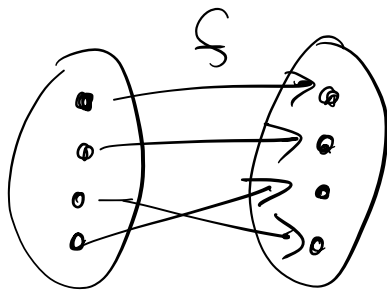


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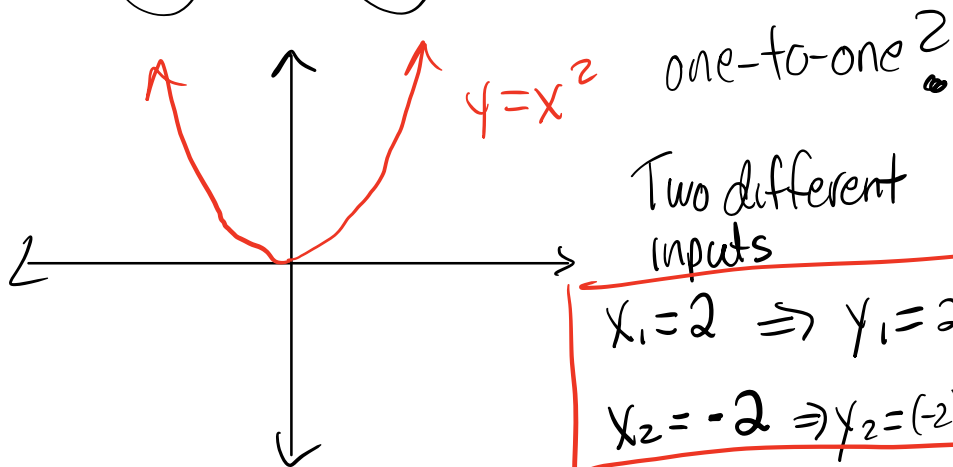
"One-to-one" or "injective"

if two different inputs always have two different outputs.

one-to-one?



yes!



Two different inputs

$$x_1 = 2 \Rightarrow y_1 = 2^2 = 4$$

$$x_2 = -2 \Rightarrow y_2 = (-2)^2 = 4$$

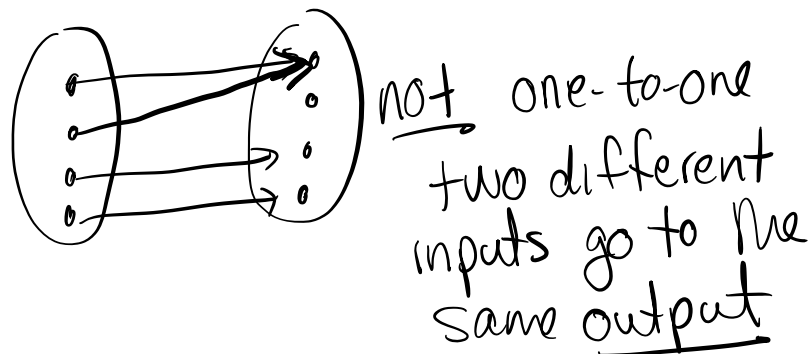
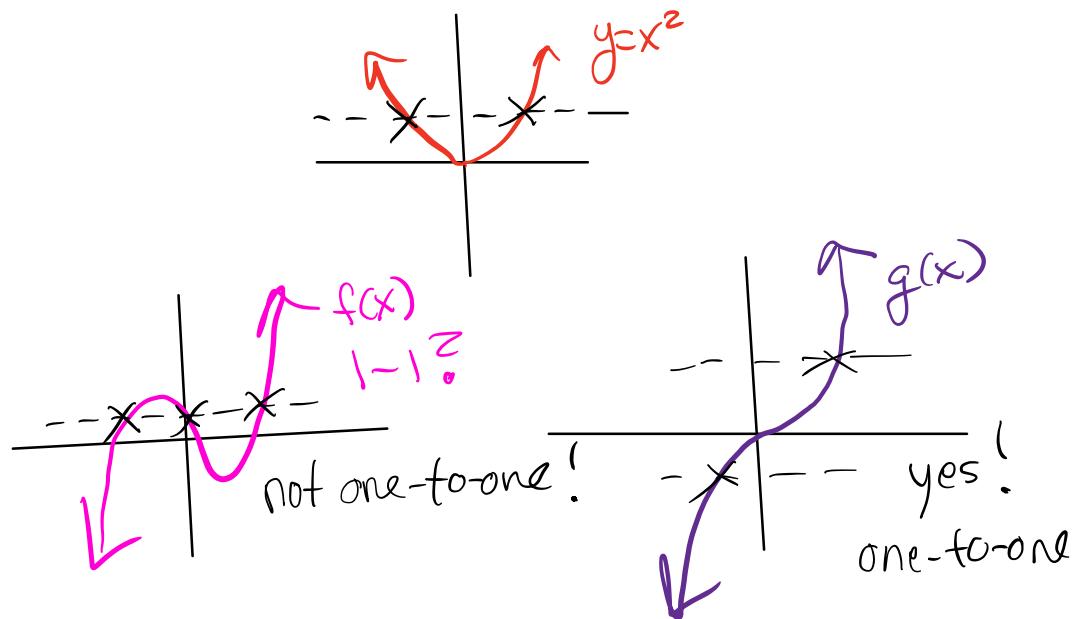
We get the same output!

So $y = x^2$ is NOT 1-1

Quick way to test?

Horizontal line test: If a horizontal

line intersects the graph more than once,
then the function is NOT 1-1!



If a function is 1-1, then we can find its inverse. So, for every element in the range which came from an element in the domain, we can identify where it came from.

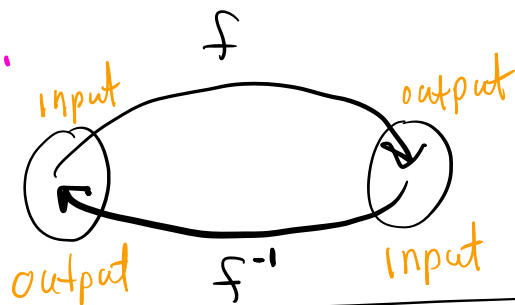
Ex Consider $y = x^2$

4 (output) can I figure out which element it came from? (Input?)

So 4 could have come from $x_1 = 2$

OR could have come from $x_2 = -2$

We can't find the inverse in this case.



Def: Let f be a function with domain D_f and range R_f , and assume f is 1-1. The inverse of f is a function f^{-1}

so that $f(x) = y$ then $f^{-1}(y) = x$.

The inverse function reverses the roles of the inputs and the outputs.

Ex Find the inverse (via algebra)

$$a) f(x) = 2x - 7$$

$$b) g(x) = \sqrt{x+2}$$

$$c) h(x) = \frac{1}{x+4}$$

$$d) j(x) = \frac{x+1}{x+2}$$

$$e) k(x) = (x-2)^2 + 3 \quad \text{for } x \geq 2$$

Step 1 for all:

swap x and y

Step 2 for all

solve for y

a) $f(x) = 2x - 7$ rewrite this: $y = 2x - 7$

1) Now swap x and y

$$x = 2y - 7$$

2) Now solve for y

$$\frac{x+7}{2} = \frac{2y}{2}$$

$$y = \frac{x+7}{2}$$

Notation

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

b) $g(x) = \sqrt{x+2}$, i.e. $y = \sqrt{x+2}$

1) Swap x and y

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

2) Solve for y

Square both sides of the equation to get y out from under the radical!

$$x^2 = (\sqrt{y+2})^2 \quad (\text{solving for } y)$$

$$x^2 = y+2$$

-2 -2

$$\boxed{y = x^2 - 2} \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{g^{-1}(x) = x^2 - 2}$$

c) $h(x) = \frac{1}{x+4}$ i.e. $y = \frac{1}{x+4}$

1) swap

$$x \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{y+4}$$

2) solve for y : (Hint: cross multiply)

$$\rightarrow x(y+4) = 1$$

$$xy + 4x = 1$$
$$-4x \quad -4x$$

$$\frac{xy}{x} = \frac{1-4x}{x}$$

$$\boxed{y = \frac{1-4x}{x}} = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{4x}{x} = \frac{1}{x} - 4$$

$$h^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{x} - 4$$

d) $j(x) = \frac{x+1}{x+2}$ find $j^{-1}(x) = ?$

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

swap $x \leftrightarrow \frac{y+1}{y+2}$

$$x(y+2) = y+1$$

$$\begin{array}{r} xy + 2x = y + 1 \\ \underline{-y} \quad \underline{-2x} \quad \underline{-y} \quad \underline{-2x} \end{array}$$

move all terms with y onto one side of the equation:

$$xy - y = 1 - 2x$$

factor out the y!

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

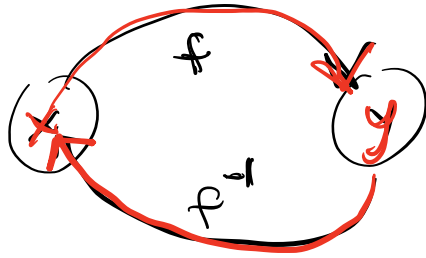
$$y = \frac{1-2x}{x-1}$$

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

Only for Richard 😊

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

How can we check if we found the CORRECT inverse?



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

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

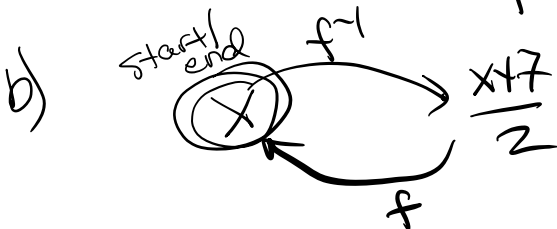
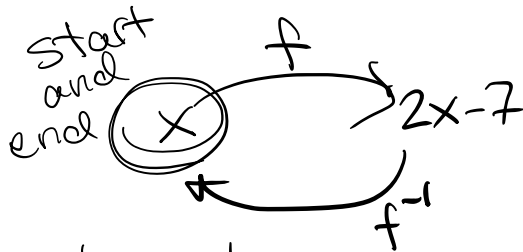
f and f^{-1}
undo each
other so I
should come
back to the same
starting point

Check

a) $f(x) = 2x - 7$ $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x+7}{2}$

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

$$= \frac{2x - \cancel{7} + \cancel{7}}{2} = \frac{2x}{2} = x$$



$$\text{so } f(f^{-1}(x)) = f\left(\frac{x+7}{2}\right) = 2\left(\frac{x+7}{2}\right) - 7$$

$$= x + \cancel{7} - \cancel{7} = \boxed{x} \quad \checkmark$$