

1. Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{x-2}$ .

a) Find  $(g \circ f)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ .

$$(g \circ f)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = g\left(f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right) = g(2) = \sqrt{2-2} = \sqrt{0} = 0$$

b) Find  $f \circ g$  and its domain.

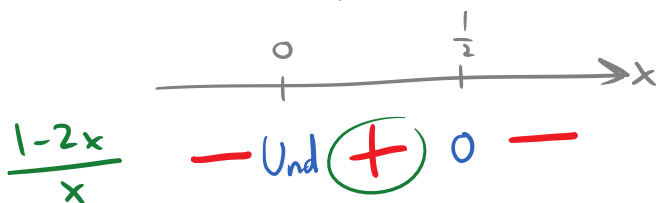
$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = f(\sqrt{x-2}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-2}} \quad \text{Domain: } (2, \infty)$$

c) Find  $g \circ f$  and its domain.

$$(g \circ f)(x) = g\left(f(x)\right) = g\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{x} - 2}$$

Domain: Need  $\frac{1}{x} - 2 \geq 0$

$$\frac{1-2x}{x} \geq 0$$



$$\left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right]$$

2. Find the inverse of  $f(x) = 2 + \sqrt{x-3}$ . Be sure to state the domain of  $f^{-1}(x)$ . (Hint: the domain of  $f^{-1}$  is the range of  $f$ )

$$y = 2 + \sqrt{x-3}$$

$$x = 2 + \sqrt{y-3}$$

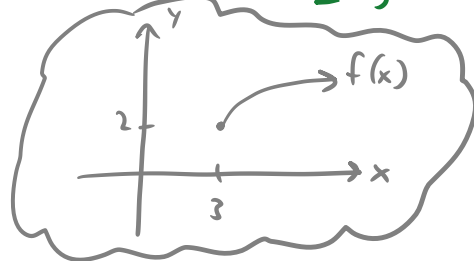
$$x-2 = \sqrt{y-3}$$

$$(x-2)^2 = y-3$$

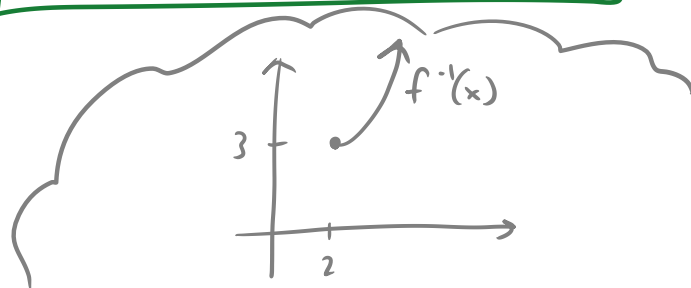
$$y = (x-2)^2 + 3$$

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

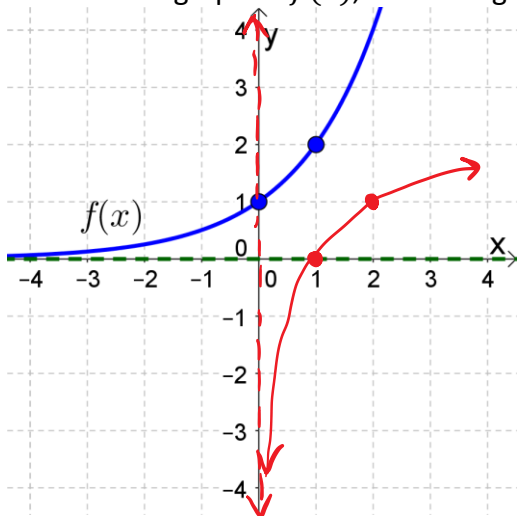
Range of  $f$  is  $[2, \infty)$



So, domain of  $f^{-1}$  is  $[2, \infty)$ .



3. Given the graph of  $f(x)$ , draw the graph of  $f^{-1}(x)$ .



Q: What word starts with "e" and has only one letter in it?

4. Let  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x-1}$  and  $g(x) = x^2 - 3$ .

a) Find  $(f \circ g)(0)$ .

$$f(g(0)) = f(0^2 - 3) = f(-3) = \frac{-3}{-3-1} = \frac{3}{4}$$

b) Find  $(f \circ g)(2)$ .

$$f(g(2)) = f(2^2 - 3) = f(1) = \frac{1}{1-1} = \frac{1}{0} \text{ undefined}$$

c) Find  $(g \circ g)(3)$ .

$$g(g(3)) = g(3^2 - 3) = g(6) = 6^2 - 3 = 33$$

d) Find  $f \circ g$  and its domain.

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

$$\text{Domain: } \{x \mid x \neq \pm 2\} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} x^2 - 4 \neq 0 \\ x^2 \neq 4 \\ x \neq \pm 2 \end{array}$$

e) Find  $g \circ f$  and its domain.

$$g(f(x)) = g\left(\frac{x}{x-1}\right) = \left(\frac{x}{x-1}\right)^2 - 3$$

$$\text{Domain: } \{x \mid x \neq 1\}$$

- f) Find  $f \circ f$  and simplify it. Based on what you got for  $f \circ f$ , what can you say about the inverse of  $f$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} f(f(x)) &= f\left(\frac{x}{x-1}\right) \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{x}{x-1}\right) \cdot (x-1)}{\left(\frac{x}{x-1} - 1\right) \cdot (x-1)} \\ &= \frac{x}{x - (x-1)} \\ &= \frac{x}{1} \\ &= \boxed{x} \end{aligned}$$

The inverse of  $f$  is  
 $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x}{x-1}$ .

(This is because we got  $f(f(x)) = x$ , so  $f$  is its own inverse!)

6. Show that  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$  and  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x} + 1$  are inverses of each other.

$$f(g(x)) = f\left(\frac{1}{x} + 1\right) = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x} + 1 - 1} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)} = x \quad \checkmark$$

$$g(f(x)) = g\left(\frac{1}{x-1}\right) = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{x-1}\right)} + 1 = x - 1 + 1 = x \quad \checkmark$$

8. Find the inverse of  $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{2x+3}$ . Be sure to state the domain of  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

$$y = \frac{x-1}{2x+3} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Switch } x \text{ and } y \\ \downarrow \end{array} \right\}$$

$$x = \frac{y-1}{2y+3}$$

$$2xy + 3x = y - 1$$

$$2xy - y = -3x - 1$$

$$y(2x - 1) = -3x - 1$$

$$y = \frac{-3x - 1}{2x - 1}$$

$$\boxed{f^{-1}(x) = \frac{-3x - 1}{2x - 1}}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Domain: } \left\{x \mid x \neq \frac{1}{2}\right\}}$$

10. Given the graph of  $f(x)$ , draw the graph of  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

