

**Goals:**

1. Introduction/Discussion about the course
2. Solve Worksheet Problems

**Even/Odd functions**

Given  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , a function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is:

1. **Even** if  $f(-x) = f(x)$ . Such functions are symmetric about the y-axis.
2. **Odd** if  $f(-x) = -f(x)$ . Such functions are symmetric about the origin.
3. **Neither even nor odd** if 1 and 2 are both not true.

**Problem 1.** Are the following even or odd?

1.  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 1}{3x^3 + x}$
2.  $g(x) = |x| + 3$
3.  $h(x) = \cos x$

**Answer :**

1. Odd
2. Even
3. Even

**Problem 2.** Given  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , determine the domain and range for the functions:

- $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x+2}}{x^2 - 2x - 15}$
- $g(x) = |x - 6| - 3$

**Answer :**

1. Domain:  $[-2, 5) \cup (5, \infty)$       Range:  $\mathbb{R}$
2. Domain:  $\mathbb{R}$       Range:  $[-3, \infty)$

**Function Composition**

Suppose  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are functions such that  $\text{Range}(f) \subseteq \text{Domain}(g)$ . We define their composition,  $g \circ f(x) = g(f(x)) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

**Problem 3.** Given  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+3}$  and  $g(x) = \frac{2}{x}$  Find the domain of  $g \circ f(x)$ .

**Answer :** Refer to notes