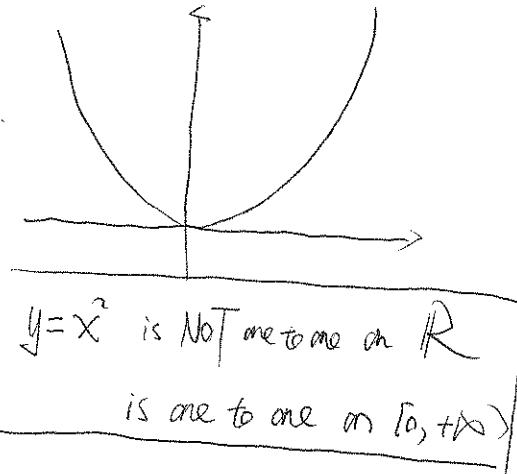
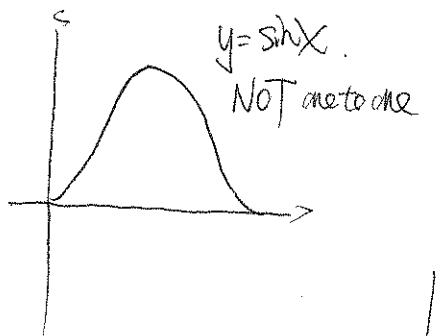
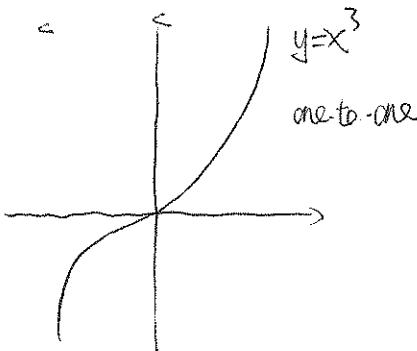


S 6.1. Inverse function

- $f(x)$ is ONE-TO-ONE if $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$ for all $x_1 \neq x_2$.
Equivalent to: No horizontal line intersects the graph of $f(x)$.

eg. 1.



- Given a one-to-one function $y = f(x)$ (with domain A and range B)
Solve the equation $y = f(x)$ for x (in terms of y).
The solution is called THE INVERSE FUNCTION of $f(x)$.

Switch x and y in the new function and denote it by $y = f^{-1}(x)$

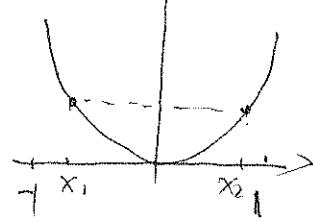
- Properties of f^{-1} : Domain $f^{-1} = \text{Range } f$. Range $f = \text{Domain } f^{-1}$.
 $f(f^{-1}(\square)) = \square$; $f^{-1}(f(\triangle)) = \triangle$.

The graph of f and f^{-1} are SYMMETRIC with respect to $y=x$

- KEY FORMULA for derivative of f^{-1} at the point $x=a$.

$$\textcircled{\star} \quad (f^{-1})'(a) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(a))}$$

e.g. 2. • $y = x^2$ is NOT ONE-TO-ONE on $[-1, 1]$ since so has no inverse function on $[-1, 1]$.



• $y = x^2$ is ONE-TO-ONE on $[0, 2]$

Domain: $[0, 2]$ (where x lives)

Range: $[0, 4]$. (where y lives)



(Three Steps to find the inverse of $y = x^2$)

Step 1: Write $y = x^2$

Step 2: Solve for x as a function of y : $x = \sqrt{y}$

Step 3: Interchange x and y
in step 2.

$$x = \sqrt{y} \rightarrow \boxed{y = \sqrt{x}}$$

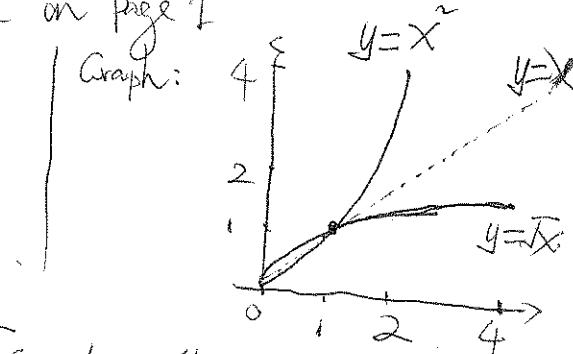
(Caution: Actually, there are two solutions: $x = \pm\sqrt{y}$. We drop $-\sqrt{y}$ since $x \in [0, 2]$ is positive.)

Conclusion: The inverse function of $y = x^2$ on $[0, 2]$ is $y = \sqrt{x}$, whose domain is $[0, 4]$ (the range of $y = x^2$) and whose range is $[0, 2]$ (the domain of $y = x^2$)

e.g. 3: check egn2 satisfies all properties listed on Page 1

$$(f(f^{-1}(0)) = 0 \checkmark :) (\sqrt{0})^2 = 0$$

$$(f^{-1}(f(4)) = 4 \checkmark :) \sqrt{4^2} = 4$$



e.g. 4: Compute the derivatives of $y = x^2$ and $y = \sqrt{x}$, at $x=4$.

Compare with \otimes formula at $x=2$

$$(x^2)'_{|x=2} = 2x|_{x=2} = 4 ; (\sqrt{x})'_{|x=4} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}|_{x=4} = \frac{1}{4} .$$

Remark 1: The most important types of inverse functions will be discussed in §6.2-6.7, which are log-exp, inverse-trig, inverse-hyp.

Remark 2: Most functions do not have an explicit inverse function as in eg. 2.

But we can still ~~not~~ study the derivative via formula \star

eg. 5: Let $f(x) = 2x^4 + 3x - 5$ for $x > 0$. Find $(f^{-1})'(x)$ at the point $x=0=f(1)$

sln: (Step 1:) Compute the derivative of $f(x)$.

$$f'(x) = 2 \cdot 4x^3 + 3$$

(Step 2:) Evaluate $f'(x)$ (at the CORRECT POINT $f'(a)$.)

In this example, $a=x=0$. $f(1)=0 \Rightarrow 1=f'(0)$

Therefore, $f'(0)=1$

and $f'(f^{-1}(0)) = f'(1) = 2 \cdot 4 \cdot 1^3 + 3 = 11$

(Step 3:) Flip. (via \star)

$$(f^{-1})'(0) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(0))} = \frac{1}{11}$$



**. eg. 6. $y=f(x)=\sin x$. Compute the derivative of $\sin x$ (which is denoted by \sin'), at the point ~~$x=b$ since~~. In TERMS OF ~~a~~ a .

$$x=a=\sin b$$

sln: s1: $f'(x)=(\sin x)'=\cos x$; s2: ~~a~~ $a=\sin b$, i.e., $f(b)=a$

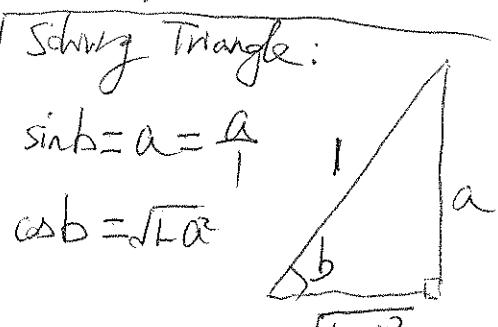
i.e. $b=f^{-1}(a)$

$$s3: f'(f^{-1}(a)) = f'(b) = \cos b.$$

$$s3: (f^{-1})'(a) = \frac{1}{\cos b}$$

Extra Step: express $\cos b$ in terms of a

$$\text{i.e. } (f^{-1})'(a) = \frac{1}{\cos b} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-a^2}}$$



§ 6.2-6.4. (Natural) Logarithm/Exponential Functions and their Applications.

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|------------|----------------|-----------|---------------------|
| log | $y = \log_a x$ | $y = a^x$ | exponential |
| nature log | $y = \ln x$ | $y = e^x$ | natural exponential |

- Motivation: generalization of integer power and its reverse

$2^3 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8 \Rightarrow 2^{3.5} ? \xrightarrow{\text{exp}} 2^x$ for any x .
 $2^n : 2^4 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 16$

$\begin{matrix} 3 \xrightarrow{\text{exp}} 8 \\ 4 \xleftarrow{\text{exp}} 16 \end{matrix}$ reverse: $\begin{matrix} 8 \xleftarrow{\log} 3 \\ 16 \xleftarrow{\log} 4 \end{matrix}$ } Reverse (Inverse)
 $\log_2 x$.

$x \mapsto a$ ($a > 0$). $y = a^x$ Special case: $a = e$, $y = e^x$.

exp-function with base a .

Inverse

natural exp.

$$y = \log_a x$$

Special case: $a = e$,

$$y = \ln x$$

log-function with base a

natural log.

- Graph of a^x and $\log_a x$.

