

Let f and g be functions with overlapping domains. Then:

1. Sum: $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

2. Difference: $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$

3. Product: $(fg)(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$

4. Quotient: $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$

Examples: Let $f(x) = x^2 + 2x$ and $g(x) = 2x + 1$.

$$\text{a) } (f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x) = x^2 + 2x + 2x + 1 = x^2 + 4x + 1$$

$$\text{b) } (f-g)(x) = x^2 + 2x - [2x + 1] = x^2 - 1$$

$$\text{c) } (fg)(x) = (x^2 + 2x)(2x + 1) = 2x^3 + 5x^2 + 2x$$

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

Compositions of Functions

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

Ex: $f(x) = 3x^2 + 2$ and $g(x) = 2x$

Find: $f(g(2))$

$$g(2) = 2(2) = 4$$

$$f(4) = 3(4)^2 + 2 = 50$$

$$f(g(x))$$

$$g(x) = 2x$$

$$\underline{f(2x)} = 3(\underline{2x})^2 + 2$$

$$= 3(4x^2) + 2$$

$$= 12x^2 + 2$$

← this output is f's input

← input for f

Find $(f \circ g)x$, $(g \circ f)x$ and their domains.

$$f(x) = 3x + 5, \quad g(x) = \sqrt{x+2}$$

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

$$f(g(x)) = 3\sqrt{x+2} + 5$$

$$\begin{aligned} x+2 &\geq 0 \\ x &\geq -2 \end{aligned} \quad D: [-2, \infty)$$

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

$$= g(3x+5) = \sqrt{3x+5+2}$$

$$g(f(x)) = \sqrt{3x+7}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3x+7 &\geq 0 \\ 3x &\geq -7 \\ x &\geq -\frac{7}{3} \end{aligned} \quad D: \left[-\frac{7}{3}, \infty\right)$$

Decomposing a function

Ex. Express $h(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3x+1}}$ as a composition of two functions.

one $g(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$

ans: $f(x) = 3x+1$

$$g(f(x)) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3x+1}}$$

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

or: $f(x) = \sqrt{3x+1}$

$$g(f(x)) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3x+1}}$$