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⑥ $h = f \circ g$ $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 8x + 15}{x + 3}$ $g(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 4}$

$h(x) = f(g(x))$

① Domain of g
 $(-\infty, -2] \cup [2, \infty)$ ✓

② Range of g
 $[0, \infty)$

* Is f defined on whole range of g ?

Domain f : $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{-3\}$

Domain of h = Domain of g
 $= (-\infty, -2] \cup [2, \infty)$

Diagram: Input → g → f → Output

So, let us discuss the sixth question. So, in the sixth question we have to calculate the domain of the function h , where h is given as the composition function, the composite function $f \circ g$, where $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 8x + 15}{x + 3}$. So, we can write it as $f(x)$ as it is a function of x and $g(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 4}$. So, we have to calculate what is the domain of the function h ?

So, $h(x) = f(g(x))$. So, how will we compute the domain of $h(x)$? Observe that the input value of h firstly come from the input value of g . So, let us begin with computing what is the domain of g x, I mean from where the g is taking its input. So, to begin with, calculate, so this is the first step, calculate the domain of g . So, you have seen earlier that domain of g is nothing but $(-\infty, -2] \cup [2, +\infty)$. So, this is the domain of g .

So, from this set g is taking its input. Now, if we take input from this set, then we will get some values as output from g and those output basically those are the, those are in the range of g and those output must be inside the domain of f , otherwise the f will not define. So, let us compute what is the range of g . So, you have seen that this is a square root function, so range of g is nothing but 0 to ∞ . So, it is nothing but the non-negative real numbers.

Now, let us ask the question, is f defined on whole range of g ? This is the question. If f is defined on the whole that means, if I am giving the input in the f here in f composite in the

whole range of g , I mean whatever the outputs coming from g is accepted as the input of f , then the domain of the function is nothing but the domain of g , because domain of g means we are giving input, so let me write this is my g and this is my f , so we are giving input, getting some output and if all the output elements, I mean if all this set, if everything is in the output set is taken as the input of f , then these inputs, these set is nothing but the domain of h .

So, here, let us observe what is the domain of f , I mean what inputs f can take. So, domain of f is nothing but all the real numbers except -3 , but observe that -3 is not in the range of g because range of g is nothing but non-negative real numbers. So, -3 is not there. So, anything in the, which is in the range of g can be taken as input in the f . So, whatever I am giving input in the g , we are getting some output and all the outputs are taken as the input of f .

So, the domain of h here is nothing but domain of g . Remember, this is for this particular case. There may be some cases where this range of g , the whatever I am getting as the range of g cannot I mean all the elements may not be taken as an input of f . There can be some case, I will show an example there, but in this particular case, in this question number 6, we are seeing that domain of g is nothing but domain of h because the range, the range set is basically a subset of domain of f . So, let me write here. So, let me finish this at first. So, domain of g is nothing but this thing $(-\infty, -2] \cup [2, \infty)$. So, this is the domain of h .

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

Step 1 Domain of g .
Step 2 Range of g .

Case I: If $\text{Range of } g \subseteq \text{Domain of } f$
 $\text{Domain of } f \circ g = \text{Domain of } g$

Example 1
 $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-3}$
 $g(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 4}$

Step 1 Domain of g : $(-\infty, -2] \cup [2, \infty)$
Step 2 Range of g : $[0, \infty)$

Domain of f : $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{3\}$
 $f(g(x)) = f(3)$ not defined.

$g(x) = 3 \Rightarrow \sqrt{x^2 - 4} = 3 \Rightarrow x^2 - 4 = 9 \Rightarrow x^2 = 13 \Rightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{13}$

Domain of h : $(-\infty, -\sqrt{13}) \cup (-\sqrt{13}, -2] \cup [2, \sqrt{13}) \cup (\sqrt{13}, \infty)$

So, what we have seen here? We have seen that to find the domain of some composite function f composite, the step 1, we must calculate what is domain of g . If we calculate domain of g , then we have to calculate, so let me write this as $h(x) = f \circ g(x)$. So, it is nothing but f of $g(x)$. So, these things are this $g(x)$, these are in range of g . So, step 2 must be calculating range of g .

Now, there some cases can arrive. So, if case 1, if range of g is subset of domain of f which we have seen in the question number 6, which we have seen in the example we have just discuss, if range of g is subset of domain of f , then see every value which are in the output of g can be taken as input in f , so no problem arises. So, domain of the composite function f composite is same as domain of g . So, this is domain of g , this is range of g . So, this is case 1.

Now, what other case can arrive? So, let us see another example before going to the case 2. So, I am taking my $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-3}$ and let g be the same, $\sqrt{x^2 - 4}$. So, what are the step, step 1 we have seen. Domain of g , domain of g is nothing but we have already seen this \cup . Step 2, range of g . So, range of g is nothing but 0 to ∞ . Now, we come to the case 1, is this happen? Is range of g is a subset of range of domain of f ?

So, let us calculate domain of f . Domain of f is set of all real number except 3 because when we put 3, this will become undefined, otherwise it is a defined everywhere. So, domain of f is real number, set of real number - this singleton set 3. So, you can see that this 3 is in range of g . So, we are getting some output from g which is not in the domain of f , so we cannot give that value in g for which this 3 is coming.

So, we cannot put that x as input for which $g(x)$ is 3 because in that case this $f(3)$, this is not defined. So, we have to find those x in the domain of g for which $g(x)$ is 3 and we will cut those elements out. So, what is $g(x)$ is 3? $g(x)$ is $\sqrt{x^2 - 4}$ equal to 3, so if we solve this, we will get $x^2 - 4 = 9$, so $x^2 = 13$ which implies $x = \pm\sqrt{13}$. So, for these two values, $+\sqrt{13}$ and $-\sqrt{13}$, we are getting the output as 3 which is cannot, which cannot be given as input in f .

So, we have to eliminate this from the domain. So, in this case we have already seen domain of g is this, so we have to eliminate this $+\sqrt{13}$ from this side and $-\sqrt{13}$ from this side. So, $+\sqrt{13}$ from this side and $-\sqrt{13}$ from this side. So, eventually, our domain of h is $-\infty$ to $-\sqrt{13}$ and again $\cup -\sqrt{13}$ because we are eliminating $-\sqrt{13}$. So, $-\sqrt{13}$ to -2 . This should be closed interval as it is there, 2 to $+\sqrt{13}$. See, $+\sqrt{13}$ is get 2 , you can check.

So, this $\cup +\sqrt{13}$ to ∞ . So, this is the \cup of these 4 intervals, this is the domain of h in this case. So, where h is fog. whereas f is this one and g is this one. So, let us write me as example 1. So, here you have observed that here case 1 is not satisfying so we are going to some other case. So, let me write it.

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case II If Range of $g \not\subseteq$ Domain of f
 then eliminate all those elements from Range of g for which f is not defined.
 eliminate all those elements from Range(g) which are not in the domain(f).
 We have to eliminate from the domain of g for which we are getting these elements in the Range(f) which are not in the domain(f).
 Step 1 Find Domain(g) Step 2 Find Range(g)
 Step 3 Domain(f) Case I If Range(g) \subseteq Domain(f) then Domain($f \circ g$) = Domain(g)
 Case II If Range(g) $\not\subseteq$ Domain of f then do A*.

Case 2, if range of g is not a subset of domain of f , then eliminate all those element, all those elements from range of g for which f is not defined. What does it mean? It means eliminate all those element from range of g which is, which are not in the domain of h . What does it mean by elimination here? So, we have to eliminate from the domain of g , which element from the

domain we have to eliminate? For which we are getting those element in the range of g which are not in the domain of f . So, this is my final conclusion.

So, let us recall the steps. Step 1, find domain of g . Step 2, find range of g . Now, after that two cases will arrive so, before going to the two cases, is better to calculate what is domain of f , what is domain of f . Now observe if, now case 1, if range of g is subset of domain of f , then it is easy, then domain of $f \circ g$ is same as domain of g . Case 2, if range of g is not subset of domain of f , then what we have to do? We have to do this thing. So, let me write it as A^* , then do A^* . So, this is the stepwise procedure to calculate the domain of f compo g .

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The image shows a whiteboard with handwritten mathematical work. At the top, it defines $f(x) = x^2$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$. Below this, it calculates the composite function $h(x) = f \circ g(x) = f(\sqrt{x}) = x$. To the right, it states $h(x) = x$. The next line shows the domain of h as \mathbb{R} , with a large 'X' over it, indicating this is incorrect. Then, it finds the domain of g as $[0, \infty)$. Finally, it concludes that the domain of $f \circ g$ is $[0, \infty)$, marked with a checkmark.

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

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

$$h(x) = f \circ g(x) = f(\sqrt{x}) = x$$

$$h(x) = x$$

$$\text{Domain } h : \mathbb{R} \quad \text{X}$$

$$\text{Domain } g = [0, \infty)$$

$$\text{Domain } f \circ g = [0, \infty) \quad \checkmark$$

Now, you may ask was this the problem if we calculate the f composite beforehand and then solve this, find the domain? So, what I mean here let $f(x) = x^2$, $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$. So, what is $f \circ g$ here? So, $f(g(x))$ is $f(g(x))$ of is \sqrt{x} so, $(\sqrt{x})^2$ whole square that means, x . So, you see that if we calculate this f composite beforehand you can see, so this is our $h(x)$.

So, as a function $h(x)$, the domain of $h(x)$ if I write only this thing, so what is the domain of this thing? This is whole real number, domain of h , let me write this, domain of h is whole real number. But when I am getting $h(x)$ as a composite function, as a composite function $f \circ g$, then is g defined on whole \mathbb{R} , it is not the case. So, domain of g , what is domain of g ? Domain of g is only non-negative real numbers because we cannot put negative real numbers under the square root, otherwise it will give us complex values.

So, domain of g for real valued function is $[0, \infty)$. Only the non-negative real numbers. So, this $f \circ g$, the domain of $f \circ g$ must be a subset of this and if you calculate as we have stated the steps

previously, then you will get domain of $f \circ g$ is nothing but domain of g which is 0 to ∞ . But if you calculate the f compose beforehand, and then try to find what is the domain, then you will get domain of h is \mathbb{R} which is not the case. So, this is the correct one. So, you have to follow the procedure which I have stated in this page. So, this is the correct procedure to find domain of $f \circ g$. Thank you.

