

Use these two functions:

$$f(x) = (x+2)^3 - 1 \quad g(x) = \sqrt[3]{x+1} - 2$$

1. Find  $f(g(x))$ . Simplify as much as possible.

$$\begin{aligned} f(g(x)) &= (\sqrt[3]{x+1} - 2 + 2)^3 - 1 \\ &= (\sqrt[3]{x+1})^3 - 1 \\ &= x+1-1 = \text{X} \end{aligned}$$

Using the same two functions

$$f(x) = (x+2)^3 - 1 \quad g(x) = \sqrt[3]{x+1} - 2$$

2. Find  $g(f(x))$ . Simplify as much as possible.

$$\begin{aligned} g(f(x)) &= \sqrt[3]{(x+2)^3 - 1 + 1} - 2 \\ &= \sqrt[3]{(x+2)^3} - 2 \\ &= x+2-2 = \text{X} \end{aligned}$$

Whenever  $f(g(x))=x$  and  $g(f(x))=x$

the functions  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are called INVERSES

Are these functions inverses?

Only if  $f(g(x))=x$  AND  $g(f(x))=x$

$$f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x} + 5 \quad g(x) = \frac{1}{x-6}$$

$$\text{Find } f(g(x)): = \frac{\frac{1}{x-6} + 1}{\frac{1}{x-6}} + 5$$

now simplify

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{x-6}{x-6} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{x-6} + 1 \right) + 5 \\ &= \frac{1 + x-6}{1} + 5 = \frac{x-5}{1} + 5 = x-5+5 = \text{X} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x} + 5$$

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{x-6}$$

Find  $g(f(x))$ :

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{x+1}{x} + 5 - 6} = \frac{1}{\frac{x+1}{x} - 1}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{x}{x} \cdot 1}{\frac{x+1}{x} - 1} = \frac{x}{x+1-x} = \frac{x}{1} = \boxed{x}$$

since  $f(g(x)) = x$  AND  $g(f(x)) = x$

$f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  **MUST** be INVERSES!

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You have two coupons to use, one is for 10% off and the other is for \$20 off. If you are allowed to use both coupons on the same item does it matter which one you use first? If yes, which one should you use first?

\$20 off function:

$x$  = original price

10% off function:

$$f(x) = x - 20$$

$$g(x) = 0.9x$$

10% off first:

$$f(g(x)) = .9x - 20$$

\$20 off first:

$$g(f(x)) = .9(x - 20) = .9x - 18$$

It's best to use the 10% off coupon first since you get the full benefit of the \$20 off coupon.

If you use the \$20 off coupon first you end up getting the equivalent of only \$18 off.

### SEC 7-7 Exploration

By definition a Relation is 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.