

1.2.2

1. Given  $f(x) = x - 4$

(a)  $f(5) = 5 - 4$   
 $= 1$

(b)  $f(3) = 3 - 4$   
 $= -1$

2.  $g(x) = 2x^2 - 10$

(a)  $g(2) = 2(2)^2 - 10$   
 $= 2(4) - 10$   
 $= 8 - 10$   
 $= -2$

(b)  $g(-2) = 2(-2)^2 - 10$   
 $= 8 - 10$   
 $= -2$

(c)  $g(x) = 8$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x^2 - 10 &= 8 \\ \Rightarrow 2x^2 &= 8 + 10 \\ \Rightarrow x^2 &= \frac{18}{2} = 9 \\ \Rightarrow x &= \pm 3 \end{aligned}$$

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

(a)  $f(3)$

$$f(3) = 3(3) - 5 = 9 - 5 = 4$$

(b)  $f(-2)$

$$f(-2) = 3(-2) - 5 = -6 - 5 = -11$$

(c)  $f(x) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow 3x - 5 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{6}{3} = 2$$

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

(a)  $f(10)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(10) &= (10)^2 - 3 \\ &= 100 - 3 \\ &= \underline{\underline{97}} \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $f(-1)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(-1) &= (-1)^2 - 3 \\ &= 1 - 3 \\ &= \underline{\underline{-2}} \end{aligned}$$

(c)  $f^{-1}(x)$

$x$  in terms of  $y$ .

$$\begin{aligned} y &= x^2 - 3 \\ \Rightarrow y + 3 &= x^2 \\ \Rightarrow x &= \pm \sqrt{y + 3} \end{aligned}$$

5.

$f(x) = 2x - 4$

$g(x) = 3x + 5$

(a)  $gf(x) = 3(2x - 4) + 5 = 6x - 12 + 5$   
 $= 6x - 7$

$$gf(3) = 6(3) - 7 = 18 - 7 = \underline{\underline{11}}$$



(b)  $f^{-1}(x)$

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y in terms of x

$$y = 2x - 4$$

$$\Rightarrow y + 4 = 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{y+4}{2}$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x+4}{2}$$

(c)  $f(x) = g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow 2x - 4 = 3x + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x - 3x = 5 + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow -x = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -9$$

x \_\_\_\_\_ x

6.  $f(x) = 3x + 1$  and  $g(x) = x^2$

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

(b)  $g(f(x)) = (3x + 1)^2 = 9x^2 + 1 + 6x$

(c)  $f(g(x)) = g(f(x))$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 + 1 = 9x^2 + 6x + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 6x^2 + 6x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = -x$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = -1}}$$

x \_\_\_\_\_ x

7.  $f(x) = x^2 - 17$  and  $g(x) = x + 3$

(a)  $g^{-1}(x)$

$x$  in terms of  $y$

$$y = x + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y - 3$$

$$\therefore g^{-1}(x) = x - 3$$

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(c)  $f^{-1}(x) = g^{-1}(x)$

$$\sqrt{x + 17} = x - 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 17 = (x - 3)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 17 = x^2 + 9 - 6x$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = x^2 + 9 - 6x - x - 17$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 7x - 8 = 0$$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} &\cancel{x^2 - 7x - 8 = 0} \\ &\cancel{(x - 3)(x + 2)} \end{aligned}}$$

(b)  $f^{-1}(x)$

$x$  in terms of  $y$

$$y = x^2 - 17$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = y + 17$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{x = \pm \sqrt{y + 17}} \quad x = \sqrt{y + 17}$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \pm \sqrt{x + 17}$$

$x$



8. A function  $f$  is defined such that

$$f(x) = x^2 - 1$$

(a) find an expression for  $f(x-2)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x-2) &= (x-2)^2 - 1 \\ &= x^2 + 2 - 4 - 1 = x^2 - 3 \end{aligned}$$

(b) solve:  $f(x-2) = 0$

$$x^2 - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm\sqrt{3}$$

9.

$$f(x) = 4x - 1$$

$$g(x) = kx^2, \text{ } k \text{ is constant}$$

(a)  $f^{-1}(x)$

$x$  in terms of  $y$

$$\text{let } y = 4x - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x = y + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{y+1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x+1}{4}$$

$$fg(2) = 12$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(g(x)) &= 4(kx^2) - 1 \\ &= 4kx^2 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(g(2)) &= 4k(4) - 1 \\ &= 16k - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 16k - 1 = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow 16k = 13 \Rightarrow k = \frac{13}{16}$$