

2.6 Derivatives of Inverse Functions

Review: Two functions are inverse functions if

$$f(x) = x^3$$

$$x = y^3$$

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

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

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

and

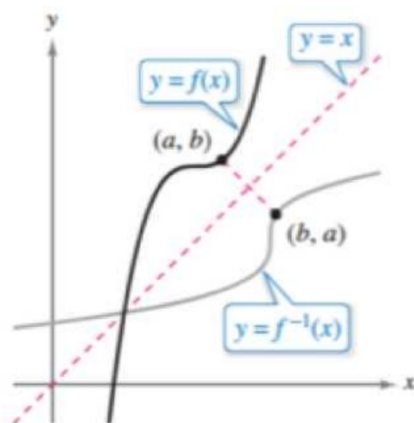
$$(f^{-1} \circ f)(x) = x$$

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

$$(x^3)^{1/3} = x$$

Inverse Properties

- The graphs of f and f^{-1} are reflections about the line $y=x$.
- The domain of f is the range of f^{-1} .
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- A function has an inverse if and only if it is one-to-one.



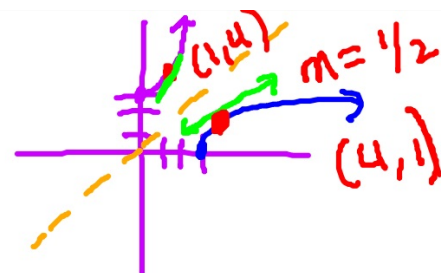
(monotonic)
• always increasing
or
• always decreasing

Derivative of an inverse function

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x-3}$$

$$D: [3, \infty)$$

$$R: [0, \infty)$$



$$f'(4) ?$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x-3}}$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = x^2 + 3, \quad x \geq 0$$

$$f'(4) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(f^{-1})'(1) = 2$$

The slope of a function and its inverse function have a reciprocal relationship.

$$f(x) = x^5 + 2x - 1$$

$$2 = x^5 + 2x - 1$$

$$x = 1$$

$$f'(x) = 5x^4 + 2$$

$$f'(1) = 7$$

$$(f^{-1})'(2) = \underline{\frac{1}{7}}$$

$$f: (1, 2) \quad \downarrow$$

$$f^{-1}: (2, 1)$$

reciprocal

ex: If $f(x) = x^5 + 2x^3 + x - 1$ and

$(f \circ g)(x) = (g \circ f) = x$ find $g'(3) = \frac{1}{12}$

$$3 = x^5 + 2x^3 + x - 1$$

$$1 = x$$

$$f'(x) = 5x^4 + 6x^2 + 1$$

$$f'(1) = 12$$

reciprocal

$$f: (1, 3)$$

$$g: (3, 1)$$

3. 18% answered correctly

If $f(x) = x^3 + x$ and $h(x)$ is the inverse of $f(x)$, then $h'(2)$ is

- A) $\frac{1}{13}$ B) $\frac{1}{4}$ C) 1 D) 4 E) 13

$h(2, \quad)$
 $f(\quad, 2)$

$$2 = x^3 + x$$

$$1 = x$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 + 1$$

$$f'(1) = 4$$

4. 14% answered correctly

Let f be a differentiable function such that $f(3) = 15$, $f'(3) = -8$ and $f'(6) = -2$, $f(6) = 3$.
The function g is differentiable and $g(x) = f^{-1}(x)$ for all x . What is the value of $g'(3)$?

- A) $-\frac{1}{2}$ B) $-\frac{1}{8}$ C) $\frac{1}{6}$ D) $\frac{1}{3}$ E) The value of $g'(3)$ cannot be determined from the information given.

$$g: (3, \quad)$$
$$f: (\underline{6}, 3)$$

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Suppose f is a one-to-one function, which is differentiable for all real numbers x . The table below gives some of the values of $f(x)$ and $f'(x)$:

x	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
1	2	$\frac{7}{6}$
2	3	$\frac{7}{6}$
3	5	$\frac{19}{6}$
4	10	$\frac{43}{6}$

(a) Write an equation of the tangent line, T_1 , to the function $f(x)$ at $x = 3$.

(b) Write an equation of the normal line, N_1 , to the function $f(x)$ at $x = 3$.

(c) Write an equation of the tangent line, T_2 , to the function $f^{-1}(x)$ at $x = 3$.

$$y - 2 = \frac{6}{7}(x - 3)$$

$f^{-1}: (3, 2)$
 $f: (2, 3)$
 $f'(2) = \frac{7}{6}$
reciprocal

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The functions f and g are differentiable for all real numbers, and g is strictly increasing. The table gives values of the functions and their first derivatives at selected values of x .

The function h is given by $h(x) = f(g(x)) - 6$.

x	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$	$g(x)$	$g'(x)$
1	6	4	2	5
2	9	2	3	1
3	10	-4	4	2
4	-1	3	6	7

$$h(1) = 3$$

$$h(3) < -5 < h(1)$$

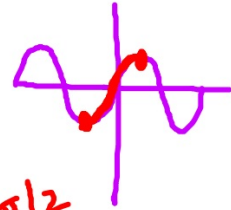
$$h(3) = -7$$

- (a) Explain why there must be a value r for $1 < r < 3$ such that $h(r) = -5$.
- (b) Explain why there must be a value c for $1 < c < 3$ such that $h'(c) = -5$.
- (c) Let w be the function given by $w(x) = \int_1^{g(x)} f(t) dt$. Find the value $w'(3)$.
- (d) If g^{-1} is the inverse function of g , write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of $y = g^{-1}(x)$ at $x = 2$.

$$y - 1 = \frac{1}{5}(x - 2)$$

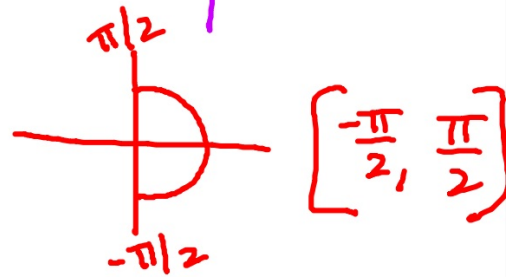
$$\frac{g^{-1}(2, 1)}{g(1, 2)}$$

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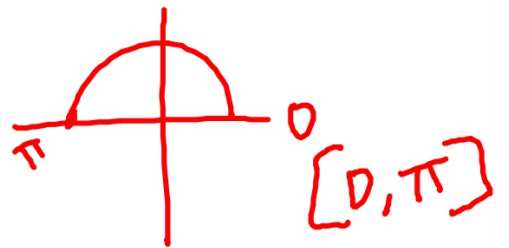


ex: Evaluate.

$$\text{a) } \sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{6}$$



$$\text{b) } \arccos(-1) = \pi$$



Belly functions

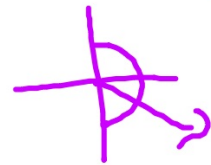
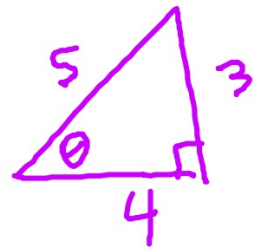
$\arcsin x$
 $\arctan x$
 $\operatorname{arccsc} x$

Sunset functions

$\arccos x$
 $\operatorname{arccot} x$
 $\operatorname{arcsec} x$

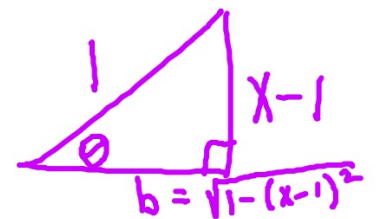
ex: Evaluate.

$$c) \sin\left(\tan^{-1}\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)\right) = -\frac{3}{5}$$



$$d) \cos(\arcsin(\underline{x-1}))$$

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



$$1^2 = (x-1)^2 + b^2$$
$$1 - (x-1)^2 = b^2$$

Derivatives of Inverse Trigonometric Functions

THEOREM 2.18 Derivatives of Inverse Trigonometric Functions

Let u be a differentiable function of x .

$$\begin{array}{ll} \frac{d}{dx}[\arcsin u] = \frac{u'}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} & \frac{d}{dx}[\arccos u] = \frac{-u'}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} \\ \frac{d}{dx}[\arctan u] = \frac{u'}{1+u^2} & \frac{d}{dx}[\operatorname{arccot} u] = \frac{-u'}{1+u^2} \\ \frac{d}{dx}[\operatorname{arcsec} u] = \frac{u'}{|u|\sqrt{u^2-1}} & \frac{d}{dx}[\operatorname{arccsc} u] = \frac{-u'}{|u|\sqrt{u^2-1}} \end{array}$$

*****We will re-visit the proofs of these derivatives next week :)***

ex: Find the derivative.

find $y'(\frac{1}{4})$

a) $y = \sin^{-1}(2x)$

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

$$y'(\frac{1}{4}) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-\frac{1}{4}}} = \frac{2}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Write the equation of the tangent line at $x = 1/4$

$$(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{\pi}{6})$$

$$y - \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}(x - \frac{1}{4})$$

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ex: Find the derivative.

b) $f(x) = \sec^{-1}(e^{7x})$

$$f'(x) = \frac{7e^{7x}}{|e^{7x}| \sqrt{e^{14x} - 1}} = \frac{7}{\sqrt{e^{14x} - 1}}$$

ex: Find an equation of the tangent line to the graph of f at the given point.

$$y' = \left(\frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1 + \frac{x^2}{4}} \right) \cdot 4 = \frac{2}{4 + x^2}$$
$$y = \arctan\left(\frac{x}{2}\right), \quad x = -2 \quad \left(-2, -\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$
$$y'(-2) = \frac{1}{4}$$
$$y + \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{4}(x + 2)$$