

1. Question 1

(a)  $f(x) = -3x^2 + 7$

$$f(-1) = 4$$

$$f(1) = 4$$

Obviously,  $1 \in \mathbb{R} \wedge -1 \in \mathbb{R}$ , so both are within the domain of  $f$ . This goes against the definition of a bijection, since two different elements in the domain of  $f$  have the same image. In order to rectify this, the domain of  $f$  should be  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \geq 0\}$ . The range would also have to be modified to be  $\{y \in \mathbb{R} : y \geq 7\}$ , since this function will never be less than 7.

Inverse:  $x = -3y^2 + 7$

$$\frac{7-x}{3} = y^2$$

$$y = \sqrt{\frac{7-x}{3}}$$

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

This is, of course, given the modified domain and range.

(b)  $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x+2}$

$$f(-2) = DNE$$

In order for  $f$  to be a bijection, every element in its domain must have an image in its range. Since  $f(-2)$  is undefined, the conditions are not satisfied. Here, the domain of  $f$  could be modified to be  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \neq -2\}$ . The range could be modified to be  $\{y \in \mathbb{R} : y \neq 1\}$ , since this function, by definition, can never be equal to 1.

Inverse:  $x = \frac{y+1}{y+2}$

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

$$xy + 2x = y + 1$$

$$2x - 1 = y - xy$$

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

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

(c)  $f(x) = x^5 + 1$

This function is a bijection, since every element in the domain has exactly one unique image.

Inverse:  $x = y^5 + 1$

$$x - 1 = y^5$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt[5]{x-1} \quad \{y \in \mathbb{R}\} \quad \{x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$