

### Example

Decompose the function: That is, find two functions  $f$  and  $g$ , such that:  $h(x) = f(g(x))$  where none are the  $y=x$ .

a.  $h(x) = \sqrt{x+2} + 6$

a)  $f(x) = x + 6$

$g(x) = \sqrt{x+2}$

or  $f(x) = x + 2$   
or  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+6}$

b.  $p(x) = (x+1)^2 - x - 1$

a)  $g(x) = (x+1)^2$

b)  $f(x) = x - 1$

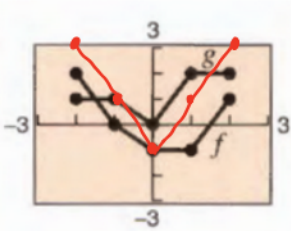
$g(x) = (x+1)^2 - x$

or  $f(x) = x^2 - x$

$g(x) = x + 1$

### Example

Use the graph to graph  $h(x) = f(x) + g(x)$



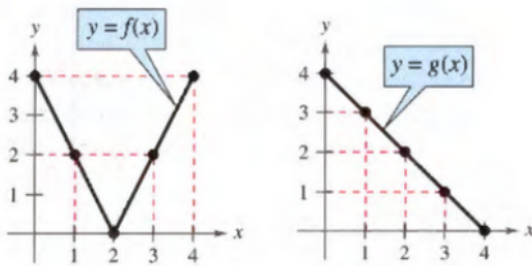
x	h(x)
2	3
1	1
0	-1 + 0 = -1
-1	0 + 1 = 1
-2	3

$$\begin{aligned} h(2) &= f(2) + g(2) \\ &= 1 + 2 \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} h(1) &= f(1) + g(1) \\ &= -1 + 2 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

## Example

Use the graph to evaluate the functions



a.  $f(1) + g(1) = 5$

b.  $(f \circ g)(2) = f(g(2)) = f(2) = 0$

c.  $(f \cdot g)(3) = f(3) \cdot g(3) = 2(1) = 2$

d.  $\frac{f(4)}{g(4)} = \frac{4}{0} = \text{undefined}$

## Error Analysis

A student found the product of two functions.  
Given  $f(x)=3x^2+x-8$  and  $g(x)=x-1$ .

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) \cdot g(x) &= (3x^2 + x - 8)(x - 1) = \\ &= 3x^3 + x^2 - 8x - 3x^2 - x + 8 \\ &= 3x^3 - 4x^2 - 9x + 8 \end{aligned}$$

The answer is  $3x^3 - 4x^2 - 9x + 8$ .

What is the error? Explain how to solve the problem correctly.