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Part 1: Building a Foundation

What is the notation used to represent the inverse of a function \(f(x) \)?

Hint: Think about how inverses are typically denoted in mathematics.

- ◯ A) \(f^2(x) \)
- ◯ B) \(f^{-1}(x) \)
- ◯ C) \(\frac{1}{f(x)} \)
- ◯ D) \(f'(x) \)

Which of the following statements are true about inverse functions?

Hint: Consider the properties of functions and their inverses.

- ☐ A) The inverse of a function reverses the operation of the original function.
- ☐ B) A function must be one-to-one to have an inverse.
- ☐ C) The inverse of a function is always a function.
- ☐ D) The graph of an inverse function is a reflection over the line \(y = x \).

Explain the Horizontal Line Test and its significance in determining if a function has an inverse.

Hint: Think about how horizontal lines interact with the graph of a function.

List two conditions necessary for a function to have an inverse.

Hint: Consider the properties of functions that allow for reversibility.

1. Condition 1

2. Condition 2

If a function \(f(x) \) is increasing over its entire domain, what can be said about its inverse?

Hint: Consider the relationship between increasing and decreasing functions.

- ◯ A) The inverse does not exist.
- ◯ B) The inverse is also increasing.
- ◯ C) The inverse is decreasing.
- ◯ D) The inverse is a constant function.

Part 2: Application and Analysis

Given \(f(x) = 2x + 3 \), what is \(f^{-1}(x) \)?

Hint: Think about how to isolate \(x \) in the equation.

- ◯ A) \(\frac{x - 3}{2} \)
- ◯ B) \(2x - 3 \)
- ◯ C) \(\frac{x + 3}{2} \)
- ◯ D) \(2(x - 3) \)

Which of the following functions have inverses?

Hint: Consider the properties of each function regarding one-to-one.

- ☐ A) \(f(x) = x^2 \) over \(x \geq 0 \)
- ☐ B) \(f(x) = \sin(x) \) over \(-\frac{\pi}{2} \) \(\text{to} \) \(\frac{\pi}{2} \)
- ☐ C) \(f(x) = e^x \)
- ☐ D) \(f(x) = x^3 \)

Solve for the inverse of the function \(f(x) = \frac{1}{x+1} \).

Hint: Set the function equal to \(y \) and solve for \(x \).

If \(f(x) = \sqrt{x} \) and \(g(x) = x^2 \), are these functions inverses of each other?

Hint: Consider the composition of the two functions.

- ◯ A) Yes, because \(f(g(x)) = x \) for all \(x \).
- ◯ B) No, because \(g(f(x)) \neq x \) for all \(x \).
- ◯ C) Yes, because both functions are one-to-one.
- ◯ D) No, because \(f(g(x)) \neq x \) for all \(x \).

Discuss the impact of restricting the domain of a function on its inverse. Provide an example.

Hint: Think about how domain restrictions can affect the one-to-one property.

Part 3: Evaluation and Creation

Which of the following statements best evaluates the necessity of inverse functions in real-world applications?

Hint: Consider the practical uses of inverse functions in various fields.

- ◯ A) Inverse functions are rarely used in practical scenarios.
- ◯ B) Inverse functions are essential for solving equations and converting units.
- ◯ C) Inverse functions are only useful in theoretical mathematics.
- ◯ D) Inverse functions complicate mathematical models unnecessarily.

Evaluate the following scenarios and identify where inverse functions are applicable:

Hint: Think about everyday situations where you might need to reverse a calculation.

- [ ] A) Converting Celsius to Fahrenheit
- [ ] B) Calculating the original price from a discounted price
- [ ] C) Determining the time taken given speed and distance
- [ ] D) Solving for the principal amount in compound interest

Create a real-world problem that involves finding the inverse of a function. Explain how you would solve it and the significance of the inverse in your scenario.

Hint: Think about a situation where you need to reverse a calculation.