

Inverse Functions

f and g are inverses if $f(g(x)) = x$
and $g(f(x)) = x$

Find and verify the inverse: $y = 4x + 2$

1. Switch x and y

$$x = 4y + 2$$

2. Solve for y .

$$\frac{x-2}{4} = \frac{4y}{4}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{x}{4} - \frac{1}{2}} = y$$

Verify: \downarrow inverse of $f(x)$

Show that $f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$.

$$y = 4x + 2$$

$$y = 4\left(\frac{x}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\right) + 2$$

$$= x - 2 + 2$$

$$= x$$

Show that $f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$.

$$y = \frac{x}{4} - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y = \frac{(4x+2)}{4} - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{4x}{4} + \frac{2}{4} - \frac{1}{2}$$

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

Find and verify the inverse: $y = -\frac{2}{3}x + 2$

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

$$-\frac{3}{2}(x-2) = -\frac{2}{3}y \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)$$

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

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

$$y = -\frac{3}{2}\left(-\frac{2}{3}x + 2\right) + 3$$

$$= 1x - 3 + 3 = x$$

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

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$$= 1x - 2 + 2$$

$$= x$$