1}{2}$       (3)  $y = \frac{1}{3}x - \frac{2}{3}$        $x = 3y + 2$   
(2)  $y = \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{1}{2}$       (4)  $y = -3x - 2$        $-2 \quad -2$   
 $\frac{1}{3}x - \frac{2}{3} = y$

3. If  $f(x) = 5x - 7$ , find  $f^{-1}(x)$  <sup>switch x and y</sup>

$y = 5x - 7$   
 ~~$x = 5y - 7$~~   
 $x = 5y - 7$   
 $+7 \quad +7$   
 $\frac{x+7}{5} = 5y$

$\frac{1}{5}x + \frac{7}{5} = y$   
 $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{5}x + \frac{7}{5}$

4. What is  $g^{-1}(x)$  if  $g(x) = 3x + 6$

$y = 3x + 6$   
 $x = 3y + 6$   
 $-6 \quad -6$   
 $\frac{x-6}{3} = 3y$

$\frac{1}{3}x - 2 = y$   
 $g^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{3}x - 2$

5. What is the inverse of  $y = \frac{1}{2}x + 2$ ?

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x + 2$$
$$2(y) = x + 4$$
$$x = 2y - 4$$

6. If  $f(x) = x^2$ , find  $f^{-1}(x)$

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

7. What is  $h^{-1}(x)$  if  $h(x) = x^2 + 2$

$$y = x^2 + 2$$
$$x = y^2 + 2$$
$$x - 2 = y^2$$
$$\sqrt{x-2} = y$$
$$h^{-1}(x) = \sqrt{x-2}$$

8. What is the inverse of the function  $y = 4x + 5$ ?

1)  $x = \frac{1}{4}y - \frac{5}{4}$       3)  $y = 4x - 5$   
 ~~$x = \frac{1}{4}y - \frac{5}{4}$~~

2)  $y = \frac{1}{4}x - \frac{5}{4}$       4)  $y = \frac{1}{4x+5}$

$$\frac{1}{4}x - \frac{5}{4} = y$$

$$y_1 = 4x + 5$$
$$y_2 = \frac{1}{4x-5}$$
$$y_3 = x$$

9. What is the inverse of  $f(x) = -6(x-2)$ ?

1)  $f^{-1}(x) = -2 - \frac{x}{6}$       3)  $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{-6(x-2)}$   
 ~~$x = -6(y-2)$~~

2)  $f^{-1}(x) = 2 - \frac{x}{6}$       4)  $f^{-1}(x) = 6(x+2)$

$$y_1 = -6(x-2)$$
$$y_2 = 2 - \frac{x}{6}$$
$$y_3 = x$$

$$\frac{x}{-6} = y - 2$$
$$x = -6(y-2)$$
$$x + 2 = 6y$$
$$\frac{x}{6} + 2 = y$$

10. Given  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x + 8$ , which equation represents the inverse,  $g(x)$ ?

$$1) g(x) = 2x - 8 \quad y = \frac{1}{2}x + 8$$

$$2) g(x) = 2x - 16 \quad \cancel{(x)} \cancel{(y)} \cancel{(8)} \cancel{(2)}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2x &=& y + 16 \\ -16 & & -16 \\ 2x - 16 &=& y \end{array}$$

$$3) g(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x + 8$$

$$4) g(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x - 16$$

$$q_1 = \frac{1}{2}x + 8$$

$$q_2 = 2x - 16$$

$$q_3 = x$$

11. The inverse of  $f(x) = -6x + \frac{1}{2}$  is

$$1) f^{-1}(x) = 6x - \frac{1}{2} \quad \cancel{(x)} \cancel{(y)} \cancel{(1)} \cancel{(2)}$$

$$2) f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{-6x + \frac{1}{2}} \quad 2x = -6y + 1$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -1 & & -1 \\ -12 & & -12 \\ 2x - 1 &=& -12y \\ \hline -12 & & -12 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{2x - 1}{-12} = -12y \quad \rightarrow \quad -\frac{1}{6}x + \frac{1}{12} = y$$

$$3) f^{-1}(x) = -\frac{1}{6}x + \frac{1}{12}$$

$$4) f^{-1}(x) = -\frac{1}{6}x + 2$$

$$q_1 = -6x + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$q_2 = \cancel{-6x + 75}$$

$$q_3 = x$$

12. The inverse of the function  $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x-2}$  is

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

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

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

$$xy - 2x = y+1 \quad xy - y = 2x + 1$$

$$-y + xy - 2x \quad \cancel{y} + \cancel{xy} \quad \cancel{2x} \quad \frac{y(x-1)}{x-1} = 2x + 1$$

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

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

$$q_1 = \frac{x+1}{x-2}$$

$$q_2 = \cancel{\frac{2x+1}{x-1}}$$

$$q_3 = x$$

13. What is the inverse of  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+2}$ , where  $x \neq -2$ ?

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

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

$$x(y+2) = y \quad \rightarrow \quad xy + 2x = y$$

$$xy + 2x - y = -2x \quad \cancel{y} + \cancel{xy} = \cancel{-2x}$$

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

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

$$\frac{y(x-1)}{x-1} = -2x \quad \rightarrow \quad y = \frac{-2x}{x-1}$$

$$q_1 = \frac{x}{x+2}$$

$$q_2 = \cancel{\frac{-2x}{x-1}}$$

$$q_3 = x$$

14. What is the inverse of  $f(x) = x^3 - 2$ ?

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

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

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x &=& y^3 - 2 \\ +2 & & +2 \\ \hline \sqrt[3]{x+2} &=& y^3 \\ \sqrt[3]{x+2} &=& y \end{array}$$

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

$$4) f^{-1}(x) = \pm \sqrt[3]{x+2}$$

$$q_1 = x^3 - 2$$

$$q_2 = \sqrt[3]{x+2}$$

$$q_3 = x$$