

YES/NO Is the inverse a function? Does the function pass the Horizontal Line Test (HLT)? Use a calculator to find the answer.

1. $f(x) = -x^3 + 3$	2. $f(x) = \sqrt{x - 6}$
3. $f(x) = 2x^2 - 5$	4. $f(x) = 2x^3 - 5$
5. $f(x) = -\sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{2x+4}{3}\right)}$	6. $f(x) = -3\sqrt{\frac{4x-7}{3}}$

YES/NO Are these functions inverses of each other? Do they reflect over the line $y = x$? Use a calculator to find the answer.

7. $f(x) = 2x - 9$ and $g(x) = \frac{x}{2} - 9$	8. $f(x) = \frac{x-3}{4}$ and $g(x) = 4x + 3$
9. $f(x) = \sqrt[5]{\frac{x+9}{5}}$ and $g(x) = 5x^5 - 9$	10. $f(x) = 7x^{\frac{3}{2}} - 4$ and $g(x) = \left(\frac{x+4}{7}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$

11. **REASONING** Determine whether each pair of functions f and g are inverses. Explain your reasoning.

a.

x	-2	-1	0	1	2
$f(x)$	-2	1	4	7	10

x	-2	1	4	7	10
$g(x)$	-2	-1	0	1	2

b.

x	2	3	4	5	6
$f(x)$	8	6	4	2	0

x	2	3	4	5	6
$g(x)$	-8	-6	-4	-2	0

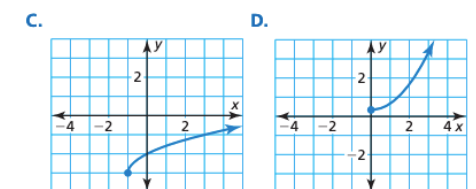
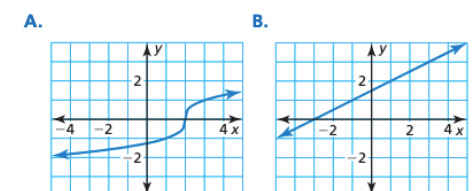
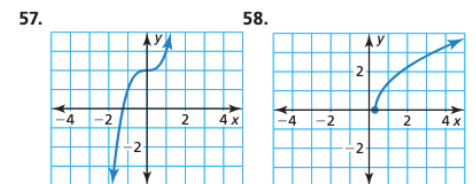
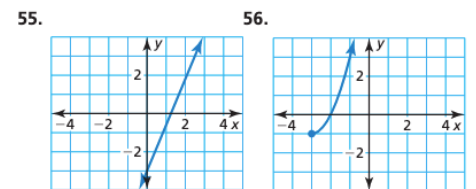
c.

x	-4	-2	0	2	4
$f(x)$	2	10	18	26	34

x	-4	-2	0	2	4
$g(x)$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{18}$	$\frac{1}{26}$	$\frac{1}{34}$

12. Match the graph of the function to its inverse.

ANALYZING RELATIONSHIPS In Exercises 55–58, match the graph of the function with the graph of its inverse.



Notice that these steps *undo* each other. Functions that undo each other are called **inverse functions**. In Example 1, you can use the equation solved for x to write the inverse of f by switching the roles of x and y .

$f(x) = 2x + 3$ **original function**

$g(x) = \frac{x - 3}{2}$ **inverse function**

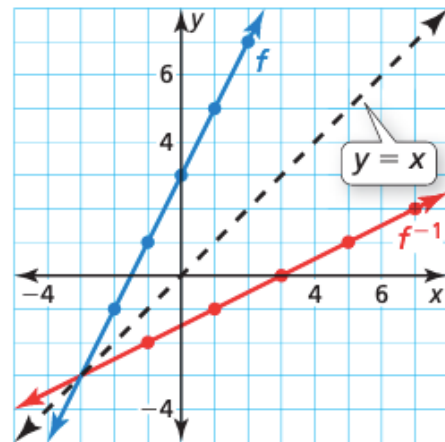
The function g is denoted by f^{-1} , read as “ f inverse.” Because inverse functions interchange the input and output values of the original function, the domain and range are also interchanged.

Original function: $f(x) = 2x + 3$

x	-2	-1	0	1	2
y	-1	1	3	5	7

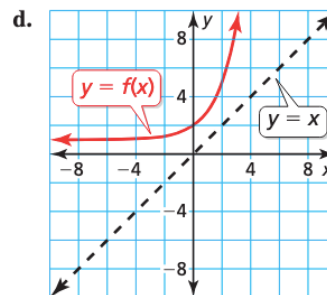
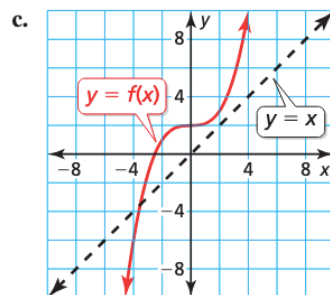
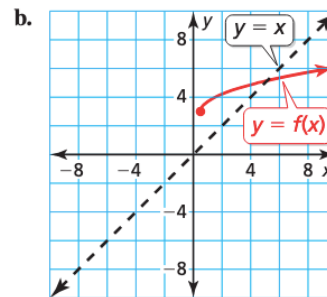
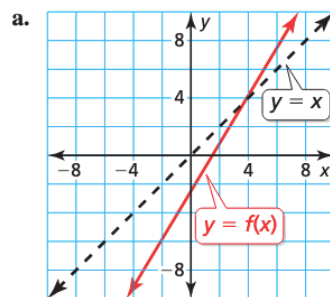
Inverse function: $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x - 3}{2}$

x	-1	1	3	5	7
y	-2	-1	0	1	2



The graph of an inverse function is a *reflection* of the graph of the original function. The *line of reflection* is $y = x$. To find the inverse of a function algebraically, switch the roles of x and y , and then solve for y .

Work with a partner. Use the graph of f to sketch the graph of g , the inverse function of f , on the same set of coordinate axes. Explain your reasoning.



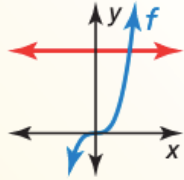
Horizontal Line Test

You can use the graph of a function f to determine whether the inverse of f is a function by applying the *horizontal line test*.

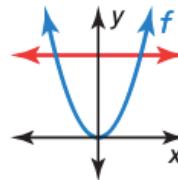
Horizontal Line Test

The inverse of a function f is also a function if and only if no horizontal line intersects the graph of f more than once.

Inverse is a function

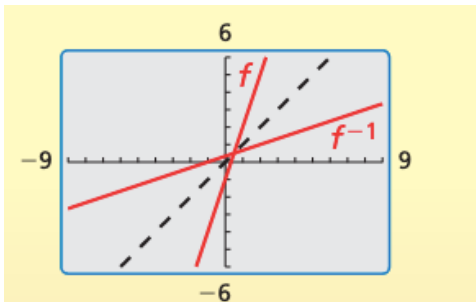


Inverse is not a function



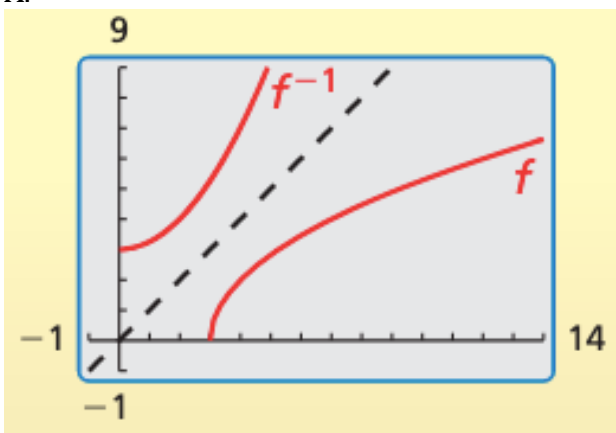
Are these functions inverses? Why?

Example:



The graph of f^{-1} appears to be a reflection of the graph of f in the line $y = x$. ✓

A.



B.

