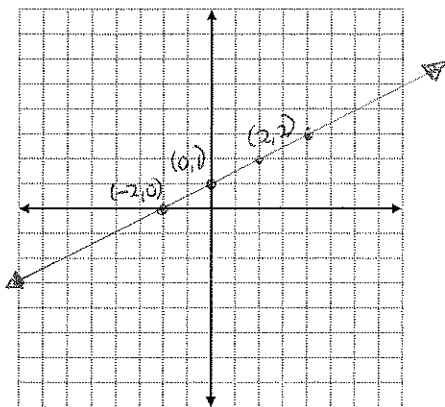


4.5 - Inverse Relations

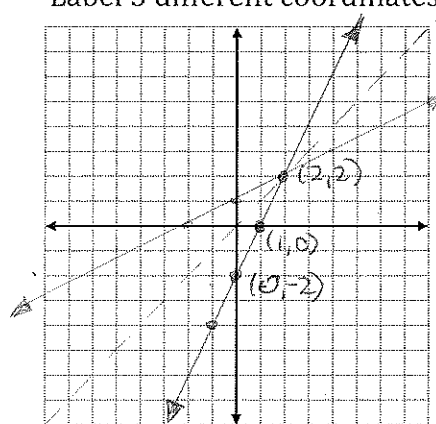
Consider the graph of $y = \frac{1}{2}x + 1$.

Label 3 different coordinates.



Reflect the graph in the line $y = x$.

Label 3 different coordinates.



Result (of coordinates): x and y coordinates switch! This is called the inverse.

The inverse equation is $x = \frac{1}{2}y + 1$. Solve the equation for y. Is the inverse a function? Yes

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

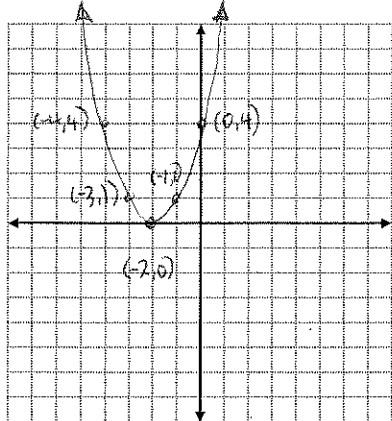
$$2(x-1) = y$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{y = 2x - 2}$$

We write this as $\boxed{f^{-1}(x) = 2x - 2}$

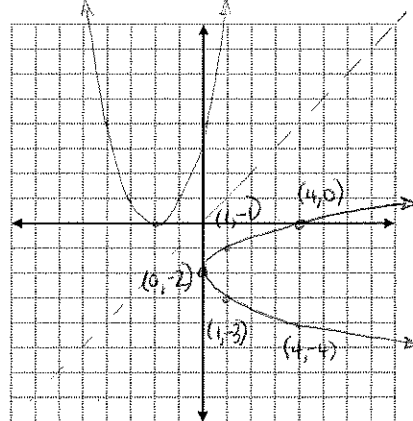
Consider the graph of $y = (x + 2)^2$

Label 3 different coordinates.



Reflect the graph in the line $y = x$.

Label 3 different coordinates.



Domain: $x \in \mathbb{R}$ Range: $y \geq 0$

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Result (of coordinates): x and y switch Result of Domain and Range: they switch!

The inverse equation is $x = (y + 2)^2$. Solve the equation for y. Is the inverse a function? NO

$$\sqrt{x} = \sqrt{(y+2)^2}$$

$$\pm\sqrt{x} = y + 2$$

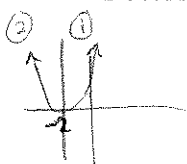
$$\boxed{y = \pm\sqrt{x} - 2}$$

Doesn't pass the vertical line test.

Determine 2 ways to restrict the domain of $y = (x + 2)^2$ to make the inverse a function.

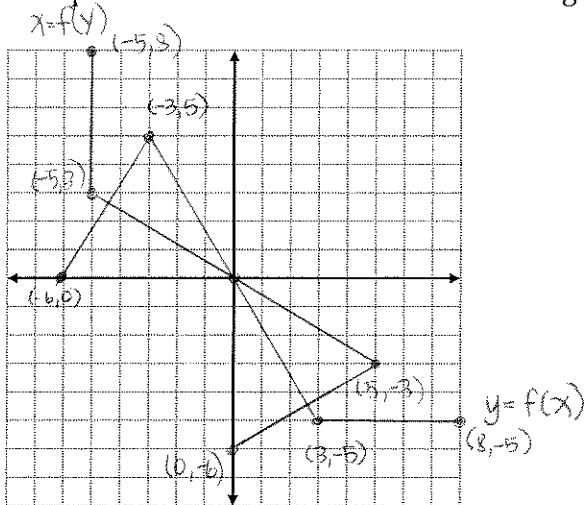
① $x \geq -2 \Rightarrow$  $\Rightarrow f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt{x} - 2$

② $x \leq -2 \Rightarrow$  $\Rightarrow f^{-1}(x) = -\sqrt{x} - 2$



- For a function $y = f(x)$, the graph $x = f(y)$ is the image of the graph after **reflection in the line $y = x$** .
- $y = f(x)$ and $x = f(y)$ are **inverses** of each other.
- A point (x, y) on $y = f(x)$ corresponds to the point (y, x) on $x = f(y)$.
- The domain of $y = f(x)$ is the range of $x = f(y)$ and the range of $y = f(x)$ is the domain of $x = f(y)$.
- If $x = f(y)$ is a function, $f^{-1}(x)$ is used to denote the inverse function.

Example #1: Sketch a function, $y = g(x)$, using 3 straight lines. On the same grid, also graph the inverse. Label 3 points and state the domain and range of each. Is the inverse a function?



$y = g(x)$	$x = g(y)$
Domain: $-6 \leq x \leq 8$	Domain: $-5 \leq x \leq 5$
Range: $-5 \leq y \leq 5$	Range: $-6 \leq y \leq 8$

Is the inverse a function? NO

Example #2: Determine the equation of the inverse of each function. State the equation in the form $f^{-1}(x)$, restricting the domain of the original function if needed.

a) $y = \frac{3x-5}{2}$

$$x = \frac{3y-5}{2}$$

$$2x = 3y-5$$

$$\frac{2x+5}{3} = \frac{3y}{3} \Rightarrow y = \frac{2x+5}{3}$$

$f^{-1}(x) = \underline{\underline{\frac{2x+5}{3}}}$

b) $y = 2(x-3)^2 + 4$

$$x = 2(y-3)^2 + 4$$

$$\frac{x-4}{2} = \frac{2(y-3)^2}{2}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{x-4}{2}} = \sqrt{(y-3)^2}$$

$$\pm \sqrt{\frac{x-4}{2}} = y-3 \Rightarrow y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{x-4}{2}} + 3$$

$f^{-1}(x) = \underline{\underline{\sqrt{\frac{x-4}{2}} + 3}} \quad x \geq 4$

$f^{-1}(x) = \underline{\underline{-\sqrt{\frac{x-4}{2}} + 3}} \quad x \leq 4$

