

# 10.3 Solving Radical Equations

## Essential Questions:

How can you solve an equation that contains square roots?

## Learning Goals:

- I can solve radical equations.
- I can identify extraneous solutions.
- I can solve real-life problems involving radical equations.

A radical equation is an equation that contains a radical expression with a variable in the radicand.

\*If two expressions are equal, then their squares are also equal

## I can solve radical equations

### Example 1: Solving Radical Equations

1)  $\sqrt{x} = 6$   
 $(\sqrt{x})^2 = 6^2$   
 $x = 36$

2)  $10 - \sqrt{z} = -5$   
 $-10 \quad -10$   
 $-\sqrt{z} = -15$   
 $\frac{-\sqrt{z}}{-1} = \frac{-15}{-1}$   
 $(\sqrt{z})^2 = (15)^2$   
 $z = 225$

3)  $3\sqrt{x+2} + 3 = 18$   
 $-3 \quad -3$   
 $3\sqrt{x+2} = 15$   
 $\frac{3\sqrt{x+2}}{3} = \frac{15}{3}$   
 $(\sqrt{x+2})^2 = 5^2$   
 $x+2 = 25$   
 $x = 23$

### You-Try:

1)  $\sqrt{x} - 7 = 3$   
 $+7 \quad +7$   
 $\sqrt{x} = 10$   
 $x = 100$

2)  $1 - \sqrt{x} = -2$   
 $-1 \quad -1$   
 $-\sqrt{x} = -3$   
 $\sqrt{x} = 3$   
 $x = 9$

3)  $15 = 6 + \sqrt{3w-9}$   
 $-6 \quad -6$   
 $9 = \sqrt{3w-9}$   
 $81 = 3w-9$   
 $90 = 3w$   
 $30 = w$

### Example 2: Solving a Radical Equation with Radicals on Both Sides

1)  $\sqrt{4x-3} = \sqrt{x+9}$   
 $4x-3 = x+9$   
 $-x \quad -x$   
 $3x-3 = 9$   
 $+3 \quad +3$   
 $3x = 12$   
 $x = 4$

2)  $\sqrt{2x-1} = \sqrt{x+4}$   
 $2x-1 = x+4$   
 $-x \quad -x$   
 $x-1 = 4$   
 $+1 \quad +1$   
 $x = 5$

3)  $\sqrt{3x+1} = \sqrt{4x-7}$   
 $3x+1 = 4x-7$   
 $-3x \quad -3x$   
 $1 = x-7$   
 $+7 \quad +7$   
 $8 = x$

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You-Try:

$$1) \sqrt{n} = \sqrt{5n-1}$$

$$n = 5n-1$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -5n \\ -5n \end{array}$$

$$\frac{-4n}{-4} = \frac{-1}{-4}$$

$$\boxed{n = \frac{1}{4}}$$

$$2) \sqrt{8h-7} = \sqrt{6h+7}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 8h-7 \\ -6h \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} 6h+7 \\ -6h \end{array}$$

$$2h-7 = 7$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +7 \\ +7 \end{array}$$

$$2h = 14$$

$$\boxed{h = 7}$$

**Example 3:** Solving a Radical Equation Involving a Cube Root

$$1) \sqrt[3]{2x-5} = 3$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x-5 \\ +5 \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} 27 \\ +5 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{32}{2}$$

$$\boxed{x = 16}$$

$$2) \sqrt[3]{y-4} = 1$$

$$\begin{array}{r} y-4 \\ +4 \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} 1 \\ +4 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{y = 5}$$

You-Try:

$$1) \sqrt[3]{3c+7} = 10$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3c+7 \\ -7 \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} 1000 \\ -7 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{3c}{3} = \frac{993}{3}$$

$$\boxed{c = 331}$$

$$2) \sqrt[3]{y+6} = \sqrt[3]{5y-2}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} y+6 \\ -y \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} 5y-2 \\ -y \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \\ +2 \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} 4y-2 \\ +2 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{8}{4} = \frac{4y}{4}$$

$$\boxed{2 = y}$$

I can identify extraneous solutions

**Example 4:** Identifying an Extraneous Solution

\*extraneous solutions = solutions that doesn't satisfy the original equation when checked

$$1) \sqrt{x} = (-2)$$

$$x = 4$$

$$\sqrt{4} = -2$$

$$2 \neq -2$$

$\sqrt{x}$  can never be negative  $\rightarrow$  extraneous

$$2) x = \sqrt{x+6}$$

$$x^2 = x+6$$

$$x^2 - x - 6 = 0$$

$$(x-3)(x+2) = 0$$

$$\boxed{x = 3 \quad x = -2}$$

$$3 = \sqrt{3+6} \quad -2 = \sqrt{-2+6}$$

$$3 = \sqrt{9} \quad -2 = \sqrt{4}$$

$$3 = 3 \checkmark \quad -2 \neq 2$$

extraneous

$$3) 13 + \sqrt{5n} = 3$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -13 \\ -13 \end{array}$$

$$\sqrt{5n} = -10$$

$$5n = 100$$

$$\boxed{n = 20}$$

$$13 + \sqrt{5(20)} = 3$$

$$13 + \sqrt{100} = 3$$

$$13 + 10 = 3$$

$$23 \neq 3$$

extraneous

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You-Try:

1)  $\sqrt{4-3x} = x^2$

$$4-3x = x^2$$

$$0 = x^2 + 3x - 4$$

$$(x+4)(x-1) = 0$$

$$x = -4 \quad x = 1$$

$$4-3(-4) = -4$$

$$\sqrt{4+12} = -4$$

$$\sqrt{16} = -4$$

$$4 \neq -4$$

extraneous

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2)  $\sqrt{3m} + 10 = 1$

$$\sqrt{3m} = -9$$

$$3m = 81$$

$$m = 27$$

$$\sqrt{3(27)} + 10 = 1$$

$$\sqrt{81} + 10 = 1$$

$$9 + 10 = 1$$

$$19 \neq 1$$

extraneous

3)  $(p+1)^2 = \sqrt{7p+15}$

$$p^2 + 2p + 1 = 7p + 15$$

$$p^2 - 5p - 14 = 0$$

$$(p-7)(p+2) = 0$$

$$p = 7$$

$$p = -2$$

extraneous

**Example 5:** The time  $t$  (in seconds) it takes a trapeze artist to swing back and forth is represented by

the function  $t = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{r}{32}}$ , where  $r$  is the rope length (in feet). It takes the trapeze artist 6 seconds to

swing back and forth. Is this rope  $\frac{3}{2}$  as long as the rope used when it takes the trapeze artist 4 seconds

to swing back and forth?

physics problems  
eliminated from chapter

Closure: What I learned today was.....

## 10.4 Inverse of a Function

### Essential Questions:

How are a function and its inverse related?

### Learning Goals:

- I can find inverses of relations.
- I can explore inverses of functions.
- I can find inverses of functions algebraically.
- I can find inverses of nonlinear functions.

An inverse function switches the input and output values

Inverse functions are functions that "undo" each other

### I can find inverses of relations

#### Example 1: Finding Inverses of Relations

1)  $(-2, 6) (1, 5) (4, 4) (7, 3) (10, 2)$

$(6, -2) (5, 1) (4, 4) (3, 7) (2, 10)$  (inverse)

2)

Input	0	2	4	6	8	10
Output	0	2	4	4	2	0

Input	0	2	4	4	2	0
Output	0	2	4	6	8	10

You-Try:

1)  $(-3, -4) (-2, 0) (-1, 4) (0, 8) (1, 12) (2, 16)$

$(-4, -3) (0, -2) (4, -1) (8, 0) (12, 1) (16, 2)$

2)

Input	-2	-1	0	1	2
Output	4	1	0	1	4

Input	4	1	0	1	4
Output	-2	-1	0	1	2

### I can explore inverses of functions

#### Example 2:

1) Let  $f(x) = 3x - 5$ . Solve  $y = f(x)$  for  $x$ . Then find the input when the output is 4.

$$y = 3x - 5$$

$$\frac{y+5}{3} = \frac{3x}{3}$$

$$x = \frac{y+5}{3}$$

$$x = \frac{4+5}{3}$$

$$x = \frac{9}{3}$$

$$\boxed{x = 3}$$

The input is 3  
when the  
output is 4

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2)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x + 3$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x + 3$$

$$y - 3 = \frac{1}{2}x$$

$$\boxed{2(y - 3) = x}$$

output = 4

$$2(4 - 3) = x$$

$$2(1) = x$$

$$\boxed{2 = x}$$

3)  $f(x) = 4x^2$

$$y = 4x^2$$

$$\frac{y}{4} = x^2$$

$$\boxed{x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{y}{4}}}$$

output = 4

$$x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{4}{4}}$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{1}$$

$$\boxed{x = \pm 1}$$

You-Try:

1) Solve  $y = f(x)$  for  $x$ . Then find the input when the output is 2 for:  $f(x) = 2x - 3$

$$y = 2x - 3$$

$$\frac{y + 3}{2} = x$$

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

$$\frac{y + 3}{2} = \frac{2x}{2}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{5}{2} = x}$$

I can find inverses of functions algebraically

Writing a Formula for the Input of a Function

Step 1: Let  $y = f(x) \Rightarrow$  Change  $f(x)$  to  $y$

Step 2: switch  $x$  and  $y$

Step 3: solve for  $y$

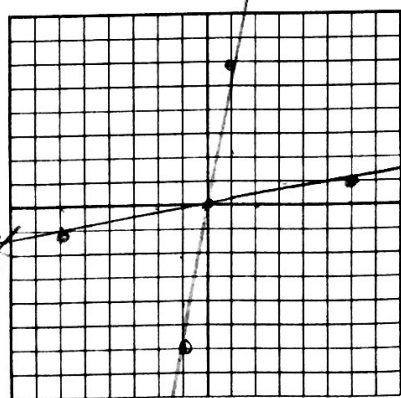
Step 4: Find the input, if asked

Domain and Range are also switched.

**Example 3:** Finding the Inverse of a Linear Function

Find the inverse of the following linear functions. Then graph both functions.

1)  $f(x) = 6x$



$$y = 6x$$

$$y = 6x \text{ (original)}$$

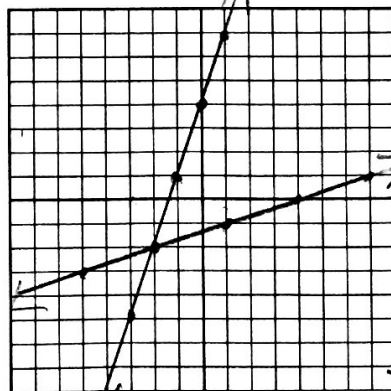
$$\frac{x}{6} = \frac{6y}{6}$$

$$y = \frac{x}{6} \text{ (inverse)}$$

x	y
-2	-12
-1	-6
0	0
1	6
2	12

x	y
-6	-1
-3	-0.5
0	0
3	0.5
6	1

2)  $f(x) = 3x + 4$



$$y = 3x + 4$$

(original)

$$y = 3x + 4$$

$$x = 3y + 4$$

$$\frac{x - 4}{3} = \frac{3y}{3}$$

$$y = \frac{x - 4}{3}$$

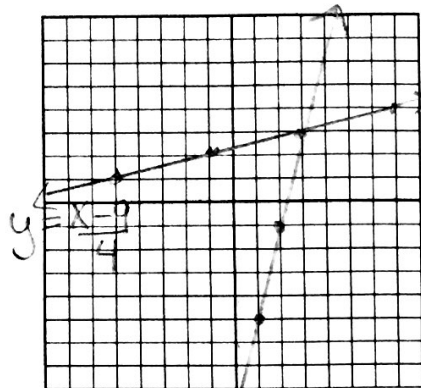
x	y
-3	-5
-2	-2
-1	1
0	4

x	y
-5	-1
-2	0
1	1
4	0

# 10.4 Inverse of a Function

You-Try:

1)  $f(x) = 4x - 9$



$y = 4x - 9$

$y = 4x - 9$  (orig)

$X = 4y - 9$

$\frac{X+9}{4} = \frac{4y}{4}$

$y = \frac{X+9}{4}$

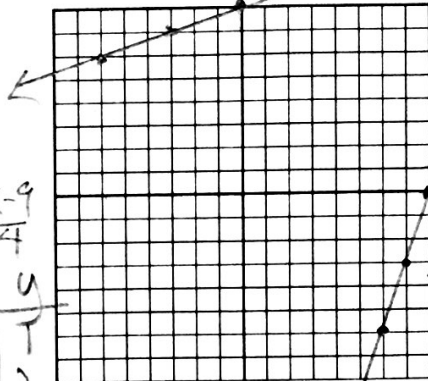
$y = 4x - 9$

X	y
0	-9
1	-5
2	-1
3	3

$y = \frac{X-9}{4}$

X	y
-5	1
-1	2
3	3
7	4

2)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x + 8$



$y = 3(x-8)$

$y = \frac{1}{3}x + 8$

$X = \frac{1}{3}y + 8$

$X - 8 = \frac{1}{3}y$

$3(X-8) = y$

$y = \frac{1}{3}x + 8$

X	y
-6	8
-3	9
0	10
3	11

$y = 3(x-8)$

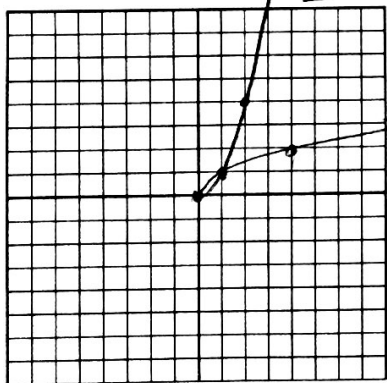
X	y
6	-6
7	-3
8	0
9	3

I can find inverses of nonlinear functions

Example 4: Finding the Inverse of a Quadratic Function

Find the inverse of the following quadratic functions. Then graph both functions.

1)  $f(x) = x^2$   $x \geq 0$



$y = x^2$  ( $x \geq 0$ )

X	y
0	0
1	1
2	4
3	9

$y = x^2$

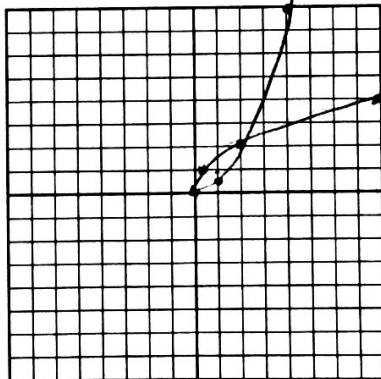
$\sqrt{x} = \sqrt{y^2}$

$\sqrt{x} = y$

$y = \sqrt{x}$

X	y
0	0
1	1
4	2
9	3

2)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2$   $x \geq 0$



$y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$

X	y
0	0
1	1/2
2	2
4	8

$y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$

$X = \frac{1}{2}y^2$

$\sqrt{2X} = \sqrt{y^2}$

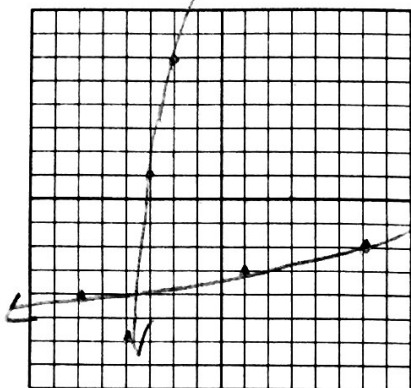
$y = \sqrt{2X}$

X	y
0	0
2	1
2	2
8	4

## 10.4 Inverse of a Function

You-Try:

1)  $f(x) = -x^2 + 10, x \leq 0$



$y = -x^2 + 10$  (orig)

$x = -y^2 + 10$

$x - 10 = -y^2$

$10 - x = y^2$

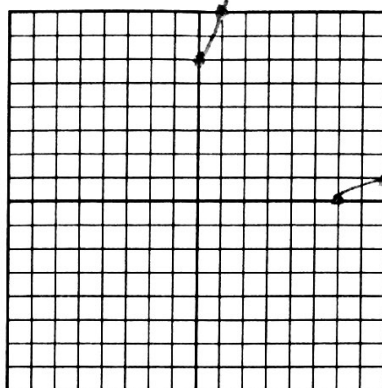
$\sqrt{10 - x} = y$

$y = \sqrt{10 - x}$

x	y
0	10
-1	9
-2	6
-3	1

x	y
10	0
9	-1
6	-2
1	-3
-6	-4

2)  $f(x) = 2x^2 + 6, x \geq 0$



$y = 2x^2 + 6$  (orig)

$y = 2x^2 + 6$

$x = \sqrt{\frac{y-6}{2}}$

$\frac{x-6}{2} = \frac{2y^2}{2}$

$y^2 = \frac{x-6}{2}$

$y = \sqrt{\frac{x-6}{2}}$

x	y
0	6
1	8
2	14

x	y
6	0
8	1
14	2

**Horizontal Line Test:** The inverse of a function  $f$  is also a function if and only if no horizontal line intersects the graph of the original function more than once.

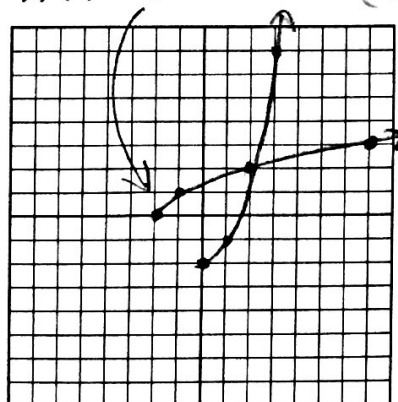
**Example 5: Finding the Inverse of a Radical Function**

Find the inverse of the function. Then graph the function and its inverse to determine if the inverse is a function.

$x \geq -2, y \geq 0$

$y = \sqrt{x+2}$   
 $(x = \sqrt{y+2})^2$

1)  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+2}$



$x^2 = y + 2$

$y = x^2 - 2$

$x \geq 0, y \geq 2$

$y = \sqrt{x+2}$

x	y
-2	0
-1	1
2	2
7	3

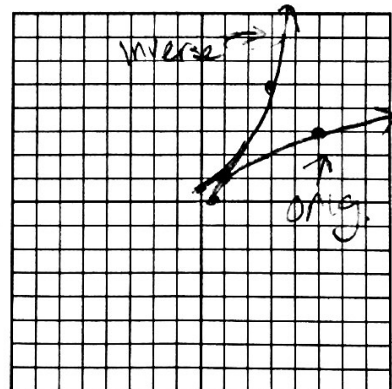
$y = x^2 - 2$

x	y
0	-2
1	-1
2	2
3	7

$x \geq \frac{1}{2}, y \geq 0$

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

You-Try:  $f(x) = \sqrt{2x-1}$



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

$x^2 = 2y - 1$

$x^2 + 1 = 2y$

$\frac{x^2 + 1}{2} = y$

$x \geq 0, y \geq \frac{1}{2}$

orig	
x	y
1/2	0
1	1
5	3

inverse	
x	y
0	1/2
1	1
3	5

**Closure:** What I learned today was....