

## Do Now: Question 3

Find  $\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$  for each of the following.

1.  $f(x) = 4x^2 - 2x + 3$

2.  $f(x) = -16x^2 + 9x + 10$

3.  $f(x) = 4 - 3x - 7x^2$

Handwritten work for problem 3:

$$\frac{4 - 3(x+h) - 7(x+h)^2 - (4 - 3x - 7x^2)}{h}$$

Expansion of  $(x+h)^2$  is shown as  $x^2 + 2xh + h^2$ .

$$\frac{4 - 3x - 3h - 7x^2 - 14xh - 7h^2 - 4 + 3x + 7x^2}{h}$$

$$\frac{-3h - 14xh}{h}$$

$$-3 - 14x$$

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Two functions can be combined to form a new function.

Given:  $f(x) = x^2 + 4$  and  $g(x) = 2x$ , then the composite function  $f \circ g$ , read "f following g," can be defined by  $[f \circ g](x) = f(g(x))$ . "f of g of x"

If we want to find  $f(g(4))$ , we can go about it two ways:

**First way:**

Since  $g(4) = 8$  then  $f(g(4)) = f(8) = 8^2 + 4 = 68$

Therefore  $f(g(4)) = 68$

**Second way:**

Since  $g(x) = 2x$ , then  $f(g(x)) = f(2x) = (2x)^2 + 4 = 4x^2 + 4$

Now we can plug 4 into that rule so  $f(g(4)) =$

$$4(4)^2 + 4 = 68$$

Given:  $f(x) = x^2 + 4$  and  $g(x) = 2x$

Example 1: Using the functions given above find: (a)  $g(f(x))$

$$\begin{aligned} g(f(x)) &= g(x^2 + 4) \\ &= 2(x^2 + 4) \\ &= 2x^2 + 8 \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $g(f(4))$

$$f(4) = 4^2 + 4 = 20$$

$$g(20) = 2(20) = 40$$

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Notice that  $[f \circ g](x) \neq [g \circ f](x)$ . Therefore, the operation of composition is not commutative.

Example 2:

Let  $f(x) = 3x - 5$  and  $g(x) = 2 - x^2$ . Find:

(a)  $[f \circ g](0) = 1$

$$g(0) = 2 - 0^2 = 2$$

$$f(2) = 3(2) - 5 = 1$$

(c)  $[f \circ f](4)$

$$f(4) = 3(4) - 5 = 7$$

$$f(7) = 3(7) - 5 = 16$$

(e)  $f(g(-2))$

$$g(-2) = 2 - (-2)^2 = -2$$

$$f(-2) = 3(-2) - 5 = -11$$

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

$$f(2 - x^2)$$

$$3(2 - x^2) - 5$$

$$6 - 3x^2 - 5$$

$$1 - 3x^2$$

(b)  $g(f(0))$

$$f(0) = 3(0) - 5 = -5$$

$$g(-5) = 2 - (-5)^2 = -23$$

(d)  $[g \circ g](3)$

$$g(3) = 2 - (3)^2 = -7$$

$$g(-7) = 2 - (-7)^2 = -47$$

(f)  $g(f(x))$

$$g(3x - 5) = 2 - (3x - 5)^2$$

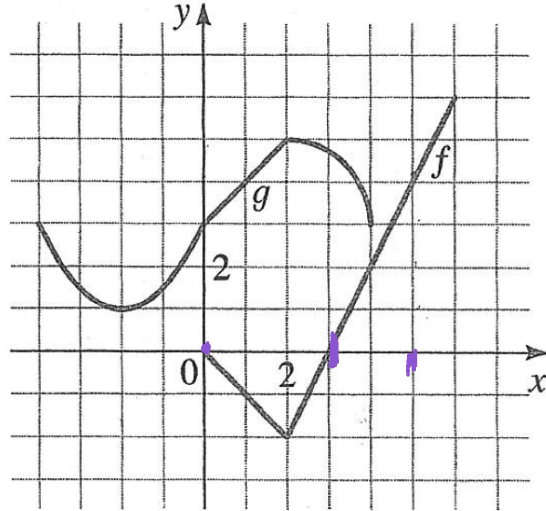
$$= 2 - (9x^2 - 30x + 25)$$

$$= 2 - 9x^2 + 30x - 25$$

$$= -9x^2 + 30x - 23$$

**Practice:**

For 1-6, use the given graphs of  $f$  and  $g$  to evaluate the expression.



1.  $f(g(2))$

$$f(5)$$
$$\textcircled{4}$$

2.  $g(f(0))$

$$g(0)$$
$$3$$

3.  $(g \circ f)(4)$

$$f(4) = 2$$
$$g(2) = 5$$

4.  $(f \circ g)(4)$

$$g(4) = 3$$
$$f(3) = 0$$

5.  $(g \circ g)(-2)$

$$g(-2) = 1$$
$$g(1) = 4$$

6.  $(f \circ f)(4)$

$$f(4) = 2$$
$$f(2) = -2$$

7. For each of the following, find the functions  $(f \circ g)(x)$  and  $(g \circ f)(x)$ .

(a)  $f(x) = 2x + 3$ ,  $g(x) = 4x - 1$

(b)  $f(x) = 6x - 5$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{x}{2}$

(c)  $f(x) = x^3 + 2$ ,  $g(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$

(d)  $f(x) = x^2$ ,  $g(x) = \sqrt{x - 3}$

(e)  $f(x) = x^2$ ,  $g(x) = x - 1$

8. Find  $f(g(h(x)))$

(a)  $f(x) = x - 1$ ,  $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$ ,  $h(x) = x + 1$

$$h(x) = x + 1$$

$$g(h(x)) = \sqrt{x + 1}$$

$$f(g(h(x))) = \sqrt{x + 1} - 1$$

$$(b) f(x) = \frac{1}{x}, \quad g(x) = x^3, \quad h(x) = x^2 + 2$$

$$h(x) = x^2 + 2$$

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

$$f(g(h(x))) = \frac{1}{(x^2 + 2)^3}$$

$$(c) f(x) = x^4 + 1, \quad g(x) = x - 5, \quad h(x) = \sqrt{x}$$



$$(d) \quad f(x) = \sqrt{x}, \quad g(x) = \frac{x}{x-1}, \quad h(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$$

# Difference Quotient Homework

①  $f(x) = 3x + 2$

$$\frac{3(x+h)+2 - (3x+2)}{h} = \frac{\cancel{3x} + 3h + \cancel{2} - \cancel{3x} - \cancel{2}}{h} = \frac{3h}{h} = 3 \quad h \neq 0$$

②  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$

$$\frac{(x+h)^2 + 1 - (x^2 + 1)}{h} = \frac{\cancel{x^2} + 2xh + h^2 + \cancel{1} - \cancel{x^2} - \cancel{1}}{h} = \frac{2xh + h^2}{h} = 2x + h \quad h \neq 0$$

③  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x - 4$

$$\frac{(x+h)^2 + 3(x+h) - 4 - (x^2 + 3x - 4)}{h} = \frac{\cancel{x^2} + 2xh + h^2 + \cancel{3x} + 3h - \cancel{4} - \cancel{x^2} - \cancel{3x} + \cancel{4}}{h}$$

$$\frac{2xh + h^2 + 3h}{h} = 2x + h + 3 \quad h \neq 0$$

④  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 5x + 3$

$$\frac{2(x+h)^2 - 5(x+h) + 3 - (2x^2 - 5x + 3)}{h} = \frac{\cancel{2x^2} + 4xh + 2h^2 - \cancel{5x} - 5h + \cancel{3} - \cancel{2x^2} + \cancel{5x} - \cancel{3}}{h}$$

$$\frac{4xh + 2h^2 - 5h}{h} = 4x + 2h - 5 \quad h \neq 0$$

$$\textcircled{5} f(x) = 3 - 5x + 4x^2$$

$$\frac{3 - 5(x+h) + 4(x+h)^2 - (3 - 5x + 4x^2)}{h}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{3} - \cancel{5x} - 5h + \cancel{4x^2} + 8xh + 4h^2 - \cancel{3} + \cancel{5x} - \cancel{4x^2}}{h} = \frac{-5h + 8xh + 4h^2}{h} = \frac{-5 + 8x + 4h}{h} \quad h \neq 0$$

$$\textcircled{6} f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 12x - 8$$

$$\frac{(x+h)^3 - 6(x+h)^2 + 12(x+h) - 8 - (x^3 - 6x^2 + 12x - 8)}{h}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{x^3} + 3x^2h + 3xh^2 + h^3 - \cancel{6x^2} - 12xh - 6h^2 + \cancel{12x} + 12h - \cancel{8} - \cancel{x^3} + \cancel{6x^2} - \cancel{12x} + \cancel{8}}{h}$$

$$\frac{3x^2h + 3xh^2 + h^3 - 12xh - 6h^2 + 12h}{h}$$

$$3x^2 + 3xh + h^2 - 12x - 6h + 12 \quad h \neq 0$$