

Derivative of the inverse of a function  $f(x)$  at a point  $(a, b)$ .

Case 1: Given  $f(x)$ ,  $(a, b)$ , find  $(f^{-1})'(a)$

Procedure: Note that  $b = f(a) \Rightarrow f^{-1}(b) = a$ .  
 $\Rightarrow (f^{-1})'(a) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(a))} = \frac{1}{f'(b)}$

Case 2: Given  $f^{-1}(x)$ ,  $(a, b)$ , provide  $f'(b)$

Note  $f^{-1}(a) = b$

$$(f^{-1})'(a) = f'(f^{-1}(a)) = f'(b)$$

As required.