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Precalc **KEY**

1.8B: Composition of functions

Obj: To find the composition of functions and find the domain of such compositions

Hwk: 1.8B #31, 33, 35, 37, 43, 45, 47; + 1.8 C HW

Quiz 1.6 - 1.8 on Thursday 10/18 - No Calculators

Ch. 1 Test (Sect. 1.4 - 1.9) on Thurs (10/25) or Fri (10/26)

Do Now:

If  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{4 - x^2}$ , find

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

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{4-x^2}}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} = \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{x(4-x^2)}}{4-x^2}}$$

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

$$= \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{x(4-x^2)}}{x}}$$

Find the domain of each. How can you check?

$$x \geq 0$$

$$\begin{cases} 4-x^2 > 0 \\ -x^2 > -4 \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{c} |x| < 2 \\ \downarrow \\ -x < 2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} x < 2 \\ \downarrow \\ x > -2 \end{array}$$

$$x^2 < 4$$

$$\begin{array}{c} x > -2 \\ \downarrow \\ -2 < x < 2 \end{array}$$

$x$  = input;  $f(x) = y$  output

$$D: [0, 2)$$

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

$$-x^2 \geq -4$$

$$x^2 \leq 4$$

$$|x| \leq 2$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ -x \leq 2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ x \leq 2 \end{array}$$

$$x \geq -2$$

$$x > 0$$

$$D: (0, 2]$$

You can also use FUNCTIONS or EXPRESSIONS as input into other functions.

**Composite functions** - functions "composed" or "made up of" 2 functions "nested" together. Start with the INNERMOST function, and substitute the ENTIRE FUNCTION into the OUTERMOST function.

The composition of function  $f$  with function  $g$  is  $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$

Ex. 1)  $f(x) = x + 2$  and  $g(x) = 4 - x^2$

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

$$f(4-x^2) = 4-x^2+2 \\ = \boxed{-x^2+6}$$

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

$$g(x+2) = 4-(x+2)^2 \\ = 4-(x+2)(x+2) \\ = 4\cancel{(}\cancel{x^2+4x+4}) \\ = \boxed{-x^2-4x}$$

\*  $(f \circ g)(x)$  is not nec. equal to  $(g \circ f)(x)$

c)  $(f \circ g)(0)$

$$g(0) = 4-(0)^2 = 4$$

$$f(4) = 4+2 = \boxed{6}$$

d)  $(g \circ f)(-x)$

$$f(-x) = -x+2$$

$$g(-x+2) = 4 - (-x+2)^2 \\ = 4 - (-x+2)(-x+2) \\ = 4\cancel{(}\cancel{x^2-4x+4}) \\ = \boxed{-x^2+4x}$$

The domain of composition  $(f \circ g)$  is all  $x$  that can be plugged into  $g$  and ALSO plugged into  $f$ . The domain must work for ALL functions involved.

1. Find the domain of  $g$  (innermost function)

2. Find the domain of  $(f \circ g)$  (composite function)

3. Give the intersection (most restrictive domain) of the 2

Ex. 2)  $f(x) = x^2 - 9$ ,  $g(x) = \sqrt{9-x^2}$

Find  $(f \circ g)(x)$ ,  $D_g$ , and  $D_{f \circ g}$

$$f(\sqrt{9-x^2}) = (\sqrt{9-x^2})^2 - 9 = 9-x^2-9 = \boxed{-x^2}$$

$D_g: 9-x^2 \geq 0$

$$-x^2 \geq -9$$

$$x^2 \leq 9$$

$$|x| \leq 3$$

$\nearrow -3 \leq x \leq 3$

$$\boxed{[-3, 3]}$$

$D: (-\infty, \infty)$

$D_{f \circ g}: \boxed{[-3, 3]}$

$$\text{Ex. 3) } f(x) = \sqrt{x}, \quad g(x) = x^2 + 4$$

Find  $(f \circ g)(x)$ ,  $(f \circ g)(4)$ ,  $D_f$ ,  $D_g$ , and  $D_{f \circ g}$

$$f(g(x)) = f(x^2 + 4) = \boxed{\sqrt{x^2 + 4}}$$

$$g(4) = (4)^2 + 4 = 20$$

$$f(20) = \sqrt{20} = \sqrt{4} \sqrt{5} = \boxed{2\sqrt{5}}$$

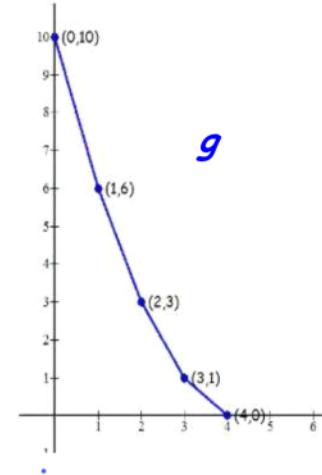
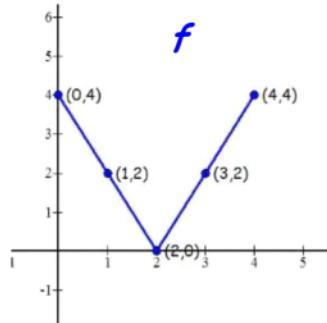
$$D_f = [0, \infty)$$

$$D_g = (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$D_{f \circ g} = (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$x \geq 0$$

Ex. 4) Use the graphs of  $f$  and  $g$  to evaluate the functions.



Find:

a)  $(f \circ g)(1)$

$$= f(1) \cdot g(1)$$

$$= (2) (6)$$

$$= \boxed{12}$$

d)  $(f \circ g)(2)$

$$g(2) = 3$$

$$f(3) = \boxed{2}$$

b)  $(g \circ f)(3)$

$$= g(3) \cdot f(3)$$

$$= (1) \cdot (2)$$

$$= \boxed{2}$$

e)  $(g \circ f)(3)$

$$f(3) = 2$$

$$g(2) = \boxed{3}$$

c)  $(f+g)(2)$

$$= f(2) + g(2)$$

$$= 0 + 3$$

$$= \boxed{3}$$

\*Note the dif. in symbols!

Ex. 5) Complete the table:

x	f(x)	g(x)	$f \circ g(x)$	$f(g(-2))$
-2	5	-1	$g(-2) = -1$	$f(-1) = 4$
-1	4	0	$g(-1) = 0$	$f(0) = 3$
0	3	1	$g(0) = 1$	$f(1) = 2$
1	2	-2	$g(1) = -2$	$f(-2) = 5$
2	1	3	$g(2) = 3$	$f(3) = 0$
3	0	2	$g(3) = 2$	$f(2) = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (f \circ g)(x) &= f(\sqrt{9-x^2}) & 9-x^2 \geq 0 \\
 &= (\sqrt{9-x^2})^2 - 9 & -x^2 \geq -9 \\
 &= 9 - x^2 - 9 & x^2 \leq 9 \\
 &= -x^2 & |x| \leq 3 \\
 & & -3 \leq x \leq 3 \\
 & & [-3, 3]
 \end{aligned}$$

Domain:  $f(x) = (-\infty, \infty)$

so domain for  $f(g(x))$  is  $[-3, 3]$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f + g &= \frac{x^2 + 1}{x}; & f \cdot g &= 1; & \frac{f}{g} &= x^2; \\
 D_{f+g} &: (-\infty, \infty); & D_{f \cdot g} &: (-\infty, \infty); & D_{f/g} &: (-\infty, \infty)
 \end{aligned}$$