32 Composite Functions

Due: 12/15/2015 at 06:00am EST.

Students will be able to:

- Evaluate the sum, difference, product and quotient of functions
- Evaluate composition of functions given by their formulas
- Evaluate composition of functions given by their graphs
- Determine the domain of composition and arithmetic combination of two functions
- Decompose a function into a composition of two simpler functions

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1. (1 pt) This problem gives you some practice identifying how more complicated functions can be built from simpler functions.

Let $f(x) = x^3 - 27$ and let g(x) = x - 3. Match the functions defined below with the letters labeling their equivalent expressions.

$$\begin{array}{c} _1. \ f(g(x)) \\ _2. \ g(f(x)) \\ _3. \ (f(x))^2 \\ _4. \ f(x)/g(x) \\ \\ \text{A. } -54 + 27x - 9x^2 + x^3 \\ \\ \text{B. } -30 + x^3 \\ \\ \text{C. } 9 + 3x + x^2 \\ \\ \text{D. } 729 - 54x^3 + x^6 \end{array}$$

2. (1 pt) Let f be the linear function (in blue) and let g be the parabolic function (in red) below.



Evaluate the following:

1.	$(f \circ g)(2)$	=	
2.	$(g \circ f)(2)$	=	
3.	$(f \circ f)(2)$	=	
4.	$(g \circ g)(2)$	=	
5.	(f+g)(4)	=	
6.	(f/g)(2)	=	

Enter "DNE" if an answer does not exist.

3. (1 pt) If the function $h(x) = (x-5)^5$ is expressed in the form $f \circ g$ with $f(x) = x^5$, then find the function g(x). $g(x) = ____$

4. (1 pt) If the function $h(x) = \frac{1}{x+8}$ is expressed in the form $f \circ g$ with g(x) = x+8, then find the function f(x).

5. (1 pt) Let f, g and h be defined as below. Evaluate $(f \circ g \circ h)(x)$.

$$f(x) = x^{4} + 6$$

$$g(x) = x - 3$$

$$h(x) = \sqrt{x}$$

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

6. (1 pt) If the answer is ∞ , input infinity; if the answer is $-\infty$, input -infinity. Given that $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ and g(x) = 9x - 7, calculate (a) $f \circ g(x) =$ ______, its domain is all real numbers except (b) $g \circ f(x) =$ ______, its domain is all real numbers except (c) $f \circ f(x) =$ ______, its domain is all real numbers except (d) $g \circ g(x) =$ ______, its domain is (______, ____)

7. (1 pt) For this question, input infinity for ∞ and input -infinity for $-\infty$.

Given that <i>j</i>	$f(x) = x^2 - 3x$ and $g(x) = x + 10$, find
(a) $f + g = -$	and its domain is (,)
(b) $f - g = -$	and its domain is (,)
(c) <i>fg</i> =	and its domain is (,)
(d) $f/g = $	and its domain is $x \neq$

8. (1 pt) Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{5x}$, $g(x) = 3x^3$, and $h(x) = 8x^2 + 8$. Then $f \circ g \circ h(1) =$ _____ 9. (1 pt) Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ and g(x) = 9x - 9. Evaluate the following:

- 1. $(f \circ g)(x) =$ _____ 2. $(g \circ f)(x) =$ _____
- 3. $(f \circ f)(x) =$
- 4. $(g \circ g)(x) =$ _____

10. (1 pt) Given that f(x) = |x| and g(x) = 9x + 3, calculate (a) $f \circ g(x) =$ _____, its domain is (_____, ___) (b) $g \circ f(x) =$ _____, its domain is (_____, ___) (c) $f \circ f(x) =$ _____, its domain is (_____, ___) (d) $g \circ g(x) =$ _____, its domain is (_____, ___) **Note:** If needed enter ∞ as *infinity* and $-\infty$ as *-infinity*.

11. (1 pt) Given that $f(x) = x^2 - 8x$ and g(x) = x + 10, find (a) f + g =______(b) f - g =______(c) fg =______(d) f/g =______

12. (1 pt) Let f(x) = 3x + 4 and $g(x) = 3x^2 + 3x$. (f + g)(7) = _____

13. (1 pt) Use substitution to compose D = 9p - 2 and $p = 5q^4$. Enter your answer as an equation, and simplify your answer as much as possible.

14. (1 pt) Use substitution to compose $y = 2u^2$ and u = 3x - 4. Enter your answer as an equation, and simplify your answer as much as possible.

15. (1 pt) Express the function $y = \sqrt{x^2 + 8}$ as a composition y = f(g(x)) of two simpler functions y = f(u) and u = g(x).

- *f*(*u*) = _____
- *g*(*x*) = _____

16. (1 pt) Express the function $y = 2(x-6)^5$ as a composition y = f(g(x)) of two simpler functions y = f(u) and u = g(x).

- *f*(*u*) = _____
- *g*(*x*) = _____

17. (1 pt) Use substitution to compose $y = 4u^2 + 3u + 5$ and $u = 3x^4$. Enter your answer as an equation, and simplify your answer as much as possible.

18. (1 pt) Suppose $f(x) = x^3 + 2$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$. Then

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

g(f(x)) = _____

19. (1 pt) If
$$f(g(x)) = 5(x^7+2)^3$$
 and $g(x) = x^7+2$, find $f(x)$.

f(x) =_____

20. (1 pt) Let $f(x) = x^2 + 9x$ and g(x) = x - 3. Evaluate the following:

1.	$(f \circ g)(x)$	=	
2.	$(g \circ f)(x)$	=	
3.	$(f \circ f)(x)$	=	

4. $(g \circ g)(x) =$ _____

21. (1 pt) Given that f(x) = 5x - 6 and $g(x) = 3 - x^2$, calculate (a) $f \circ g(x) =$ _____(b) $g \circ f(x) =$ _____

22. (1 pt) Use abs(x) for |x|.

Given that f(x) = |x| and g(x) = 9x - 6, calculate (a) $f \circ g(x) =$ _____

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

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

(d) $g \circ g(x) =$ _____





Note: If the answer does not exist, enter 'DNE': 1. $(f \circ g)(2) = _$

- 2. $(g \circ f)(2) =$ ____ 3. $(f \circ f)(2) =$ _____ 4. $(g \circ g)(2) =$ ____ 5. (f+g)(4) =_____
- 6. (f/g)(2) =____

24. (1 pt) The functions f(x) and g(x) are given in the graph below (f(x) in red and g(x) in blue).





Find the corresponding function values.

$$(f+g)(5) =$$

 $(f-g)(5) =$ _____

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