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**Worksheet 2.5—Building Functions from other Functions**Give simplified, exact values for all answers. **No Calculator is Permitted unless specifically stated.****I. Multiple Choice**

A 1. If the point  $(3, 4)$  lies on the graph of an invertible function  $f$ , then which of the following points lies on the graph of its inverse?

- (A)  $(4, 3)$     (B)  $(3, -4)$     (C)  $\left(3, \frac{1}{4}\right)$     (D)  $(-3, 4)$     (E) None of these

A 2. The inverse of the function  $f(x) = 7x + 8$  will be

- (A)  $g(x) = \frac{x-8}{7}$     (B)  $g(x) = \frac{1}{7x+8}$     (C)  $g(x) = \frac{8}{x-7}$     (D)  $g(x) = -7x - 8$     (E)  $g(x) = -\frac{1}{7}x + 8$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 7x + 8 \\ x &= \frac{y-8}{7} \\ \frac{y-8}{7} &= x \end{aligned} \quad g(x) = \frac{x-8}{7}$$

C 3. If  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  and  $g(x) = x^2$ , then  $(gf)(x) =$

- (A)  $\frac{\sqrt{x}}{x}$     (B)  $|x|$     (C)  $x^{5/2}$     (D)  $x$     (E)  $\frac{x}{\sqrt{x}}$

$$\begin{aligned} (gf)(x) &= \sqrt{x} \cdot x^2 \\ &= x^{1/2} x^2 \\ &= x^{1/2+2} \\ &= x^{5/2} \end{aligned}$$

D 4. If  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  and  $g(x) = x^2$ , then  $(g \circ f)(x) =$

- (A)  $\frac{\sqrt{x}}{x}$     (B)  $|x|$     (C)  $x^{5/2}$     (D)  $x$     (E)  $\frac{x}{\sqrt{x}}$

$$\begin{aligned} (g \circ f)(x) &= (\sqrt{x})^2 \\ &= (x^{1/2})^2 \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

D 5. If  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  and  $g(x) = x^2$ , then  $(f \circ g)(x) =$

(A)  $\frac{\sqrt{x}}{x}$  (B)  $|x|$  (C)  $x^{5/2}$  (D)  $x$  (E)  $\frac{x}{\sqrt{x}}$

$$(f \circ g)(x) = (\sqrt{x^2})^{1/2}$$

$$= x$$

C 6. Suppose  $f$  and  $g$  are functions with domain of all real numbers. Which of the following is NOT necessarily true?

(A)  $(f+g)(x) = (g+f)(x)$  (B)  $(fg)(x) = (gf)(x)$  (C)  $f(g(x)) = g(f(x))$

(D)  $(f-g)(x) = -(g-f)(x)$  (E)  $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$

$f+g = g+f$   $f \cdot g = g \cdot f$

$= -(-f+g)$   $\swarrow$  same  $\searrow$

$= (f-g)$

A 7. If  $f(x) = x-7$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{4-x}$ , what is the domain of  $\frac{f}{g}$ ?

(A)  $(-\infty, 4)$  (B)  $(-\infty, 4]$  (C)  $(4, \infty)$  (D)  $[4, \infty)$  (E)  $(4, 7) \cup (7, \infty)$

$$\frac{f}{g} = \frac{x-7}{\sqrt{4-x}}$$

$$4-x > 0$$

$$-x > -4$$

$$x < 4$$

E 8. If  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ , then  $(f \circ f)(x) =$

(A)  $2x^2 + 2$  (B)  $2x^2 + 1$  (C)  $x^4 + 1$  (D)  $x^4 + 2x^2 + 1$  (E)  $x^4 + 2x^2 + 2$

$$(f \circ f)(x) = (x^2 + 1)^2 + 1$$

$$= x^4 + 2x^2 + 1 + 1$$

$$= x^4 + 2x^2 + 2$$

B 9. Which of the following relations is equivalent to  $y = |x|$ ?

(A)  $y = x$  (B)  $y = \sqrt{x^2}$  (C)  $y^3 = x^3$  (D)  $y = (\sqrt{x})^2$  (E)  $x = |y|$

10. Let  $h(x) = \frac{4x+5}{2x-7}$  and  $f(x) = x+6$ . If  $h(x) = (g \circ f)(x)$ , then  $g(x)$  is ??

(A)  $\frac{4x+1}{2x-13}$  (B)  $\frac{4x-1}{2x+13}$  (C)  $\frac{4x}{2x} - \frac{5}{7}$  (D)  $\frac{4x-19}{2x-5}$  (E) None of these

$h(x) = \frac{4(x+6)+1}{2(x+6)-13}$   
 $= \frac{4x+24+1}{2x+12-13}$   
 $= \frac{4x+25}{2x-1}$

$\frac{4x-1}{2x+13}$   
 $= \frac{4(x+6)-1}{2(x+6)+1}$   
 $= \frac{4x+24-1}{2x+12+1}$   
 $= \frac{4x+23}{2x+13}$

$\frac{4x}{2x} - \frac{5}{7}$   
 $= \frac{4(x+6)}{2(x+6)} - \frac{5}{7}$   
 $= \frac{4x+24}{2x+12} - \frac{5}{7}$   
 $= \frac{4x+24}{2x+12} - \frac{5(2x+12)}{7(2x+12)}$   
 $= \frac{4x+24-10x-60}{14x+28}$   
 $= \frac{-6x-36}{14x+28}$   
 $= \frac{-3x-18}{7x+14}$

$\frac{4x-19}{2x-5}$   
 $= \frac{4(x+6)-19}{2(x+6)-5}$   
 $= \frac{4x+24-19}{2x+12-5}$   
 $= \frac{4x+5}{2x+7}$

## II. Short Answer

11. If  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+3}$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{x-4}$ , find formulas for  $h = \frac{f}{g}$ ,  $\frac{g}{f}$ ,  $f+g$ ,  $f \circ g$ , and  $g \circ f$ .

Give the domain of each.

$\frac{f}{g} = \frac{\sqrt{x+3}}{\sqrt{x-4}}$   
 $x+3 \geq 0$   $x-4 \geq 0$   $\sqrt{x-4} \neq 0$   
 $x \geq -3$   $x \geq 4$   $x \neq 4$   
 $\Rightarrow x > 4$   
 $D_f: \{x | x > 4\}$

$\frac{g}{f} = \frac{\sqrt{x-4}}{\sqrt{x+3}}$   
 $x-4 \geq 0$   $x+3 \geq 0$   $\sqrt{x+3} \neq 0$   
 $x \geq 4$   $x \geq -3$   $x \neq -3$   
 $\Rightarrow x \geq 4$   
 $D_g: \{x | x \geq 4\}$

$f+g = \sqrt{x+3} + \sqrt{x-4}$   
 $x+3 \geq 0$   $x-4 \geq 0$   
 $x \geq -3$   $x \geq 4$   
 $\Rightarrow x \geq 4$   
 $D_{f+g}: \{x | x \geq 4\}$

$f \circ g = \sqrt{\sqrt{x-4}+3}$   
 $x-4 \geq 0$   $\sqrt{x-4}+3 \geq 0$   
 $x \geq 4$   $\sqrt{x-4} \geq -3$   
 $\Rightarrow x \geq 4$   
 $D_{f \circ g}: \{x | x \geq 4\}$

$g \circ f = \sqrt{\sqrt{x+3}-4}$   
 $x+3 \geq 0$   $\sqrt{x+3}-4 \geq 0$   
 $x \geq -3$   $\sqrt{x+3} \geq 4$   
 $x+3 \geq 16$   
 $x \geq 13$   
 $D_{g \circ f}: \{x | x \geq 13\}$

12. For each of the following, find  $f(g(x))$  and  $g(f(x))$ . Find the domain of each and decide if  $f$  and  $g$  are inverses. Give an explanation for your answers.

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

$f(g(x)) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}-1}$   $g(f(x)) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{x-1}}$   
 $x \geq 0$   $\sqrt{x}-1 \neq 0$   $\sqrt{x-1} \neq 0$   $x-1 \geq 0$   
 $x \neq 1$   $x \neq 1$   $x \geq 1$   
 $D_f: \{x | x \geq 0, x \neq 1\}$   $D_g: \{x | x \geq 1\}$   
 $f(g(x)) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}-1} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x}+1}{\sqrt{x}+1} = \frac{\sqrt{x}+1}{x-1}$   
 $g(f(x)) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{x-1} \cdot \frac{x-1}{x-1}} = \sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x-1}} = \sqrt{1} = 1$

$f+g$  are not inverses

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

$f(g(x)) = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x-1}+1}$   $g(f(x)) = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x+1}-1}$   
 $x-1 \neq 0$   $\frac{1}{x-1}+1 \neq 0$   $x+1 \neq 0$   $\frac{1}{x+1}-1 \neq 0$   
 $x \neq 1$   $\frac{1}{x-1} \neq -1$   $x \neq -1$   $\frac{1}{x+1} \neq 1$   
 $1 \neq -(x-1)$   $1 \neq x+1$   
 $0 \neq x-1$   $0 \neq x+1$   
 $x \neq 1$   $x \neq -1$   
 $D_f: \{x | x \neq 1\}$   $D_g: \{x | x \neq -1\}$   
 $f(g(x)) = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x-1}+1} = \frac{1}{\frac{1+x-1}{x-1}} = \frac{1}{\frac{x}{x-1}} = \frac{x-1}{x}$   
 $g(f(x)) = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x+1}-1} = \frac{1}{\frac{1-x+1}{x+1}} = \frac{1}{\frac{-x+2}{x+1}} = \frac{x+1}{-x+2}$

$f+g$  are not inverses

13. Decompose each of the following functions  $h$  into two functions  $f$  and  $g$  such that  $h(x) = f(g(x))$ . Find two, different, non-trivial decompositions.

(a)  $h(x) = \sqrt{x^2-5x}$

(b)  $h(x) = \frac{3}{x^3-5x+6}$

(c)  $h(x) = \sqrt{x+e^{\sqrt{x}}}$

Answers will vary

(a) If  $f(2) = 9$ , find  $f^{-1}(9)$

(b) If  $f^{-1}(-3) = 1$ , find  $f(1)$ .

(c) if  $f(x) = 5 - 2x$ , find  $f^{-1}(-3)$

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$(9, 2)$

$(-3, 1)$

$(1, 3)$

$$f^{-1}(9) = 2$$

$$f(1) = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 5 - 2x \\ x &= 5 - 2y \\ x - 5 &= -2y \\ y &= \frac{x-5}{-2} \\ f^{-1}(x) &= \frac{x-5}{-2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(-3) &= \frac{-3-5}{-2} \\ &= \frac{-8}{-2} \\ &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

(a)  $f(x) = (2 - x^3)^5$

$$(b) \ f(x) = \frac{2-7x}{3x-1}$$

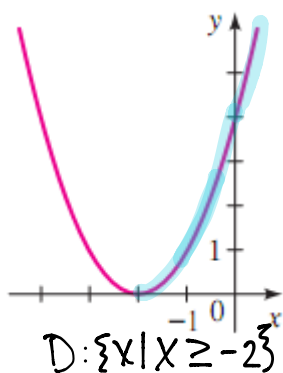
$$\begin{aligned} y &= (2-x^3)^5 \\ (x)^{1/5} &= (2-y^3)^{1/5} \\ x^{1/5} &= 2-y^3 \\ x^{1/5} \cdot 2 &= -y^3 \\ (-x^{1/5} + 2)^{1/5} (y^3)^{1/5} \\ (-x^{1/5} + 2)^3 &= g(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \frac{2-7x}{3x-1} \\ x &= \frac{2-7y}{3y-1} \\ x(3y-1) &= 2-7y \\ 3xy-x &= 2-7y \\ 3xy+x &= 2+x \\ \frac{y(3x+1)}{3x+1} &= \frac{2+x}{3x+1} \\ y &= \frac{2+x}{3x+1} \\ g(x) &= \frac{2+x}{3x+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(g(x)) &= 2 - 7 \left( \frac{2+x}{3x+7} \right) \cdot \frac{(3x+7)}{(3x+7)} \\ &= \frac{2(3x+7) - 7(2+x)}{3(2+x) - (3x+7)} \\ &= \frac{6x+14-14-7x}{6+3x-3x-7} \\ &= \frac{-x}{-1} \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{And } g(f(x)) &= \frac{2 + \left(\frac{2-7x}{3x-1}\right) \left(\frac{3x-1}{3x-1}\right)}{3\left(\frac{2-7x}{3x-1}\right) + 7} \\ &= \frac{2(3x-1) + 2-7x}{3(2-7x) + 7(3x-1)} \\ &= \frac{6x - 2 + 2 - 7x}{6 - 21x + 21x - 7} \\ &= \frac{-x}{-1} \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

(a)



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

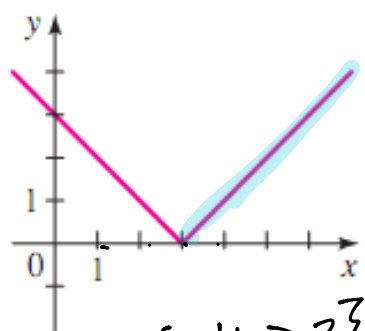
$$y = (x+2)^2$$
$$\sqrt{x} = \sqrt{(y+2)^2}$$

$$\sqrt{x} = y + 2$$

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

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

(b)



$$D: \{x | x \geq 3\}$$

$$f(x) = |x - 3|$$

$$y = |x - 3|$$

$$x = |y - 3|$$

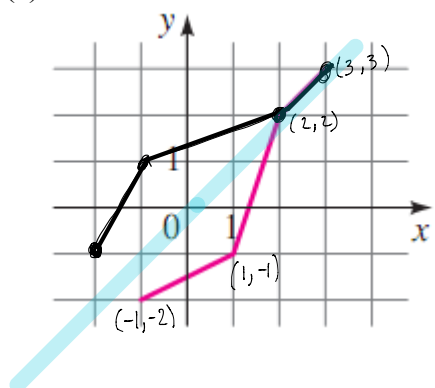
$$x = y - 3$$

$$x + 3 = y$$

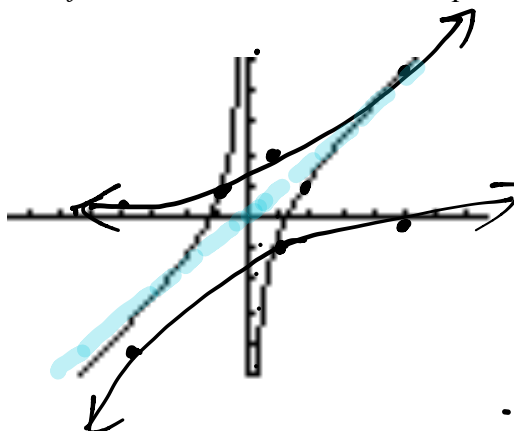
$$f^{-1}(x) = x + 3$$

17. Use the graph of each function,  $f$ , to sketch the graph of  $f^{-1}$ . Assume the scales are square.

(a)



(b)



18. Korpiceello's Pizza charges a base price of \$5 for a large pizza, plus \$2 for each topping.

- Write an equation for the total cost,  $C$ , of a large pizza with  $n$  toppings.
- Find the equation for  $C^{-1}(n)$ , the inverse function of  $C(n)$ .
- What is practical interpretation (or what is the usefulness) of  $C^{-1}(n)$ ?
- What are **your** favorite toppings? If you only had \$10 to spend, how many, and which, toppings would you/could you get?

$$a) C(n) = 2n + 5$$

$$C = 2n + 5$$

$$n = \frac{C - 5}{2}$$

$$\frac{n - 5}{2} = \frac{C}{2}$$

$$C = \frac{n - 5}{2}$$

$$b) C^{-1}(n) = \frac{n - 5}{2}$$



c) To find how many toppings you could buy.

$$d) C^{-1}(10) = \frac{10 - 5}{2} = \frac{5}{2} \text{ toppings}$$