

# L1 Precalc review

1. **Function:** rule which assigns to each element in set D exactly one element in set R.

- domain = D (allowable inputs)
- range = R (outputs)
- graph:  $\{(x, y) : x \text{ is in D and } y = f(x)\}$
- zero (root, solution):  $c$  is a zero of  $f(x)$  if  $f(c) = 0$
- even/odd function even:  $f(-x) = f(x)$ , odd:  $f(-x) = -f(x)$
- increasing/decreasing increasing: walk uphill from L to R, decreasing: walk downhill from L to R

2. **Transform** the graph of  $y = f(x)$

- $f(x) \pm c$ : shifts graph up/down  $c$  units
- $f(x + c)$ : shifts graph left  $c$  units while  $f(x - c)$ : shifts graph right  $c$  units
- $cf(x)$  is a vertical stretch if  $c > 1$  and vertical shrink if  $0 < c < 1$
- $f(cx)$ : horizontal shrink if  $c > 1$ , horizontal stretch if  $0 < c < 1$
- $-f(x)$ : reflect across  $x$ -axis
- $f(-x)$ : reflect across  $y$ -axis

## Solving equations

Factor and solve  $x^{-\frac{2}{3}}(2-x)^2 - 6x^{\frac{1}{3}}(2-x) = 0$

Solve  $x = \sqrt{5-x^2} - 1$

### Solving inequalities:

$a < b$  and  $c > 0 \longrightarrow ac < bc$

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Find the solution set:  $\frac{10-x}{x+2} \geq 2$

## Absolute Value

**Def.** If  $a$  is a real number  $|a|$



$$\text{so that } |a| = \begin{cases} a \leq 0 \\ a > 0 \end{cases}$$

**ex** If  $x \neq 0$ , find an expression for  $f(x) = \frac{x}{|x|}$

$$\frac{x}{|x|} = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{-x} & x < 0 \\ \frac{x}{x} & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

**ex** if  $x \neq 1$  find an expression for

$$g(x) = \frac{2(x-1)}{|x-1|} = \begin{cases} & x < 1 \\ & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

## Absolute Value Inequalities

Let  $a > 0$ :

$|x| < a$  if and only if

$|x| > a$  if and only if

**ex.** Solve and express your answer using intervals.

$$3 - \left| \frac{1-3x}{2} \right| < -1$$

Graph the solution set.



# Elementary functions

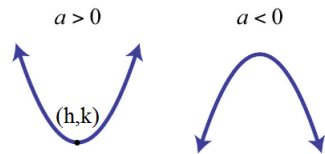
1. **Polynomials**  $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$  where  $n$  is a nonnegative integer

- linear functions  $f(x) = mx + b$

point-slope form:  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$  uses point  $(x_1, y_1)$  and slope  $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$

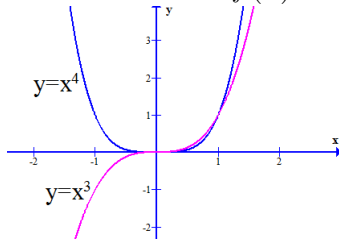
slope-intercept form:  $y = mx + b$ ,  $m = \text{slope}$ ,  $(0, b) = y\text{-intercept}$

- quadratic functions  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ ,  $a \neq 0$



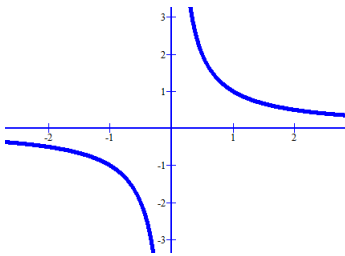
$f(x) = a(x - h)^2 + k$  (complete the square to put in vertex form)

- **power functions**  $f(x) = x^n$ ,  $n$  a positive integer

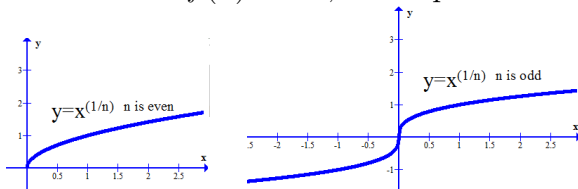


2. **Rational functions**  $f(x) = \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$  where  $P$  and  $Q$  are polynomials

- reciprocal function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$



3. **root functions**  $f(x) = x^{\frac{1}{n}}$ ,  $n$  is a positive integer



4. **Algebraic functions:** functions that can be constructed from polynomial functions using operations addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and taking roots

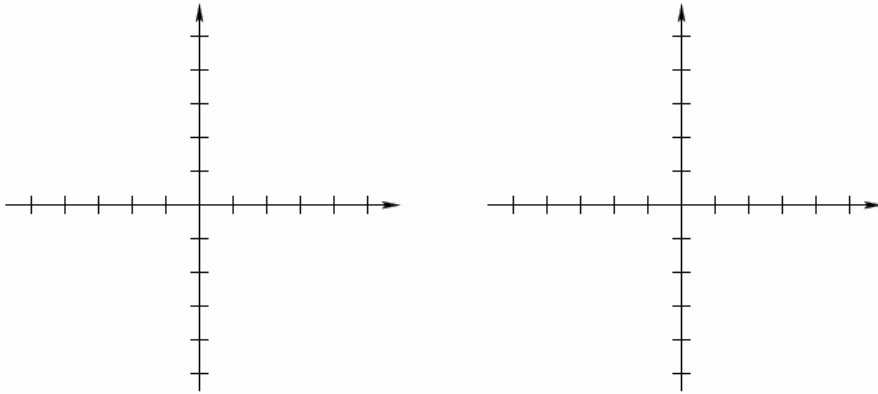
5. **Transcendental functions,** which are not algebraic (trigonometric functions, inverse trig functions, exponential and logarithmic functions)

## Domain

$$f(x) = 2x + 1$$

$$g(x) = \frac{2x^2 - 3x - 2}{x - 2}$$

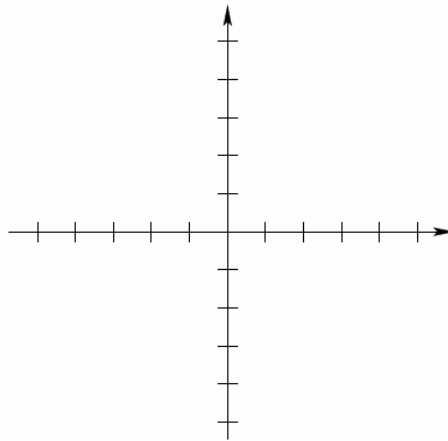
Are these equivalent functions?



## Piecewise Defined Functions

**ex.** a) Sketch the graph:

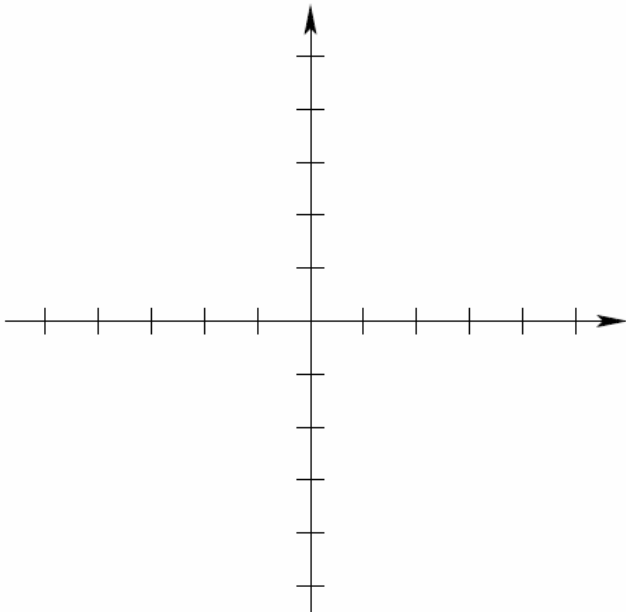
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{|x|} & x < 0 \\ 3 - x & 0 < x < 2 \\ 2x^2 - 8x + 9 & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$



b) Find each interval on which  $f(x)$  is increasing, decreasing and constant.

# Translations and Transformations

ex.  $y = 2 - \sqrt{x - 1}$



Use the following order to graph a function involving more than one transformation:

1. Horizontal Translation
2. Stretching or shrinking
3. Reflecting
4. Vertical Translation (done last)

## Function Composition

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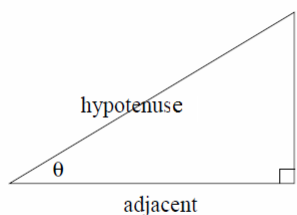
ex. If  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+2}$  and  $g(x) = \frac{4}{x-1}$ , find with domain:

·  $(f \circ g)(x)$

**NOTE:** The domain of  $F(x) = (f \circ g)(x)$  is the intersection of the domain of inner function  $g$  and the resulting function  $F$ .

# Trigonometry

1. Unit conversion: degrees  $\leftrightarrow$  radians
2. Trigonometric functions



$$\sin \theta =$$

$$\csc \theta =$$

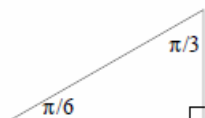
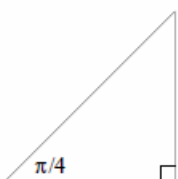
$$\cos \theta =$$

$$\sec \theta =$$

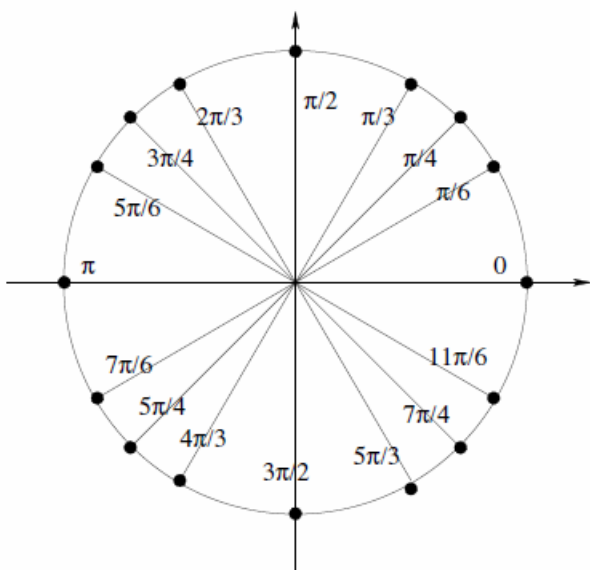
$$\tan \theta =$$

$$\cot \theta =$$

3. Two basic triangles



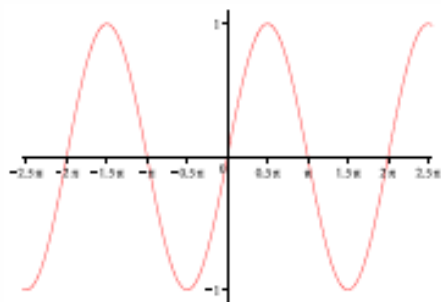
4. Unit circle ( $r = 1$ , so  $\sin \theta = y$  and  $\cos \theta = x$ )



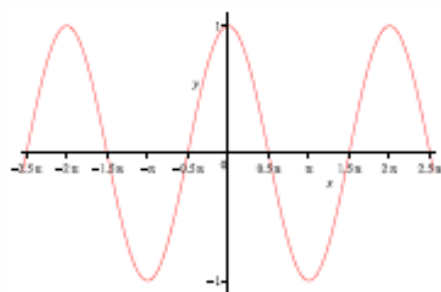
$\theta$	0	$\pi/6$	$\pi/4$	$\pi/3$	$\pi/2$
$\sin \theta$					
$\cos \theta$					
$\tan \theta$					



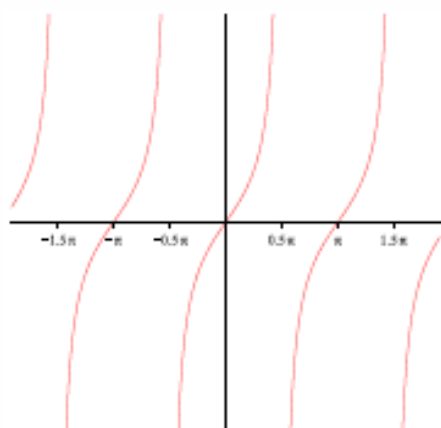
## 5. Graphs



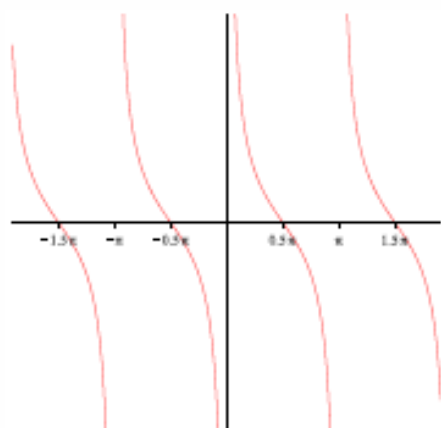
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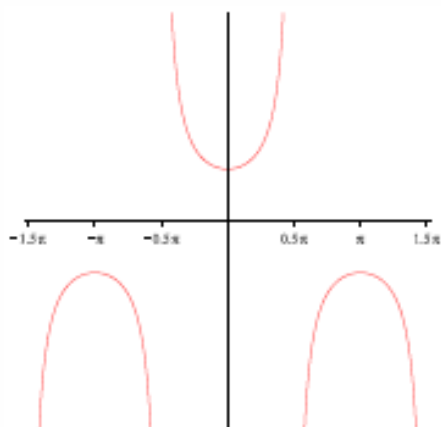
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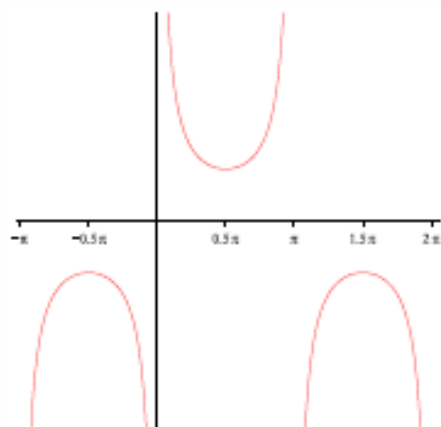
$$y = \tan x$$



$$y = \cot x$$



$$y = \sec x$$



$$y = \csc x$$

**NOTE:**  $-1 \leq \sin x \leq 1$  ,  $-1 \leq \cos x \leq 1$

## Identities

$$1) \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

$$4) \sin(-\theta) = -\sin \theta$$

$$2) \tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta$$

$$5) \cos(-\theta) = \cos \theta$$

$$3) 1 + \cot^2 \theta = \csc^2 \theta$$

## Add/subtract formulas

$$\sin(x \pm y) = \sin x \cos y \pm \cos x \sin y \quad \cos(x \pm y) = \cos x \cos y \mp \sin x \sin y$$

## Double Angle formulas

$$\sin(2x) = 2 \sin x \cos x$$

$$\cos(2x) = \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x$$

$$= 2 \cos^2 x - 1$$

$$= 1 - 2 \sin^2 x$$

## Half-Angle formulas

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

$$\sin^2 x = \frac{1 - \cos(2x)}{2}$$

**ex.** Solve for  $\theta$  in  $[0, 2\pi)$  if  $\sqrt{3} \sin 2\theta + 2 \sin^2 \theta = 0$ .

# Inverse functions.

## 1. One-to-one functions

**Def.** A function  $f$  is called a **one-to-one function** if for any  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in the domain:

if  $x_1 \neq x_2$  then

- Horizontal Line Test

## 2. Inverse functions

$f^{-1}(y) = x$  if and only if

- If  $(x, y)$  is a point on the graph of  $f(x)$ , then

Therefore, the graph of  $f^{-1}$  is the graph of  $f$  reflected through the line

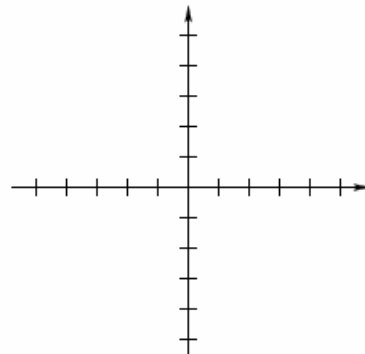
- domain and range of  $f^{-1}$

- inverse relationships

$$f^{-1}(f(x)) = \quad \text{for every } x \text{ in } A$$

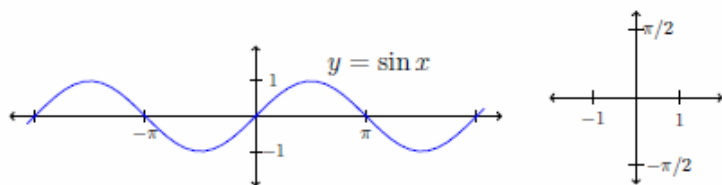
$$f(f^{-1}(x)) = \quad \text{for every } x \text{ in } B$$

**ex.** Find the inverse of  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+2}$ . Check domain and range.

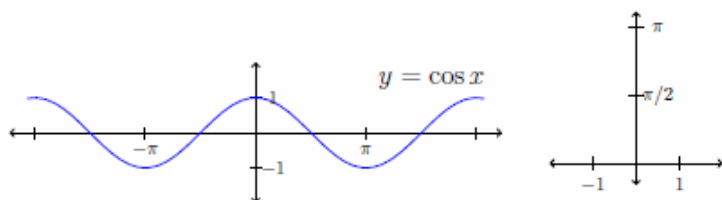


## Inverse Trigonometric Functions

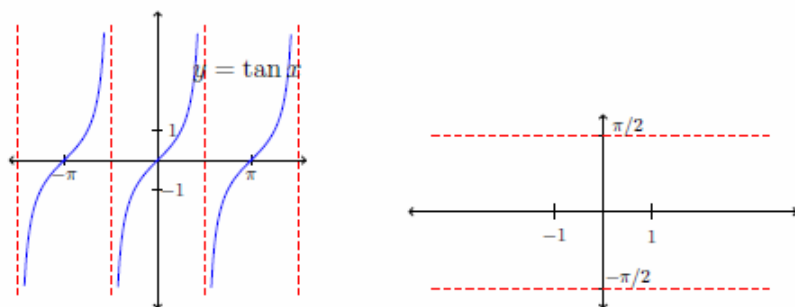
- $y = \sin^{-1} x$  if and only if



- $y = \cos^{-1} x$  if and only if



- $y = \tan^{-1} x$  if and only if



There are similar definitions for the inverse of the other trigonometric functions.

### NOTE: Inverse Properties

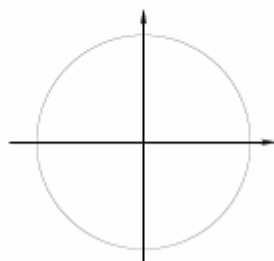
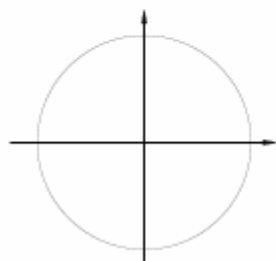
1.  $\sin(\sin^{-1} x) = x$  for  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$   
 $\sin^{-1}(\sin x) = x$  for  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$
2.  $\cos(\cos^{-1} x) = x$  for  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$   
 $\cos^{-1}(\cos x) = x$  for  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$
3.  $\tan(\tan^{-1} x) = x$  for all  $x$   
 $\tan^{-1}(\tan x) = x$  for  $-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$

ex. Find the following if possible:

1)  $\sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$

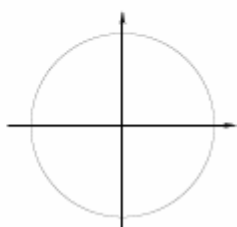
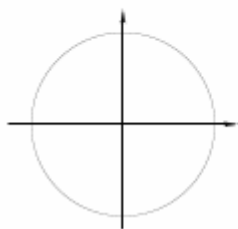
2)  $\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$

3)  $\cos^{-1}(2)$

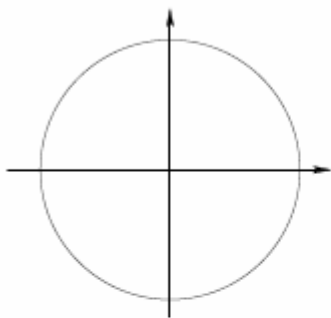


4)  $\tan^{-1}\left(\tan \frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$

5)  $\tan^{-1}\left(\tan \frac{7\pi}{5}\right)$



ex. Use a triangle to find the exact value:  $\sin(\tan^{-1}(-2))$



ex. Use a triangle to simplify the expression:  $\cos(2 \tan^{-1} x)$

## Exponential Functions

**Def.** An **exponential function** with base  $b$  is a function of the form  $f(x) = b^x$ , where  $b > 0$  and  $b \neq 1$ .

- Laws of Exponents ( $b \neq 0$ )

1.)  $b^0 =$

2.)  $b^{-x} =$

3.)  $b^{1/n} =$                      $n$  a positive integer

4.)  $b^x \cdot b^y =$

5.)  $\frac{b^x}{b^y} =$

6.)  $(b^x)^y =$

7.)  $(ab)^x =$

- If  $b > 0$  and  $b \neq 1$ , then  $y = b^x$  is a one-to-one increasing or decreasing function.

$$f(x) = b^x \qquad f^{-1}(x) = \log_b(x)$$

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1. domain:

2. range:

3. intercept:

4. asymptote:

5. increasing if  
decreasing if

# Logarithmic functions

The inverse of  $y = b^x$  is the **logarithmic function** with base  $b$ , written

- $y = \log_b(x)$  if and only if

- Laws of Logarithms ( $x > 0$  and  $y > 0$ )

1.)  $\log_b(1) =$

2.)  $\log_b(b) =$

3.)  $\log_b(xy) =$

4.)  $\log_b\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) =$

5.)  $\log_b(x^n) =$

- Inverse Properties

1.)  $\log_b(b^x) =$

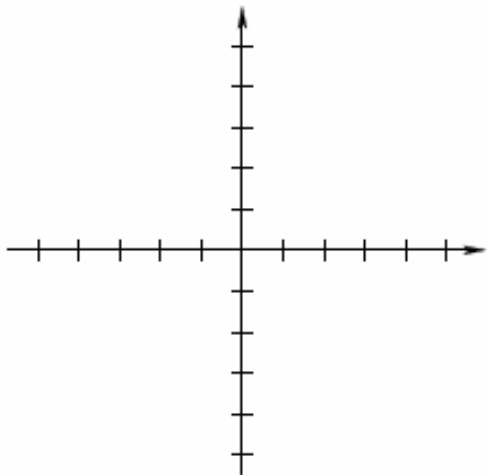
2.)  $b^{\log_b x} =$

- Change of base formula

For any  $b > 0$  and  $b \neq 1$ ,  $\log_b(x) = \frac{\log_a x}{\log_a b}$

## Properties of graphs of $f(x) = b^x$ and

$$f^{-1}(x) = \log_b(x):$$



$$b > 1$$

There is a base that occurs frequently in applications and is especially useful in calculus. It is the irrational number  $e \approx 2.7182818284590452353602874713526625\dots$

Def. Common logarithm:  $\log x =$

Def. Natural logarithm:  $\ln x =$

ex. Evaluate:

1)  $e^{-3\ln 2}$                       2)  $\log\left(\frac{1}{1000^2}\right)$

ex. Solve for  $x$ :

$$2\ln(x) - \ln(3 - x) = \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \ln(8)$$

ex. Find the inverse of  $f(x) = \log(x + 2) - 1$ .