

If a function  $f(x)$  has a domain = set A and a range = set B, then the **inverse function**  $f^{-1}(x)$  has a domain = set B and a range = set A. **The x and y values are reversed.**

Find the inverse of each relation shown below. Determine whether the inverse is a function or not. If not, why not? Be specific.

1.

x	4	3	2	1	0
f(x)	3	1	-1	-3	-5

\*switch x and y

x	3	1	-1	-3	-5
$f^{-1}(x)$	4	3	2	1	0

this is a function. each x-value has only one y-value.

2.  $f(x) = \{(-1,4), (0,3), (1,4), (2,3)\}$

$f^{-1}(x) = \{(4,-1), (3,0), (4,1), (3,2)\}$  this is not a function because the x-values have more than one corresponding y-values.

**How to find the inverse of a function:**

STEP 1: Stick a "y" in for the "f(x)."

STEP 2: Switch the x and y.

STEP 3: Solve for y.

STEP 4: Stick  $f^{-1}(x)$  in for the "y."  
THEN, CHECK IT!

Find the inverse of each function.

3.  $f(x) = -2x + 5$

$y = -2x + 5$  ← original

$x = -2y + 5$  ← inverse  
-5                      -5

$\frac{x-5}{-2} = \frac{-2y}{-2}$

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

$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{-1}{2}x + \frac{5}{2}$

4.  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+7}$   
 $y = \sqrt{x+7}$  ← original

$x^2 = \sqrt{y+7}^2$  ← inverse

$x^2 = y + 7$

$y = x^2 - 7$

$f^{-1}(x) = x^2 - 7$

Find the inverse of each function.

5.  $f(x) = x^3 - 6$

1.  $y = x^3 - 6$

2.  $x = y^3 - 6$

3.  $+6 \quad +6$

$\sqrt[3]{x+6} = \sqrt[3]{y^3}$

$y = \sqrt[3]{x+6}$

4.  $f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt[3]{x+6}$

6.  $f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{3}$

1.  $y = \frac{2x+1}{3}$

2.  $3 \cdot x = \frac{2y+1}{3} \cdot 3$

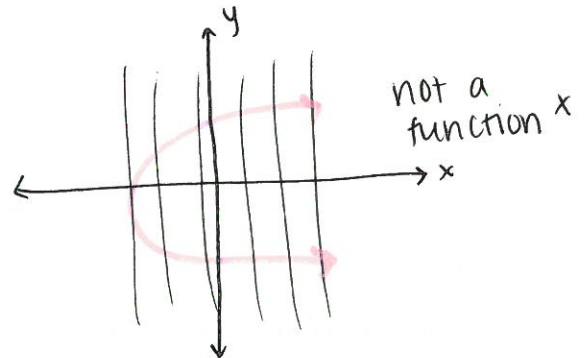
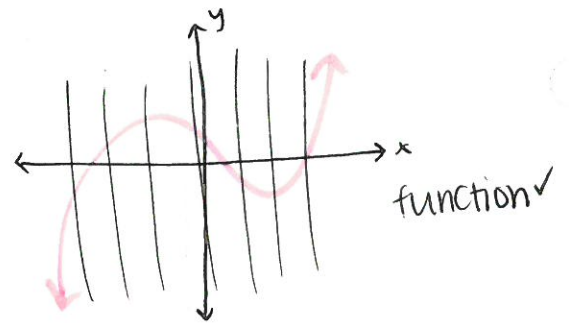
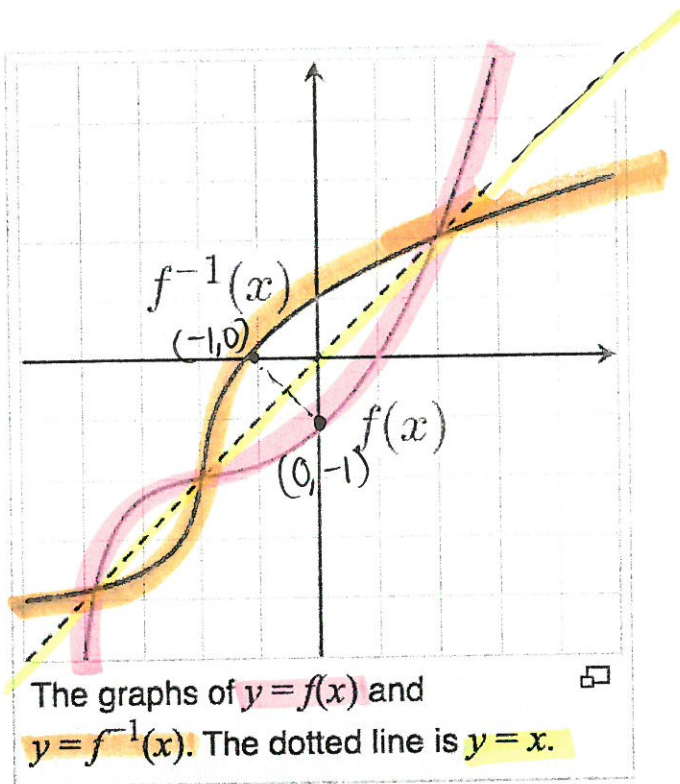
3.  $3x = 2y+1$

$\frac{3x-1}{2} = \frac{2y}{2}$

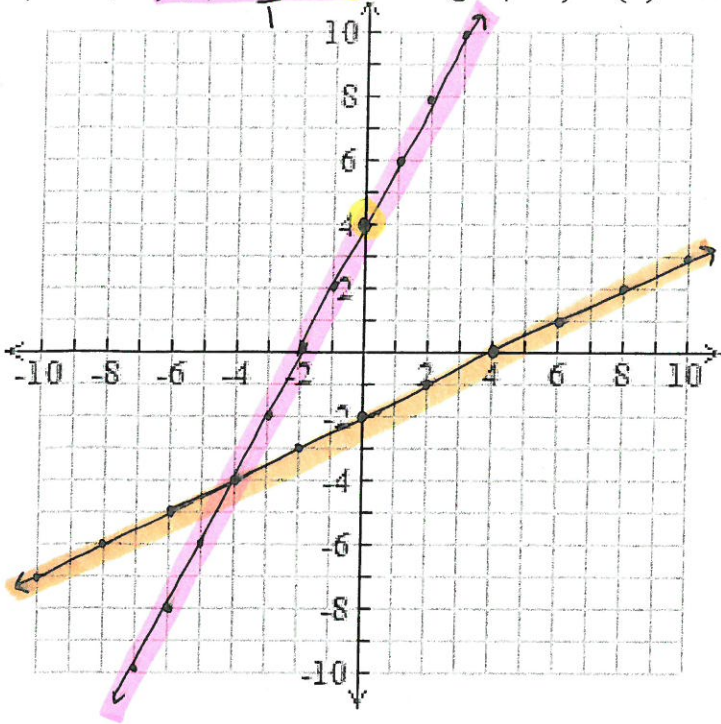
4.  $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{3x}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$

$\frac{3x}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$

To find the graph of an inverse, switch the x and y values for each key point. Your 2 graphs will reflect over the line  $y = x$ .



7) Graph  $f(x) = 2x + 4$ , then graph  $f^{-1}(x)$  on the same axis.



2 options:

- 1) pick out coordinates + flip them
- 2) find the inverse equation + graph

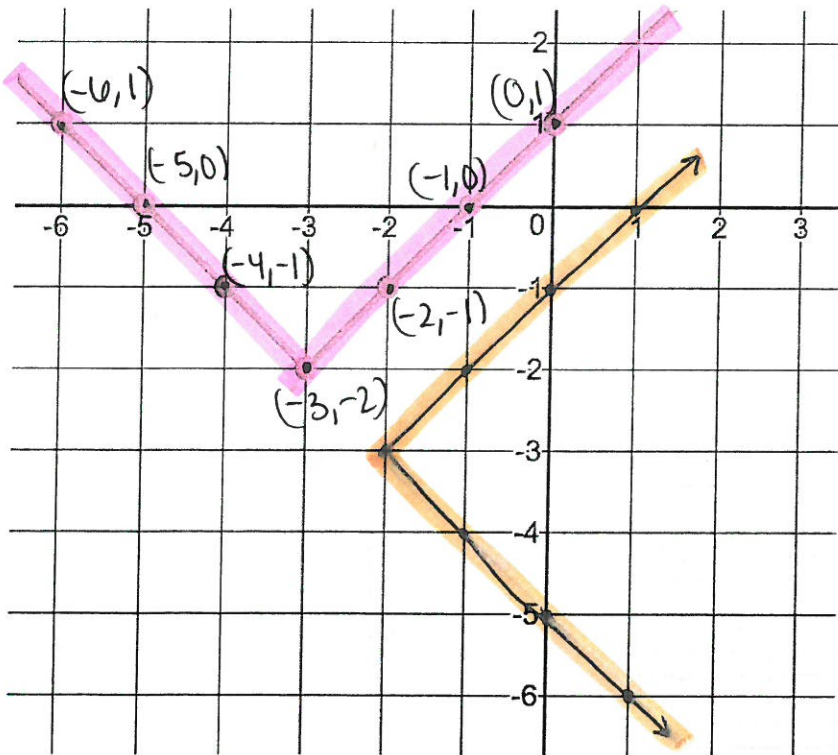
$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= 2x + 4 \\
 y &= 2x + 4 \\
 x &= 2y + 4 \\
 -4 &\quad -4 \\
 \frac{x-4}{2} &= \frac{2y}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

up 1 over 2

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

Use the graph of  $f(x)$  to complete the table for  $f^{-1}(x)$ .



x	$f^{-1}(x)$
1	-6
0	-5
-1	-4
-2	-3
-1	-2
0	-1
1	0

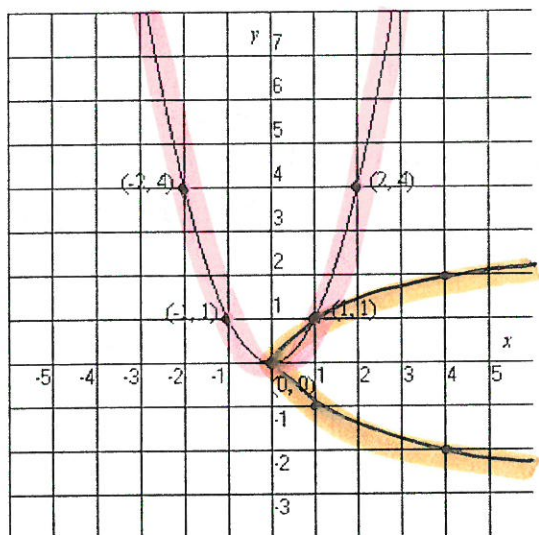
$f(x)$  is a function.

$f^{-1}(x)$  is not a function.



$f(x)$  is a function,  $f^{-1}(x)$  is not a function

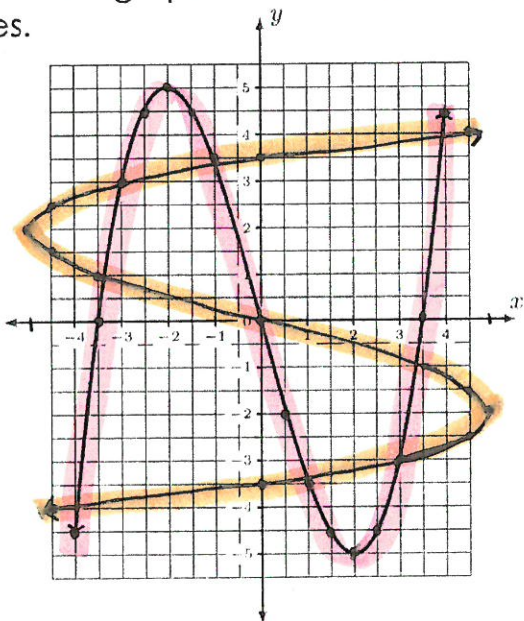
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$x$	$f^{-1}(x)$
4	-2
1	-1
0	0
1	1
4	2

Given the graph of the relation, sketch the graph of its inverse on the same set of coordinate axes.

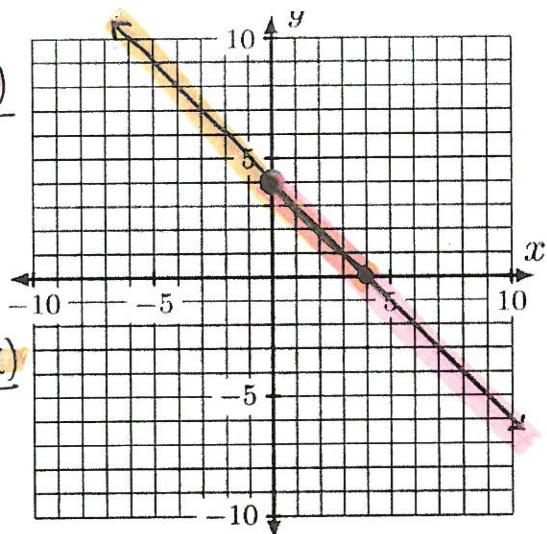
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$x$	$f(x)$
-4	-4.5
-3.5	0
-3	3
-2.5	4.5
-2	5
-1.5	4.5
-1	3.5
0	0
1	-3.5
1.5	-4.5
2	-5
2.5	-4.5
3	-3
3.5	0
4	4.5

$x$	$f^{-1}(x)$
-4.5	-4
0	-3.5
3	-3
4.5	-2.5
5	-2
4.5	-1.5
3.5	-1
0	0
-3.5	1
-4.5	1.5
-5	2
-4.5	2.5
-3	3
0	3.5
4.5	4

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$x$	$f(x)$
0	4
4	0

$x$	$f^{-1}(x)$
4	0
0	4