

## Function Operations with Proper Notation

*Review of material to date*

### The inverse of a function

1. Given  $f(x) = 3x + 2$ . What is the inverse of the function  $f^{-1}(x)$ ?
  - (a) Rewrite the function reversing  $x$  and  $y$ . (assume that  $y$  and  $f(x)$  are interchangeable)
  
  - (b) Solve for  $x$ . Finish by putting  $y$  on the left side of the equality.
  
  - (c) State the answer as  $f^{-1}(x)$  equals an expression.

### Function substitution

2. Given  $f(x) = 3x + 2$ . What is  $f(2x - 1)$ ?
  - (a) Perform the substitution, putting  $2x - 1$  in parenthesis.
  
  - (b) Simplify, beginning each line with a leading equals sign if it is equal to the line above.

### Function composition

3. Given  $f(x) = x^2 + 2$  and  $g(x) = x^2$  What is  $(f \circ g)(x)$ ?
  - (a) Rewrite  $f \circ g$  and perform the inner substitution (i.e. for  $g$ ):  $f(g(x)) = f(x^2)$
  
  - (b) Perform the substitution, putting  $x^2$  in parenthesis (and using a leading equals sign).
  
  - (c) Simplify, beginning each line with a leading equals sign.

## Un scaffolded practice problems

Write answers on loose leaf lined paper using the notation practiced in the previous section.

### The inverse of a function

Derive the inverse of each function. Simplify the expression.

4.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x + 2$
5.  $f(x) = \frac{2}{3}x^2 - 3$
6.  $f(x) = \sqrt{x-1} + \frac{1}{2}$

### Function substitution

7. Given  $f(x) = x^2 - 1$ . Simplify  $f(2x - 1)$ ?
8. Given  $f(x) = x^3$ . Simplify  $f(x + 1)$ ?
9. Given  $f(x) = 4 - (2x^2 + x)$ . Simplify  $f(\frac{1}{2}x - 3)$ ?

### Function composition

In each exercise, perform the composition  $f \circ g$  and simplify.

10. Given  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 1$  and  $g(x) = 2x$
11. Given  $f(x) = \sqrt{x-4}$  and  $g(x) = x^2 + 4$
12. Given  $f(x) = \frac{1-x}{x^2} + 1$  and  $g(x) = 2x + 3$

### New material: factoring quadratics

Expand from vertex form to standard form,  $ax^2 + bx + c$  where  $a, b, c \in R$

13.  $f(x) = (x - 2)^2 + 6$
14.  $f(x) = (x - 5)^2 - 9$

Factor each function.

15.  $f(x) = x^2 + 5x + 6$
16.  $f(x) = x^2 - 7x + 10$
17.  $f(x) = x^2 + 6x + 8$
18.  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 8$
19.  $f(x) = x^2 - 7x - 8$
20.  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x - 10$