

Ch 4.1 and 4.2 Composition and Inverse Functions

DAY 7

Find the domain of composition functions.

1. Suppose that $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+2}$ and $g(x) = \frac{4}{x-1}$

Find $f(g(x))$ and then state the domain of the composite function.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(g(x)) &= \frac{1}{\frac{4}{x-1} + 2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\frac{4}{x-1} + \frac{2(x-1)}{x-1}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\frac{4 + 2x - 2}{x-1}} \\
 &= 1 \div \frac{2x+2}{x-1} \\
 &= 1 \cdot \frac{x-1}{2x+2} \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{x-1}{2x+2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Domain:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(g(x)): & 2x+2 \neq 0 \\
 & 2x \neq -2 \\
 & x \neq -1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$g(x): x \neq 1$$

Step 1:

Find the composite function.

Step 2:

Find the domain of the composite function.

Step 3:

Check with the inside function. Apply any restrictions from the inside function to the domain of the composition function.

$$\begin{aligned}
 D: & \mathbb{R}, x \neq -1, 1 \\
 \text{OR} \\
 & (-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, 1) \cup (1, \infty)
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Find $(f \circ f)(x)$ and then state the domain of the composite function.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(f(x)) &= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x+2} + 2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x+2} + \frac{2(x+2)}{x+2}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\frac{1 + 2x + 4}{x+2}} \\
 &= 1 \div \frac{2x+5}{x+2} \\
 &= 1 \cdot \frac{x+2}{2x+5} \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{x+2}{2x+5}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Domain:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(f(x)): & 2x+5 \neq 0 \\
 & 2x \neq -5 \\
 & x \neq -\frac{5}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x): x \neq -2$$

$$D: \mathbb{R}, x \neq -2, -\frac{5}{2}$$

Evaluate each expression using the values in the table.

x	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
f(x)	-7	-5	-3	-1	3	5	5
g(x)	8	3	0	-1	0	3	8

3. $(f \circ g)(1)$

$$f(g(1))$$

$$f(0)$$

$$\boxed{-1}$$

4. $f(g(-1))$

$$f(0)$$

$$\boxed{-1}$$

5. $f(f(-1))$

$$f(-3)$$

$$\boxed{-7}$$

6. $(g \circ f)(0)$

$$g(f(0))$$

$$g(-1)$$

$$\boxed{0}$$

Finding the Components of a Composite Function

7. Find functions f and g such that $(f \circ g) = H$, given $H(x) = (2x+3)^4$

$$f(x) = \underline{x^4}$$

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

$$f(g(x)) = H(x)$$

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

8. Find functions f and g such that $(f \circ g) = H$, given $H(x) = \sqrt{5x-1} + 2$.

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

$$g(x) = \underline{5x-1}$$

$$f(g(x)) = H(x)$$

$$f(g(x)) = \sqrt{5x-1} + 2$$

Inverse Functions

- a) To verify that f^{-1} is the inverse of f , show that $f(g(x)) = g(f(x)) = x$
- b) The graphs of f and f^{-1} are symmetric with respect to the line $y = x$.
- c) Domain of $f =$ Range of f^{-1} ; Range of $f =$ Domain of f^{-1}
- d) To find the range of a one-to-one function f , find the domain of the inverse function f^{-1}

How to find the inverse of a function

1. Switch variables x and y
2. Solve for y
3. Check the result by showing $f(g(x)) = g(f(x)) = x$

8. Given $f(x) = 4x + 2$, find its inverse. Sketch f and f^{-1} on the same coordinate axes.

$y = 4x + 2$

$x = 4y + 2$

$x - 2 = 4y$

$\frac{x - 2}{4} = y$

$\frac{1}{4}x - \frac{1}{2} = y$

$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{4}x - \frac{1}{2}$

One-to-One Functions

If a function is **one-to-one**, then the graph of the function will pass the **Horizontal Line test**.

If a function f is one-to-one, then it has an inverse function f^{-1}

9. Determine whether the function is one-to-one.

a) $f(x) = x^2 + 4$

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No

b) $f(x) = x^3 - 2$

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Yes





c) $f(x) = \sqrt{3x - 5}$

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Yes

PRACTICE

Determine if each function is one-to-one.

1. $f(x) = x^4 + 3$ <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">No</div> 	2. $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x} - 2$ <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Yes</div> 
3. $f(x) = x - 3 + 4$ <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">No</div> 	4. $f(x) = 5x$ <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Yes</div> 

5. Verify that the functions f and g are inverses of each other.

$$f(x) = 3x - 8 \text{ and } g(x) = \frac{x + 8}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(g(x)) &= 3\left(\frac{x+8}{3}\right) - 8 \\ &= x + 8 - 8 \\ &= x \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g(f(x)) &= \frac{3x - 8 + 8}{3} \\ &= \frac{3x}{3} \\ &= x \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

6. Given $f(x) = 3x + 5$, find $f^{-1}(x)$.

$$y = 3x + 5$$

$$x = \frac{y - 5}{3}$$

$$\frac{x - 5}{3} = \frac{3y}{3}$$

$$\frac{x - 5}{3} = y$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x - 5}{3}$$

7. Given $f(x) = x^3 - 4$, find $f^{-1}(x)$

$$y = x^3 - 4$$

$$x = \sqrt[3]{y + 4}$$

$$x - 4 = y^3$$

$$\sqrt[3]{x - 4} = y$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt[3]{x + 4}$$

8. Given the function $f(x) = (x - 4)^2$, $x \geq 4$, find its inverse.

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$$y = (x - 4)^2$$

$$x = \sqrt{y} + 4$$

$$\sqrt{x} = y - 4$$

$$\sqrt{x} + 4 = y$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt{x} + 4$$

Sketch f and f^{-1} on the same coordinate axes.

