

**Inverse Functions:**

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$f^{-1}$  the inverse function is formed by interchanging the  $x$  and  $y$  coordinates of a function.

Characteristics of the inverse function:

- If  $g$  is the inverse of  $f$ , then  $f$  is the inverse function of  $g$ .
- The domain of  $f^{-1}$  is equal to the range of  $f$ , and the range of  $f^{-1}$  is equal to the domain of  $f$ .
- Not all functions have inverses.
- The graph of  $f^{-1}$  is a reflection of the graph of  $f$  in the line  $y = x$ .
- Graphs of inverse functions have reciprocal slopes.

**The definition:**

A function  $g$  is the inverse function of the function  $f$  if :

$$f(g(x)) = x \text{ for each } x \text{ in the domain of } g \text{ \&}$$

$$g(f(x)) = x \text{ for each } x \text{ in the domain of } f .$$

**Ex1: Show that the functions are inverse function of each other.**

$$f(x) = 2x^3 - 1 \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = \sqrt[3]{\frac{x+1}{2}}$$

Theorem 5.7—The existence of an Inverse Function

- A function has an inverse function if and only if it is one-to-one.
- If  $f$  is strictly monotonic on its entire domain then it is one-to-one and therefore has an inverse function ( *passes the horizontal line test* )

**Monotonic:** A function that it either increasing on its entire domain or decreasing on its entire domain.

Ex2: Which function has an inverse function

A)  $f(x) = 2x^3 - x - 1$

B)  $f(x) = 2x^3 + x - 1$

Ex3: Find the inverse function:  $f(x) = \sqrt{3x - 4}$

### Continuity and Differentiability of Inverse Functions:

Let  $f$  be a function whose domain is an interval  $I$ . If  $f$  has an inverse function, then the following are true.

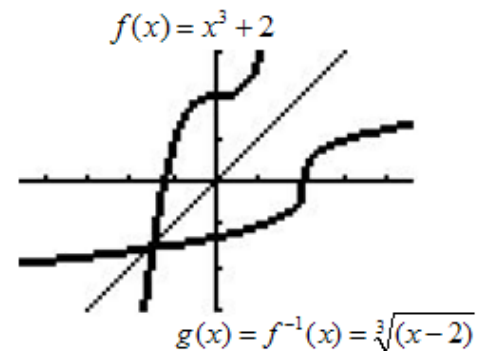
1. If  $f$  is continuous on its domain, then  $f^{-1}$  is continuous on its domain.
2. If  $f$  is increasing on its domain, then  $f^{-1}$  is increasing on its domain.
3. If  $f$  is decreasing on its domain, then  $f^{-1}$  is decreasing on its domain.
4. If  $f$  is differentiable at  $c$  and  $f'(c) \neq 0$ , then  $f^{-1}$  is differentiable at  $f(c)$

Ex4:

a. Find  $f'(x)$  and  $g'(x)$ .

b. Find  $f(1)$  and  $g(3)$ .

c. Find  $f'(1)$  and  $g'(3)$



### The Derivative of an Inverse Function:

Let  $f$  be a function that is differentiable on an interval  $I$ . If  $f$  has an inverse function  $g$ , then  $g$  is differentiable at any  $x$  for which  $f'(g(x)) \neq 0$  AND:

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{f'(g(x))}, \quad f'(g(x)) \neq 0$$

Ex5: Find  $(h^{-1})'(3)$  given  $h(x) = x^5 + 3x + 2$

Ex6: Find  $(k^{-1})'(4)$  if  $k(x) = 4x^3 + 2x - 5$