

Precalculus Honors  
**Inverse Functions**  
**Notes**

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Complete the missing representations below for the function and its inverse below.

**Equations:**

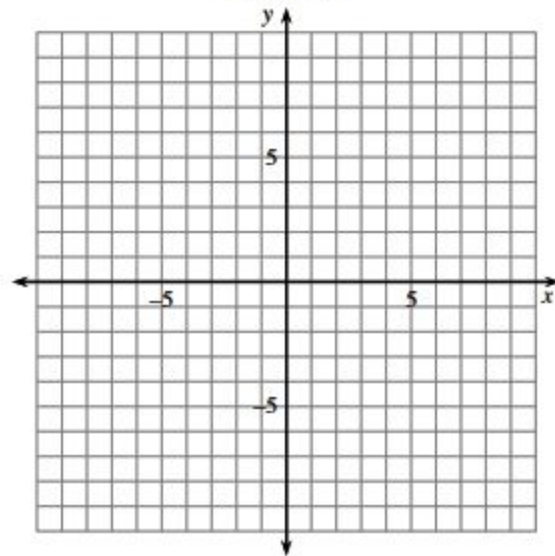
$f(x) = (x - 2)^3 + 5$     inverse: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tables:**

$x$	$y$
-4	
-3	
-2	
-1	
0	
1	
2	
3	
4	

$x$	$y$

**Graphs:**



Describe the relationship between a function and its inverse for each of the representations.

Table

Equation

Graph

If the inverse of a function  $f$  is also a function, then  $f$  is **invertible** and its inverse is denoted by  $f^{-1}$ . (Note:  $f^{-1}(x)$  does not mean  $\frac{1}{f(x)}$ ) Is  $f$  invertible? If yes, explain why and write the inverse function using correct notation. If not, explain why not.

**Inverse Function Notes**

If you want to verify two functions  $f$  and  $g$  are inverses, you need to show that  $f$  and  $g$  undo one another. That is, you need to show that  $f(g(x)) = x$  and  $g(f(x)) = x$ . Use composition to decide if each of the following pairs of functions are inverses.

a.  $f(x) = 3x^2 - 4$   
 $g(x) = x\sqrt{3} + 4$

b.  $f(x) = \sqrt{x} + 2$   
 $g(x) = x^2 - 4x + 4$

Write the equation of the inverse of each function below. Use correct notation in your answer.

a.  $f(x) = 3x^3 - 5$

b.  $h(x) = \frac{x+3}{2x-8}$