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PC: Decomposition of Functions

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Do Now:

1.

For each function h given below, decompose h into the composition of two functions f and g so that $h = f \circ g$. = $f(g(x))$

(a) $h(x) = (x + 5)^2$

$$g(x) = x + 5$$
$$f(x) = x^2$$

(b) $h(x) = \sqrt[3]{5x^2 + 1}$

$$g(x) = 5x^2 + 1$$
$$f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$$

(c) $h(x) = 2^{\cos x}$

$$g(x) = \cos x$$
$$f(x) = 2^x$$

(d) $h(x) = \cos(2^x)$

$$g(x) = 2^x$$
$$f(x) = \cos x$$

(e) $h(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 1} - 1}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1} + 1}$

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

or

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

$$f(e(x))$$

$$f(3x) = (3x)^2 = 9x^2$$

$$a(a(x))$$

$$a(x+1) = x+1+1 = x+2$$

8. Express each of the following below as composites of two or more of the following:

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

$$e(x) = 3x \quad k(x) = \sqrt{x} \quad f(x) = x^2$$

(a) $3x+1$

$$a(e(x))$$

(h) $x+2$

$$a(a(x))$$

(o) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$

$$h(k(x))$$

(b) $3x+3$

$$e(a(x))$$

(i) $x-1$

$$b(a(x)) \text{ or } a(b(x))$$

(p) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x-2}}$

$$h(k(b(x)))$$

(c) $3x^2$

$$e(f(x))$$

(j) x^2-1

$$a(b(f(x))) \text{ or } b(a(f(x)))$$

(q) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x-2}}$

$$h(b(k(x)))$$

(d) $9x^2$

$$f(e(x)) \text{ or } e(e(f(x)))$$

(k) $3x+2$

$$a(a(e(x)))$$

(r) $x^2 \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{+ power} \\ \text{- root}}} = \sqrt{x^3}$

$$k(g(x)) \text{ or } g(k(x))$$

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

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

(l) $\sqrt{x^3+1}$

$$k(a(g(x)))$$

$\frac{1}{3}x = \frac{x}{3}$

hint: create $\frac{3}{x}$

first

(f) $9x+3$

$$e(a(e(x)))$$

(m) $\sqrt{x+1}$

$$k(a(x))$$

$$3 \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

then flip it

(g) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}$

(n) $\sqrt{x}+1$

$$a(k(x))$$

$$h(e(h(x)))$$

$$h(k(a(f(x))))$$

Homework 10-13

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For 1 – 4, express the function in the form $f \circ g \circ h$.

1. $F(x) = \sqrt[3]{\sqrt{x}-1}$

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

2. $F(x) = (4 + \sqrt[3]{x})^9$

$h(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$
 $g(x) = 4+x$
 $f(x) = x^9$

3. $F(x) = \frac{2}{(3 + \sqrt{x})^2}$

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

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

4. $F(x) = \sqrt[4]{x^3+9}$

$h(x) = x^3$
 $g(x) = x+9$
 $f(x) = \sqrt[4]{x}$

5. Find the functions f and g so that $h(x) = (f \circ g)(x)$

(a) $h(x) = (x-1)^3 - 2$

$g(x) = x-1, f(x) = x^3 - 2$

(b) $h(x) = 2(x+1)^2 + 3$

$g(x) = x+1, f(x) = 2x^2 + 3$

(c) $h(x) = \frac{x+1}{x+2}$

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

6. Find the functions f, g and h so that $F(x) = (f \circ g \circ h)(x)$

$F(x) = \sqrt{(x^2 - 3x)^5}$

$h(x) = x^2 - 3x$

$g(x) = x^5$

$f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

Remember these answers are not unique. You may have come up with other answers that work.