

1.5 Inverse Functions and Logarithms

A function is one-to-one if every output value is associated with one and only one input value.

example $f(x) = x^2$ is NOT one-to-one

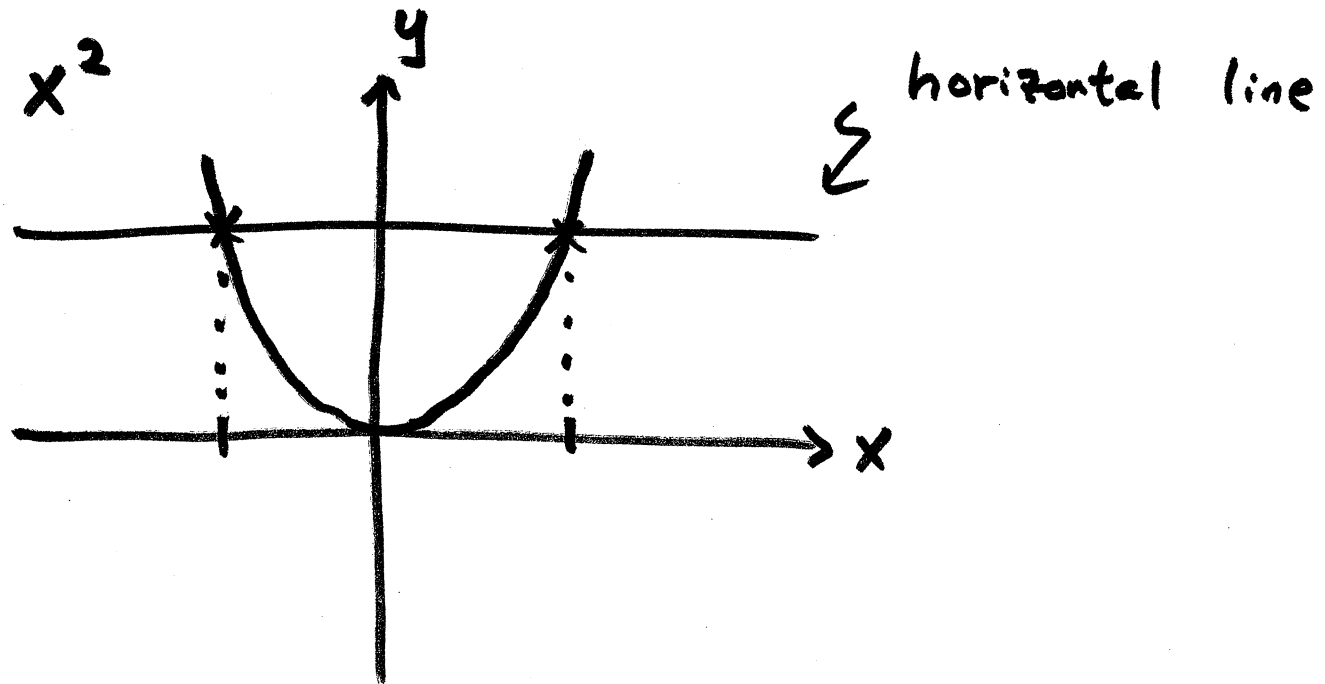
$$f(-1) = f(1) = 1$$

$f(x) = x$ is one-to-one

because $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ if $x_1 = x_2$

graph : easy way to tell if not one-to-one

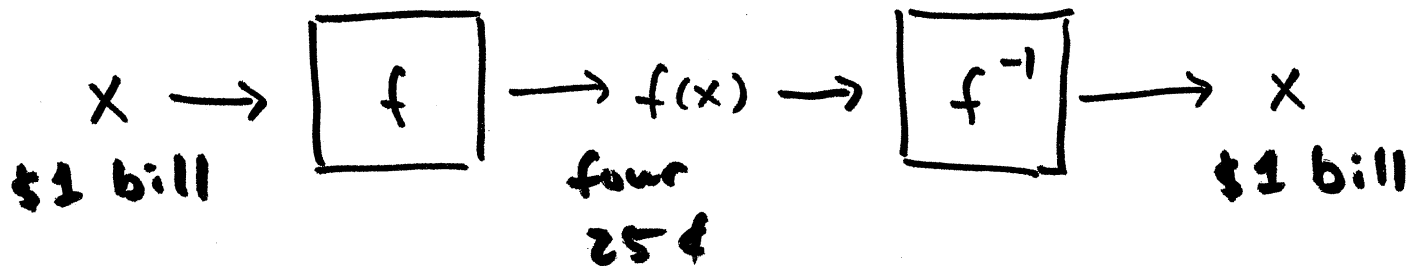
$$f(x) = x^2$$



if horiz. line crosses more than once

→ NOT one-to-one

if $f(x)$ is one-to-one, then it has an
inverse $f^{-1}(x)$



$$A = \pi r^2 \quad \text{area of a circle radius } r$$

$r \geq 0$

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{A}{\pi}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{radius} \\ \text{area of a circle area } A \end{array}$$

roles of input and output are reversed

domain of $f(x)$ is range of $f^{-1}(x)$

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example

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

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

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

solve for x

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

$$xy + y = x$$

$$xy - x = -y$$

$$x(y-1) = -y$$

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

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

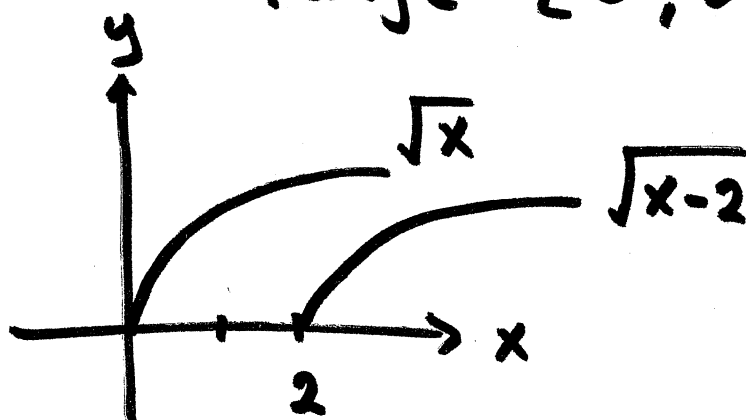
example

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x-2}$$

find $f^{-1}(x)$ and its domain

$f(x)$: domain $[2, \infty)$

range $[0, \infty)$



so $f^{-1}(x)$ has domain $[0, \infty)$

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

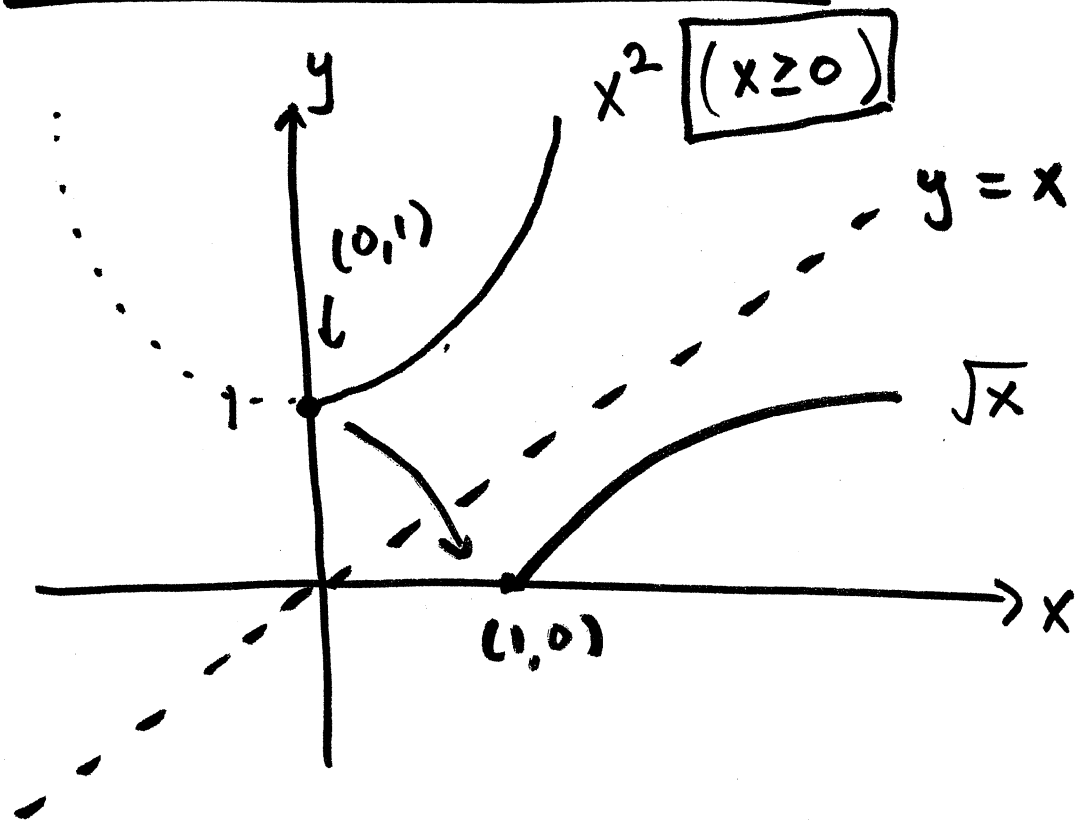
$$y^2 = x-2$$

$$x = y^2 + 2$$

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

note: $x^2 + 2$ has domain $(-\infty, \infty)$ if it is not an inverse of f

Graphs of $f(x)$ and $f^{-1}(x)$



$f(x)$ and $f^{-1}(x)$ are reflections of each other across the line $y = x$

Exponentials and Logarithms

$$y = a^x \iff x = \log_a y$$

domain of $\log_a x$

 $(0, \infty)$

$$y = e^x \iff x = \ln y$$

Properties of Logarithms

$$\log_a a^x = x$$

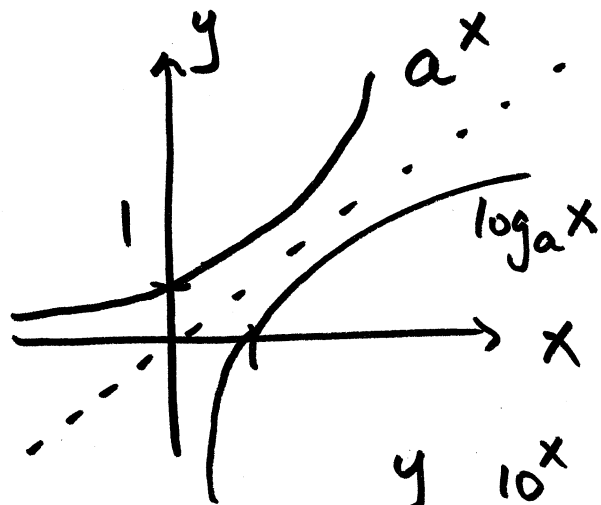
$$\log_a \left(\frac{x}{y} \right) = \log_a x - \log_a y$$

$$a^{\log_a x} = x$$

$$\log_a x^r = r \log_a x$$

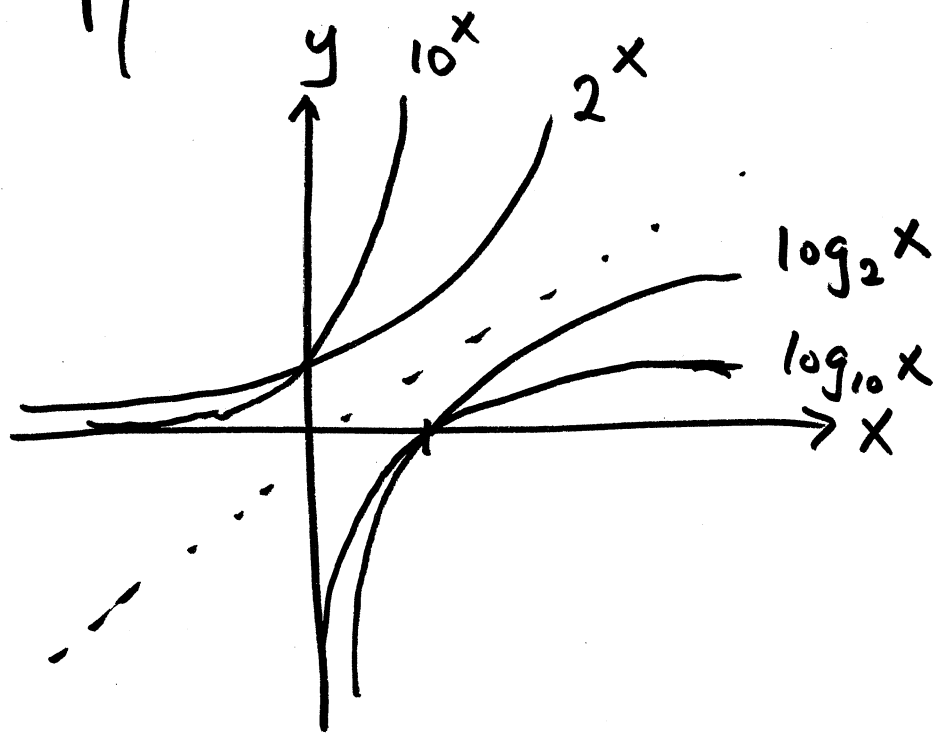
$$\log_a (xy) = \log_a x + \log_a y$$

$$y = a^x \leftrightarrow x = \log_a y$$



$$D: (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$R: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \text{domain of } \log_a x$$



example $9^{x-4} = 8^{-9x}$ find x

$$\ln 9^{x-4} = \ln 8^{-9x} \quad \text{log of any base is ok}$$

$$(x-4) \ln 9 = -9x \ln 8$$

$$(\ln 9)x - 4 \ln 9 = (-9 \ln 8)x$$

$$(\ln 9)x + (9 \ln 8)x = 4 \ln 9$$

$$x (\ln 9 + 9 \ln 8) = 4 \ln 9$$

$$x = \frac{4 \ln 9}{\ln 9 + 9 \ln 8}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{2}{e}\right) = \ln 2 - \ln e = \ln 2 - 1$$

$$= \ln(2e^{-1}) \neq \ln$$

$$= \ln 2 + \ln e^{-1} = \ln 2 - \ln e$$

$$= \ln 2 - 1$$

$$\log_a a^x = x$$

$$e^{\ln x} = x$$

$$e^{(-2)\ln 4}$$

$$= e^{e^{\ln(4^{-2})}} = 4^{-2} = \frac{1}{16}$$

Rocket Equation

$$\Delta V = v_e \ln \frac{m_0}{m_1}$$

initial mass

final mass

change in velocity

exhaust velocity

Earth surface to low-Earth orbit

$$\Delta V = 9700 \text{ m/s}$$

$$m_1 = 11.6 \% \text{ of } m_0$$

single-stage