

3.8 Day 1 Derivatives of Inverse Functions


If f is differentiable at every point on an interval I , and $f'(x) \neq 0$ on I , then $g(x) = f^{-1}$ is differentiable at every point of the interior of the interval $f(I)$ and $g'(f(x)) = \frac{1}{f'(x)}$

Add this to your Derivative Formulas Packet - you will need to put a #16A in the right margin.

Recall from 1.5 Inverse Packet

① To find an inverse simply switch the x & y values
 Ex: If $f(2) = 7$ then $f^{-1}(7) = 2$

② The graph of $y = f^{-1}$ are always symmetric to the line $y = x$



③ The composition of a function & its inverse always gives x

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

$g(f(x)) = x$

$$\frac{g'(f(x)) \cdot f'(x)}{f'(x)} = \frac{1}{f'(x)}$$

$g'(f(x)) = \frac{1}{f'(x)}$

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Given the function $f(x) = x^5 - x^3 + 2x$, $g(x)$ is the inverse of $f(x)$, and $g(2) = 1$: find $g'(2)$.

then $f(1) = 2$

$f(x) = 2$

$$g'(f(x)) = \frac{1}{f'(x)}$$

$$g'(2) = \frac{1}{f'(1)}$$

$$f'(x) = 5x^4 - 3x^2 + 2$$

$$f'(1) = 4$$

$$g'(2) = \frac{1}{4}$$

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Given the function $f(x) = 3x^5 + 2x^3$ and $g(x)$ is the inverse of $f(x)$: find $g'(5)$.

$$g'(f(x)) = \frac{1}{f'(x)}$$

$$g'(5) = \frac{1}{f'(1)}$$

$$g'(5) = \frac{1}{21}$$

$$f(x) = 5$$

$$5 = 3x^5 + 2x^3$$

$$0 = 3x^5 + 2x^3 - 5$$

by using my calc $x=1$

$$f(1) = 5$$

$$f'(x) = 15x^4 + 6x^2$$

$$f'(1) = 21$$

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