

**Useful Guidelines:**

\* The composite function, denoted by  $f \circ g$  (read as "f composed with g"), is defined by

$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$  (read as "f of g of x".)

\* The domain of  $f \circ g$  is the subset of the domain of  $g$  for which  $f \circ g$  is defined.

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Good job!*

1. Suppose that  $f(x) = x^2 - 1$  and  $g(x) = 3x$ . Find:

(a)  $(f \circ g)(3) = f(g(3))$   $g(3) = 3(3) = 9 = f(9) = 9^2 - 1 = \textcircled{80}$

(b)  $(g \circ f)(-3) = g(f(-3)) = g(8) = 3(8) = 24$

(c)  $(f \circ f)(2) = f(f(2)) = f(2^2 - 1) = f(3) = 3^2 - 1 = \textcircled{8}$

(d)  $(g \circ g)(-1) = g(g(-1)) = g(3(-1)) = g(-3) = \textcircled{-9}$

2. Suppose that  $f(x) = 2 - x$  and  $g(x) = 4x + 1$ . Find: (a)  $f \circ g$  (b)  $g \circ f$  (c)  $f \circ f$

State the domain of each composite function.

(a)  $f \circ g = (f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = f(4x + 1) = 2 - (4x + 1) = \textcircled{-4x + 1}$  D:  $(-\infty, \infty)$

(b)  $g \circ f = g(f(x)) = g(2 - x) = 4(2 - x) + 1 = 8 - 4x + 1 = \textcircled{-4x + 9}$  D:  $(-\infty, \infty)$

(c)  $f \circ f = f(f(x)) = f(2 - x) = 2 - (2 - x) = \textcircled{x}$  D:  $(-\infty, \infty)$

3. Suppose that  $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x-1}$  and  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ . Find: (a)  $f \circ g$  (b)  $g \circ f$

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

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

D:  $\{x \mid x \neq -1\}$

D:  $\{x \mid x \neq 1\}$

4. Suppose the weekly cost for the production and sale of a cabinet is  $C(x) = 25x + 4000$  dollars and that the total revenue is given by  $R(x) = 80x$ , where  $x$  is the number of cabinets.

a) Write the equation of the function that models the weekly profit from the production and sale of  $x$  cabinets.

$P(x) = (R - C)x = R(x) - C(x)$   
 $= 80x - (25x + 4000) = \textcircled{55x - 4000}$

b) What is the profit on the production and sale of 300 cabinets?

$55(300) - 4000 = \textcircled{\$12500}$