

INVERSE FUNCTIONS AND RELATIONS



Find the inverse of each relation (given in coordinate form)

1) $f = \{(4, -7), (-9, 2), (0, 0), (-3, -8)\}$ $f^{-1} = \{(-7, 4), (2, -9), (0, 0), (-8, -3)\}$

2) $h = \{(-0.7, 1.2), (10, 9), (14, 1.2)\}$ $h^{-1} = \{(1.2, -0.7), (9, 10), (1.2, 14)\}$

**** brainiac time! Why are they asking you for an inverse *relation* and not an inverse *function*?

h^{-1} is technically not a function since it has a duplicate x-coordinate (1.2) in its domain



pretzel man!

Write an inverse function for each function given. Keep in mind what you did with the coordinates earlier!!

4) $y = 6 - 5x$

switch the x & y, $x = 6 - 5y$
 then solve for y $x - 6 = -5y$
 $-\frac{x}{5} + \frac{6}{5} = y$ or correct notation: $y^{-1} = -\frac{x}{5} + \frac{6}{5}$

6) $g(x) = \frac{2x-4}{3}$

$x = \frac{2y-4}{3}$
 $3x = 2y - 4$
 $3x + 4 = 2y$ $g^{-1}(x) = \frac{3}{2}x + 2$

5) $f(x) = \frac{2}{3}x + 8$

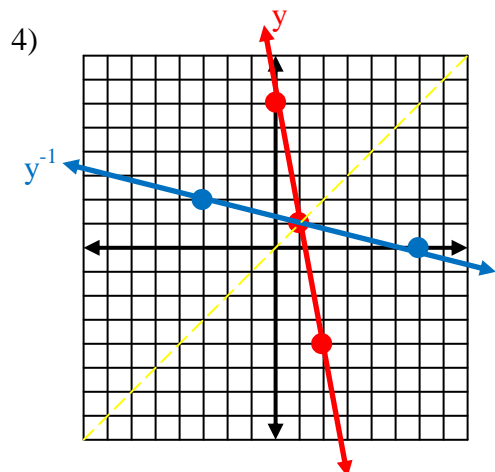
$x = \frac{2}{3}y + 8$
 $x - 8 = \frac{2}{3}y$

7) $x = -3$ $\frac{3}{2}x - 12 = y$ $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{3}{2}x - 12$

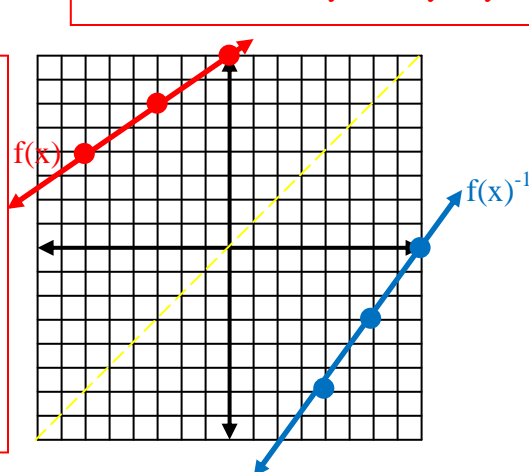
$y = -3$ done!
 no need to write y^{-1} since there was no y in the original problem

Now graph 'em. Graph both the original function & the inverse function on the same grid. Make sure to label them both, and if need be include the line of symmetry.

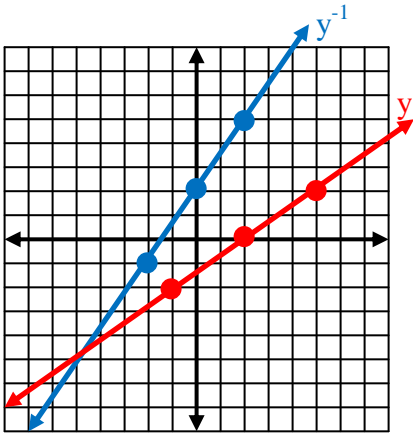
notice the line of symmetry in yellow



Use $y = mx + b$ to graph the original equation. Then, flip flop the coordinates to get the inverse points.
 Example: (0, 6) becomes (6, 0)

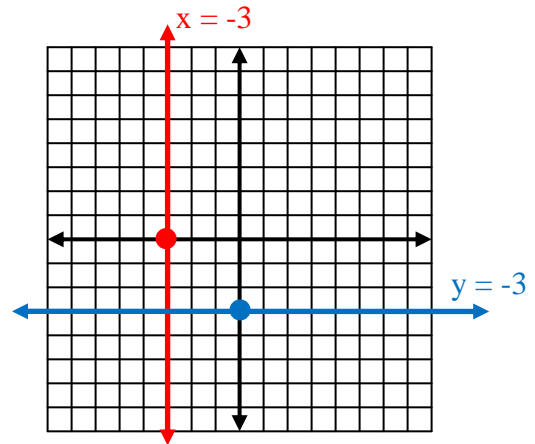


6)



In #6, I chose to graph the inverse graph first (g^{-1}) since it had a whole number y-intercept, then I flipped the coordinates to get $g(x)$.

7)



Determine if the following pairs of functions are inverses of one another.

8)

$$f(x) = \frac{3}{4}x - 6$$

$$g(x) = \frac{4}{3}x + 8$$

9)

$$f(x) = 4x + \frac{1}{3}$$

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{4}x - 3$$

 $f \circ g$

$$= \frac{3}{4}(4/3x + 8) - 6$$

$$= x + 6 - 6$$

$$= x$$

 $g \circ f$

$$= 4/3(3/4x - 6) + 8$$

$$= x - 8 + 8$$

$$= x$$

$f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are inverses of one another since the composition of both functions resulted in “ x ”.

Both results must = x (and nothing else) in order for the functions to be inverses.

 $f \circ g$

$$= 4(1/4x - 3) + 1/3$$

$$= x - 12 + 1/3$$

$$= x - 35/3$$

 $g \circ f$

Since the first composition did not “literally” equal “ x ”, there is no need to compute the second one.

The answer is: No, $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are not inverses.