

Chapter 1.3: Inverse Functions

Calculus I

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1. Consider $f(x)$ given below:

x	$f(x)$
-2	-6
-1	-4
0	-2
1	0
2	2
3	4

- (a) What is $f^{-1}(0)$?
- (b) What is $f^{-1}(-4)$?
- (c) Graph $f(x)$.
- (d) Graph $f^{-1}(x)$.
- (e) How are the graphs of $f(x)$ and $f^{-1}(x)$ related? Why?
2. Let $f(x) = (x + 3)^5$
- (a) Write $f(x)$ as a compound function: $f(x) = g(h(x))$.
- (b) Determine $g^{-1}(x)$ and $h^{-1}(x)$ and use this information to find $f^{-1}(x)$.
3. Which of the following functions are invertible?
- (a) $f(x) = 3x + 2$
- (b) $g(x) = x^2$
- (c) The cost c of x pounds of rice purchased in bulk.
- (d) $h(t)$, the number of hamburgers eaten by Jamie McKown on day t , where t is measured in days since January 1, 2010.
4. The yumminess Q of TAB dinners increases quickly during the first three weeks of the term. It then decreases slowly for the rest of the term.
- (a) Sketch a possible graph for $Q(t)$, the quality of TAB dinners as a function of time, where time is measured in weeks since the start of a term.
- (b) Sketch a possible graph for $Q^{-1}(t)$.