

$APY = \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^n - 1$

Math 1090 ~ Business Algebra

Section 4.1 Inverse Functions

Objectives:

- Determine if a function has an inverse.
- Determine if two functions are inverses of each other.
- Find the inverse of a one-to-one function.

Inverse Functions

An <u>inverse function</u> basically "undoes" what the original function did to the input, x.

Notation: $f^{-1}(x)$ is read "*f* inverse of *x*."

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

Ex 1: Are these functions inverses of each other?

$$f(x) = 5x - 1 \qquad g(x) = \frac{x+1}{5}$$
check: Is $f(g(x)) = x$? (or is $g(f(x)) = x$?)
$$f(g(x)) = f\left(\frac{x+1}{5}\right) = S\left(\frac{x+1}{5}\right) - 1$$

$$= x + 1 - 1$$

$$= x \vee$$

$$= 1 \text{ f and } g \text{ are inverse fns.}$$
extra check: $g(f(x)) = g(5x - 1)$

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

Does every function have an inverse? No! A function that has an inverse must pass the <u>horizontal line test</u> (when graphed).

<u>One-to-one</u>: Every input has exactly one output and every output has exactly one input.

Graphically, an inverse function is the mirror image of the original

function across the line, y = x. passes vert. ex Ex 2: Find the inverse of $f(x) = 4(x-1)^3$. Passes honz. line test =) its invertible Strategy to find an inverse of a function. a) "Pants" Technique ·can only use if x shows up only once in the fn. Ex 3: Find the inverse of $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{\frac{x+1}{2x+3}}$ · undo things in $y = \sqrt[3]{\frac{x+1}{2x+3}}$ opposite order in which they were done $X = \frac{3}{24+1}$ $(2y+3) \times = \frac{y+1}{(2y+3)}$ b) Standard Technique · switch x and y · solve for y interms $2x^{3}y + 3x^{3} = y + 1$ of x $2x^{3}y - y = |-3x^{3}|$ $y(2x^{3}-1)=1-3x^{3}$ $y=\frac{1-3x^{3}}{2x^{3}-1}=f^{-1}(x)$

Ex 4: Does $y = x^2$ have an inverse function? Can we restrict the domain so it does have an inverse function?

