

Inverses of Functions (cont.)

verify that $f(x) = 4x + 2$ and $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{4}x - \frac{1}{2}$ are inverse functions.

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

$$x - 2 + 2 = x$$

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

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

Find and verify the inverse:

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

$$y = x^2 + 2$$

$$x = y + 2$$

$$x - 2 = y^2$$

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

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

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

$$x^2 + 2$$

$$(\sqrt{x-2})^2 + 2$$

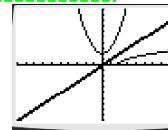
$$x - 2 + 2 = x$$

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

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

$$= \sqrt{x^2+2-2}$$

$$= \sqrt{x^2} = x$$



$$f(x) = -x^3 + 4$$

$$y = -x^3 + 4$$

$$x = -y^3 + 4$$

$$x - 4 = -y^3$$

$$-x + 4 = y^3$$

$$\sqrt[3]{-x+4} = \sqrt[3]{y^3}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{-x+4} = y$$

$$f(f^{-1}(x)) = -x^3 + 4$$

$$= -(\sqrt[3]{-x+4})^3 + 4$$

$$= -(-x+4) + 4$$

$$= x - 4 + 4 = x$$

$$f^{-1}(f(x)) = \sqrt[3]{-x+4}$$

$$= \sqrt[3]{-(-x^3+4)+4}$$

$$= \sqrt[3]{x^3-4+4}$$

$$= \sqrt[3]{x^3} = x$$