

OBJECTIVE

1. I can determine the inverse of a function given in multiple forms.

NOTES

Inverse Functions: functions in which all input and output pairs are reversed. The inverse of $f(x)$ is denoted $f^{-1}(x)$. Inverse functions have the following properties:

- f and f^{-1} are reflections of each other across the line $y = x$.
- For every point (a, b) on f , there is a point (b, a) on f^{-1} .
- The domain of f is the range of f^{-1} ; the range of f is the domain of f^{-1} .
- Both functions must be one-to-one*.

***ONE-TO-ONE FUNCTION:** a function that, when graphed, passes the horizontal line test.

Note that a function such as $f(x) = x^2$, which is not one-to-one, can be made one-to-one by restricting its domain. For example, $f(x) = x^2, x \geq 0$ is now a one-to-one function.

STEPS FOR FINDING THE INVERSE FUNCTION

1. Substitute x for $f(x)$, substitute y for x .
2. Solve for y .
3. Substitute $f^{-1}(x)$ for y .
4. Check for necessary domain restrictions.

EXAMPLES

Find the Inverse:

1 $f(x) = 5x + 7$

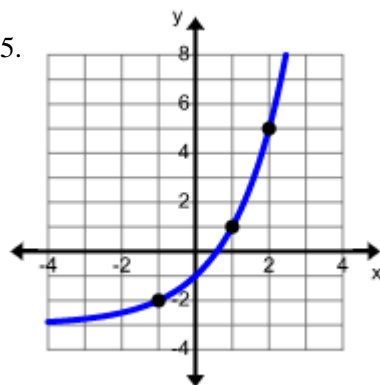
2 $f(x) = x^2 - 6x + 13$ when $x \leq 3$.

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

4.

| x | $f(x) = x^3 - 4x + 1$ |
|-----|-----------------------|
| -7 | -314 |
| -6 | -191 |
| -5 | -104 |
| -4 | -47 |
| -3 | -14 |
| -2 | 1 |
| -1 | 4 |

5.



6. Find a domain that will make this function invertible.

$$f(x) = x^2 - 4x - 1$$

[SHOW YOUR WORK]

[WRITE ALL ANSWERS IN SIMPLIFIED FORM]

Find the inverse of each function.

1. $f(x) = -6x + 8$

2. $f(x) = 3x - 5$

3. $f(x) = x^2 - 4x - 12, x \geq 2$

4. $f(x) = \sqrt{x + 4}$

5. $f(x) = \frac{3x+5}{x-1}$

6. $f(x) = \frac{7x-6}{3x+2}$

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

8. $f(x) = (x - 2)^3 + 5$

9. $f(x) = -2\sqrt[3]{x - 5} + 7$

10. a.

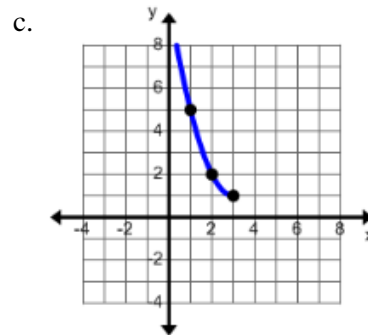
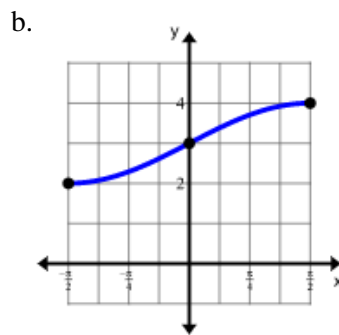
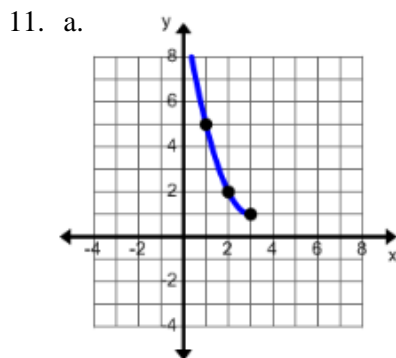
| x | $f(x)$ |
|-----|--------|
| -2 | 0.5 |
| -1 | 1.5 |
| 0 | 4.5 |
| 1 | 13.5 |
| 2 | 40.5 |

b.

| x | $f(x)$ |
|-----|--------|
| 5 | 1 |
| 6 | 3 |
| 9 | 4 |
| 14 | 5 |
| 21 | 6 |

c.

| x | $f(x)$ |
|-----|--------|
| -17 | 1.7 |
| -12 | 1.6 |
| -9 | 1.5 |
| -7 | 1.4 |
| -3 | 1 |



For each function find a domain that will make the function invertible.

12. $f(x) = 2x^2 - 3$

13. $f(x) = (x + 5)^2 + 4$

14. $f(x) = x^2 + 12x + 32$