

# Symmetries and operations on functions

## Lesson #5

### MAT 1375 Precalculus

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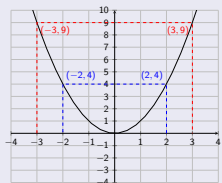
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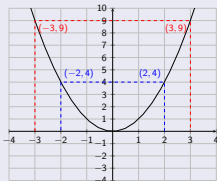
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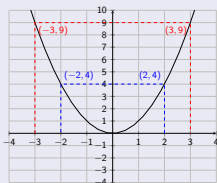
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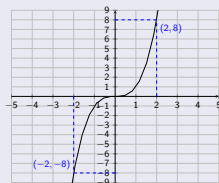
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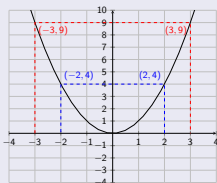
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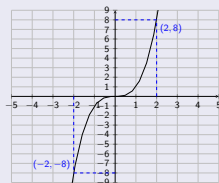
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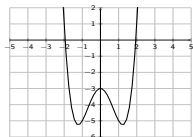
**Note:** If 0 is in the domain, then  $f(0) = f(-0) = -f(0)$ , so that:

$$f(0) = 0$$

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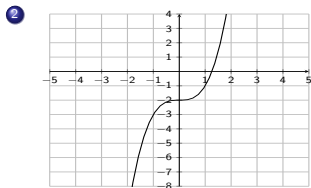
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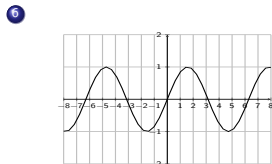


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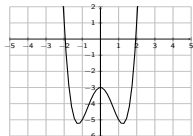
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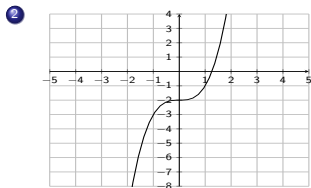
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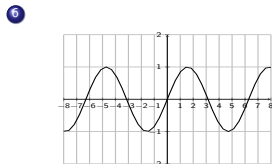
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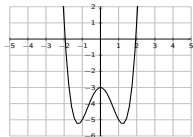




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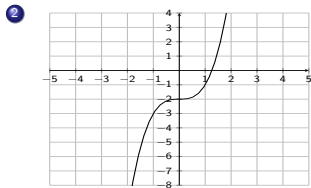
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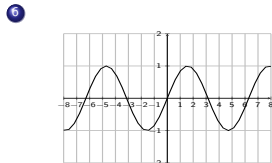
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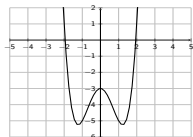


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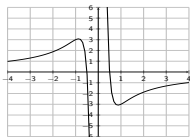
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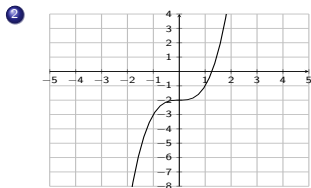


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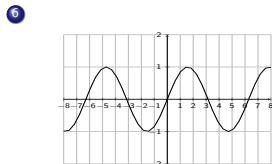
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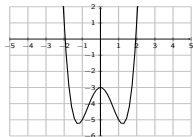


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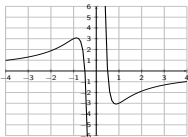
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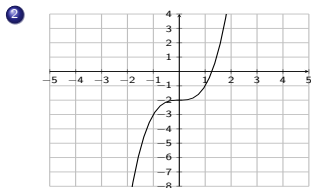
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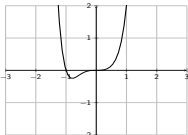
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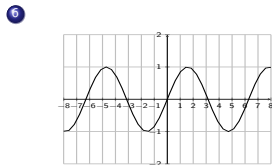


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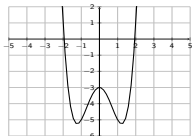
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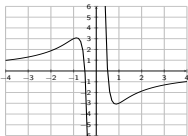
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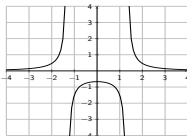
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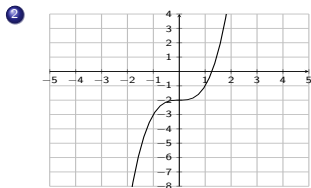


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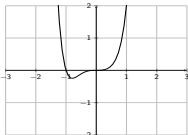


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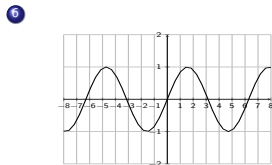


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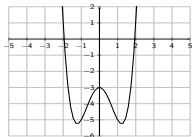
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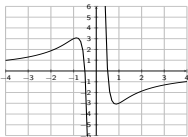
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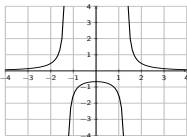
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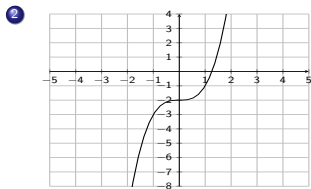


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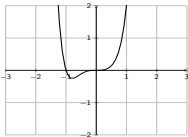


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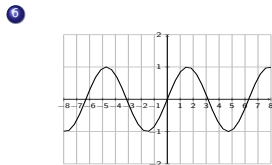


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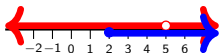
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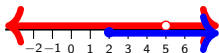
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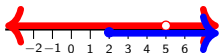
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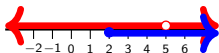
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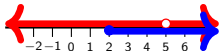
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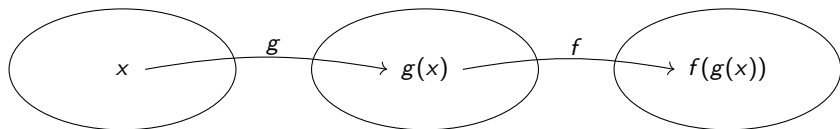
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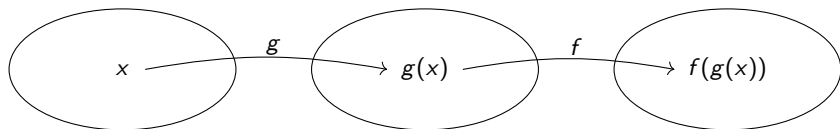
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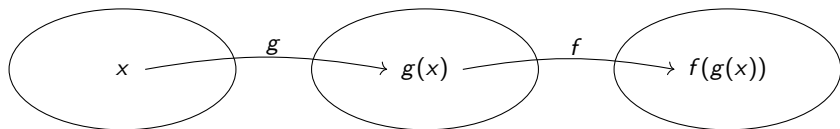
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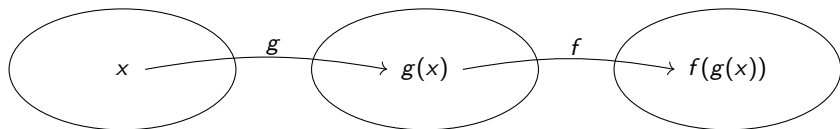
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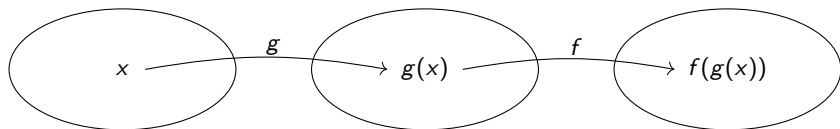
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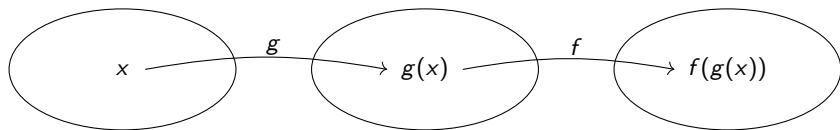
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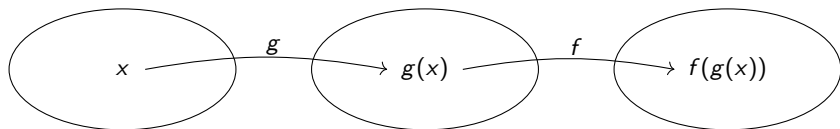
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# Composition

Use the output of the function  $g$  as an input for the function  $f$ :



## Definition

The *composition*  $f \circ g$  is the function  $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$ .

The domain of  $f \circ g$  are all  $x$  for which  $g(x)$  is defined and then  $f(g(x))$  is also defined.

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$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = \\ = f(x + 3) \\ = (x + 3)^2 - 5(x + 3) + 8 \\ = x^2 + 6x + 9 - 5x - 15 + 8 \\ = x^2 + x + 2$$

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