

Work on as many problems as you can together with your group members. Towards the end of lecture your group will be asked to present problems correctly to receive classwork points.

1. Find the domains of the following functions.

(a) $f(x) = \frac{2}{x-13}$

(b) $f(x) = \frac{25}{x^2 - 3x - 88}$

(c) $f(x) = \frac{1}{\frac{6}{x+5} - 2}$

(d) $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+7}}$

(e) $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x-4}}{x-5}$

Solution

(a)

$$x - 13 \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow x \neq 13 \Rightarrow \boxed{(-\infty, 13) \cup (13, \infty)}$$

(b)

$$x^2 - 3x - 88 \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow (x - 11)(x + 8) \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow x \neq 11, -8 \Rightarrow \boxed{(-\infty, -8) \cup (-8, 11) \cup (11, \infty)}$$

(c) There are two restrictions $x + 5 \neq 0$ and $\frac{6}{x+5} - 2 \neq 0$

$$x + 5 \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow \underline{x \neq -5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{6}{x+5} - 2 \neq 0 &\Leftrightarrow \frac{6}{x+5} \neq 2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow 6 \neq 2(x+5) \\ &\Leftrightarrow 6 \neq 2x + 10 \\ &\Leftrightarrow 2x \neq -4 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \underline{x \neq -2} \end{aligned}$$

Thus the domain is $\boxed{(-\infty, -5) \cup (-5, -2) \cup (-2, \infty)}$

(d) There are two restrictions that can be combined into one

$$\sqrt{x+7} \neq 0 \text{ and } x+7 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow x+7 > 0 \Leftrightarrow x > -7$$

Thus the domain is $\boxed{(-7, \infty)}$

(e) There are two restrictions:

$$x - 4 \geq 0 \text{ and } x - 5 \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow x \geq 4 \text{ and } x \neq 5$$

Thus the domain is $[4, 5) \cup (5, \infty)$

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2. Find $f + g$, $f - g$, fg and $\frac{f}{g}$, then determine the domain for each function.

(a) $f(x) = 3x^2 + 1$, $g(x) = x + 3$

(b) $f(x) = 4x^2 + 16x$, $g(x) = x + 4$

(c) $f(x) = 4x^2 + 25x + 25$, $g(x) = x + 5$

(d) $f(x) = x^2 + 13x + 42$, $g(x) = x + 6$

(e) $f(x) = x^2 - 49$, $g(x) = x + 7$

Solution

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} f + g &= (3x^2 + 1) + (x + 3) \\ &= \boxed{3x^2 + x + 4 \text{ Domain: } (-\infty, \infty)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f - g &= (3x^2 + 1) - (x + 3) \\ &= 3x^2 + 1 - x - 3 \\ &= \boxed{3x^2 - x - 2 \text{ Domain: } (-\infty, \infty)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} fg &= (3x^2 + 1)(x + 3) \\ &= \boxed{2x^3 + 9x^2 + x + 3 \text{ Domain: } (-\infty, \infty)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{f}{g} = \boxed{\frac{3x^2 + 1}{x + 3} \text{ Domain: } x \neq -3 \Rightarrow (-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, \infty)}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}f + g &= (4x^2 + 16x) + (x + 4) \\ &= \boxed{4x^2 + 17x + 4 \text{ Domain: } (-\infty, \infty)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f - g &= (4x^2 + 16x) - (x + 4) \\ &= 4x^2 + 16x - x - 4 \\ &= \boxed{4x^2 + 15x - 4 \text{ Domain: } (-\infty, \infty)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}fg &= (4x^2 + 16x)(x + 4) \\ &= 4x^3 + 16x^2 + 16x^2 + 64x \\ &= \boxed{4x^3 + 32x^2 + 64x \text{ Domain: } (-\infty, \infty)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{f}{g} &= \frac{4x^2 + 16x}{x + 4} \\ &= \frac{4x(x+4)}{x+4} \\ &= \boxed{4x, x \neq -4 \text{ Domain: } (-\infty, -4) \cup (-4, \infty)}\end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}f + g &= (4x^2 + 25x + 25) + (x + 5) \\ &= 4x^2 + 26x + 30 \text{ Domain: } (-\infty, \infty)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f - g &= (4x^2 + 25x + 25) - (x + 5) \\ &= 4x^2 + 25x + 25 - x - 5 \\ &= \boxed{4x^2 + 24x + 20 \text{ Domain: } (-\infty, \infty)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}fg &= (4x^2 + 25x + 25)(x + 5) \\ &= 4x^3 + 20x^2 + 25x^2 + 125x + 25x + 125 \\ &= \boxed{4x^3 + 45x^2 + 150x + 125 \text{ Domain: } (-\infty, \infty)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{f}{g} &= \frac{4x^2 + 25x + 25}{x + 5} \\ &= \frac{(4x + 5)(x + 5)}{x + 5} \\ &= \boxed{4x + 5, x \neq -5 \text{ Domain: } (-\infty, -5) \cup (-5, \infty)}\end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned}f + g &= (x^2 + 13x + 42) + (x + 6) \\ &= \boxed{x^2 + 14x + 48 \text{ Domain: } (-\infty, \infty)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f - g &= (x^2 + 13x + 42) - (x + 6) \\ &= x^2 + 13x + 42 - x - 6 \\ &= \boxed{x^2 + 12x + 36 \text{ Domain: } (-\infty, \infty)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}fg &= (x^2 + 13x + 42)(x + 6) \\ &= x^3 + 6x^2 + 13x^2 + 78x + 42x + 252 \\ &= \boxed{x^3 + 19x^2 + 120x + 252 \text{ Domain: } (-\infty, \infty)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{f}{g} &= \frac{x^2 + 13x + 42}{x + 6} \\ &= \frac{(x + 7)\cancel{(x + 6)}}{\cancel{x + 6}} \\ &= \boxed{x + 7, x \neq -6 \text{ Domain: } (-\infty, -6) \cup (-6, \infty)}\end{aligned}$$

(e)

$$\begin{aligned}f + g &= (x^2 - 49) + (x + 7) \\ &= \boxed{x^2 + x - 42 \text{ Domain: } (-\infty, \infty)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f - g &= (x^2 - 49) - (x + 7) \\ &= x^2 - 49 - x - 7 \\ &= \boxed{x^2 - x - 56 \text{ Domain: } (-\infty, \infty)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}fg &= (x^2 - 49)(x + 7) \\ &= \boxed{x^3 + 7x^2 - 49x - 343 \text{ Domain: } (-\infty, \infty)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{f}{g} &= \frac{x^2 - 49}{x + 7} \\ &= \frac{\cancel{(x + 7)}(x - 7)}{\cancel{x + 7}} \\ &= \boxed{x - 7, x \neq -7 \text{ Domain: } (-\infty, -7) \cup (-7, \infty)}\end{aligned}$$

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3. Find $(f \circ g)(x)$ and $(g \circ f)(x)$. What is $(f \circ g)(3)$ and $(g \circ f)(3)$?

(a) $f(x) = 4x, g(x) = x + 5$

(b) $f(x) = 2x, g(x) = x - 3$

(c) $f(x) = 5x, g(x) = x + 2$

(d) $f(x) = 7x, g(x) = x - 4$

(e) $f(x) = 6x, g(x) = x + 1$

Solution

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}(f \circ g)(x) &= f(g(x)) \\ &= f(x + 5) \\ &= 4(x + 5) \\ &= \boxed{4x + 20}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(f \circ g)(3) &= 4(3) + 20 \\ &= 12 + 20 \\ &= \boxed{32}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(g \circ f)(x) &= g(f(x)) \\ &= g(4x) \\ &= \boxed{4x + 5}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(g \circ f)(3) &= 4(3) + 5 \\ &= 12 + 5 \\ &= \boxed{17}\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}(f \circ g)(x) &= f(g(x)) \\ &= f(x - 3) \\ &= 2(x - 3) \\ &= \boxed{2x - 6}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(f \circ g)(3) &= 2(3) - 6 \\ &= 6 - 6 \\ &= \boxed{0}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(g \circ f)(x) &= g(f(x)) \\ &= g(2x) \\ &= \boxed{2x - 3}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(g \circ f)(3) &= 2(3) - 3 \\ &= 6 - 3 \\ &= \boxed{3}\end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}(f \circ g)(x) &= f(g(x)) \\ &= f(x + 2) \\ &= 5(x + 2) \\ &= \boxed{5x + 10}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(f \circ g)(3) &= 5(3) + 10 \\ &= 15 + 10 \\ &= \boxed{25}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(g \circ f)(x) &= g(f(x)) \\ &= g(5x) \\ &= \boxed{5x + 2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(g \circ f)(3) &= 5(3) + 2 \\ &= 15 + 2 \\ &= \boxed{17}\end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned}(f \circ g)(x) &= f(g(x)) \\ &= f(x - 4) \\ &= 7(x - 4) \\ &= \boxed{7x - 24}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(f \circ g)(3) &= 7(3) - 24 \\ &= 21 - 24 \\ &= \boxed{-3}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(g \circ f)(x) &= g(f(x)) \\ &= g(7x) \\ &= \boxed{7x - 4}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(g \circ f)(3) &= 7(3) - 4 \\ &= 21 - 4 \\ &= \boxed{17}\end{aligned}$$

(e)

$$\begin{aligned}(f \circ g)(x) &= f(g(x)) \\ &= f(x + 1) \\ &= 6(x + 1) \\ &= \boxed{6x + 6}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(f \circ g)(3) &= 6(3) + 6 \\ &= 18 + 6 \\ &= \boxed{24}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(g \circ f)(x) &= g(f(x)) \\ &= g(6x) \\ &= \boxed{6x + 1}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(g \circ f)(3) &= 6(3) + 1 \\ &= 18 + 1 \\ &= \boxed{19}\end{aligned}$$

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4. Find $(f \circ g)(x)$ and state the domain of this function.

(a) $f(x) = \frac{4}{x+3}, g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

(b) $f(x) = \frac{3}{x+4}, g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

(c) $f(x) = \frac{5}{x+7}, g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

(d) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+6}, g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

(e) $f(x) = \frac{6}{x+2}, g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

Solution

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}(f \circ g)(x) &= f(g(x)) \\ &= f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \\ &= \frac{4}{\frac{1}{x} + 3} \\ &= \frac{4x}{1 + 3x}, x \neq 0\end{aligned}$$

$$x \neq 0 \text{ and } \frac{1}{x} + 3 \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow x \neq -\frac{1}{3}$$

Thus the domain is

$$\left(-\infty, -\frac{1}{3}\right) \cup \left(-\frac{1}{3}, 0\right) \cup (0, \infty)$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}(f \circ g)(x) &= f(g(x)) \\ &= f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \\ &= \frac{3}{\frac{1}{x} + 4} \\ &= \frac{3x}{1 + 4x}, x \neq 0\end{aligned}$$

$$x \neq 0 \text{ and } \frac{1}{x} + 4 \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow x \neq -\frac{1}{4}$$

Thus the domain is

$$\left(-\infty, -\frac{1}{4}\right) \cup \left(-\frac{1}{4}, 0\right) \cup (0, \infty)$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}(f \circ g)(x) &= f(g(x)) \\ &= f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \\ &= \frac{5}{\frac{1}{x} + 7} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{5x}{1 + 7x}, x \neq 0}\end{aligned}$$

$$x \neq 0 \text{ and } \frac{1}{x} + 7 \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow x \neq -\frac{1}{7}$$

Thus the domain is

$$\boxed{\left(-\infty, -\frac{1}{7}\right) \cup \left(-\frac{1}{7}, 0\right) \cup (0, \infty)}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned}(f \circ g)(x) &= f(g(x)) \\ &= f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x} + 6} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{x}{1 + 6x}, x \neq 0}\end{aligned}$$

$$x \neq 0 \text{ and } \frac{1}{x} + 6 \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow x \neq -\frac{1}{6}$$

Thus the domain is

$$\boxed{\left(-\infty, -\frac{1}{6}\right) \cup \left(-\frac{1}{6}, 0\right) \cup (0, \infty)}$$

(e)

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

$$= f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

$$= \frac{6}{\frac{1}{x} + 2}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{6x}{1 + 2x}, x \neq 0}$$

$$x \neq 0 \text{ and } \frac{1}{x} + 2 \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow x \neq -\frac{1}{2}$$

Thus the domain is

$$\boxed{\left(-\infty, -\frac{1}{2}\right) \cup \left(-\frac{1}{2}, 0\right) \cup (0, \infty)}$$

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5. Find two (non-identity) functions f and g such that $h(x) = (f \circ g)(x)$, where

(a) $h(x) = (2x - 1)^8$

(b) $h(x) = \sqrt[3]{3x - 4}$

(c) $h(x) = \sqrt{3x^3 - 4x + 7}$

(d) $h(x) = \frac{1}{2x - 3} + 1$

(e) $h(x) = |4x + 5|$

Solution

(a) $g(x) = 2x - 1, f(x) = x^8$

(b) $g(x) = 3x - 4, f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$

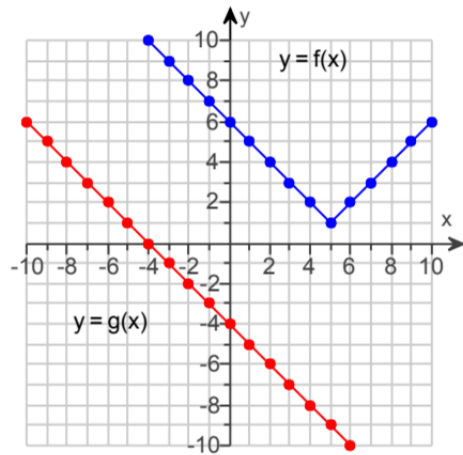
(c) $g(x) = 3x^3 - 4x + 7, f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

(d) $g(x) = 2x - 3, f(x) = \frac{1}{x} + 2$

(e) $g(x) = 4x + 5, f(x) = |x|$

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6. Consider the following graph of f and g .



- (a) Find $(f \circ g)(0)$
- (b) Find $(f \circ g)(-6)$
- (c) Find $(g \circ f)(3)$
- (d) Find $(g \circ f)(6)$
- (e) Find $(f \circ f)(0)$

Solution

- (a) $(f \circ g)(0) = f(g(0)) = f(-4) = 10$
- (b) $(f \circ g)(-6) = f(g(-6)) = f(2) = 4$
- (c) $(g \circ f)(3) = g(f(3)) = g(3) = -7$
- (d) $(g \circ f)(6) = g(f(6)) = g(2) = -6$
- (e) $(f \circ f)(0) = f(f(0)) = f(6) = 2$

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