

Key.

### Algebra 2

### Notes 5-6 Inverse relations and Functions

Obj: Represent the inverse of a relation using tables, graphs, and equations

What is a function?

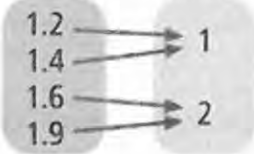
each element of domain paired to one element of range

What is an inverse?

→ switch  $x$  &  $y$   $(x, y) \rightarrow (y, x)$

Notation: If the inverse is also a function, then we denote it as  $f^{-1}$

Relation  $r$   
Domain      Range



The domain of the original function is the range of the inverse.

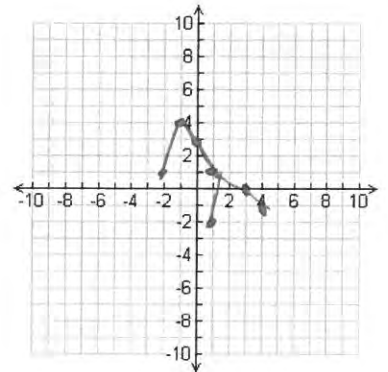
The range of the original function is the domain of the inverse.

**Example 1.** Find the inverse. Graph the relation and its inverse.

$x$	$y$
-2	1
-1	4
0	3
1	1

inv.

$x$	$y$
1	-2
4	-1
3	0
1	1



Is the inverse a function? no,  $x=1$  repeats.

**You try:** Find the inverse and tell if it is a function.

$x$	-1	0	1	2	3	4
$y$	9	7	5	3	1	-1

$x$	9	7	5	3	1	-1
$y$	-1	0	1	2	3	4

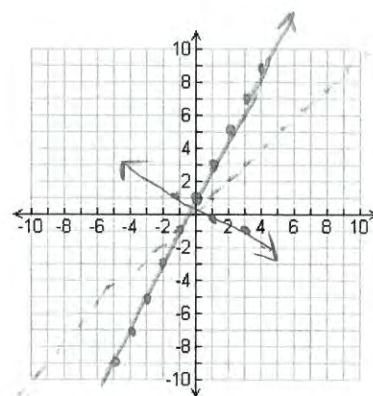
yes no  $x$  repeats

Activity

1. Graph  $y=2x+1$
2. Graph  $y=x$  as dotted
3. Graph the inverse of  $y$

x	y
0	1
1	3
2	5

x	y
1	0
3	1
5	2



What do you notice about the symmetry of the graphs?

they are symmetric over  $y=x$

Example 3. Find an equation for an inverse.

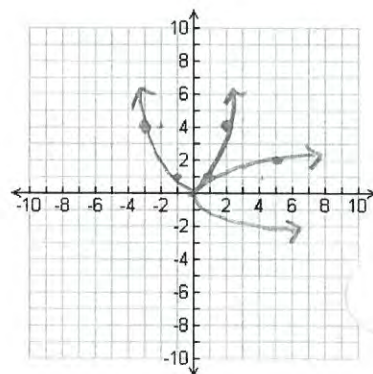
Given  $y = x^2$

Switch  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$x = y^2$$

Solve for  $y$ .

$$y = \pm\sqrt{x}$$



How are the graphs of  $f(x)$  and its inverse related?

symmetric over  $y=x$

You try:  $f(x) = 2x+1$

$$x = 2y + 1$$

$$x - 1 = 2y$$

$$\frac{x - 1}{2} = y$$

Is the inverse a function?

yes it's linear

Find  $f(x)^{-1}$  Practice.

1.  $y = x^3 + 1$

$$x = y^3 + 1$$

$$x - 1 = y^3$$

$$\sqrt[3]{x-1} = y$$

2.  $y = 10 - 3x$

$$x = 10 - 3y$$

$$x - 10 = -3y$$

$$-\frac{x-10}{3} = -y$$

$$\frac{-x+10}{3} = y$$

3.  $y = x^2 - 4$

$$x = y^2 - 4$$

$$x + 4 = y^2$$

$$\pm\sqrt{x+4} = y$$

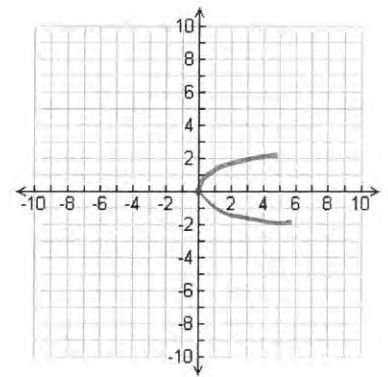
**Example 3.** Restrict a domain to produce an inverse function.

Given  $y = x^2$   $x \geq 0$

$$x = y^2$$

$$y = \pm\sqrt{x} \rightarrow \text{only use } y_2$$

$$y = \sqrt{x}$$



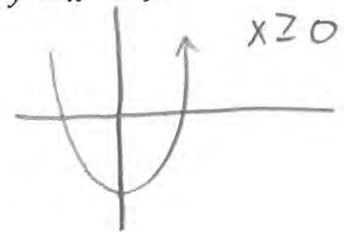
**You try.** Restrict the domain to find an inverse function.  $y = x^2 - 9$

$$x = y^2 - 9$$

$$x + 9 = y^2$$

$$y = \pm\sqrt{x+9}$$

$$y = \sqrt{x+9} \quad x \geq -9$$



**Example 4.** Find an equation for an inverse function.

$y = \sqrt{x-2}$

$$x = \sqrt{y-2}$$

$$x^2 = y - 2$$

$$x^2 + 2 = y$$

Composition of inverses. Two functions are inverses of each other if

$$f \circ f^{-1}(x) = f^{-1} \circ f(x) = x$$

That is their composition both directions results in  $x$ .

Show that  $f(x) = 2x+5$  and  $f(x)^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{5}{2}$  are inverses of each other.

$$\begin{aligned} f(f^{-1}(x)) &= 2\left(\frac{1}{2}x - \frac{5}{2}\right) + 5 \\ &= x - 5 + 5 \\ &= x \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(f(x)) &= \frac{1}{2}(2x+5) - \frac{5}{2} \\ &= x + \frac{5}{2} - \frac{5}{2} \\ &= x \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  inverses

You try. Prove if  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are inverses.

$$f(x) = x^2 + 5$$

$$g(x) = \sqrt{x} - 5$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(g(x)) &= (\sqrt{x} - 5)^2 + 5 \\ &= (\sqrt{x} - 5)(\sqrt{x} - 5) + 5 \\ &= x - 5\sqrt{x} - 5\sqrt{x} + 25 + 5 \\ &\neq x \end{aligned}$$

so not inverses.