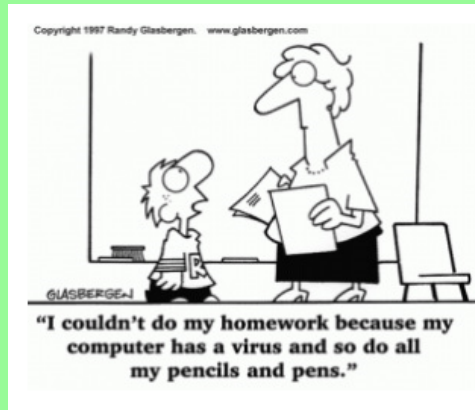


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1.4 Composite functions

A **composite function** is a combination of two functions. You apply one function to the result of another.

→ A **composite function** applies one function to the result of another and is defined by $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$.

If $f(x) = 5 - 3x$ and $g(x) = x^2 + 4$, find $(f \circ g)(x)$.

Answer

$$\begin{aligned} (f \circ g)(x) &= 5 - 3(x^2 + 4) \\ &= 5 - 3x^2 - 12 \\ &= -3x^2 - 7 \end{aligned}$$

Substitute $x^2 + 4$ into $f(x)$.

g(x) goes in here

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$$f(x) = 2x + 1$$
$$g(x) = x^2 - 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}(g \circ f)(4) &= g(f(4)) \\ &= g(2(4) + 1) \\ &= g(9) \\ &= (9)^2 - 2 \\ &= 79\end{aligned}$$

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$$f(x) = 2x + 1$$
$$g(x) = x^2 - 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}(g \circ f)(x) &= g(f(x)) \\ &= g(\underbrace{2x+1}_2) \\ &= (2x+1)^2 - 2 \\ &= 4x^2 + 4x + 1 - 2 \\ &= 4x^2 + 4x - 1\end{aligned}$$

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$$f(x) = 2x + 1$$

$$g(x) = x^2 - 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} (g \circ f)(x-3) &= g(f(x-3)) \\ &= g(2(x-3) + 1) \\ &= g(\underline{2x-5}) \\ &= (2x-5)^2 - 2 \\ &= 4x^2 - 20x + 25 - 2 \\ &= 4x^2 - 20x + 23 \end{aligned}$$

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$$f(x) = 4x + 5$$

$$g(x) = \frac{x-5}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (f \circ g)(x) &= f(g(x)) \\ &= f\left(\frac{x-5}{4}\right) \\ &= 4\left(\frac{x-5}{4}\right) + 5 \\ &= x - 5 + 5 \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

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1.5 Inverse functions

→ The **inverse** of a function $f(x)$ is $f^{-1}(x)$. It reverses the action of that function.

If $f(x) = 3x - 4$ and $g(x) = \frac{x+4}{3}$, then

$f(10) = 3(10) - 4 = 26$ and $g(26) = \frac{26+4}{3} = 10$, so we are back to where we started.

So $g(x)$ is the inverse of $f(x)$.

Not all functions have an inverse.

If g is the inverse function of f , then g will reverse the action of f for all values in the domain of f and f will also be the inverse of g .

When f and g are inverse functions, we write $g(x) = f^{-1}(x)$.

$(f \circ g)(10) = 10$

Note that f^{-1} means the inverse of f ; the '-1' is not an exponent (power).

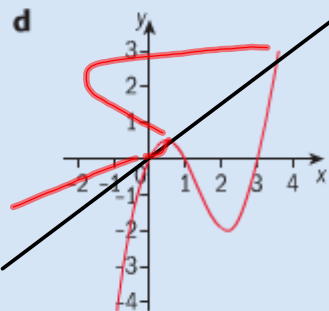
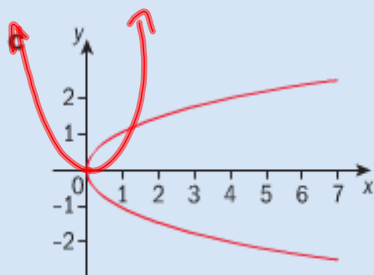
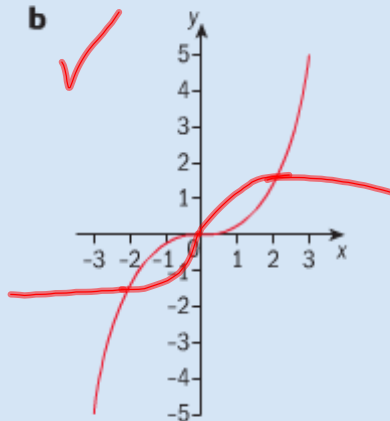
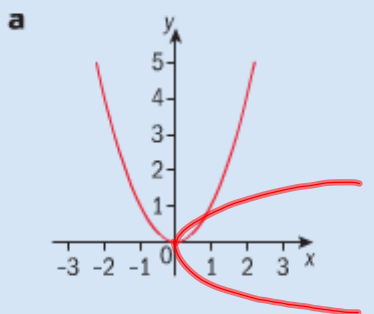
→ Functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are inverses of one another if:

$(f \circ g)(x) = x$ for all of the x -values in the domain of g

$(g \circ f)(x) = x$ for all of the x -values in the domain of f .

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Which of these functions have inverse functions?

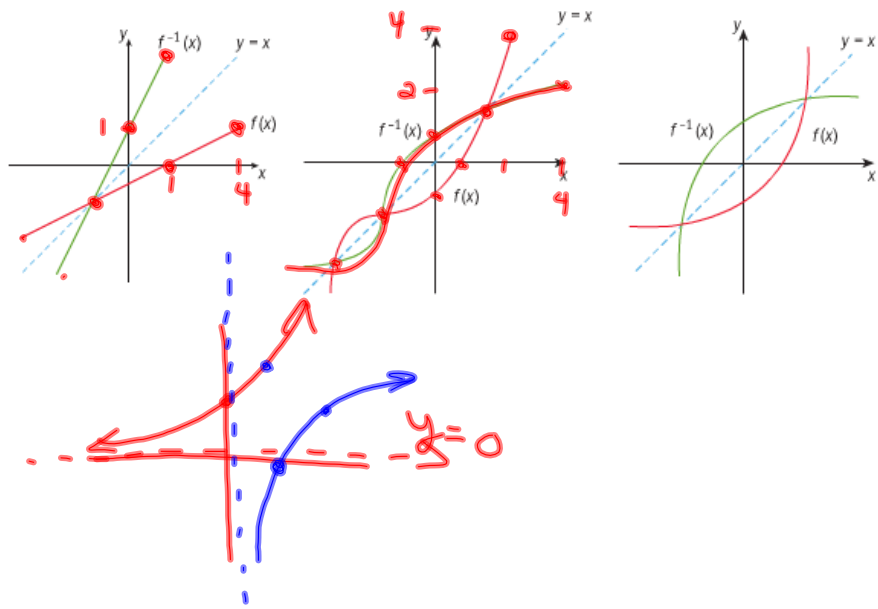


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The graphs of inverse functions

→ The graph of the inverse of a function is a reflection of that function in the line $y = x$.

Here are some examples of functions and their inverse functions.



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