

P.3

INVERSES - FLIP $x \neq y$!

* Reflection over $y=x$ gives the inverse!

* Ex 6: $R = \{(1, 3), (1, -1), (1, -3), (1, 1)\}$

Is R a function?

no - x repeats

find the inverse of R
 $\{(3, 1), (-1, 1), (-3, 1), (1, 1)\}$

Steps for determining the inverse equation for a function or relation algebraically:

- Switch x and y . Remember that $f(x)$ is notation for the "output" just like "y".
- Solve for 'y' to undo the operations.
- Determine if the inverse is a function. If yes, use function notation. $f^{-1}(x) =$

$(R^{-1}$ is a function)

Ex 7: Find the equation of the inverse of each relation or function. Use your knowledge of functions to determine if the inverse is a function and state yes or no. If yes, use $f^{-1}(x)$ notation for the equation of the inverse.

a) $g(x) = \frac{2x-1}{3}$

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

- switch $g(x)$ to y

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

- switch $x \neq y$

- solve for y

$3x = 2y - 1$

$3x + 1 = 2y$

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

b) $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x + 2$

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

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

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

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

$2(x-2) = y$
 $2x - 4 = y$

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

$h^{-1}(x) = \frac{x+7}{4}$

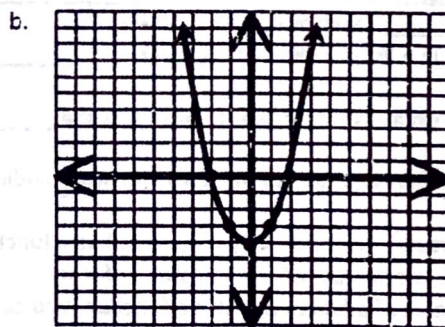
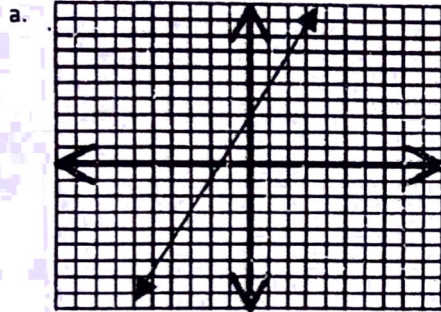
c) $g(x) = \sqrt{3x-9}$

$y = \sqrt{3x-9}$

$x = \sqrt{3y-9}$

$x^2 = 3y-9$

Ex 8: Graph the inverse of the given function. Is the inverse a function?



Ex 9: Use composition to determine whether the functions are inverses of each other.

a. $f(x) = 2x - 3$
 $g(x) = -2x + 3$

b. $g(x) = \frac{1}{2}x + 2$
 $h(x) = 2x - 4$

yes

$g(h(x)) = g(2x-4)$ since $g(h(x)) = \frac{1}{2}(2x-4) + 2 = x - 2 + 2 = x$

$h(g(x)) = h(\frac{1}{2}x + 2) = 2(\frac{1}{2}x + 2) - 4 = x + 4 - 4 = x$