Precalculus 1 (Algebra)

Chapter 5. Exponential and Logarithmic Functions 5.2. One-to-One Functions; Inverse Functions—Exercises, Examples, Proofs



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Page 266 Number 22. Consider the given graph of a function f. Use the horizontal-line test to determine whether f is one-to-one.



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Source: United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, March 2014

Solution. Notice that the function represented here has the domain {Virgina, Nevada, Tennessee, Texas} and range {5.0%, 5.5%, 6.7%, 8.5%}.

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State the domain and the range of the inverse function.

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Solution. We have $f(g(x)) = f(\sqrt{x} + 2)$ where $x \ge 0$, or $((\sqrt{x} + 2) - 2)^2 = (\sqrt{x})^2 = x$ where $x \ge 0$. Also, $g(f(x)) = g((x - 2)^2)$ for $x \ge 2$, or $\sqrt{(x - 2)^2} + 2 = |x - 2| + 2 = (x - 2) + 2$ since $x \ge 2$, or g(f(x)) = x for $x \ge 2$.

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Page 267 Number 44. Consider f(x) = (x-5)/(2x+3) and g(x) = (3x+5)/(1-2x). Verify that the functions f and g are inverses of each other by showing that f(g(x)) = x and g(f(x)) = x. Give any values of x that need to be excluded from the domain of f and the domain of g. **Solution.** First, notice that the domain of f is $(-\infty, -3/2) \cup (-3/2, \infty)$ and the domain of g is $(-\infty, 1/2) \cup (1/2, \infty)$.

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= $\frac{3x+5-5+10x}{6x+10+3-6x}$ for $x \neq 1/2$
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$$g(f(x)) = g((x-5)/(2x+3)) = \frac{3(x-5)/(2x+3)+5}{1-2(x-5)/(2x+3)}$$
$$= \frac{3(x-5)/(2x+3)+5}{1-2(x-5)/(2x+3)} \left(\frac{2x+3}{2x+3}\right) = \frac{3(x-5)+5(2x+3)}{(2x+3)-2(x-5)} \text{ for } x \neq -3/2$$
$$= \frac{3x-15+10x+15}{2x+3-2x+10} \text{ for } x \neq -3/2$$
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That is, f(g(x)) = x for all $x \neq 1/2$ (i.e., for all x in the domain of g) and g(f(x)) = x for all $x \neq -3/2$ (i.e., for all x in the domain of f). So f and g are inverses of each other, as claimed.

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Page 267 Number 46. Consider the graph of the one-to-one function f given below. Draw the graph of the inverse function f^{-1} .



Solution. To get points on the graph of f^{-1} , we simply take the given points and interchange the *x*- and *y*-coordinates. So f^{-1} includes the points (-2, -2), (-1, 0), (0, 1), and (1/2, 2).

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Solution. (a) We follow the 3 steps. Step 1 first gives $y = x^3 + 1$, and then gives (interchanging x and y) $x = y^3 + 1$. In Step 2, we solve for y to get: $y^3 = x - 1$, or $\sqrt[3]{y^3} = \sqrt[3]{x - 1}$, or $y = \sqrt[3]{x - 1}$. Hence $f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt[3]{x - 1}$. Notice that the domains of both f and f^{-1} are $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty)$.

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Solution (continued). (b) We have $f(x) = x^3 + 1$ and $f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt[3]{x-1}$. Since the domain of f is \mathbb{R} then the range of f^{-1} is \mathbb{R} . Since the domain of f^{-1} is \mathbb{R} , then the range of f is \mathbb{R} . (c) The graphs are related to translations of the library of functions members $y = x^3$ and $y = \sqrt[3]{x}$:

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Page 267 Number 58. Consider the one-to-one function $f(x) = x^2 + 9$ where $x \ge 0$. (a) Find its inverse function f^{-1} and check your answer. (b) Find the domain and the range of f and f^{-1} . (c) Graph f, f^{-1} , and y = x on the same coordinate axes.

Solution. (a) We follow the 3 steps. Step 1 first gives $y = x^2 + 9$ where $x \ge 0$, and then gives (interchanging x and y) $x = y^2 + 9$ where $y \ge 0$. In Step 2, we solve for y to get: $y^2 = x - 9$ where $y \ge 0$, or $\sqrt{y^2} = \sqrt{x - 9}$ where $y \ge 0$, or $|y| = \sqrt{x - 9}$ where $y \ge 0$, or $y = \sqrt{x - 9}$ (since $y \ge 0$). Hence $f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt{x - 9}$. Notice that the domain of f^{-1} is $x \ge 9$ or x in $[9, \infty)$.

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Solution (continued). (b) We have $f(x) = x^2 + 9$ where $x \ge 0$ and $f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt{x-9}$. Since the domain of f is $[0,\infty)$ (as given) then the range of f^{-1} is $[0,\infty)$. Since the domain of f^{-1} is $[9,\infty)$ (as observed above), then the range of f is $[9,\infty)$. (c) The graphs are related to translations of the library of functions members $y = x^2$ and $y = \sqrt{x}$:

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Solution. (a) We solve for *C* in the equation $F = \frac{9}{5}C + 32$. We have $\frac{9}{5}C = F - 32$, or $C = \frac{5}{9}(F - 32)$, or $C(F) = \frac{5}{9}(F - 32)$.

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(b) Notice that the domains of both F(C) and C(F) are \mathbb{R} (since there is an "absolute zero," not all of the domain makes physical sense, but it makes algebraic sense). We have $C(F(C)) = C\left(\frac{9}{5}C + 32\right) = \frac{5}{9}\left(\left(\frac{9}{5}C + 32\right) - 32\right) = \frac{5}{9}\left(\frac{9}{5}C\right) = C$ for all C

in \mathbb{R} , and

 $F(C(F)) = F\left(\frac{5}{9}(F-32)\right) = \frac{9}{5}\left(\frac{5}{9}(F-32)\right) + 32 = (F-32) + 32 = F \text{ for}$ all F in \mathbb{R} . So F(C) and C(F) actually are inverse functions.

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