Find the inverse of the function:  $f(x) = 8x^3 - 5$ .

Solution:

We can work out the inverse using next steps:

- 1) The function:  $f(x) = 8x^3 5$ .
- 2) Put *y* for f(x):  $y = 8x^3 5$ .
- 3) Switch the x and the y, because every (x, y) has a (y, x) partner:

$$x = 8y^3 - 5$$

4) Solve for *y*:

$$8y^{3} = x + 5$$
$$y^{3} = \frac{x + 5}{8}$$
$$y = \sqrt[3]{\frac{x + 5}{8}}$$
$$y = \frac{\sqrt[3]{x + 5}}{2}$$

5) Stick in the inverse notation,  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{\sqrt[3]{x+5}}{2}$$

Answer:

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{\sqrt[3]{x+5}}{2}$$