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abbreviate:

$$| - | \equiv \text{one-to-one}$$

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How can we tell if $f(x)$ is one-to-one?

- If the equation $y=f(x)$ can be solved uniquely for x then $f(x)$ is one-to-one.
- If there are numbers x_1 and x_2 with $f(x_1)=f(x_2)$ and $x_1 \neq x_2$ then $f(x)$ is not one-to-one.
- If it can be shown algebraically that $f(x_1)=f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1=x_2$ then $f(x)$ is one-to-one.
- If $f(x)$ is a strictly increasing or strictly decreasing function on its domain then $f(x)$ is one-to-one.
- If the graph of $y=f(x)$ satisfies HLP then $f(x)$ is one-to-one.
- If the graph of $y=f(x)$ does not satisfy HLP then $f(x)$ is not a one-to-one function.
- If there is a function $g(x)$ with the property that $f(g(x))=x$ and $g(f(x))=x$ then $f(x)$ is one-to-one.

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Examples (described in coming pages)

① $f(x) = -12x + 1$

② $f(x) = x + \cos(x)$

③ $f(x) = x^2$

④ $f(x) = x^3 - 27x + 10$

These are 1-1 and have inverse functions.

These are not 1-1 and do not have inverse functions.

①

$$y = -12x + 1$$

→ solve for x

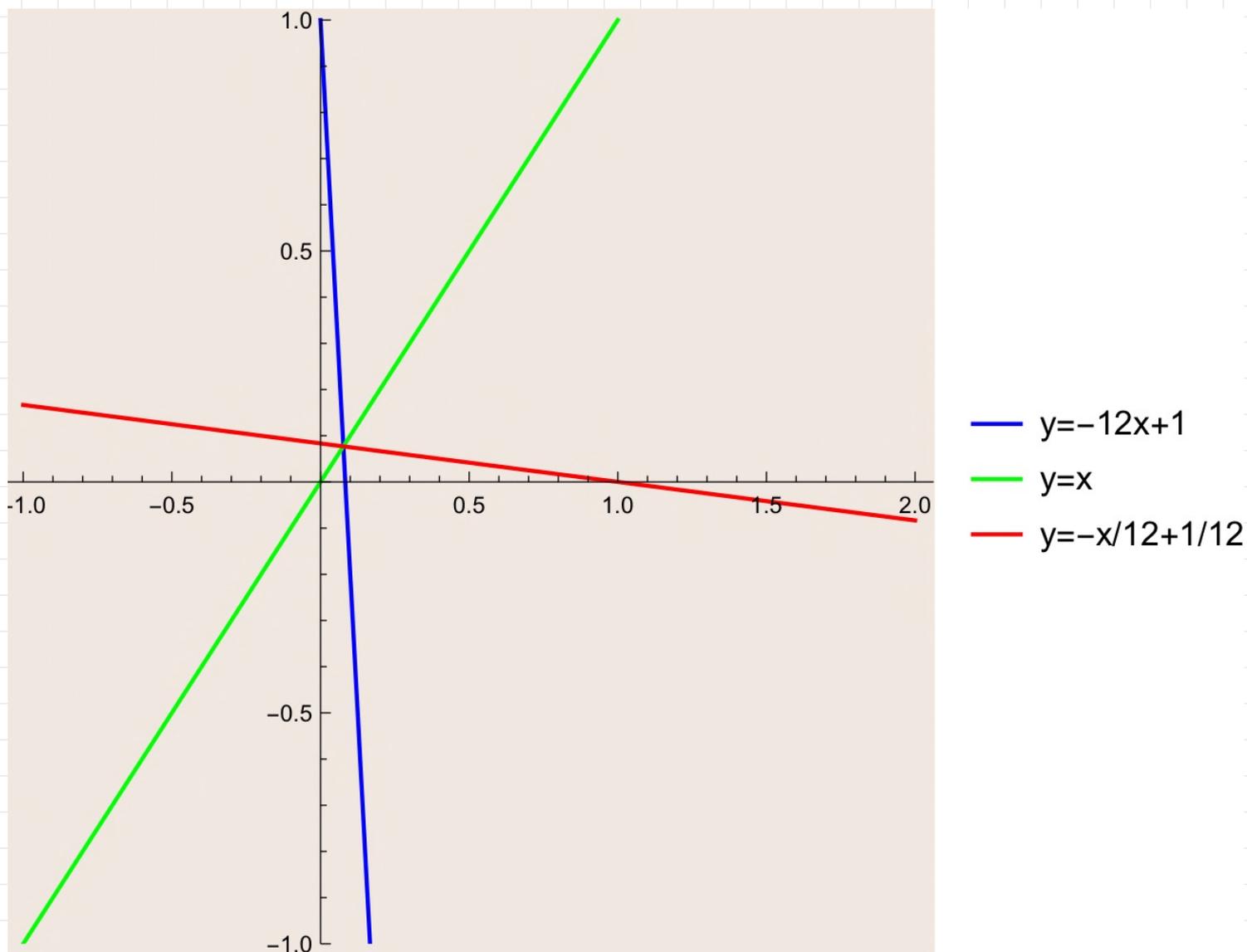
$$x = -\frac{1}{12}y + \frac{1}{12}$$

success means that $f(x) = -12x + 1$ is one-to-one, and also shows that

$$f^{-1}(x) = -\frac{1}{12}x + \frac{1}{12}$$

① pictorially:

Graphs of $f(x) = -12x + 1$ and $f^{-1}(x) = -\frac{1}{12}x + \frac{1}{12}$:



• The blue and red graphs are mirror images across the (green) line $y = x$.

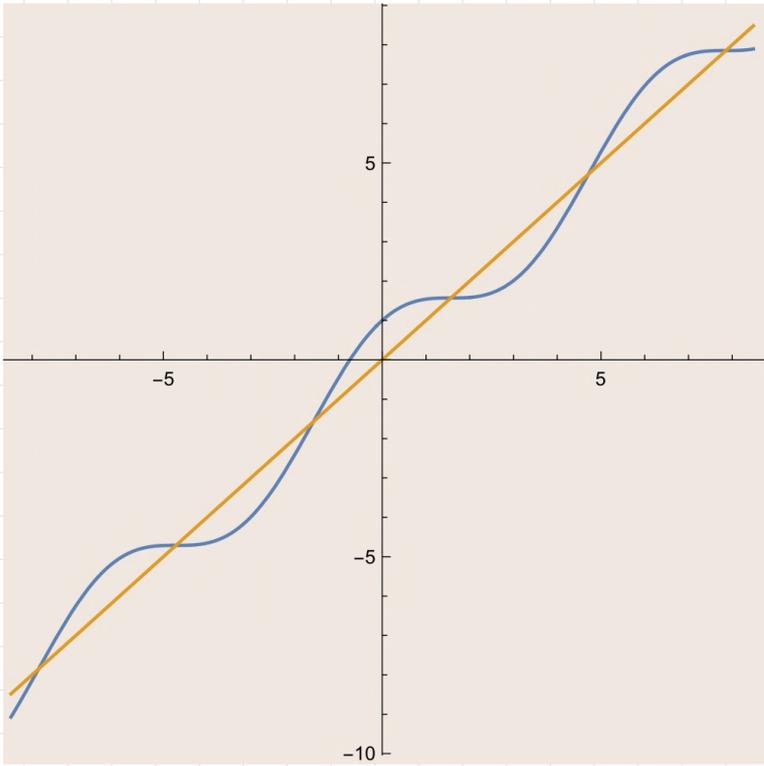
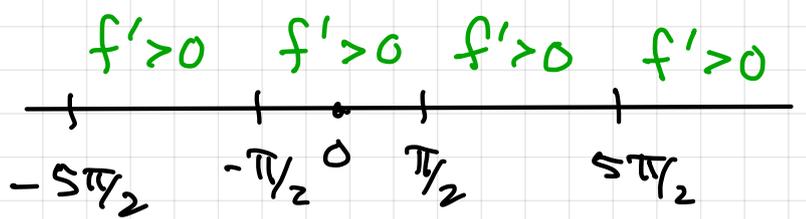
• This graph has 'aspect ratio' = $\frac{\text{length } y\text{-unit}}{\text{length } x\text{-unit}} \approx 1.5$

because it makes the picture easier to read.

(This means the line $y = x$ forms an angle larger than 45° with the x -axis.)

② $f(x) = x + \cos(x)$

$f'(x) = 1 - \sin(x)$



— $f(x) = x + \cos(x)$
— $y = x$

critical #'s

$1 - \sin x = 0$
 $\sin x = 1$

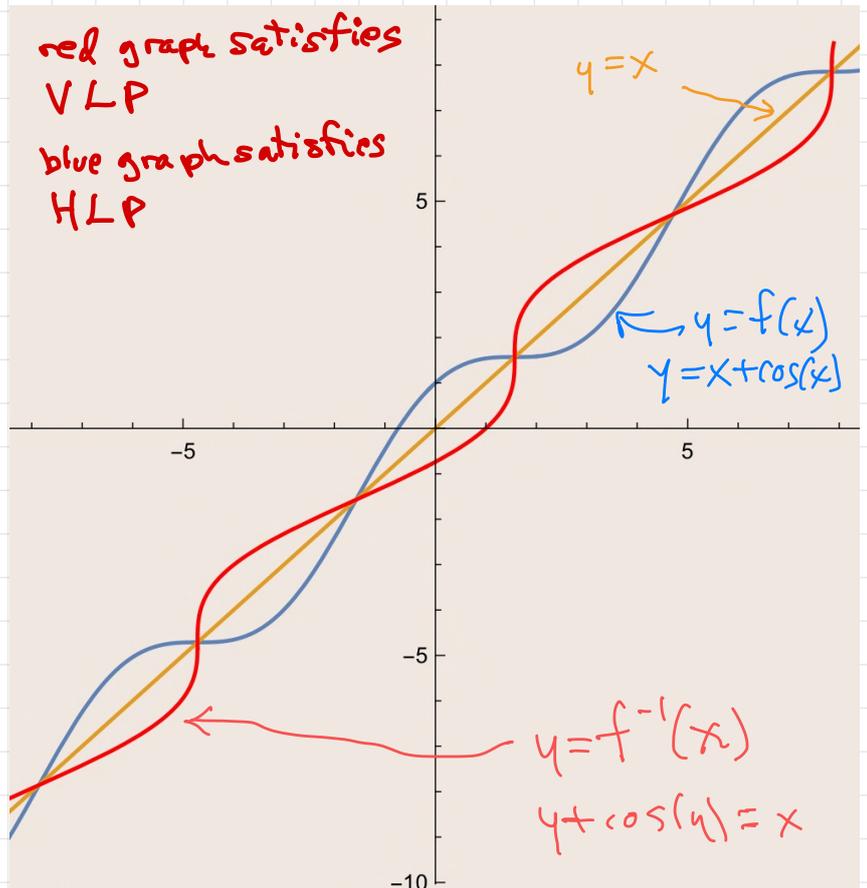
$x = \dots -\pi/2, \pi/2, 5\pi/2, \dots$

So $f(x)$ is a strictly increasing function
 $\Rightarrow f(x)$ is 1-1
 $\Rightarrow f^{-1}(x)$ exists

But solve

$y = x + \cos(x)$
for x ?

can't do it!



Conclude: $f^{-1}(x)$ exists but there is no nice formula for it.
However the graph of $y = f^{-1}(x)$ is the graph of $y + \cos(y) = x$.

③ $f(x) = x^2$

example $f(x) = x^2$ is not one-to-one because $f(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{4}$ and $f(-\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{4}$ (but $\frac{1}{2} \neq -\frac{1}{2}$).

So $f(x)$ is not one-to-one

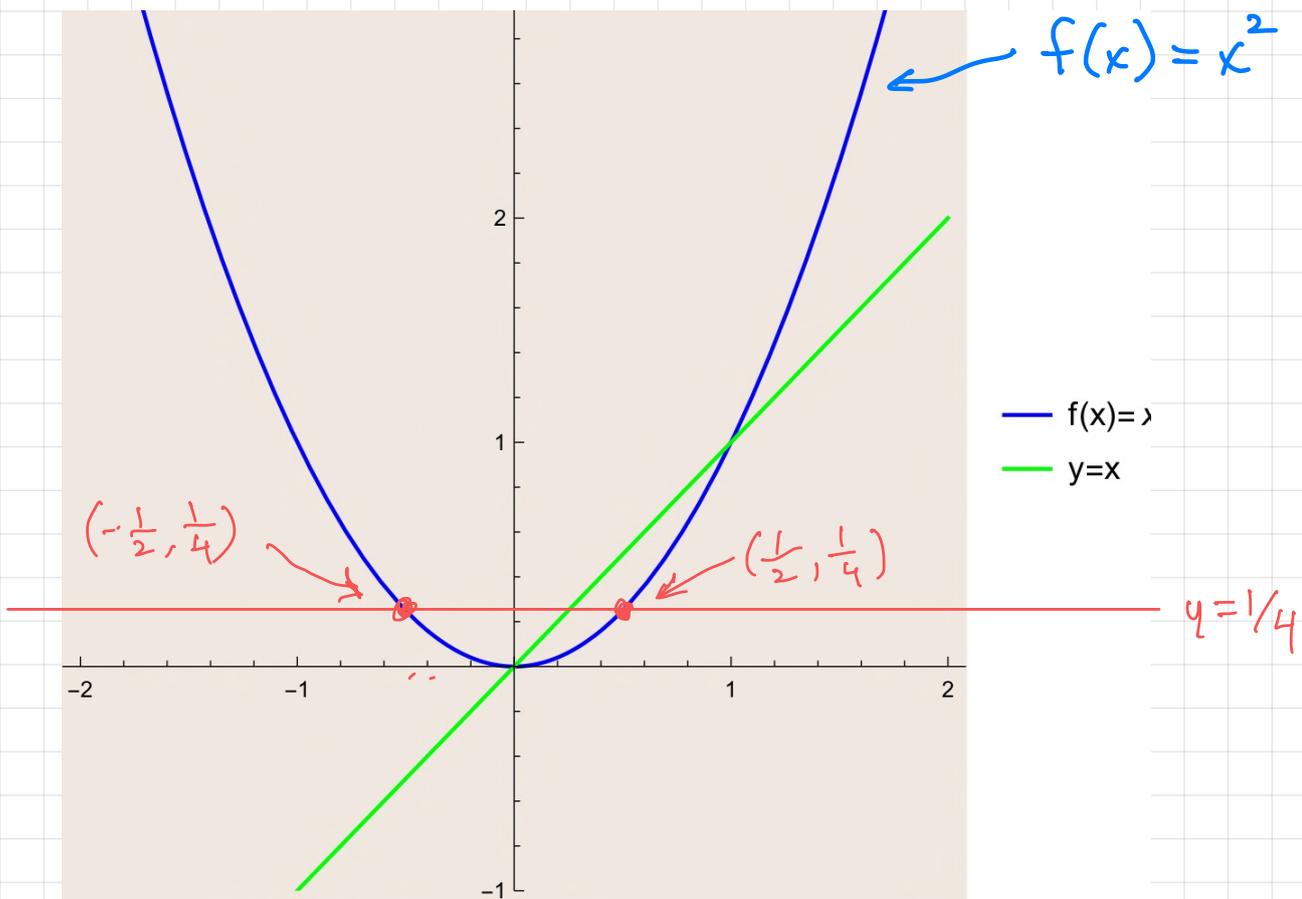
Graph of $y = x^2$ does not satisfy HLP.

$y = x^2$ ← solve for x

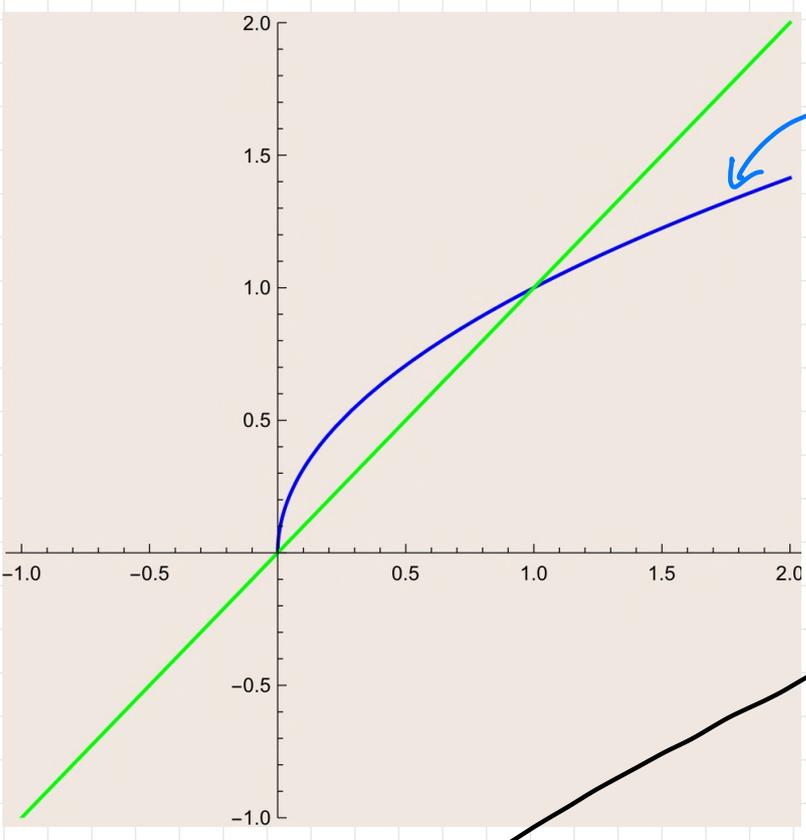
$x = \begin{matrix} +\sqrt{y} \\ -\sqrt{y} \end{matrix}$

← not a unique value for y !

↑ not a function of y !



related example



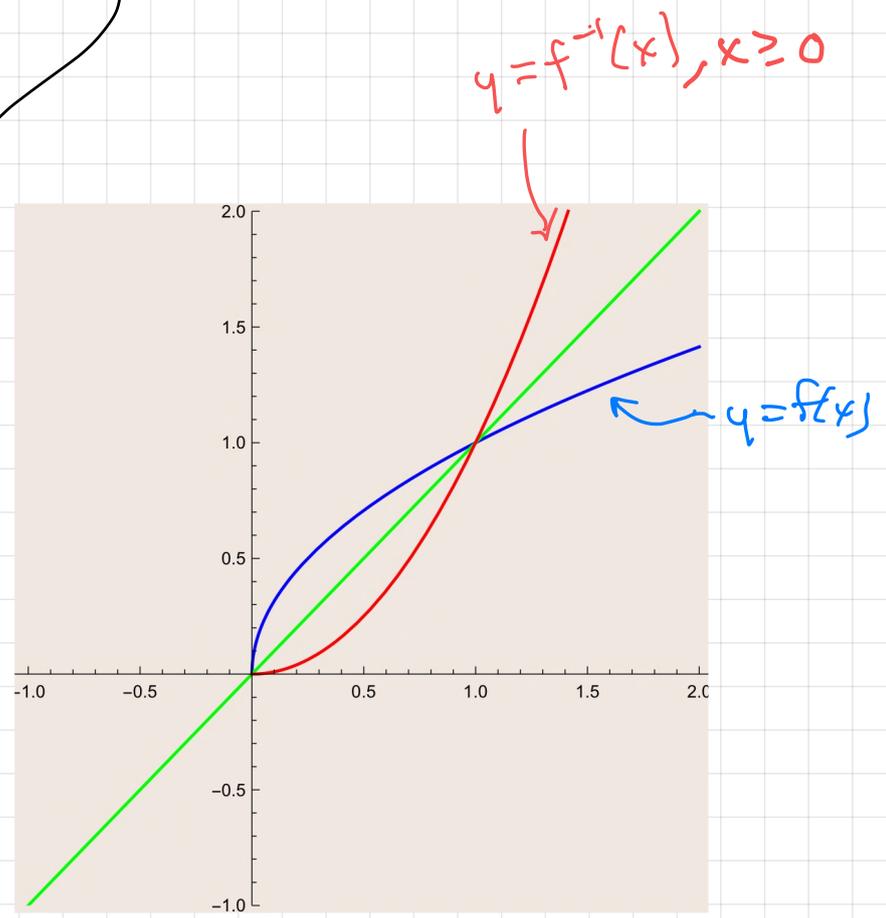
$f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

This graph satisfies HLP, so \sqrt{x} has an inverse function. and

$f^{-1}(x) = x^2, x \geq 0$

What happens when we solve $y = \sqrt{x}$ for x ?

$y = \sqrt{x}, y \geq 0$
 $y^2 = x, y \geq 0$
 $x^2 = y, x \geq 0$



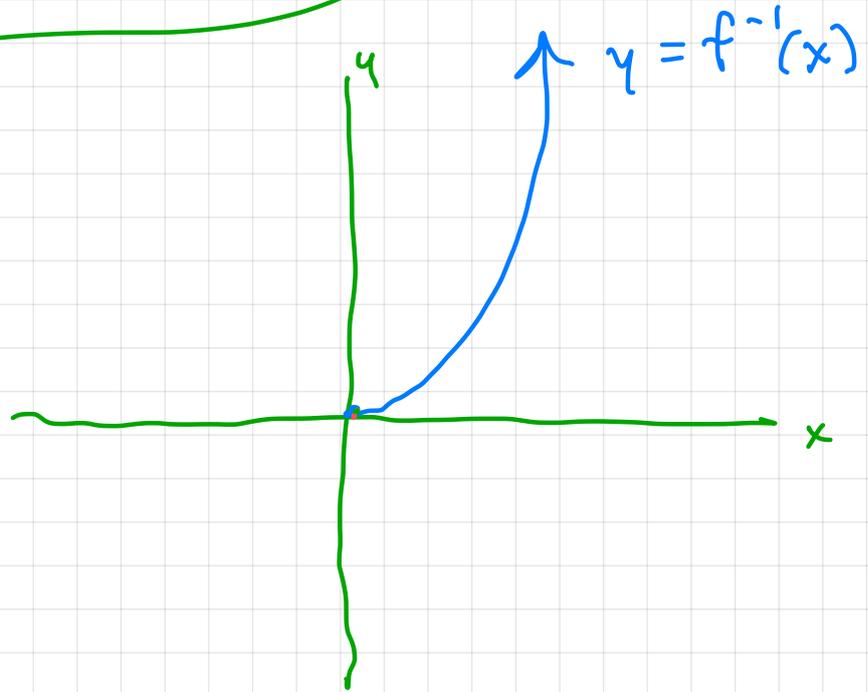
Summary of this example

$f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ does have an inverse function.

$$f^{-1}(x) = x^2, \quad x \geq 0$$

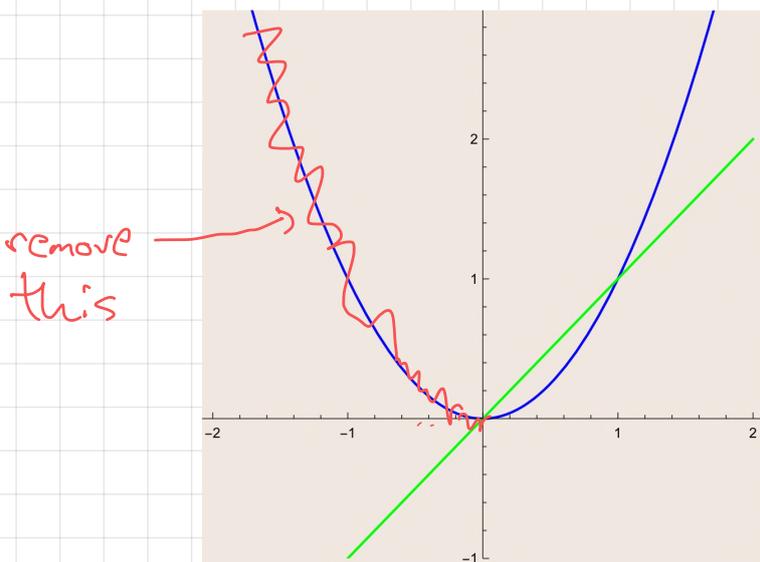
It's graph is the right half of the parabola $y = x^2$.

By removing the left side of the parabola we get a curve that does satisfy HLP.



conclude

The function
 $g(x) = x^2, \quad x \geq 0$
does have an inverse
function, and
 $g^{-1}(x) = \sqrt{x}$



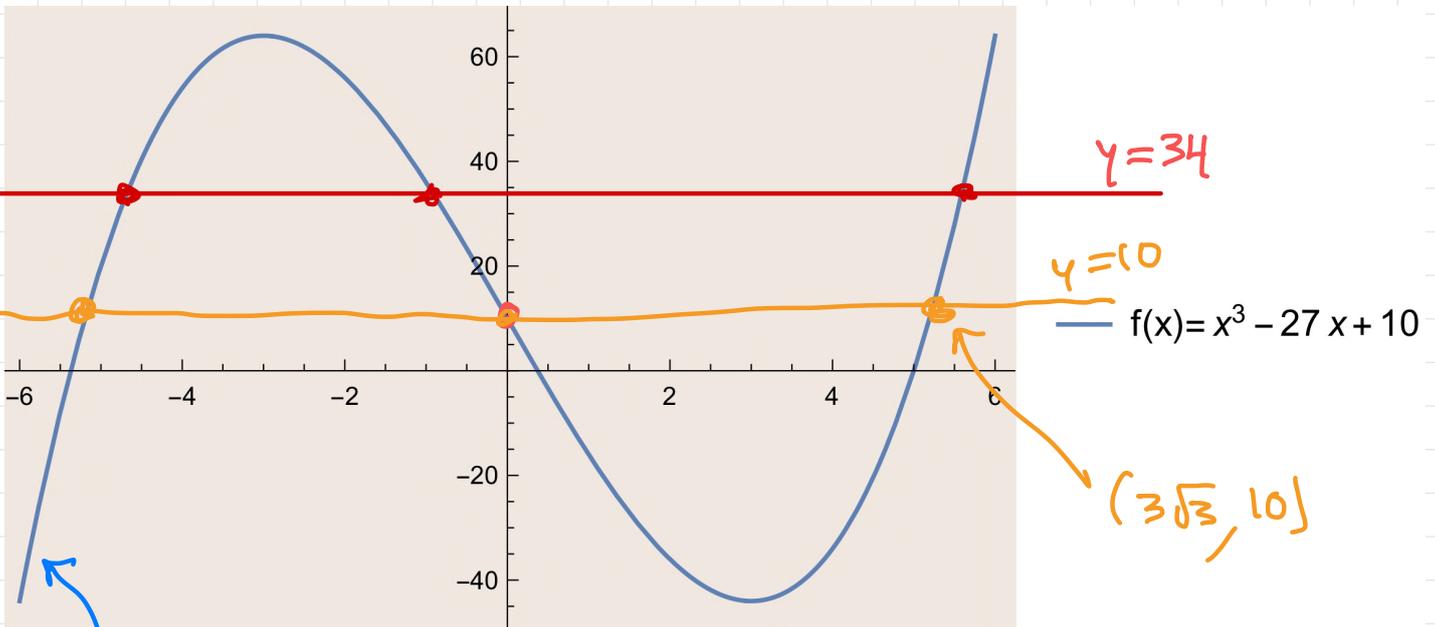
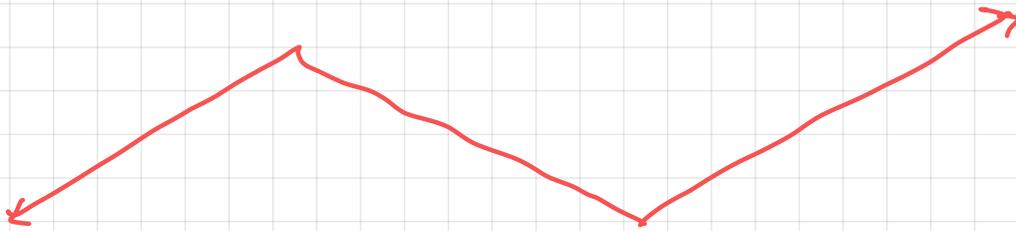
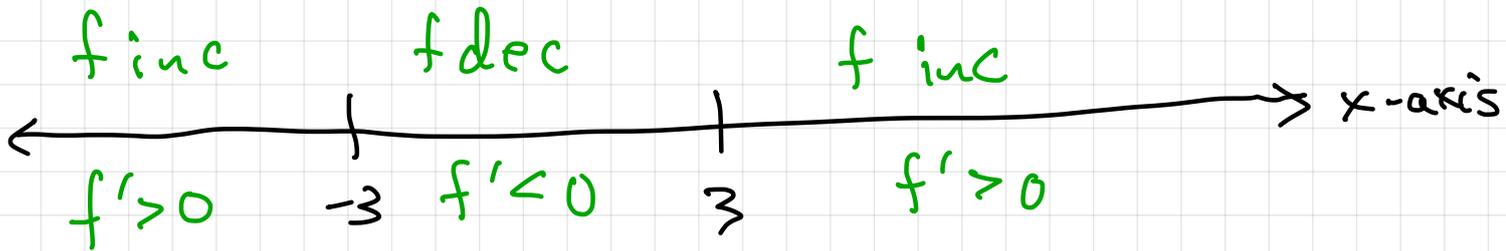
$$\textcircled{4} \quad f(x) = x^3 - 27x + 10$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 27$$

Use calculus to sketch the graph $y = f(x)$. . .

critical #'s $3x^2 - 27 = 0 \Leftrightarrow 3(x-3)(x+3) = 0$

$\Rightarrow x = 3$ and $x = -3$ are critical numbers



Graph of $f(x)$ doesn't satisfy HLP, so there is no inverse function.

You could also observe, for example, that

$$f(0) = f(3\sqrt{3}) = f(-3\sqrt{3}) = 10$$

but $0 \neq 3\sqrt{3} \neq -3\sqrt{3}$

from Stewart page 400-401:

2 Definition Let f be a one-to-one function with domain A and range B . Then its **inverse function** f^{-1} has domain B and range A and is defined by

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

for any y in B .

and

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So, if $f(x)$ is one-to-one then $f^{-1}(x)$ is the number y for which $f(y) = x$.

Definition of natural logarithm function

$$\text{For } x > 0, \quad \ln(x) = \int_1^x \frac{1}{t} dt$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\ln(x)] = \frac{1}{x}, \quad x > 0$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln(x) + C, \quad x > 0$$

First Observations:

- $\text{domain}(\ln) = (0, \infty) = \{x \text{ where } x > 0\}$

- $\text{range}(\ln) = \mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty)$

- $$\ln(x) = \begin{cases} < 0 & \text{when } 0 < x < 1 \\ = 0 & \text{when } x = 1 \\ > 0 & \text{when } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

- The function $f(x)$ is increasing and concave down for all $x > 0$.

← why?

ALSO

← why?

$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x| + C, \quad x \neq 0$$

BECAUSE:

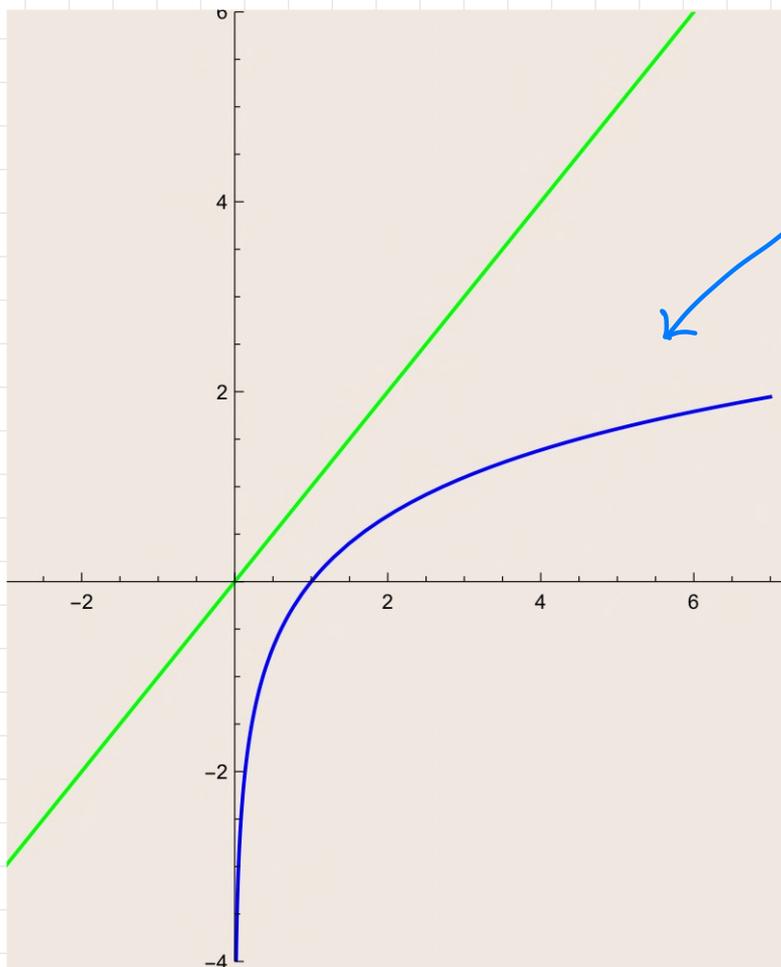
$$\text{For } x < 0, \quad \frac{d}{dx} [\ln(-x)] = \frac{1}{-x} \frac{d}{dx} [-x] = \frac{1}{x}$$

(Red arrow points from $-x > 0$ to the derivative)

Graph of $f(x) = \ln(x)$ ($x > 0$)

(Green arrow points from $f'(1) = \frac{1}{1} = 1 > 0$ to the graph)

- $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x} > 0 \Rightarrow f$ has no critical numbers
 $\Rightarrow \ln(x)$ is strictly increasing
- $f''(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2} < 0 \Rightarrow f'$ has no critical numbers
 $\Rightarrow y = \ln(x)$ is concave down

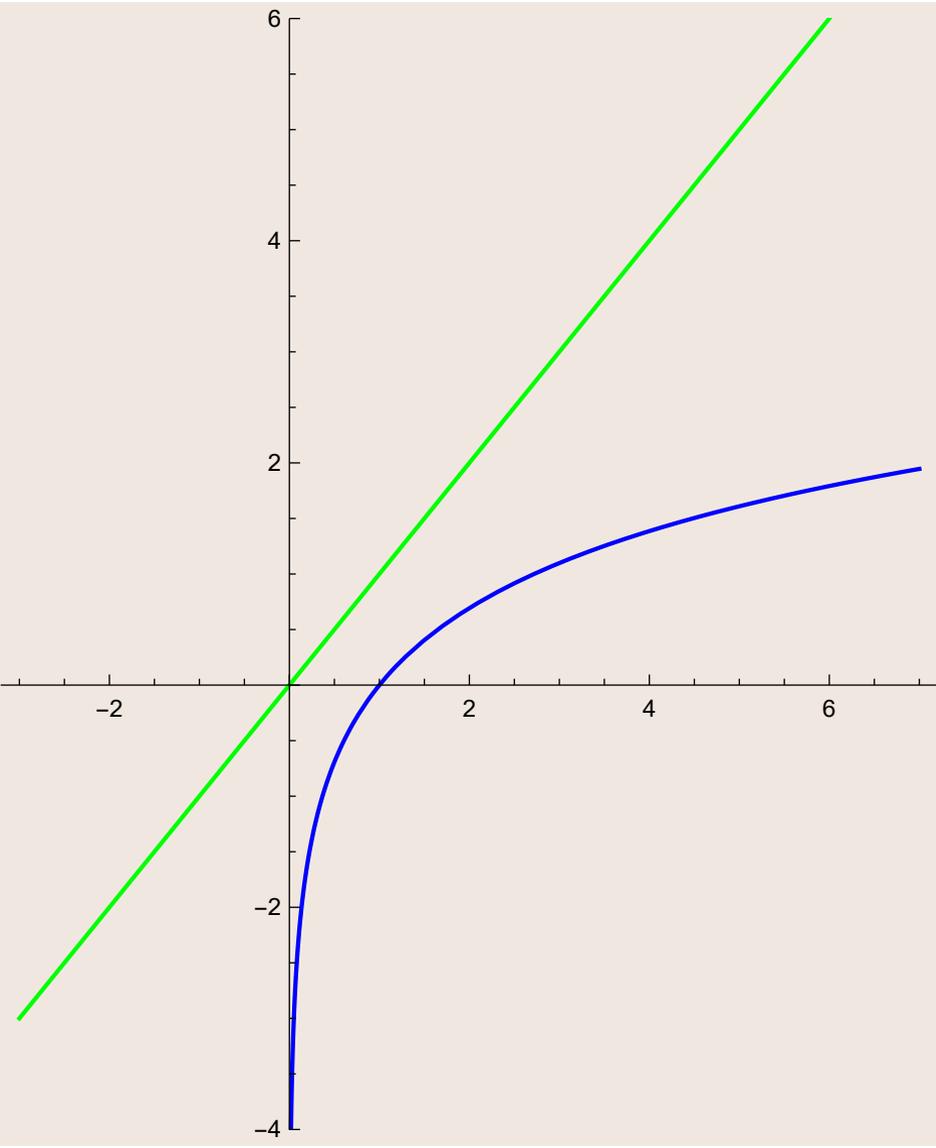


Graph of natural logarithm function.

— $f(x) = \log(x)$
— $y = x$

Observe:

- $f(x) = \ln(x)$ is one-to-one.
- Graph of $y = \ln(x)$ is below $y = x$.
- y -axis is a vertical asymptote for $y = \ln(x)$
- $y = \ln(x)$ has no horizontal asymptote



— $f(x) = \log(x)$
— $y = x$

Logarithms - Algebraic Properties

① Suppose $x > 0$ and $a > 0$ then

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\ln(ax)] = \frac{1}{ax} \cdot a = \frac{1}{x} = \frac{d}{dx} [\ln(x)]$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(ax) = \ln(x) + C \quad (*)$$

Since $\ln(a) = \ln(a \cdot 1) = \ln(1) + C = C$, equation

$$(*) \text{ says } \ln(ax) = \ln(a) + \ln(x).$$

② If $x > 0$ and p is a rational number then

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\ln(x^p)] = \frac{1}{x^p} \cdot p x^{p-1} = \frac{p}{x} = \frac{d}{dx} [p \ln(x)]$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(x^p) = p \ln(x) + C \quad (**)$$

Plugging $x=1$ into **(**)** gives $C=0$ so

$$\ln(x^p) = p \ln(x)$$

Conclusion

powerful result: \ln converts multiplication to addition.

$$① \ln(a \cdot b) = \ln(a) + \ln(b) \text{ for } a > 0, b > 0$$

$$② \ln(a^p) = p \ln(a) \text{ for } a > 0 \text{ and } p \text{ rational}$$

Example

$$\ln\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \ln(x^{-1}) = -\ln(x)$$

for $x > 0$