

Model Answers for InClass Exercises

Week 8

(a) $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $f(x) = 5/(7+x)$.
Find the inverse of $f(x)$.

Answer

The inverse of $f(x)$ does not exist as $f(x)$ breaks at $x = -7$ (i.e. $5/(-7+7) = 5/0$)

(b) $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $f(x) = 4x^2 - 1$ and $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $g(x) = x + 3$.

Find $(f \circ g)(x)$, $(g \circ f)(x)$, $(f \circ f)(x)$ and $(g \circ g)(x)$.

Answer

$$(f \circ g)(x) = 4x^2 + 24x + 35$$

$$(g \circ f)(x) = 4x^2 + 2$$

$$(f \circ f)(x) = 64x^4 - 32x^2 + 3$$

$$(g \circ g)(x) = x + 6$$