

Since range of  $f$  is a subset of the domain of  $g$ ,

Domain of  $g \circ f$  is  $[0, \infty)$  and  $g\{f(x)\} = g(\sqrt{x}) = x - 1$ . Range of  $g \circ f$  is  $[-1, \infty)$ . For  $f \circ g(x)$  Since range of  $g$  is not a subset of the domain of  $f$  i.e.  $[-1, \infty) \not\subset [0, \infty)$   $f \circ g$  is not defined on whole of the domain of  $g$ .

Domain of  $f \circ g$  is  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ the domain of } g: g(x) \in [0, \infty), \text{ the domain of } f\}$ .

Thus the domain of  $f \circ g$  is  $D = \{x \in \mathbb{R}: 0 \leq g(x) < \infty\}$

$$D = \{x \in \mathbb{R}: 0 \leq x^2 - 1\}$$

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}: x \leq -1 \text{ or } x \geq 1\}$$

$$(-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$$

$$f \circ g(x) = f\{g(x)\}$$

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

Its range is  $[0, \infty)$

**Ex.** Find  $f \circ g(x)$  If  $f(x) = \cos x + x$  and  $g(x) = x^2$ .

**Sol:**  $f \circ g(x) = \cos g(x) + g(x)$

$$= \cos x^2 + x^2$$

**Ex.** If  $f(x) = ||x - 3| - 2|$ ;  $0 \leq x \leq 4$  and  $g(x) = 4 - |2 - x|$ ;  $-1 \leq x \leq 3$  Then find  $f \circ g(2)$

**Sol:**  $f \circ g(2) = f(4)$  ( $\because g(2) = 4$ )

$$f \circ g(2) = 1$$

### Inverse Function

Two functions  $f$  and  $g$  are inverse of each other if  $f(g(x)) = x$  for  $x \in \text{domain of } g$  and  $g(f(x)) = x$  for  $x \in \text{dom } f$ , i.e.,  $g \circ f = I_{\text{dom } f}$  and  $f \circ g = I_{\text{dom } g}$  where  $I_{\text{dom } f}$  is identity function on  $\text{dom } f$  and  $I_{\text{dom } g}$  is identity function on  $\text{dom } g$ . We denote  $g$  by  $f^{-1}$  or  $f$  by  $g^{-1}$ . To find the inverse of  $f$ , write down the equation  $y = f(x)$  and then solve  $x$  as a function of  $y$ . The resulting equation is  $x = f^{-1}(y)$

### Note

For an inverse function to exist, the original function should be both one-to-one and onto

### Properties:

1. Inverse of a bijection is also a bijection function.
2. Inverse of a bijection is unique.
3.  $(f^{-1})^{-1} = f$
4. If  $f$  and  $g$  are two bijections such that  $(g \circ f)$  exists then  $(g \circ f)^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}$
5. If  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is a bijection then  $f^{-1}: B \rightarrow A$  is an inverse function of  $f$ .

$$f^{-1} \circ f = I_A \text{ and } f \circ f^{-1} = I_B.$$

Here  $I_A$  represents the identity function on set  $A$ , and  $I_B$  represents the identity function on set  $B$ .

**Ex.** To determine the inverse of  $f(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$

**Sol.** We write  $y = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$

$$2y = \frac{e^{2x} - 1}{e^x}$$

$$e^{2x} - 2ye^x - 1 = 0$$

$$e^x = \frac{2y \pm \sqrt{4y^2 + 4}}{2}$$

$$e^x = y \pm \sqrt{y^2 + 1}$$

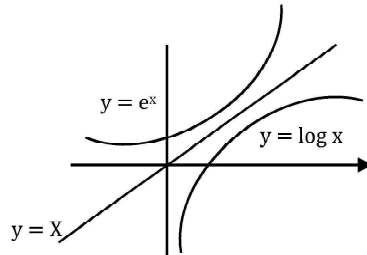
$$e^{x^3} > 0 \text{ so } e^x = y + \sqrt{y^2 + 1}$$

$$x = \log(y + \sqrt{y^2 + 1})$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \log(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})$$

The relationship between the graphs of  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  is such that if the point  $(x, y)$  is on the graph of  $f$ , then the point  $(y, x)$  is on the graph of  $f^{-1}$  and vice versa. Consequently, the graph of  $f^{-1}$  is a reflection of the graph of  $f$  across the line  $y = x$ .

This can be illustrated with the example of  $y = \log x$  and  $y = e^x$  which are inverses of each other.



### Existence of inverse function

Not all functions possess an inverse. For instance, the function  $f(x) = x^2$  lacks an inverse when the domain of  $f$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ . For a function to have an inverse, it must satisfy the conditions of being both one-one and onto, making it bijective.

- Ex.**
- Determine the objectiveness of  $f(x) = \frac{2x+3}{4}$  for  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . If bijective. Find its inverse function  $f^{-1}(x)$ .
  - Consider,  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x$ ;  $x \geq -1$ . Sketch the graph of  $f^{-1}(x)$  and determine the number of Solutions of the equation,  $f(x) = f^{-1}(x)$
  - If  $y = f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 1$  for  $x \geq 2$ . Calculate the value of  $g \circ f(1)$  where  $g$  is inverse of  $f$ .

**Sol:**

- The function is bijective, indicating that it has a unique inverse.

$$y = \frac{2x+3}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{4y-3}{2}$$

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

- The equation  $f(x) = f^{-1}(x)$  is equivalent to  $f(x) = x$

$$x^2 + 2x = x$$

$$x(x+1) = 0$$

$$x = 0, -1$$

- Therefore, there are two solutions for  $f(x) = f^{-1}(x)$

$$y = 1$$

$$x^2 - 3x + 1 = 1$$

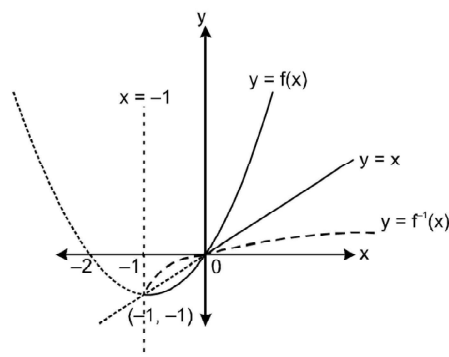
$$x(x-3) = 0$$

$$x = 0, 3$$

$$x \geq 2$$

$$x = 3$$

$$g(f(x)) = x$$



Differentiating both sides w.r.t. x

$$g'(f(x)) \cdot f'(x) = 1$$

$$g'(f(x)) = \frac{1}{f'(x)}$$

$$g'(f(3)) = \frac{1}{f'(3)}$$

$$g'(1) = \frac{1}{6-3} = \frac{1}{3} = (As(x) = 2x - 3)$$

#### Alternate Method

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

$$x^2 - 3x + 1 - y = 0$$

$$x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9-4(1-y)}}{2} = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{5+4y}}{2}$$

$$x \geq 2$$

$$x = \frac{3 + \sqrt{5+4y}}{2}$$

$$g(x) = \frac{3 + \sqrt{5+4x}}{2}$$

$$g'(x) = 0 + \frac{1}{4\sqrt{5+4x}} \cdot 4$$

$$g'(1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5+4}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{9}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

#### Domain and Range of Some Standard Function

Function	Domain	Range
Polynomial function	$\mathbb{R}$	$\mathbb{R}$
Identity function x	$\mathbb{R}$	$\mathbb{R}$
Constant function c	$\mathbb{R}$	$\{c\}$
Reciprocal fn $1/x$	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\mathbb{R}_0$
Signum function	$\mathbb{R}$	$\{-1, 0, 1\}$
$ax + b; a, b \in \mathbb{R}$	$\mathbb{R}$	$\mathbb{R}$
$ax^3 + b; a, b \in \mathbb{R}$	$\mathbb{R}$	$\mathbb{R}$
$x^2,  x $	$\mathbb{R}$	$\mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$
$x^3, x x $	$\mathbb{R}$	$\mathbb{R}$
$x +  x $	$\mathbb{R}$	$\mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$
$x -  x $	$\mathbb{R}$	$\mathbb{R}^- \cup \{0\}$
$[x]$	$\mathbb{R}$	$\mathbb{Z}$
$x - [x]$	$\mathbb{R}$	$[0, 1)$
$\frac{ x }{x}$	$\mathbb{R}_0$	$\{-1, 1\}$
$\sqrt{x}$		$[0, \infty)[0, \infty)$
$a^x$	$\mathbb{R}$	$\mathbb{R}^+$
$\log x$	$\mathbb{R}^+$	$\mathbb{R}$
$\sin x$	$\mathbb{R}$	$[-1, 1]$
$\cos x$	$\mathbb{R}$	$[-1, 1]$
$\tan x$	$\mathbb{R} - \left\{\frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2}\right\}$	$\mathbb{R} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}$
$\cot x$	$\mathbb{R} - \{n\pi \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$	$\mathbb{R}$
$\sec x$	$\mathbb{R} - \left\{\frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2}\right\}$	$\mathbb{R} - (-1, 1) \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}$
$\operatorname{cosec} x$	$\mathbb{R} - \{n\pi \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$	$\mathbb{R} - (-1, 1)$
$\sin^{-1}x$	$[-1, 1]$	$\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$

$\cos^{-1}x$	$[-1, 1]$	$[0, \pi]$
$\tan^{-1}x$	$\mathbb{R}$	$\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, +\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$
$\cot^{-1}x$	$\mathbb{R}$	$(0, \pi)$
$\sec^{-1}x$	$\mathbb{R} - (-1, 1)$	$[0, \pi] - \{\frac{\pi}{2}\}$
$\operatorname{cosec}^{-1}x$	$\mathbb{R} - (-1, 1)$	$\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] - \{0\}$

**Ex.** Determine the value of  $\tan^{-1}\left(\tan\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$ .

**Sol.**  $\tan^{-1}(\tan x) = x$

$$x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\tan^{-1}\left(\tan\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$\tan^{-1}\left(\tan\left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right)$$

$$\tan^{-1}\left(-\tan\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

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$$-\tan^{-1}\left(\tan\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \text{ (using property 1)}$$

$$-\tan^{-1}\left(\tan\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{4} \text{ (using property 3)}$$