Inverse Functions

Objectives

1 Find the inverse of a function

2 State the Domain and Range of an Inverse Function

Inverse of an Ordered Pair

The inverse of the ordered pair (x, y) is (y, x).

(a)
$$(2, -7)$$

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$$(2,-7)$$
 $(-7,2)$

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It allows us to take the output of a function, put it into our inverse function, and get our original input value back.

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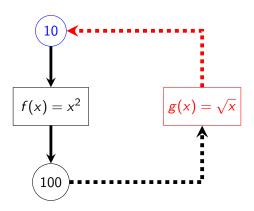
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Note: The notation does not mean raise the function to the -1 power.

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- **3** Solve this result for *y* and rewrite using inverse notation.

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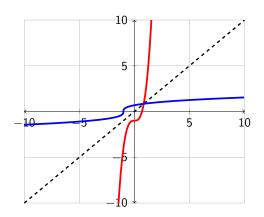
$$g^{-1}(x) = \frac{5}{x}$$

Visual Interpretation of Inverse Functions

Visually, when finding the inverse of a function, you are **reflecting** that function across the line y = x.

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Below are the graphs of $f(x) = 3x^3 - 1$ and $f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt[3]{\frac{x+1}{3}}$ as well as the line y = x:



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This might mean we need to restrict the domain and/or range of our original function.

Relationship Between Domain and Range

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Domain of f = \text{Range of } f^{-1}
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$$-x + 2 = \sqrt{y-4}$$
$$(-x+2)^2 = y - 4$$
$$(-x+2)^2 + 4 = y$$
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f(x)	$x \ge 4$	
$f^{-1}(x)$		

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	Domain (x)	Range (y)
f(x)	$x \ge 4$	
$f^{-1}(x)$		y ≥ 4

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	Domain (x)	Range (y)
f(x)	$x \ge 4$	$y \leq 2$
$f^{-1}(x)$		y ≥ 4

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

	Domain (x)	Range (y)
f(x)	$x \ge 4$	y ≤ 2
$f^{-1}(x)$	<i>x</i> ≤ 2	y ≥ 4

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Note: It can NOT be both \sqrt{x} and $-\sqrt{x}$ because it would fail the **vertical line test**.

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	Domain (x)	Range (y)
f(x)	$x \ge 0$	$y \ge 0$
$f^{-1}(x)$	$x \ge 0$	$y \ge 0$

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

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

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$$x + 7 = \frac{1}{y}$$

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$$y = \frac{1}{x} - 7$$

$$x = \frac{1}{y} - 7$$

$$x + 7 = \frac{1}{y}$$

$$y(x + 7) = 1$$

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

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

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

	Domain (x)	Range (y)
f(x)	$x \neq 0$	
$f^{-1}(x)$		

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	Domain (x)	Range (y)
f(x)	$x \neq 0$	
$f^{-1}(x)$		$y \neq 0$

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f(x)	$x \neq 0$	
$f^{-1}(x)$	$x \neq -7$	$y \neq 0$

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	Domain (x)	Range (y)
f(x)	$x \neq 0$	$y \neq -7$
$f^{-1}(x)$	$x \neq -7$	$y \neq 0$

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$$2y+5 = \frac{3}{x}$$

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$$x = \frac{3}{2y+5}$$
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$$2y+5 = \frac{3}{x}$$
$$2y = \frac{3}{x} - 5$$

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$$2y = \frac{3}{x} - 5$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \frac{3}{2x} - \frac{5}{2}$$

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

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

	Domain (x)	Range (y)
f(x)		
$f^{-1}(x)$		

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

	Domain (x)	Range (y)
f(x)	$x \neq -\frac{5}{2}$	
$f^{-1}(x)$		

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

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

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f(x)	$x \neq -\frac{5}{2}$	
$f^{-1}(x)$	$x \neq 0$	$y eq -\frac{5}{2}$

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

	Domain (x)	Range (y)
f(x)	$x \neq -\frac{5}{2}$	$y \neq 0$
$f^{-1}(x)$	$x \neq 0$	$y \neq -\frac{5}{2}$