

SEC 3.6 COMBINING FUNCTIONS

1. ADD FUNCTIONS: $(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$ DOMAIN
 $A \cap B$

EX. $f(x) = x^2 - 3$ DOMAIN: $(-\infty, \infty)$ $g(x) = 2x - 5$ DOMAIN: $(-\infty, \infty)$

$$(f+g)(x) = (x^2 - 3) + (2x - 5) = \boxed{x^2 + 2x - 8}$$
DOMAIN: $(-\infty, \infty)$

2. SUBTRACT FUNCTIONS: $(f-g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$ DOMAIN
 $A \cap B$

EX. $(f-g)(x) = (x^2 - 3) - (2x - 5)$

$$x^2 - 3 \quad -2x + 5 = \boxed{x^2 - 2x + 2}$$
DOMAIN: $(-\infty, \infty)$

3. MULTIPLY FUNCTIONS: $(fg)(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$ DOMAIN
 $A \cap B$

EX. $(fg)(x) = (x^2 - 3)(2x - 5)$

$$\boxed{2x^3 - 5x^2 - 6x + 15}$$
DOMAIN: $(-\infty, \infty)$

4. DIVIDE FUNCTIONS: $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \quad \{x \in A \cap B \mid g(x) \neq 0\}$ DOMAIN

EX. $\frac{x^2 - 3}{2x - 5}$

DOMAIN: $(-\infty, \frac{5}{2}) \cup (\frac{5}{2}, \infty)$

$2x - 5 \neq 0$
 $+5 \quad +5$
 $\frac{2}{2}x = \frac{5}{2}$

5. COMPOSITION OF FUNCTIONS:

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

↑ GET
↑ INSERT FOR x

EX. $f(x) = x^2 - 3$

$g(x) = 2x - 5$

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

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

$$4x^2 - 20x + 25 - 3$$

$$\boxed{4x^2 - 20x + 22}$$

EX. $(g \circ f)(x)$
↑ GET
↑ INSERT

$$2x - 5$$

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

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

$$= \boxed{2x^2 - 11}$$

EX. $(f \circ g)(-2)$

↑ GET ↑ INSERT

$$2x - 5$$

$$2(-2) - 5$$

$$-4 - 5$$

$$\boxed{-9}$$

$$2x - 5$$

$$2(2x - 5) - 5$$

$$2(-9) - 5$$

$$-18 - 5$$

$$\boxed{-23}$$

$$4x - 10 - 5$$

$$4x - 15$$

$$4(-2) - 15$$

$$-8 - 15$$

$$\boxed{-23}$$

#3 $f(x) = \sqrt{1+x^2}$

DOMAIN: $(-\infty, \infty)$

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

DOMAIN: $(-\infty, 1]$

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

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

c) $(fg)(x) = \sqrt{1+x^2} \cdot \sqrt{1-x}$

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

$$\sqrt{1-x+x^2-x^3} \quad (-\infty, 1]$$

d) $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}}{\sqrt{1-x}} = \sqrt{\frac{1+x^2}{1-x}} \quad (-\infty, 1)$

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

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

a) $(f \circ g)(-2)$

$$2 - (-2)^2$$

$$2 - 4$$

$$(-2)$$

$$3(-2) - 5$$

$$-6 - 5$$

$$\boxed{-11}$$

b) $(g \circ f)(-2)$

$$3(-2) - 5$$

$$-6 - 5$$

$$(-11)$$

$$2 - (-11)^2$$

$$2 - 121$$

$$\boxed{-119}$$