

Section 1.4

Combinations of Functions

Objective: Given functions students will be able to add, subtract, multiply, divide and compose functions and find the new domain.

Study Problems

Page 116 # 3 - 21 (*3), 23, 35, 37,
45, 49, 51-53, 57-63 odd, 71, 73, 84

Part 1 = p 116 # 3, 9-15 odd, 35-41 odd

Part 2 p 116 # 23, 25, 51-53, 57-63 odd

Warm-up

Given $f(x) = x^2 + 2x$ and $g(x) = 2x + 1$, find:

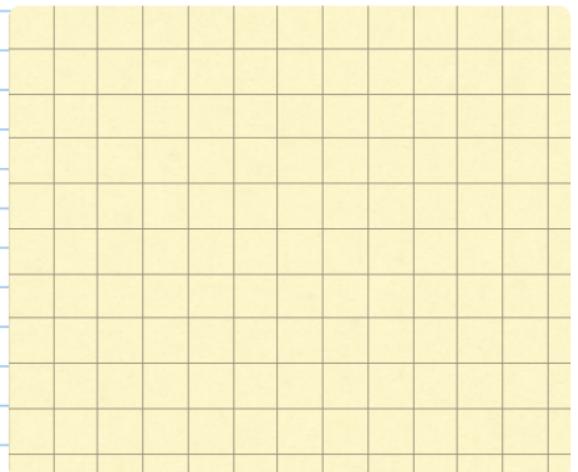
a. $f(x) + g(x)$

b. $(f - g)(x)$

c. $(f \cdot g)(x)$

d. $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$

e. $(f \circ g)(x)$



If we are asked to find the following:

Which will be different? explain

Given $f(x) = x^2 + 2x$ and $g(x) = 2x + 1$, find:

a. $g(x) + f(x)$

b. $(g - f)(x)$

c. $(g \cdot f)(x)$

d. $\frac{g(x)}{f(x)}$

e. $(g \circ f)(x)$

Notation for arithmetic combinations

Addition

$$(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$$

Multiplication

$$(f \cdot g)(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$$

Subtraction

$$(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$$

* Distribute the negative

Division

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{f}{g}$$

Composition of functions

$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$$

Change all x 's in f for the function g

Example

Let $f(x) = 5x^2 - 4$ and $g(x) = 3x$

a) Find $g(f(2))$

$$\begin{aligned} a) \quad f(2) &= 5(2)^2 - 4 \\ &= 16 \end{aligned}$$

$$g(16) = 3(16) = 48$$

b) Find $f(g(2))$

$$b) \quad g(2) = 3(2) = 6$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(6) &= 5(6)^2 - 4 \\ &= 176 \end{aligned}$$

c) How $f(g(2))$ and $g(f(2))$ the same and different?

Example

Let $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 4}$ and $g(x) = \frac{1}{3x}$

a) Find $g(f(x))$

$$a) \quad g(f(x)) = \frac{1}{3(\sqrt{x^2 - 4})}$$

Domain

$$x^2 - 4 \neq 0$$

$$x^2 \neq 4$$

$$x \neq \pm 2$$

b) Find $f(g(x))$

$$b) \quad f(g(x)) = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{3x}\right)^2 - 4}$$

c) Find the domain of $f(g(x))$

and $g(f(x))$?

a) Domain: $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 2, x \leq -2\}$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1-36x^2}{9x^2}}$$

b) Domain: $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq 0, x \geq \frac{1}{6}, x \leq -\frac{1}{6}\}$

$$[-\frac{1}{6}, 0) \cup (0, \frac{1}{6}]$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1-36x^2}{3x}}$$

Domain

$$3x \neq 0$$

$$1-36x^2 \geq 0$$

$$-36x^2 \geq -1$$

$$x^2 \leq \frac{1}{36}$$