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Inverse Functions: Exponential and Logarithmic Functions

Inverse Functions: Two functions f and g are inverses of each other if and only if $f(g(x)) = x$ for all x in the domain of g , and $g(f(x)) = x$ for all x in the domain of f .

EX) If $g(x)$ is the inverse function of $f(x) = 2x + 1$,	

*on a graph paper, graph both $f(x)$ and $g(x)$.

What is your observation?

The logarithm of y with base b , where $y > 0$, $b > 0$, $b \neq 1$, is defined as: $\log_b y = x$ if and only if $y = b^x$

$f(x) = 2^x$		$g(x) = \log_2 X$	
x	$f(x)$	x	$g(x)$
-2			-2
-1			-1
0			0
1			1
2			2

Graph both $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ on a graph paper.

a) What are the x - and y -intercepts for $f(x)$ and $g(x)$

b) What is the line of symmetry between the graphs of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$?

c) State the domain and range of each functions using interval notations.

	Domain	Range
$f(x) = 2^x$		
$g(x) = \log_2 X$		

d) State the end behavior of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$

	As $x \rightarrow -\infty$	As $x \rightarrow \infty$
$f(x) = 2^x$		
$g(x) = \log_2 X$		