

Section 5 – Topic 13

Classifying Quadratic Functions and Finding Inverses

$f(x) = 3x^2 + 4x + 7$ $f(-x) = 3x^2 + 4x - 7$

How can we determine that a function is even?

$f(-x) = f(x)$ symmetric about the y-axis

How can we determine that a function is odd?

$f(x) = 4x + 7$
 $-f(x) = -4x - 7$

$f(-x) = -f(x)$ symmetric about the origin

Let's Practice!

1. Quadratic functions are

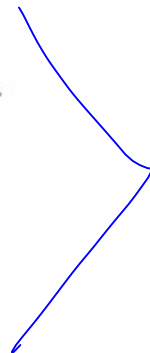
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even.

2. Quadratic functions are

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odd.



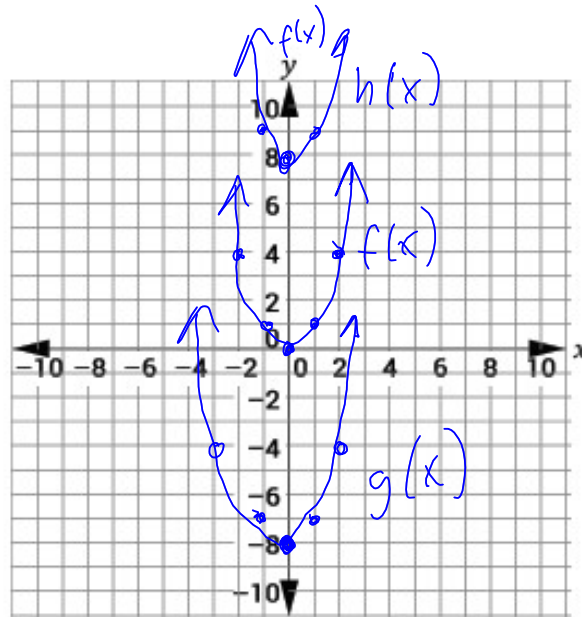
Try It! an even quadratic function has its vertex on the y-axis

3. Sketch the graphs of three even quadratic functions; one with two solutions, one with one solution, and one with no solutions.

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

$$g(x) = x^2 - 8$$

$$h(x) = x^2 + 8$$



of solutions

$f(x) = \text{one}$

$g(x) = \text{two}$

$h(x) = \text{none}$

4. Give algebraic representations of three even quadratic functions; one with two solutions, one with one solution, and one with no solutions.

How to determine the inverse of a function:

- Step 1: Write function notation $f(x)$ as y .
- Step 2: switch the variables y and x .
- Step 3: solve the equation for y .
- Step 4: Write in function notation $f^{-1}(x)$.

$$f(x) = 4x - 7$$

$$y = 4x - 7$$

$$x = \frac{y + 7}{4}$$

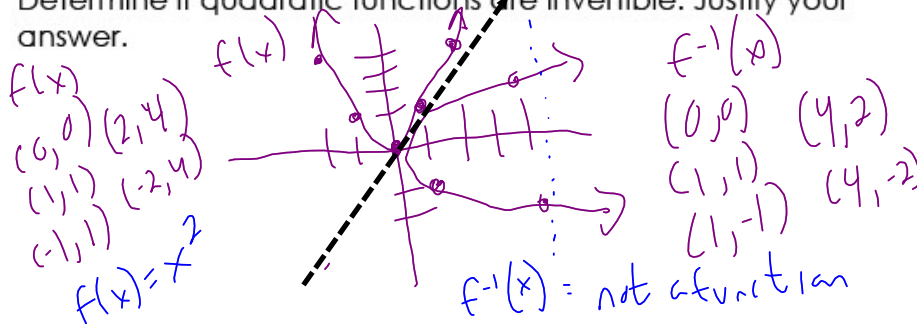
$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x + 7}{4}$$

There are two ways to determine if two functions are inverses:

Algebraically: Functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are inverses if $f(g(x)) = g(f(x))$.

Graphically: Functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are inverses if they are reflections over the line $y = x$.

Determine if quadratic functions are invertible. Justify your answer.



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

$f(x)$ & $f^{-1}(x)$ are not invertible

Let's Practice!

5. Consider the quadratic function $f(x) = (x+3)^2 + 2$. Vertex $(-3, 2)$

a. Restrict the domain so that $f(x)$ is invertible.

$$f(x) = (x+3)^2 + 2 \quad x \leq -3 \rightarrow f^{-1}(x) = -3 - \sqrt{x-2}$$

$$f(x) = (x+3)^2 + 2 \quad x \geq -3 \rightarrow f^{-1}(x) = -3 + \sqrt{x-2}$$

b. Find the inverse for each domain.

$$y = (x+3)^2 + 2 \quad \pm \sqrt{x-2} = y+3$$

$$x = (y+3)^2 + 2 \quad -3$$

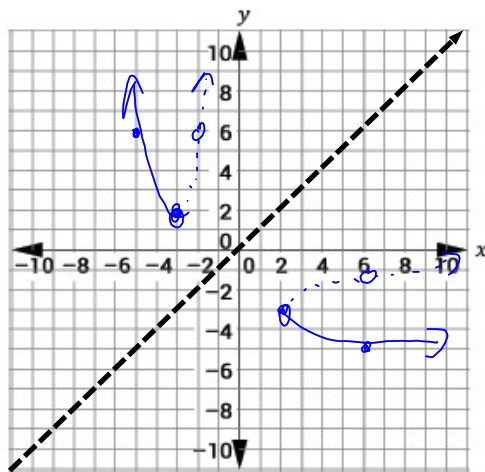
$$x-2 = (y+3)^2 \quad -3 \pm \sqrt{x-2} = y$$

$f^{-1}(x) = -3 \pm \sqrt{x-2}$

$$f(x) = (x+3)^2 + 2$$

$x = -1, f(x) = 6$
 $x = -3, f(x) = 2$
 $x = -5, f(x) = 6$

c. Sketch the graph of the quadratic function with the restricted domains and its inverse.



$y=x$

$$x = 2, f^{-1}(x) = -3$$

$$x = 6, f^{-1}(x) = -1$$

$$x = 6, f^{-1}(x) = -5$$

Try it!

6. Consider the functions $g(x) = x^2 - 8x + 17$ for $x \geq 4$ and $h(x) = \sqrt{x-1} + 4$.

a. Prove that $h(x)$ and $g(x)$ are inverses algebraically.

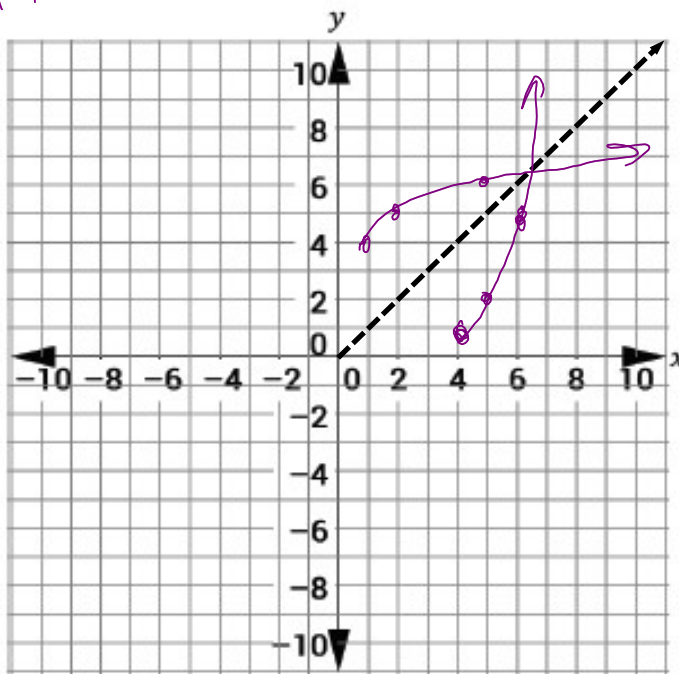
$$h(g(x)) = \sqrt{(x^2 - 8x + 17) - 1} + 4 = \sqrt{(x^2 - 8x + 16)} + 4 = \sqrt{(x-4)^2} + 4 = |x-4| + 4 = x-4+4 = x$$

$\sqrt{x^2} = x$
 $\sqrt{16} = 4$

b. Show that $h(x)$ and $g(x)$ are inverses by graphing.

$$g(x) = \sqrt{x-1} + 4$$

$(1, 4)$
 $(2, 5)$
 $(5, 6)$



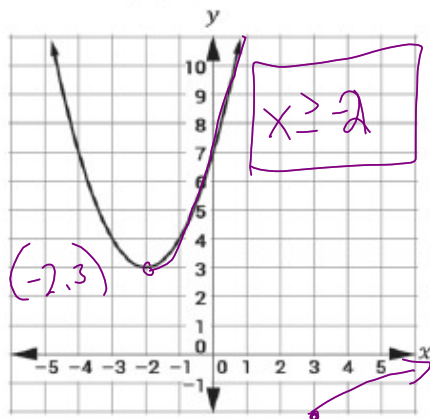
$x \geq 4$

$$g(x) = x^2 - 8x + 17$$

$\frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{8}{2(1)} = 4$ $(4, 1)$
 $(4)^2 - 8(4) + 17$
 $16 - 32 + 17 = 1$
 $(5)^2 - 8(5) + 17$ $(5, 2)$
 $25 - 40 + 17 = 2$
 $(6)^2 - 8(6) + 17$ $(6, 5)$
 $36 - 48 + 17 = 5$

BEAT THE TEST!

1. A quadratic function $f(x)$ is shown.



Select symbols and values to restrict the domain of $f(x)$ so that $f^{-1}(x)$ is a function and the domain of $f(x)$ includes $x = -1$.

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