

## Remote Lesson 6.5

### Composition and Inverses

Review: You should remember how to do these

Example: Given  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 1$  and  $g(x) = 4x + 7$ , find

1.  $f(4)=31$
2.  $g(-2)=-1$
3.  $f(g(5))=1457$
4.  $g(f(5))=203$

5.  $f(g(x))$
6.  $g(f(x))$  Note  $f(g(x))$  and  $g(f(x))$  are called **compositions**

$$5. f(g(x)) = f(4x + 7) = 2(4x + 7)^2 - 1 = 32x^2 + 112x + 97$$

$$6. g(f(x)) = g(2x^2 - 1) = 4(2x^2 - 1) + 7 = 8x^2 + 3$$

Now you try: Given  $f(x) = x^2 + 4$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$ , find

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

**Now let's consider notations. The following notations ask the same question**

1.  $(f + g)x = f(x) + g(x)$
2.  $(f - g)x = f(x) - g(x)$
3.  $(fg)x = f(x) \cdot g(x)$
4.  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)x = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ , **provided**  $g(x) \neq 0$
5.  $(f \circ g)x = f(g(x))$

Example: Given  $f(x) = (x - 1)^2$  and  $g(x) = 3 - x$ , find  $f + g$ ,  $f - g$ ,  $fg$ , and  $\frac{f}{g}$ . Then state the domain.

1.  $f + g = (x - 1)^2 + 3 - x = x^2 - 3x + 4$ , domain  $(-\infty, \infty)$
2.  $f - g = (x - 1)^2 - (3 - x) = x^2 - x - 2$ , domain  $(-\infty, \infty)$
3.  $fg = (x - 1)^2(3 - x) = -x^3 + 5x^2 - 7x + 3$ , domain  $(-\infty, \infty)$
4.  $\frac{f}{g} = \frac{(x-1)^2}{3-x}$ , domain  $(-\infty, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$

Now let's look at the domain of a composition.

Example given  $f(x) = x^2 - 1$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$ , find  $f \circ g$  and state the domain

So we will begin by finding  $f(g(x))$

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

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

To find the domain of a composition, we will follow a 3 step process (our solution in red)

1. Find the domain of the innermost function:  $D_g: x \geq 0$  (use inequalities in steps 1, 2)
2. Find the domain of final answer to composition  $D_{ans}: \text{all reals}$
3. Graph both on a number line and the intersection is the domain:  $D_{f \circ g}: [0, \infty)$

Final answer in intervals

Now lets go back to our example, find  $g \circ f$  and state the domain

We will find  $g(f(x))$

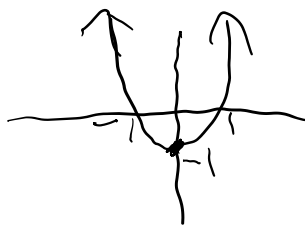
$$g(x^2 - 1) = \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$$

$$g \circ f = \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$$

Now domain:

1.  $D_f: \text{all reals}$
2.  $D_{ans}: x \leq -1$  and  $x \geq 1$  remember here no negative under the radical.  $x^2 - 1$  is under the

The square root, so consider just the parabola shifted down 1



So we are looking at where the graph is positive.  $x \leq -1$  and  $x \geq 1$

3.  $D_{g \circ f}: (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$

**YOU CAN SEE THAT YOU NEED TO KEEP PRACTICE DOMAINS IN GENERAL!**

Let's look at another one

Given  $f(x) = x^2 - 1$  and  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$  find  $f \circ g$  and state domain

$$f(g(x)) = \left(\frac{1}{x-1}\right)^2 - 1$$

$$f \circ g = \frac{1}{(x-1)^2} - 1$$

**Domain**

1.  $D_g: x \neq 1$
2.  $D_{ans}: x \neq 1$
3.  $D_{f \circ g}: (-\infty, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$

Now you try: using the same functions, find  $g \circ f$  and state domain

$$g(f(x)) = \frac{1}{x^2 - 1 - 1}$$

$$g \circ f = \frac{1}{x^2 - 2}$$

**Domain**

1.  $D_f: \text{all reals}$
2.  $D_{ans}: x \neq \pm\sqrt{2}$
3.  $D_{g \circ f}: (-\infty, -\sqrt{2}) \cup (-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}) \cup (\sqrt{2}, \infty)$

**Challenge Problem:**

Given  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2-4}$  and  $g(x) = x + \frac{1}{x}$ , find  $f \circ g$ ,  $g \circ f$  and state the domain

## Inverses

In units 2 and 3, we spent time specifically looking at inverses of trig functions. We now want to expand the discussion to all functions.

Things we know

1. Given a function, we can find an inverse by switching  $x$  and  $y$  and then solving the result for  $y$ .
2. Graphs of inverses reflect over the line  $y=x$ .

But let's look at a function like  $f(x) = x^2$ . We know this a function as its graph would pass the vertical line test. If we find its inverse:  $f(x) = x^2$

$$y = x^2 \text{ (remember } f(x) \text{ and } y \text{ are the same)}$$

$$x = y^2 \text{ (switch } x \text{ and } y)$$

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

$$f^{-1}(x) = \pm\sqrt{x} \text{ (change to inverse notation, read "f-inverse of x")}$$

So if we just talk in the graphing sense, the inverse of  $y = x^2$  is  $x = y^2$ .

$y = x^2$  is a parabola that opens up—**function**

$x = y^2$  is a parabola that opens to the right—**Not a function**

**Definition:** Suppose  $f$  is a real function (domain is contained in the real number system). If  $f$  is increasing throughout its entire domain or decreasing throughout its entire domain, then  $f$  is a **one-to-one function**.

Name the functions in the toolkit that are one-to-one: **Identity, Odd power, Reciprocal, Square Root, exponential, log, and logistic.**

What do we know about the *graphs* of one-to-one functions? **They pass both vertical and horizontal line tests!**

**Conclusion?** **Only functions that are one-to-one will have inverses that are also functions.**

For the rest of these functions, we will have to restrict their domains so that the graphs will be reflections over the line  $y=x$ .

**Example** Given  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+3}$ , find  $f^{-1}(x)$ . State any restrictions inherited from  $f$ .

So, the instructions "State any restrictions inherited from  $f$ " mean that we need to be aware of the domain and range of the given function.

$$y = \sqrt{x+3}, x \geq -3, y \geq 0 \text{ (state domain and range)}$$

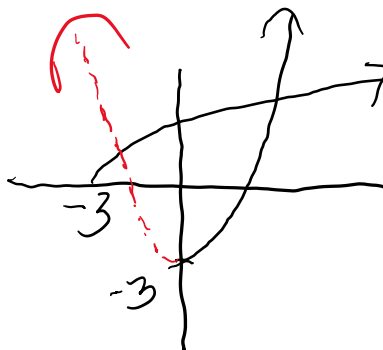
$$x = \sqrt{y+3}, x \geq 0, y \geq -3 \text{ (switch ALL } x \text{ and } y \text{ values)}$$

$$x^2 = \sqrt{y+3}^2 \text{ (square both sides as we solve for } y)$$

$$x^2 = y+3$$

$$x^2 - 3 = y \text{ (solved for } y)$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = x^2 - 3, x \geq 0, y \geq -3 \text{ (final answer)}$$



By restricting the domain, we eliminate the left (red) part of the parabola and our graphs will reflect over the line  $y=x$

**\*\*Note**, you only need to restrict the domain when you see the directions "State any restrictions inherited from  $f$ "  
If you do not see those instructions, simply switch  $x$  and  $y$  and solve for  $y$ .

**Example** Given  $f(x) = \frac{x+3}{x-2}$ , find  $f^{-1}(x)$ . State any restrictions inherited from  $f$ .

$$y = \frac{x+3}{x-2}, x \neq 2, y \neq 1 \text{ (you can graph on calculator to find range)}$$

$$x = \frac{y+3}{y-2}, x \neq 1, y \neq 2 \text{ (switch } x \text{ and } y)$$

$$x(y-2) = y+3 \text{ (getting rid of fraction to get } y \text{ on one side by itself)}$$

$$xy - 2x = y+3$$

$$xy - y = 3 - 2x \text{ (get the } y \text{ terms on one side)}$$

$$y(x-1) = 3 - 2x$$

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

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{-2x+3}{x-1}, x \neq 1, y \neq 2 \text{ (final answer)}$$

**Confirming Inverses Algebraically:** To confirm inverses algebraically, show  $f(g(x))=g(f(x))=x$ . In other words find both compositions and show the answer to both is  $x$ . They have to equal  $x$  because  $y=x$  is the reflection line for inverses.

**HW: Composition:** p 128: 9-19

**Inverses:** p 129: 43-61 odd

