

Lesson Title 5.5b Composition of Functions

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TASK 1: Evaluating Functions using $f(x) = x + 4$ and $g(x) = x^2$

a) $f(2) = 2 + 4$
 $\textcolor{red}{f(2)} = \textcolor{red}{6}$; $(2, 6)$

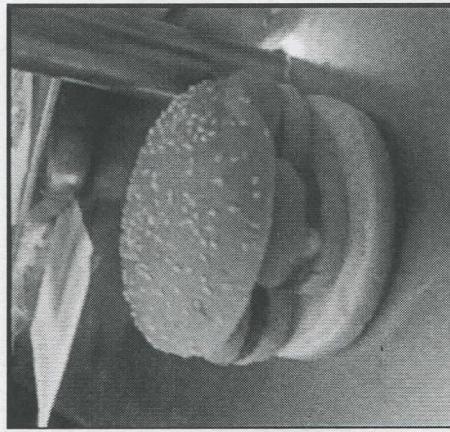
b) $g(-1) = (-1)^2$
 $\textcolor{blue}{g(-1)} = \textcolor{blue}{1}; (-1, 1)$

c) $f(100) = 100 + 4$
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 $(100, 104)$

d) $g(d) = d^2$
 (d, d^2)

OBJECTIVE 1: Composition of Functions

"Function Composition" is applying one function to the results of another:



The result of $f()$ is sent through $g()$

It is written: $(g \circ f)(x)$

Which means: $g(f(x))$

TASK 2: Let $f(x) = 2x + 1$ and $g(x) = 6x$. Perform the composition of functions.

a) $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$
 $= 2(6x) + 1$
 $= 12x + 1$

b) $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$
 $= 6(2x + 1) = 12x + 6$

TASK 3: Let $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ and $g(x) = x - 1$. Perform the composition of functions.

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

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

TASK 4: Show that $\frac{f \circ g}{g \circ f} = 1$, if $f(x) = x^2$ and $g(x) = x$.

$$\frac{x^2}{x^2} = 1$$

<p><u>TASK 5:</u> Let $f(x) = 4x - 3$ and $g(x) = x^2 + 4$. Find each value.</p> <p>a) $(f \circ g)(2) = f(g(2))$</p> $g(2) = 2^2 + 4$ $= 8$ $f(8) = 4(8) - 3 = 29$ <p><u>$(f \circ g)(2) = 29$</u></p>	<p>b) $g(f(-1)) = (g \circ f)(-1)$</p> $f(-1) = 4(-1)^2 - 3 = -7$ $g(-7) = (-7)^2 + 4 = 53$ <p><u>$g(f(-1)) = 53$</u></p>	<p><u>TASK 6:</u> Let $f(x) = x^2 + 2$ and $g(x) = 3x - 8$. Perform the composition of functions.</p> <p>a) $(f \circ f)(x) = f(f(x))$</p> $= (x^2 + 2)^2 + 2$ $= (x^2 + 2)(x^2 + 2) + 2$ $= x^4 + 4x^2 + 6$ <p><u>$(f \circ f)(x) = x^4 + 4x^2 + 6$</u></p> <p><u>TASK 7:</u> Let $f(x) = x^2$ and $g(x) = x - 1$. For which value of x is...</p> <p>a) $(f \circ f) \geq (g \circ f)$?</p> $(x-1)^2 \geq x^2 - 1$ $x^2 - 2x + 1 \geq x^2 - 1$ $x < 1 \quad \boxed{(-\infty, 1]}$ <p><u>$(x-1)^2 \leq x^2 - 1$</u></p> <p>b) $(f \circ g) \leq (g \circ f)$?</p> $(x-1)^2 \leq x^2 - 1$ $x^2 - 2x + 1 \leq x^2 - 1$ $x > 1 \quad \boxed{(1, \infty)}$
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