

Assignment #1

Name Answer Key.

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1. Let $f(x) = x^2 + 5$.

(a) Show that $f(x)$ is one-to-one on the restricted domain $D = [0, \infty)$.

$$f'(x) = 2x$$



$$f'(x) > 0 \text{ on } (0, +\infty).$$

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f is increasing on $[0, +\infty)$
thus f is one-to-one.

(b) What is the range of f on the set D ?

$$R = [5, +\infty).$$

(c) Let f^{-1} denote the inverse of f on the set D . Find an algebraic formula for $f^{-1}(x)$. What are the domain and range of f^{-1} .

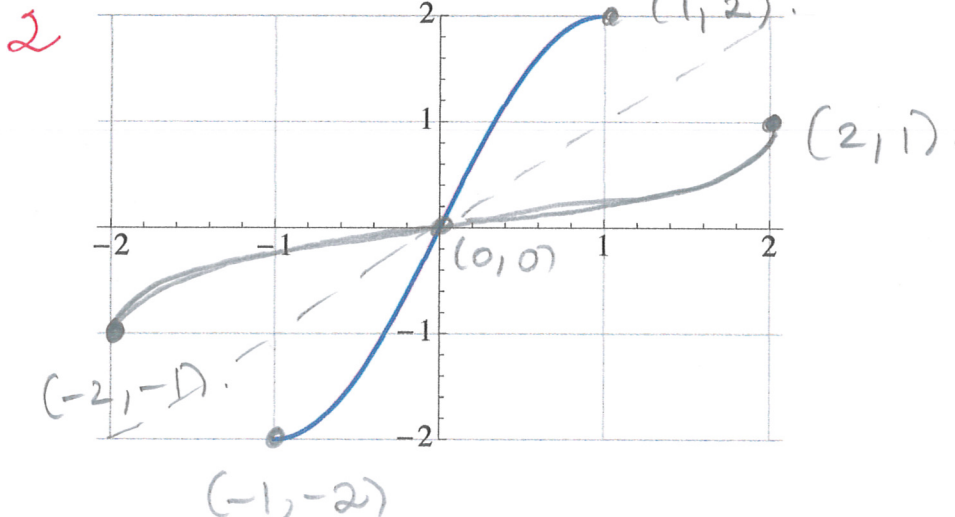
$$x = y^2 + 5$$

$$x - 5 = y^2$$

$$y = \pm \sqrt{x - 5}.$$

The range of f^{-1}
is $[0, +\infty)$, the
domain of f is thus,

$$f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt{x - 5}.$$

2. The graph of a function $y = f(x)$ is pictured below. Graph $y = f^{-1}(x)$ on the same axes.

3. Let f be a one-to-one and invertible function whose graph contains the point $P(1, 3)$. If the tangent line to the curve $y = f(x)$ at P is given by the equation $y = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{5}{2}$, then find $(f^{-1})'(3)$.

2 $(f^{-1})'(3) = \frac{1}{f'(1)}$, since $f(1) = 3$.

But $f'(1) = \frac{1}{2}$, according to the slope of the tangent line. Thus

$$(f^{-1})'(3) = \frac{1}{(1/2)} = 2.$$

4. Let $f(x) = x^5 + x^3 + 2x$.

- 3 (a) Show that f is invertible and find $f^{-1}(-4)$.

$$f'(x) = 5x^4 + 3x^2 + 2 \geq 2.$$

Thus f' is increasing on $(-\infty, \infty)$
hence one-to-one.

$$f(x) = x^5 + x^3 + 2x = -4$$

has $x = -1$ as its solution $\therefore f^{-1}(-4) = -1$

- (b) Evaluate $(f^{-1})'(-4)$.

$$(f^{-1})'(-4) = \frac{1}{f'(-1)} = \frac{1}{10}.$$

side calculation:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(-1) &= 5(-1)^4 + 3(-1)^2 + 2 \\ &= 5 + 3 + 2 \\ &= 10 \end{aligned}$$