

Chapter 10 – Section 10.1 Composition of Functions

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In order to be prepared for class you must watch the module and complete the following activity. This is due first thing when you get to class.

Check your understanding:

1. Given $f(x) = \frac{3}{x}$ and $g(x) = x^4 - 1$, what is $g(f(x))$?

2. Let $m(x) = e^x$ and $n(x) = \frac{x^6}{x+1}$. Does $n(m(x)) = \frac{e^{6x}}{e^{x+1}}$?

3. Write two functions $u(x)$ and $v(x)$ such that $f(x) = \frac{4x^2+1}{12x^2} = u(v(x))$.

4. Give a **practical interpretation in words** of the following composite functions.

a. $f(h(t))$, where $A = f(r)$ is the area of a circle of radius r and $r = h(t)$ is the radius of the circle at time t .

b. $R(Y(q))$, where R gives a farmer's revenue as a function of corn yield per acre, and Y gives the corn yield as a function of the quantity, q , of fertilizer.