

## Warm Up 9/29

1. Find the domain of the function

a.  $f(x) = x^2 + 4x - 1$     b.  $g(x) = \sqrt{9 - x^2}$     c.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 - x}$

$(-\infty, \infty)$

$9 - x^2 \geq 0$   
 $\sqrt{x^2} \leq 3$

$x \leq 3$   
 $x \geq -3$   
 $-3 \leq x \leq 3$   
 $[-3, 3]$

$x^2 - x = 0$   
 $x(x-1) = 0$

$x \neq 0, 1$

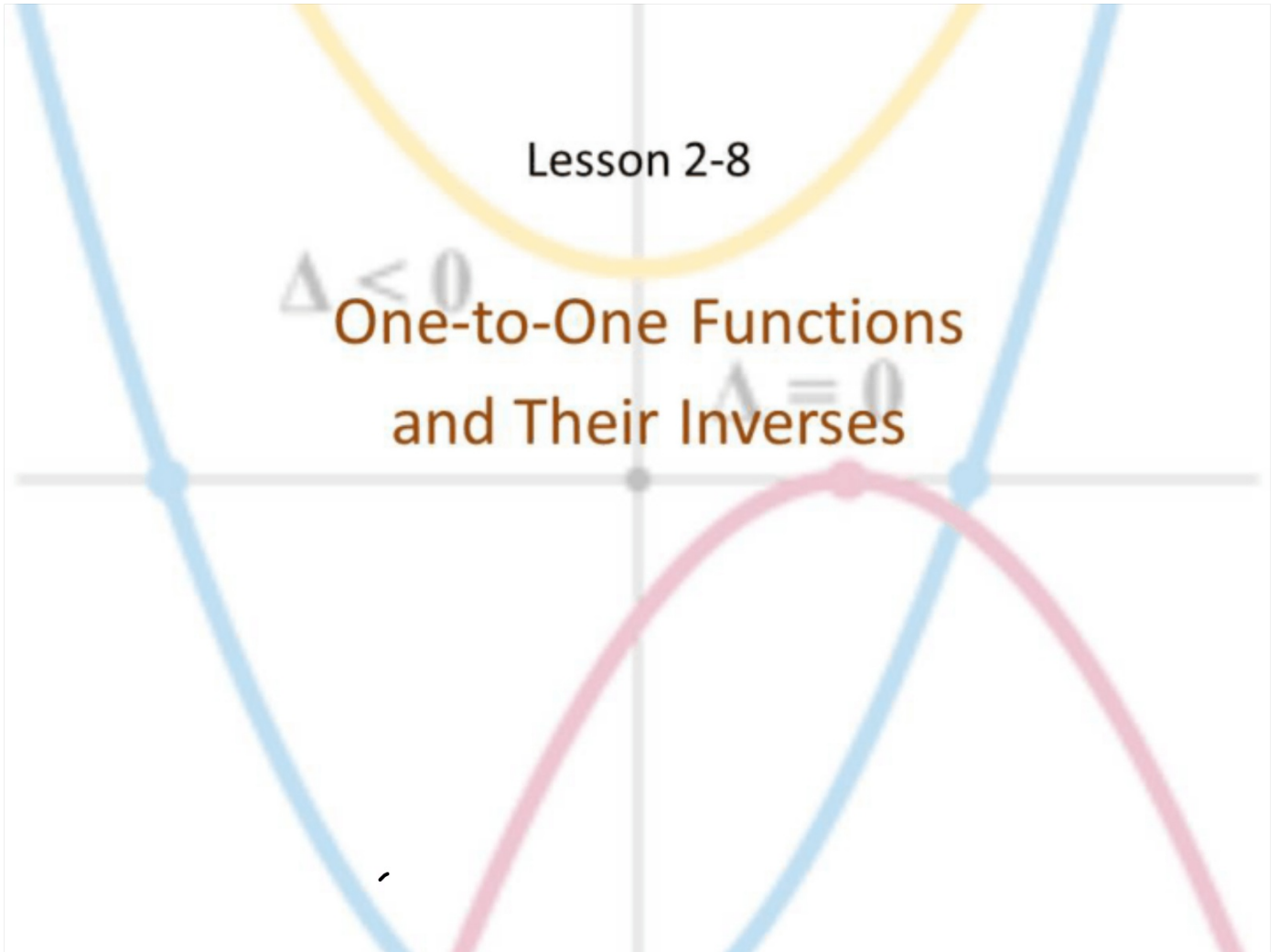
$(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$

Lesson 2-8

$\Delta < 0$

One-to-One Functions  
and Their Inverses

$\Delta = 0$



## Objective

Students will...

- Be able to define one-to-one functions.
- Be able to prove whether a given function is one-to-one, using horizontal line test and algebraically.
- Be able to find the inverse function of one-to-one functions.

For every output  
is there one input, **NO**

## One-to-One Functions

$$y = x^2$$

$$f(x) = 1$$

$$x = 1 \text{ or } x = -1$$

Function is defined as a relation having one output, per input. This only deals with the **number** of outputs, not necessarily the **type** of outputs. A one-to-one function is a function where no input shares a same output with another input. In other words,

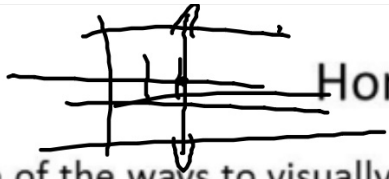
$$f(x_1) = f(x_2) \text{ if and only if } x_1 = x_2$$

or

$$f(x_1) \neq f(x_2) \text{ if and only if } x_1 \neq x_2$$



Again, the definition of a function only deals with the number of outputs. Two different inputs could share the same output, as long as they both have **one** single output.



## Horizontal Line Test

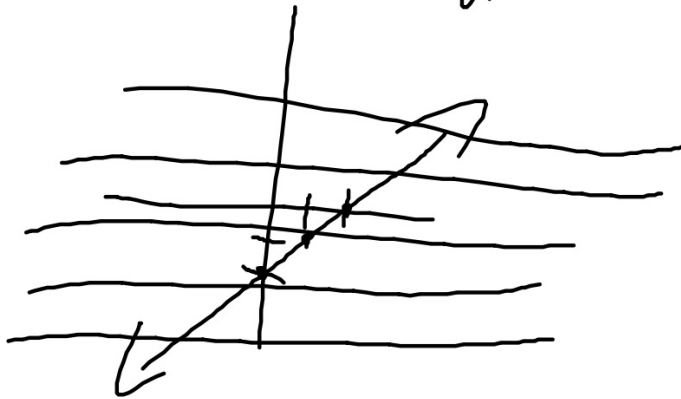


One of the ways to visually identify one-to-one functions is using the horizontal line test, which simply states that a function is one-to-one if and only if no horizontal line intersects its graph more than once.

Ex. Use the horizontal line test to determine whether the following functions are one-to-one.

a.  $f(x) = x - 2$

*one to one*



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

*Not one to one*





# Proving One-to-one-ness

All even powered poly functions are not one to one

Sometimes horizontal line test may not be suitable, because drawing the graph of a function may be difficult. In this case, we need to determine whether a function is one-to-one algebraically.

$$f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Leftrightarrow x_1 = x_2$$



Ex. Show that the following function is one-to-one

1.  $f(x) = 3x + 4$

$$f(x_1) = f(x_2)$$

$$3x_1 + 4 = 3x_2 + 4$$

$$3x_1 = 3x_2$$

$$x_1 = x_2$$

1 - 1

2.  $g(x) = x^2$

$$g(x_1) = g(x_2)$$

$$\sqrt{x_1^2} = \sqrt{x_2^2}$$

$$\pm x_1 = \pm x_2$$

Not 1 - 1

3.  $f(x) = x^3$

$$f(x_1) = f(x_2)$$

$$\sqrt[3]{x_1^3} = \sqrt[3]{x_2^3}$$

$$x_1 = x_2$$

4.  $h(x) = 4x^4$

Not 1 - 1

Examples  ~~$x^3 - 2x^2 + 3$~~

Algebraically, show whether the following functions are one-to-one

a.  $f(x) = x + 2$

b.  $g(x) = 6x^2 - 4$

$h(x) = 9x^3 - 7$

$f(x_1) = f(x_2)$

$x_1 + \frac{2}{1} = x_2 + \frac{2}{1}$  ✓

$x_1 = x_2$

1 - 1

NOT

1 - 1

$h(x_1) = h(x_2)$

$9x_1^3 - 7 = 9x_2^3 - 7$

$\sqrt[3]{x_1^3} = \sqrt[3]{x_2^3}$

$x_1 = x_2$

## Inverse Functions

The whole point of finding out whether a function is one-to-one or not has to do with inverse functions. For any one-to-one function, an inverse function must exist.

Inverse functions is the "opposite" function. By definition, for a function  $f$ , let  $f(x) = y$ . Then, the inverse function  $f^{-1}$ ,

$$f^{-1}(y) = x, \text{ for any } y.$$

You can also think inverse function as the function that "undo's" the its original function.

$$y = x^2 \\ 4 \Rightarrow x = 2, -2$$

what is the inverse of  $x^2$



## Example

Assume  $f$  is one-to-one...

If  $f(5) = 18$ , find  $f^{-1}(18) = 5$  If  $f^{-1}(3) = 6$ , find  $f(6) = 3$

If  $f(x) = 3x - 2$ , find  $f^{-1}(16) = \boxed{6}$ ,

$$16 = 3x - 2$$

$$18 = 3x$$

$$6 = x$$

~~$$f(16) = 3(16) - 2$$~~

## How to find the inverse function

1. Write "y =" instead of "f(x) ="
2. ~~Replace the~~ switch the "y" and the "x"
3. Solve the equation for "y"
4. The resulting equation is the inverse function,  $f^{-1}(x)$

### Example

1.  $f(x) = x^3$

①  $1-1?$   
 $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$

$\sqrt[3]{x_1^3} = \sqrt[3]{x_2^3}$

$x_1 = x_2$

②  $y = x^3$

$x = \sqrt[3]{y}$

$y = \sqrt[3]{x}$

$f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$

2.  $f(x) = x + 1$

①  $1-1?$   
 $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$

$x_1 + 1 = x_2 + 1$

$x_1 = x_2$

②  $y = x + 1$

$x = y + 1$

$y = x - 1$

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

3.  $f(x) = 2x - 3$

①  $1-1?$   
 $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$

$2x_1 - 3 = 2x_2 - 3$

$\frac{2x_1}{2} = \frac{2x_2}{2} \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$

②  $y = 2x - 3$

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

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

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

## Example

Remember! Only one-to-one functions can have an inverse function. So, it's important to make sure that the function is one-to-one before you try to find its inverse.

I.E.  $f(x) = x^2$  does not have an inverse function!

## Homework 9/29

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