

I. Composite Functions – plugging one function into another

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

* work from the inside out *

A. Given $f(x) = 2x^2 - 3$ and $g(x) = 4x$, find:

1. $(f \circ g)(1) =$

2. $(g \circ f)(2) =$

3. $(f \circ f)(-2) =$

4. $(g \circ g)(-1) =$

B. Graph $(f \circ g)(x)$

In your calculator...

type $f(x)$ in f_1

type $g(x)$ in f_2

type $f_1(f_2(x))$ in $f_3 \rightarrow$ this is your $(f \circ g)(x)$

C. Given $f(x) = x^2 + 3x - 1$ and $g(x) = 2x + 3$, find :

5. $(f \circ g)(x) =$

6. $(g \circ f)(x) =$

7. $(g \circ g)(x) =$

D. Given $f(x) = \sqrt{x-2}$ and $g(x) = 1 - 2x$, find:

8. $(f \circ g)(x) =$

9. $(g \circ f)(x) =$

10. $(g \circ g)(x) =$

E. Given $f(x) = x^2 + 4$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{x - 4}$, find:

11. $(f \circ g)(x) =$

12. $(g \circ f)(x) =$

13. $(g \circ g)(x) =$

F. Given $f(x) = x^2 + 3x - 1$ and $g(x) = 2x + 3$, find:

14. $(f \circ g)(x) =$

15. $(g \circ f)(x) =$

G. Given $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+2}$ and $g(x) = \frac{4}{x-1}$, find:

16. $(f \circ g)(x) =$

17. $(f \circ f)(x) =$

H. Find the functions f and g such that $f \circ g = H$

18. If $H(x) = (x^2 + 1)^{50}$

19. If $H(x) = \frac{1}{x+1}$

I. If $f(x) = 3x - 4$ and $g(x) = 1/3 (x + 4)$, show that $(f \circ g)(x) = (g \circ f)(x) = x$.