



1-5 Inverses
(continued)

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Essential Question:

How do we find ~~the~~ the inverse of a function algebraically?

Questions:

Notes:

Inverses "undo" each other

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

$$x \longrightarrow \boxed{\cdot 3} \xrightarrow{3x} \boxed{-2} \xrightarrow{3x-2} 3x-2$$

$$\frac{x+2}{3} \longleftarrow \boxed{\div 3} \xleftarrow{(x+2)} \boxed{+2} \longleftarrow x$$

Algebraically

- Replace y 's with x and x with y , then solve for y

Example - given $f(x) = 3x - 2$,
find $f^{-1}(x)$

replace $f(x)$ with y

$$y = 3x - 2$$

$$x = 3y - 2$$

$$x \leftrightarrow y$$

$$x + 2 = 3y$$

solve for y

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

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

replace with $f^{-1}(x)$

Questions:

Notes:

You try:

$$\text{Find } f^{-1}(x) \text{ for } f(x) = \frac{10}{x+7}$$

$$y = \frac{10}{x+7}$$

$$\cancel{x} \cdot \frac{(y+7) \cdot \cancel{x}}{\cancel{x}(y+7)} = \frac{10}{\cancel{(y+7)}} \cdot (y+7)$$

$$xy + 7x = 10$$

$$\frac{xy}{x} = \frac{10-7x}{x}$$

$$\text{OR } f^{-1}(x) = y = \frac{10-7x}{x} = \frac{10}{x} - \frac{7x}{x}$$

$$(y+7) \cdot x = 10 \quad = \frac{10}{x} - 7$$
$$y+7 = \frac{10}{x}$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{10}{x} - \frac{7x}{x} = \frac{10-7x}{x}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3} =$$

Questions:

Notes:

$$f(x) = \dots$$

$$g(x) = \dots$$

$$(f \circ g)(x)$$

How do we know $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are inverses of each other?

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

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

check our last example:

$$f(x) = \frac{10}{x+7} \quad f^{-1}(x) = \frac{10}{x} - 7$$

$$(f \circ f^{-1})(x) = f(f^{-1}(x)) = f\left(\frac{10}{x} - 7\right)$$

$$= \frac{10}{\left(\frac{10}{x} - 7\right) + 7} = \frac{10}{\frac{10}{x} - 7 + 7}$$

$$\frac{10 \cdot \frac{x}{10}}{\frac{10}{x} \cdot \frac{x}{10}} = x$$

$$10 \div \frac{10}{x}$$

$$10 \cdot \frac{x}{10} = x$$

$$\frac{5}{6}$$

$$(f^{-1} \circ f)(x) = x?$$

~~cancel~~

EVALUATE $f(5)$ and $f^{-1}(5)$

$$f(5) = \frac{10}{(5)+7} = \frac{10}{12} = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$f^{-1}(5) = \frac{10}{(5)} - 7 = 2 - 7 = -5$$

$$f^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{6}\right) = \frac{10 \cdot \frac{6}{5}}{\frac{5}{6}} - 7 = \frac{60}{5} - 7 = 12 - 7 = 5$$

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