

# Composition and Inverse Functions

DAY 5

## Finding Domain Analytically:

<p><b><u>DOMAIN WHEN X IS IN THE DENOMINATOR</u></b></p> <p>If in the form: <math>\frac{1}{x}</math>, <b>Domain:</b> <math>\mathbb{R}, x \neq 0</math></p> <p>The denominator cannot equal 0. Set up an equation with the denominator equal to zero and solve.</p>	$f(x) = \frac{3}{4x-1}$
<p><b><u>DOMAIN OF A RADICAL FUNCTION</u></b></p> <p>If in the form: <math>y = \sqrt{x}</math>, <b>Domain:</b> <math>x \geq 0</math></p> <p>The radicand is always positive. Set the radicand <math>\geq 0</math> and solve.</p>	$y = \sqrt{3x+5}$
<p><b><u>WHEN A RADICAL IS IN THE DENOMINATOR</u></b></p> <p>If in the form: <math>\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}</math> <b>Domain:</b> <math>\mathbb{R}, x &gt; 0</math></p> <p>The denominator cannot equal 0. Set up an equation with the denominator equal to zero and solve.</p>	$y = \frac{4}{\sqrt{2x-1}}$
<p><b><u>Function Composition</u></b></p> <p><math>f(x) = x + 3</math>      <math>g(x) = x^2</math></p> <p>1) Find <math>g(f(x))</math> or <math>(g \circ f)(x)</math>.</p> <p><b>First, substitute the inside function for f(x).</b></p> $g(f(x)) = g(x+3)$ <p><b>Second, substitute the function (f) into the function (g) for x.</b></p> $= (x+3)^2$ <p><b>Third, Simplify.</b></p> $\begin{aligned} &= (x+3)(x+3) \\ &= x^2 + 3x + 3x + 9 \\ &= x^2 + 6x + 9 \end{aligned}$	<p><math>f(x) = 2x + 1</math>      <math>g(x) = x - 5</math></p> <p>Find <math>f(g(x))</math>.</p> <p>Find <math>g(f(x))</math>.</p>

# Inverse Functions

Given two functions  $f$  and  $g$ , the composite function, denoted by  $f \circ g$  (read as “f of g” or “f composed with g”), is defined by  $f(g(x)) = g(f(x)) = x$ .

The domain of  $f \circ g$  is the set of all numbers  $x$  in the domain of  $g$  such that  $g(x)$  is in the domain of  $f$ .

## Table

A function's inverse,  $f^{-1}$ , will map the output values back the input values.

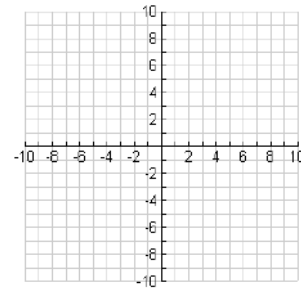
$f(x)$	
x	y
1	14
2	15
3	16

$f^{-1}(x)$	
x	y
14	1
15	2
16	3

\* The  $x$  and  $y$  values are switched.

## On a Graph

The inverse will be the original graph's reflection over the line  $y = x$ .



## Find the Inverse Function

Find the inverse of  $f(x) = 2x^2 + 5$

First, Switch the  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$x = 2y^2 + 5$$

Second, Solve for  $y$ .

$$x - 5 = 2y^2$$

$$\frac{x - 5}{2} = y^2$$

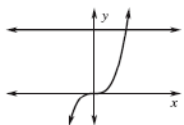
$$\sqrt{\frac{x - 5}{2}} = y$$

## Is the Inverse a Function?

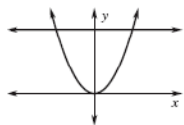
### HORIZONTAL LINE TEST

The inverse of a function  $f$  is also a function if and only if no horizontal line intersects the graph of  $f$  **more than once**.

Function



Not a function



## Verifying two functions are inverses!

$$f(x) = x^2 + 1 \quad g(x) = \sqrt{x - 1}$$

Determine if the two functions are inverses.

First, find  $f(g(x))$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= f(\sqrt{x - 1}) \\ &= (\sqrt{x - 1})^2 + 1 \\ &= x - 1 + 1 \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

Second, find  $g(f(x))$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= g(x^2 + 1) \\ &= \sqrt{x^2 + 1 - 1} \\ &= \sqrt{x^2} \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

Lastly, verify that both composition functions equal  $x$ !

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

1. Find $(f \circ g)(4)$	2. Find $(f \circ g)(x)$  Then evaluate your composition function at 4.
3. Find $(f \circ f)(1)$	4. Find $(f \circ f)(x)$  Then evaluate your composition function at 1.

5. The surface area  $S$  (in square meters) of a hot air balloon is given by  $S(r) = 4\pi r^2$  where  $r$  is the radius of the balloon (in meters). If the radius  $r$  is increased with time  $t$  (in seconds) according to the formula  $r(t) = \frac{2}{3}t^3$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , find the surface area  $S$  of the balloon as a function of the time  $t$ .

The function  $f$  is one-to-one. Find its inverse then state the domain of  $f$  and find its range using  $f^{-1}$ .

6.  $f(x) = \frac{4}{2-x}$

Step 1: Switch  $x$  and  $y$ .

Step 2: Solve for  $y$ .

Step 3: Write the inverse as  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

Step 4: Find the domain of  $f(x)$ .

Step 5: Find the domain of  $f^{-1}(x)$ ,  
which is the range of  $f(x)$ .

7.  $f(x) = \frac{3x+1}{-x}$

Verify that the functions are inverses of each other by showing that  $f(g(x)) = x$  and  $g(f(x)) = x$ .

8.  $f(x) = 2x + 6$  and  $g(x) = \frac{1}{2}x - 3$

9.  $f(x) = \frac{x-5}{2x+3}$  and  $g(x) = \frac{3x+5}{1-2x}$

# PRACTICE

# DAY 5

Given that  $f(x) = 3x + 2$  and  $g(x) = 2x^2 - 1$ .

1. Find $(f \circ g)(x)$	2. $(g \circ f)(x)$
3. Find $(g \circ f)(2)$	4. $(g \circ g)(0)$

5. The volume  $V$  of a right circular cylinder of height  $h$  and radius  $r$  is  $V = \pi r^2 h$ . If the height is twice the radius, express the volume  $V$  as a function of  $r$ .
6. The head circumference  $C$  of a child is related to the height  $H$  of the child (both in inches) through the function  $H(c) = 2.15C - 10.53$ .
- (a) Express the head circumference  $C$  as a function of height  $H$ .
- (b) Predict the head circumference of a child who is 26 inches tall.