## Sec 7-7 Inverse Relations and Functions

What is a Relation? A set of ordered pairs (a bunch of points)

What is a function?

A relation such that every x-value is paired with one and only one y-value.

## 1. Use these points: (-6,9), (-5,3), (-4,1), (-3,3), (-2,9)Plot the following points and connect them to form a parabola.



2. Take each ordered pair and switch the position of each number then plot this point on the same graph that you used for the parabola. Do this with all five points and connect them with a smooth curve. Example: (-6,9) becomes (9,-6)



3. You have just created the inverse relation of f(x). The inverse is denoted by the symbol  $f^{-1}(x)$ The graph of  $f^{-1}(x)$  is actually a reflection of f(x) over a line. What is this line of reflection? (Remember, a Line of Reflection is the line that is equidistant from corresponding points on f(x) and  $f^{-1}(x)$ . i.e. it's exactly in the middle of the two graphs)



To find the Line of Reflection connect corresponding points on the original and the image (inverse relation) then find the midpoints of these segments. The Line of Reflection is the line that connects these midpoints.

Line of Reflection: y = x



## Is $f^{-1}(x)$ a function?

No, the inverse relation doesn't pass the Vertical Line Test. What I want you to know from Sec 7-7:

- 1. Given an original relation be able to tell if the inverse is a function or not.
- 2. Know the relationship between the Domain and Range of an original relation and the Domain and Range of the inverse relation.
- 3. Be able to write the equation of the inverse relation.



Graphing an inverse on the graphing calculator.

Graph the following in a Standard Window.





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