

Worksheet (Derivatives of Inverse Functions)

1. For which of the following increasing functions f does $(f^{-1})'(20) = \frac{1}{5}$?

A $f(x) = x + 5$ $f' \neq 5$
 $f' = 1$

$$(f^{-1})'(20) = \frac{1}{5}$$

B $f(x) = x^3 + 5x + 20$
 $f' = 3x^2 + 5$

$$f'(0) = 5$$

$$f(0) = 20$$

C $f(x) = x^5 + 5x + 14$ $f(0) \neq 20$
 $f' = 5x^4 + 5$

D $f(x) = e^x + 5x + 19$ $f' \neq 5$
 $f' = e^x + 5$

2. Let f and g be inverse functions that are differentiable for all x . If $f(-5) = 7$ and $g'(7) = 3$, which of the following statements must be false?

- I. $f'(3) = -\frac{1}{3}$ **False**
 II. $f'(-5) = \frac{1}{3}$ **True**
 III. $f'(7) = \frac{1}{3}$ **Maybe**

$f + g$ must be 1 to 1

since $g'(7) > 0$

$f' + g'$ must always be > 0

A I only

B II only

C III only

D I and III only

3) Let f be the function defined by $f(x) = \frac{1}{27}(x^5 + 2x^3)$. If $g(x) = f^{-1}(x)$ and $g(-11) = -3$, what is the value of $g'(-11)$?

$$f(-3) = -11$$

$$g'(-11) = \frac{1}{f'(-3)} = \frac{1}{17}$$

$$f' = \frac{1}{27}(5x^4 + 6x^2)$$

$$f'(-3) = \frac{1}{27}(5 \cdot 81 + 6 \cdot 9)$$

$$= 15 + 2 = 17$$

4) Let f be the function defined by $f(x) = x^3 - \frac{4}{x}$. If $g(x) = f^{-1}(x)$ and $g(6) = 2$, what is the value of $g'(6)$?

$$f(2) = 6$$

$$g'(6) = \frac{1}{f'(2)} = \frac{1}{13}$$

$$f' = 3x^2 + \frac{4}{x^2}$$

$$f'(2) = 12 + 1 = 13$$

5) Let f be the function defined by $f(x) = \sqrt{x-4}$. If $g(x) = f^{-1}(x)$ and $g(2) = 8$, what is the value of $g'(2)$?

$$f(8) = 2$$

$$g'(2) = \frac{1}{f'(8)} = 4$$

$$f' = \frac{1}{2}(x-4)^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x-4}}$$

$$f'(8) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4}} = \frac{1}{4}$$

6) Let f be the function defined by $f(x) = \frac{4}{1+x^2}$. If $g(x) = f^{-1}(x)$ and $g(2) = 1$, what is the value of $g'(2)$?

$$f = 4(1+x^2)^{-1}$$

$$f(1) = 2$$

$$f' = -4(1+x^2)^{-2} \cdot 2x$$

$$= \frac{-8x}{(1+x^2)^2}$$

$$\therefore g'(2) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$f'(1) = \frac{-8}{4} = -2$$

7) Let f be the function defined by $f(x) = 3 - 4x$. If $g(x) = f^{-1}(x)$ and $g(-1) = 1$, what is the value of $g'(-1)$?

$$f' = -4 \text{ (a constant)}$$

$$\therefore g'(-1) = -\frac{1}{4}$$