

Operations w/ Functions - Calculator

p. 435 - complete the activity, then do # 1 - 4 -

Inverse Functions

Inverse Functions - "Undo" one another.

The symbol -1 in f^{-1} is not to be interpreted as an exponent. In other words, $f^{-1}(x) \neq \frac{1}{f(x)}$

Ex.1 $f(x) = x + 2$ $f^{-1}(x) = x - 2$

Verify:

$$f(f^{-1}(x)) = (x - 2) + 2 = x \quad \checkmark$$

$$f^{-1}(f(x)) = (x + 2) - 2 = x \quad \checkmark$$

Ex.2

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

Verify:

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

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

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

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

Switch x and y. $y = 4x + 2$

Solve for y. $x = 4y + 2$

$$x - 2 = 4y$$

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

Verify: $\frac{x - 2}{4} = y = g(x)$ OR $f^{-1}(x)$

$$f(g(x)) = 4\left(\frac{x - 2}{4}\right) + 2 = (x - 2) + 2 = x \quad \checkmark$$

$$g(f(x)) = \frac{(4x + 2) - 2}{4} = \frac{4x}{4} = x \quad \checkmark$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$\boxed{-\frac{3}{2}x + 3} = y = f^{-1}(x) = g(x)$$

Verify: $f(g(x)) = -\frac{2}{3}\left(-\frac{3}{2}x + 3\right) + 2$

$$= x - 2 + 2 = x \quad \checkmark$$

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

$$= x - 3 + 3 = x \quad \checkmark$$