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Operations on functions:

We can do arithmetic with functions to build new functions:

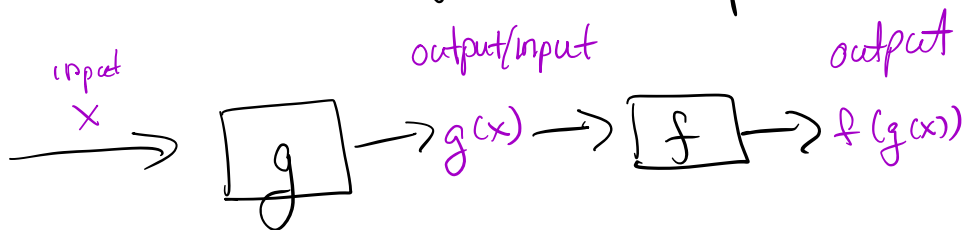
- 1) $(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$
 - 2) $(f-g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$
 - 3) $(f \cdot g)(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$
 - 4) $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$
- The domain of $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f+g \\ f-g \\ f \cdot g \\ \frac{f}{g} \end{array} \right\}$ must have values that are in both f and g

Additionally for the domain of

$$\frac{f}{g} = \{ x \mid x \in D_f \cap D_g, g(x) \neq 0 \}$$

↑ ↑ ↑
"is in" "domain of f" "domain of g"

5) One step further: $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$ "o" composition



Ex Let $f(x) = x^2 + 5x$ and $g(x) = 7x - 3$

Find the following functions and state their domain

a) $(f+g)(x)$, b) $(f-g)(x)$, c) $(f \cdot g)(x)$, d) $(\frac{f}{g})(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } (f+g)(x) &= f(x) + g(x) \\ &= (x^2 + 5x) + (7x - 3) = x^2 + 12x - 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } (f-g)(x) &= f(x) - g(x) \\ &= (x^2 + 5x) - (7x - 3) = x^2 + 5x - 7x + 3 \\ &= x^2 - 2x + 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } (f \cdot g)(x) &= f(x) \cdot g(x) \\ &= (x^2 + 5x)(7x - 3) = 7x^3 - 3x^2 + 35x^2 - 15x \\ &= 7x^3 + 32x^2 - 15x \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{d) } \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{x^2 + 5x}{7x - 3} = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

↑ This is an example of a "rational function"

What about the domains?

domain of $f = \mathbb{R}$
all real #'s

domain of $g = \mathbb{R}$

for a) \rightarrow c) domains = \mathbb{R}

d) All values so that $g(x) \neq 0$ $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$

Find where $g(x) = 0$ and
exclude that value from the domain.

$$g(x) = 7x - 3 = 0$$

$$7x - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 3/7$$

$$\text{domain of } \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \left\{ x \mid x \neq 3/7 \right\}$$

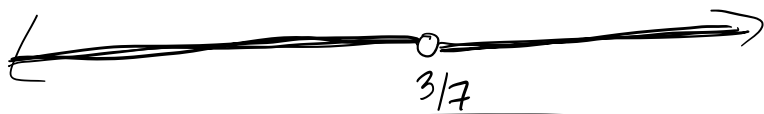
"set builder notation"

$(-\infty, 3/7) \cup (3/7, +\infty)$ in interval notation

yet another way to say this:

$$\mathbb{R} - \left\{ 3/7 \right\}$$

(WebWork
asks for
this)



Ex let $f(x) = \sqrt{x+2}$ $g(x) = x^2 - 5x + 4$

Find $\left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x)$ and its domain

$$\left(\frac{g}{f}\right) = \frac{g(x)}{f(x)} = \frac{x^2 - 5x + 4}{\sqrt{x+2}}$$

domain of $g(x) = \mathbb{R}$ or $(-\infty, +\infty)$

domain of $f(x) \Rightarrow$ since there is a radical we must make sure

$$x+2 \geq 0$$

$$-2 \quad -2$$

$$x \geq -2$$



$$[-2, +\infty)$$

domain \Rightarrow values in both $\rightarrow [-2, +\infty)$

Remember we are looking for the domain of the quotient so must remove any value x so that $g(x) = 0$

$$\sqrt{x+2} = 0$$

$$x = -2$$

Final answer: domain of $\left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x) = \frac{x^2 - 5x + 4}{\sqrt{x+2}}$

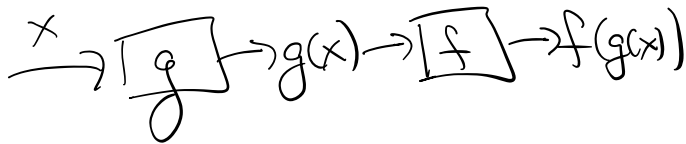
You try: $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$

$$= (-2, +\infty)$$

Ex Let $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ $g(x) = x + 3$. Find the following

Compositions

a) $(f \circ g)(3)$



b) $(g \circ f)(3)$

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

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

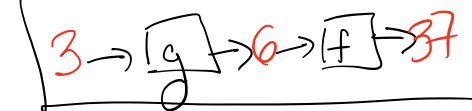
a) $(f \circ g)(3) = f(\boxed{g(3)})$

2nd ↑
1st ↑

$g(3) = 3 + 3 = 6$

$f(x) = x^2 + 1$

$g(x) = x + 3$



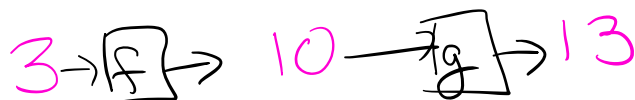
$f(6) = 6^2 + 1 = 37$

$(f \circ g)(3) = 37$

b) $(g \circ f)(3) = g(\underline{f(3)})$

$f(3) = 3^2 + 1 = 10$

$g(10) = 10 + 3 = 13$



$(g \circ f)(3) = 13$

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

2nd ↑
1st ↑

$$= f(x+3)$$

$$= (x+3)^2 + 1$$

$$= (x+3)(x+3) + 1$$

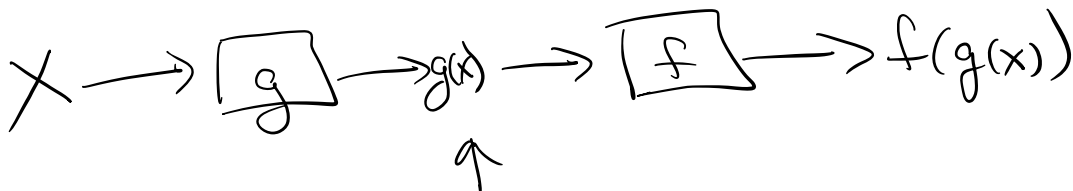
$$= x^2 + 6x + 9 + 1$$

$$= x^2 + 6x + 10$$

$$(f \circ g)(x) = x^2 + 6x + 10$$

$$f(x) = x^2 + 1$$

$$f(\Delta) = \Delta^2 + 1$$



↑

check that $g(x) \in \text{domain of } f(x)$

$$g(x) = x+3 \text{ domain } \mathbb{R}$$

→ range real values

$$f(x) = x^2 + 1 \rightarrow \text{domain } \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{domain of } (f \circ g)(x) = \mathbb{R}$$

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

2nd ↑
1st ↑

$$= g(x^2+1) = (x^2+1)+3$$

$$= x^2+4$$

$$f(x) = x^2 + 1$$

$$g(x) = x+3$$

$$g(\Delta) = \Delta+3$$

$$(g \circ f)(x) = x^2 + 4$$



domain $f(x) = \mathbb{R}$ make sure $f(x)$ in the domain of $g(x)$

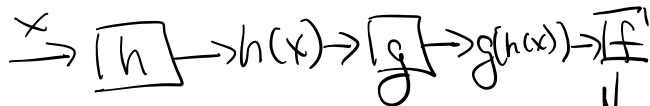
→ outputs real values

$g(x)$ accepts all real values

domain of $(g \circ f)(x) = \mathbb{R}$

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

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↓
 $f(g(h(x)))$

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

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

