

Determine $f^{-1}(x)$
if $f(x) = 3\sqrt{x-5} + 8$

$$x = 3\sqrt{y-5} + 8$$

$$\frac{x-8}{3} = \frac{3\sqrt{y-5}}{3}$$

$$\left(\frac{x-8}{3}\right)^2 = (\sqrt{y-5})^2$$

$$\frac{(x-8)^2}{9} = y-5$$

$$y = \frac{1}{9}(x-8)^2 + 5$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{9}(x-8)^2 + 5$$

Domain & Range
of BOTH $f(x)$ & $f^{-1}(x)$

$$f(x) = 3\sqrt{x-5} + 8$$

$$D: x \geq 5$$

$$R: y \geq 8$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{9}(x-8)^2 + 5$$

$$D: x \geq 8$$

$$R: y \geq 5$$

Practice Problems...

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#2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 15, 18, 20, 21

Combination of Functions

- Two functions f and g can be combined to form new functions

- $f + g$,
- $f - g$,
- fg , and
- f/g

just as we add, subtract, multiply, and divide real numbers.

- This is summarized in the following table:

Algebra of Functions Let f and g be functions with domains A and B . Then the functions $f + g$, $f - g$, fg , and f/g are defined as follows:

$$(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x) \quad \text{domain} = A \cap B$$

$$(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x) \quad \text{domain} = A \cap B$$

$$(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x) \quad \text{domain} = A \cap B$$

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \quad \text{domain} = \{x \in A \cap B \mid g(x) \neq 0\}$$

“Intersection”
Overlap

$A \cup B$
↑
“In union with”
Join together

• **Review of Intersection and Union of two sets:**

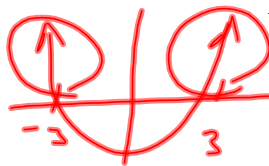
$$f(x) = \sqrt{x+4}$$

$$g(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 9}$$

Let A represent the domain of f and B the domain of g .

$$A: x+4 \geq 0$$

$$D: x \geq -4$$

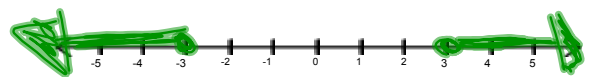


$$B: x^2 - 9 \geq 0$$

$$(x-3)(x+3) \geq 0$$

$$x = \pm 3$$

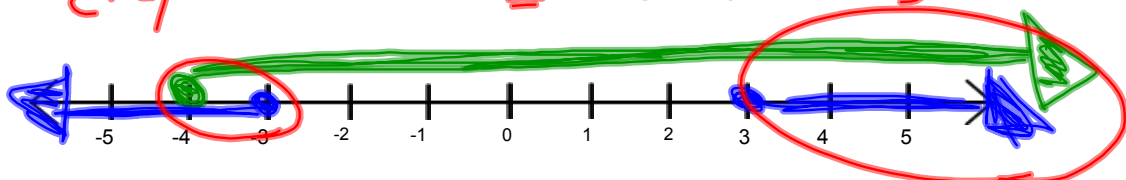
$$x \leq -3 \text{ or } x \geq 3$$



I. Intersection:

$$A \cap B$$

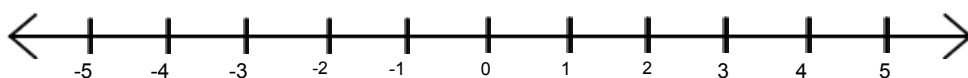
$$\{x \mid -4 \leq x \leq -3 \text{ or } x \geq 3, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$



II. Union:

$$A \cup B$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}$$



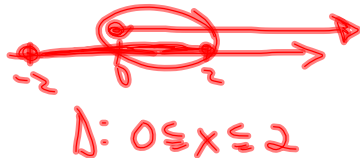
Example

- If $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{4-x^2}$, find the functions $f+g$, $f-g$, fg , and f/g .

**Also examine the domain of each of these new functions

$$(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x) \\ = \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{4-x^2}$$

$$[0, \infty) \cap [-2, 2]$$



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

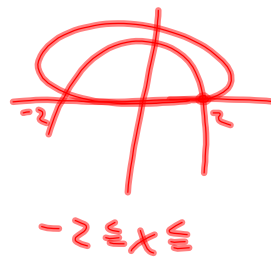
$$D: x \geq 0$$

$$g(x) = \sqrt{4-x^2}$$

$$4-x^2 \geq 0$$

$$(2-x)(2+x) \geq 0$$

$$x = \pm 2$$



$$(f-g)(x) = \sqrt{x} - \sqrt{4-x^2}$$

$$D: [0, 2]$$

$$(fg)(x) = (\sqrt{x})(\sqrt{4-x^2}) \\ = \sqrt{4x-x^3}$$

$$D: [0, 2]$$

$$(\sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt{b}) = \sqrt{ab}$$

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{4-x^2}}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}} = \sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} \right) \\ = \sqrt{\frac{x}{4-x^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{4x-x^3}}{4-x^2}$$

Can Not include $x=2$

$$D: [0, 2)$$


$$\sqrt{a^2+b^2} \neq a+b \leftarrow \sqrt{4-x^2} \neq 2-x$$

Compositions of Functions

When the input in a function is another function, the result is called a **composite function**. If

$$f(x) = 3x + 2 \text{ and } g(x) = 4x - 5$$

then $f[g(x)]$ is a composite function. The statement $f[g(x)]$ is read "f of g of x" or "the composition of f with g." $f[g(x)]$ can also be written as

$$(f \circ g)(x) \text{ or } f \circ g(x) \neq (g \circ f)(x)$$


The symbol between f and g is a small open circle. When replacing one function with another, be very careful to get the order correct because compositions of functions are not necessarily commutative (as you'll see).

Example 1

If $f(x) = 3x + 2$ and $g(x) = 4x - 5$, find each of the following.

1. $f[g(4)]$

2. $g \circ f(4)$

3. $f[g(x)]$

4. $(g \circ f)(x)$

1/ $g(4) = 4(4) - 5$
 $= 11$
 $f(11) = 3(11) + 2$
 $= 35$

2/ $f(4) = 3(4) + 2$
 $= 14$
 $g(14) = 4(14) - 5$
 $= 51$

3/ $f(4x-5) = 3(4x-5) + 2$
 $= 12x - 13$

4/ $g(3x+2) = 4(3x+2) - 5$
 $= 12x + 3$

Example 2

If $f(x) = 3x^2 + 2x + 1$ and $g(x) = 4x - 5$, find each of the following:

1. $f[g(x)]$

2. $g[f(x)]$

$$\begin{aligned} 1/ \quad f(4x-5) &= 3(4x-5)^2 + 2(4x-5) + 1 \\ &= 3(16x^2 - 40x + 25) + 8x - 10 + 1 \\ &= 48x^2 - 120x + 75 + 8x - 9 \\ &= \underline{48x^2 - 112x + 66} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g(3x^2 + 2x + 1) &= 4(3x^2 + 2x + 1) - 5 \\ &= 12x^2 + 8x + 4 - 5 \\ &= \underline{12x^2 + 8x - 1} \end{aligned}$$