

AP CALCULUS Worksheet 5.3  
Derivatives of Inverse Functions

1) If  $f(x) = x^3 + x$  and  $h(x)$  is the inverse of  $f(x)$ , then  $h'(2)$  is

- A)  $\frac{1}{13}$       B)  $\frac{1}{4}$       C) 1      D) 4      E) 13

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

- A)  $-\frac{1}{2}$       B)  $-\frac{1}{8}$       C)  $\frac{1}{6}$       D)  $\frac{1}{3}$       E) The value of  $g'(3)$  cannot be determined from the information given.

3) Use your calculator to determine the derivative of the inverse function of  $f(x)$  at  $x = 4$  where  $f(x) = x^5 + x^3 + 2x - 2$ .

4) Suppose  $f$  is a one-to-one function, which is differentiable for all real numbers  $x$ . The table below gives some of the values of  $f(x)$  and  $f'(x)$ :

$x$	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
1	2	$\frac{7}{6}$
2	3	$\frac{7}{6}$
3	5	$\frac{19}{6}$
4	10	$\frac{43}{6}$

(a) Write an equation of the tangent line,  $T_1$ , to the function  $f(x)$  at  $x = 3$ .

(b) Write an equation of the normal line,  $N_1$ , to the function  $f(x)$  at  $x = 3$ .

(c) Write an equation of the tangent line,  $T_2$ , to the function  $f^{-1}(x)$  at  $x = 3$ .

5) The function used in Problems 4 and 5 is  $f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{19}{6}x$ .

- (a)  $f'(0) =$  \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) If  $g(x) = f^{-1}(x)$ , then  $g'(0) =$  \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) Write an equation for the normal line to  $g(x)$  at  $x = 0$ .

6) The functions  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable for all real numbers, and  $g$  is strictly increasing. The table gives values of the functions and their first derivatives at selected values of  $x$ . The function  $h$  is given by  $h(x) = f(g(x)) - 6$ .

$x$	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$	$g(x)$	$g'(x)$
1	6	4	2	5
2	9	2	3	1
3	10	-4	4	2
4	-1	3	6	7

- (a) Explain why there must be a value  $r$  for  $1 < r < 3$  such that  $h(r) = -5$ .  
 (b) Explain why there must be a value  $c$  for  $1 < c < 3$  such that  $h'(c) = -5$ .  
 (c) Let  $w$  be the function given by  $w(x) = \int_1^{g(x)} f(t) dt$ . Find the value  $w'(3)$ .  
 (d) If  $g^{-1}$  is the inverse function of  $g$ , write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of  $y = g^{-1}(x)$  at  $x = 2$ .