

## Derivative of an Inverse Function

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Let  $f$  be a differentiable function. If  $f$  possesses an inverse function  $f^{-1}$ , then  $f^{-1}$  is differentiable at any  $x$  for which

$$f'(f^{-1}(x)) \neq 0. \text{ Therefore, } (f^{-1})'(x) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(x))}.$$

To find  $f'(f^{-1}(b))$  for a point  $(a, b)$  on  $f(x)$ .

1. Find  $f'$ .
2. If you are only given  $b$ , set  $b = f(x)$  to find  $a$ .
3. Find  $f'(a)$ .
4.  $f'(f^{-1}(b)) = \frac{1}{f'(a)}$

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1. If  $g$  is the inverse function of  $f$  and  $f(3) = 2$ , find the value of  $g'(2)$  for  $f(x) = \frac{x^3}{4} + x - 1$ .

2. Let  $f$  be the function defined by  $f(x) = x^5 + 2x - 1$ . If  $g(x) = f^{-1}(x)$  and  $(2, 1)$  is on  $f$ , what is the value of  $g'(1)$ ?

\*\*3. Let  $f$  be the differentiable function such that  $f(3)=15$ ,  $f(6)=3$ , and  $f'(3)= -8$ , and  $f'(6)= -2$ . The function  $g$  is differentiable and  $g(x) = f^{-1}(x)$  for all  $x$ . What is the value of  $g'(3)$ ?