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## COMBINING FUNCTIONS

In order to work w/complicated functions, you need some tools for analyzing & recognizing functions.

We will learn

- 1) Toolkit Functions
- 2) Transformations
- 3) operations on functions.
- 4) composition of functions.

### 1) Toolkit functions (10 elementary functions).

Name & Definition	Graph	Domain & Range	Important Points Symmetry.
1. constant			
2. linear or identity			
3. absolute value.			
4. quadratic			
5. cubic.			
6. square root.			
7. cube root			
8. reciprocal			
9. sine			
10. exponential			

### 2) Transformations, part 1

Heating schedule overhead.

Lighthouse overhead

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Transformations

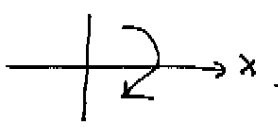

(part 2 cont.)

List the kinds of transformations.

shifts

stretches & compressions.

flips.

type	y-transformations	x-transformations
shifts	↑ ↓	→ ←
stretch & compress	↕ *	↔ ↔ *
flips		

graph  $f(x) = 2(x+3)^2 + 2$  w/transformations.

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

$$h(x) = 5\sqrt{-\frac{1}{4}x + \frac{1}{4}} - 2$$

→ { Determine base fun.  
[factor,  
list transformation  
graph step by step

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(3) Operations w/ functions.

$$\text{If } f(x) = \sqrt{1-x} \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = \sqrt{4+x}$$

$$D_f: \{x \mid x \leq 1\}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} + \quad 0 \quad - \\ \hline \phantom{+} \downarrow \phantom{-} \\ \phantom{+} 1 \phantom{-} \end{array}$$

$$D_g: \{x \mid x \geq -4\}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} - \quad 0 \quad + \\ \hline \phantom{-} \downarrow \phantom{+} \\ \phantom{-} -4 \phantom{+} \end{array}$$

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

$$D_{f+g}: \{x \mid -4 \leq x \leq 1\}$$

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

$$D_{f-g}: \{x \mid -4 \leq x \leq 1\}$$

$$(fg)(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x) = \sqrt{1-x} \sqrt{4+x} = \sqrt{(1-x)(4+x)}$$

$$D_{fg}: \{x \mid -4 \leq x \leq 1\}$$

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\sqrt{1-x}}{\sqrt{4+x}} = \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{4+x}}$$

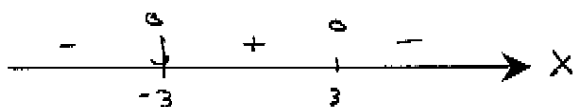
$$D_{\frac{f}{g}} = \{x \mid -4 < x \leq 1\}$$

**Handout – Composition**

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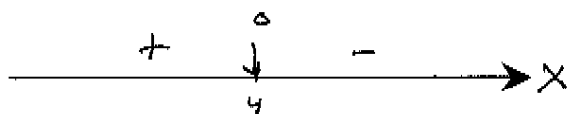
**Example 1**  
Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{9-x^2}$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{4-x}$ .

a.) Find the domain of  $f$ .



Domain of  $f: D_f = \{x \mid -3 \leq x \leq 3\}$

b.) Find the domain of  $g$ .



Domain of  $g: D_g = \{x \mid x \leq 4\}$

c.) Create a table of values.

$x$	-6	-5	-4	3	4	5
$f(x)$	$\sqrt{10}$	3	$\sqrt{8}$	1	0	*
$g(x)$	*	0	1	$\sqrt{8}$	3	*

d.) Find  $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\sqrt{4-x}) &= \sqrt{9 - (\sqrt{4-x})^2} \\ &= \sqrt{9 - 4 + x} \\ &= \sqrt{5+x} \end{aligned}$$

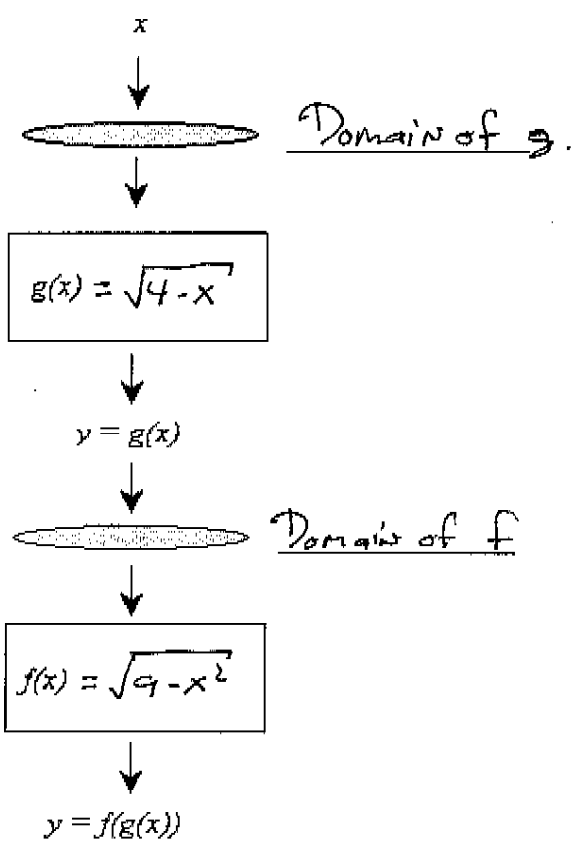
$f(g(x)) =$  \_\_\_\_\_

e.) If we call the expression found in (d.) the apparent composition (AC), find  $D_{AC}$ .

Domain of AC:  $D_{AC} = \{x \mid x \geq -5\}$ .

f.) The domain of  $f(g(x))$  is  $D_{f \circ g} = D_g \cap D_{AC}$ .

Domain of  $f(g(x)): D_{f \circ g} = \{x \mid -5 \leq x \leq 4\}$ .



**Example 2**

Let  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+4}$  and  $g(x) = 2-x$ . Find  $f(g(x))$  and  $g(f(x))$  and the domains of each composition.

a.) Find the domain of  $f$  and  $g$ .

$$D_f = \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } x \neq -4\}$$

$$D_g = \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

b.) Find  $f(g(x))$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(2-x) &= \frac{2-x}{(2-x)+4} \\ &= \frac{2-x}{6-x} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(g(x)) = \frac{2-x}{6-x}$$

c.) What is the domain of the apparent composition?

$$D_{AC} = \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } x \neq 6\}$$

d.) What is  $D_{f \circ g}$ ?

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e.) Find  $g(f(x))$ .

$$\begin{aligned} g\left(\frac{x}{x+4}\right) &= 2 - \frac{x}{x+4} \\ &= \frac{2(x+4) - x}{x+4} \\ &= \frac{x+8}{x+4} \end{aligned}$$

$$g(f(x)) = \frac{x+8}{x+4}$$

f.) What is the domain of the apparent composition?

$$D_{AC} = \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } x \neq -4\}$$

g.) What is  $D_{g \circ f}$ ?

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**Example 3 (2.5 #81)**

Let  $f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x-2}$  and  $g(x) = \frac{x+2}{x-3}$ . Find  $f(g(x))$  and  $g(f(x))$  and the domains of each composition.

a.) Find the domain of  $f$  and  $g$ .

$$D_f = \underline{\hspace{10em}}$$

$$D_g = \underline{\hspace{10em}}$$

b.) Find  $f(g(x))$ .

$$f(g(x)) = \underline{\hspace{10em}}$$

c.) What is the domain of the apparent composition?

$$D_{AC} = \underline{\hspace{10em}}$$

d.) What is  $D_{f \circ g}$ ?

$$D_{f \circ g} = \underline{\hspace{10em}}$$

e.) Find  $g(f(x))$ .

$$g(f(x)) = \underline{\hspace{10em}}$$

f.) What is the domain of the apparent composition?

$$D_{AC} = \underline{\hspace{10em}}$$

g.) What is  $D_{g \circ f}$ ?

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