

7-3 Function Operations

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ex. 1

Let $f(x) = 3x^{1/2}$, $g(x) = 2x^{1/2}$

$f(x) + g(x) = 5x^{1/2}$ domain: $x \geq 0$

$f(x) \cdot g(x) = 3x^{1/2} \cdot 2x^{1/2} = 6x$ domain: $x \geq 0$

ex. 2

Let $f(x) = x + 5$, $g(x) = x^2 - 25$

$f(x) - g(x) = x + 5 - (x^2 - 25) = -x^2 + x + 30$ domain: x is all real #s

$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{x+5}{x^2-25} = \frac{x+5}{(x+5)(x-5)} = \frac{1}{x-5}$ domain: $x \neq 5, -5$

Composition of Functions

$f(g(x))$

"f of g of x"

ex. 3

Let $f(x) = x^{-1}$, $g(x) = x + 1$

Domain: $x \neq -1$
ck. inside function + composition

$f(g(x)) = f(x+1) = (x+1)^{-1}$

domain: $x \neq -1$

$g(f(x)) = g(x^{-1}) = \frac{1}{x} + 1$

domain: $x \neq 0$

$f(f(x)) = f(x^{-1}) = (x^{-1})^{-1} = x$

domain: $x \neq 0$