

2.6 Notes The Algebra of Functions

The Sum different product or Quotient of Two Functions

Example 1: Let $f(x) = x + 4$ and $g(x) = x^2 + 1$. Find $f(2) + g(2)$

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$$f(2) = 2 + 4 = 6$$

$$g(2) = 2^2 + 1 = 5$$

$$f(2) + g(2) = 6 + 5 = 11$$

Example 2: $f(x) = x^2 - x$ and $g(x) = x + 2$ Find the following.

$$f(4) + g(4)$$

<p>1. $(f + g)(x)$</p> $= f(x) + g(x)$ $= x^2 - x + x + 2 = x^2 + 2$	<p>2. $(f + g)(4)$</p> $(f + g)(x) = x^2 + 2$ $(f + g)(4) = 4^2 + 2 = 18$
<p>3. $(f - g)(x)$</p> $= f(x) - g(x)$ $= x^2 - x - (x + 2)$ $= x^2 - x - x - 2 = x^2 - 2x - 2$	<p>4. $(f - g)(-1)$</p> $(f - g)(x) = x^2 - 2x - 2$ $(f - g)(-1) = (-1)^2 - 2(-1) - 2 = 1 + 2 - 2 = 1$
<p>5. $(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$</p> $= (x^2 - x)(x + 2)$	<p>6. $(fg)(4) = f(4)g(4)$</p> $= (4^2 - 4)(4 + 2) = (12)(6) = 72$
<p>7. $(f/g)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$</p> $= \frac{x^2 - x}{x + 2}$	<p>8. $(f/g)(-3) = \frac{f(-3)}{g(-3)}$</p> $= \frac{(-3)^2 - (-3)}{-3 + 2} = \frac{9 + 3}{-1} = -12$

Example 2: $f(x) = x^2 - 4$ and $g(x) = x - 6$ Find the following.

1. $(f + g)(x)$ $= x^2 + x - 10$	2. $(f + g)(4)$ $= 10$
3. $(f - g)(x)$ $= x^2 - x + 2$	4. $(f - g)(-1)$ $= 4$
5. $(fg)(x)$ $= (x^2 - 4)(x - 6)$	6. $(fg)(4)$ $= -24$
7. $(f/g)(x)$ $= \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 6}$	8. $(f/g)(-3)$ $= -\frac{5}{9}$