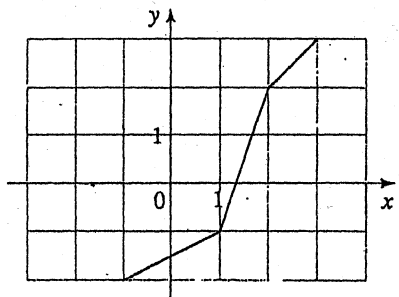
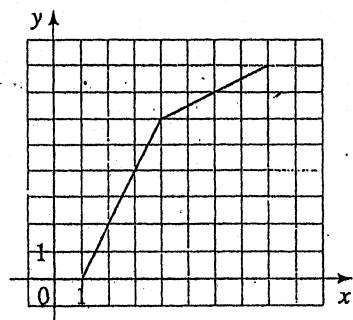


65-66 ■ Use the graph of f to sketch the graph of f^{-1} .

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67. **The Inverse of a Price Function** Marcello's Pizza charges a base price of \$7 for a large pizza, plus \$2 for each topping. Thus, if you order a large pizza with x toppings, the price of your pizza is given by the function $f(x) = 7 + 2x$. Find f^{-1} . What does the function f^{-1} represent?

68. **Determining when a Linear Function Has an Inverse** For the linear function $f(x) = mx + b$ to be one-to-one,

what must be true about its slope? If it is one-to-one, find its inverse. Is the inverse linear? If so, what is its slope?

69. **Finding an Inverse "In Your Head"** In the margin notes in this section we pointed out that the inverse of a function can be found by simply reversing the operations that make up the function. For instance, in Example 6 we saw that the inverse of

$$f(x) = 3x - 2 \quad \text{is} \quad f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x + 2}{3}$$

because the "reverse" of "multiply by 3 and subtract 2" is "add 2 and divide by 3." Use the same procedure to find the inverse of the following functions.

(a) $f(x) = \frac{2x + 1}{5}$

(b) $f(x) = 3 - \frac{1}{x}$

(c) $f(x) = \sqrt{x^3 + 2}$

Now consider another function:

$$f(x) = \frac{3x - 2}{x + 7}$$

Is it possible to use the same sort of simple reversal of operations to find the inverse of this function? If so, do it. If not, explain what is different about this function that makes this task difficult.

70. **The Identity Function** The function $I(x) = x$ is called the **identity function**. Show that for any function f we have $f \circ I = f$, $I \circ f = f$, and $f \circ f^{-1} = f^{-1} \circ f = I$. (This means that the identity function I behaves for functions as a composition just like the number 1 behaves for real numbers and multiplication.)

71. **Solving an Equation for an Unknown Function** In Exercise 60 of Section 4.7 you were asked to solve equations in which the unknowns were functions. Now that we know about inverses and the identity function (see Exercise 70), we can use algebra to solve such equations. For instance, to solve $f \circ g = h$ for the unknown function f , we perform the following steps:

$$\begin{aligned} f \circ g &= h && \text{Problem: Solve for } f \\ f \circ g \circ g^{-1} &= h \circ g^{-1} && \text{Compose with } g^{-1} \text{ on the right} \\ f \circ I &= h \circ g^{-1} && g \circ g^{-1} = I \\ f &= h \circ g^{-1} && f \circ I = f \end{aligned}$$

So the solution is $f = h \circ g^{-1}$. Use this technique to solve the equation $f \circ g = h$ for the indicated unknown function.

(a) Solve for f , where $g(x) = 2x + 1$ and

$$h(x) = 4x^2 + 4x + 7$$

(b) Solve for g , where $f(x) = 3x + 5$ and

$$h(x) = 3x^2 + 3x + 2$$