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BINARY OPERATIONS

1. Define an operation $*$ on the set of real numbers by $a * b = b^a$
 - i). Is $*$ a binary operation on the set of real numbers? Give reason for your Answer.
 - ii). Is the operation commutative?
 - iii). Evaluate $(3 * 2) * -2$
2. Consider the binary operation $a * b = a + b - 2ab$, where a and b are real numbers.
 - i). Compute $1 * (2 * 3)$ and $(1 * 2) * 3$
 - ii). Is $*$ commutative? Justify your answer
3. Let ' $*$ ' be a binary operation on the set of real numbers defined by
$$a * b = -2^{b-a},$$
Where a and b are real numbers.
 - i). Is $*$ commutative on real number? Justify your answer.
 - ii). Find $-1 * (4 * 9)$
4. Determine whether the following operations are binary on the set of Irrational numbers.
 - a). Addition $[+]$
 - (b). Multiplication $[\times]$
 - (c). Subtraction $[-]$Justify your answers.
- 5 a) Determine whether the binary operation $*$ defined is commutative and whether $*$ is associative
 - i) $*$ defined on Z by letting $a * b = a - b$
 - ii) $*$ defined on Q by letting $a * b = ab + 1$
 - iii) $*$ defined on Z^+ by letting $a * b = 2^{ab}$
 - iv) $*$ defined on Z^+ by letting $a * b = a^b$

b) Determine whether the definition of $*$ does give a binary operation on the set and give a reason why.

- i) On Z^+ define $*$ by letting $a * b = a - b$
- ii) On Z^+ define $*$ by letting $a * b = a^b$
- iii) On R define $*$ by letting $a * b = a - b$
- iv) On Q , define $*$ by letting $a * b = a/b$
- v) On Z^+ define $*$ by letting $a * b = a/b$

6. a) A binary operation $*$ is defined on the set of real numbers as follows:

$$a * b = 2^{-a} + b, \quad a, b \in R$$

- (i) Is the operation $*$ commutative? If not give a counter example.
- (ii) Find the value of $-1 * (0 * 1)$ and $(-1 * 0) * 1$, and state whether $*$ is associative.

b) State whether each of the following operation is a binary operation on Z , the set of integers, where a and b are integers:

- (i) $a * b = 3a - b$
- (ii) $a * b = (ab)^2$
- (iii) $a * b = \sqrt{a - b}$

c) Each of the following operations in I, II, III, IV, V is a binary operation on R

- I: $a * b = (a + b)(a - b)$
- II: $a * b = ab$
- III: $a * b = 2^{a-b}$
- IV: $a * b = a + 2b$
- V: $a * b = a + b - ab$

- a) Determine which ones are commutative and / or associative.
- b) For each of the operations I, II, III, IV and V, evaluate $3 * (7 * 4)$

d) Given the sets $X = \{0, 1\}$ and $Y = \{0, 1, 2\}$,

- (i) Determine whether each of the following operations $+$, $-$, \times , \div is a binary operation on X and on Y .
- (ii) Also check whether each of the operations is commutative or associative.

7. Let $A = \{1, 2\}$ and $B = \{3, 4, 5\}$ be two set. List the element of $A \times B$ and $B \times A$. State if

$$A \times B \neq B \times A?$$

SKETCHING

1 a) Sketch the following curves and indicate clearly the points of intersection with the axes:

- i) $y = (x - 3)(x - 2)(x + 1)$
- ii) $y = (x + 1)(1 - x)(x + 3)$
- iii) $y = x(x + 1)(x - 1)$
- iv) $y = x(2x - 1)(x + 3)$

b) Sketch the curves with the following equations:

- i) $y = (x + 1)^2(x - 1)$
- ii) $y = (x + 2)(x - 1)^2$

- iii) $y = (x - 1)^2x$
- iv) $y = x^2(x - 2)$

c) Factorise the following equations and then sketch the curves

- i) $y = x^3 + x^2 - 2x$
- ii) $y = x^3 + 5x^2 + 4x$

$$\text{iii) } y = x - x^3 \quad \text{iv) } y = 12x^3 - 3x$$

d). Sketch the following curves and show their positions relative to the curve $y = x^3$

$$\text{i) } y = (x - 2)^3 \quad \text{ii) } y = (2 - x)^3 \quad \text{iii) } y = -(x + 2)^3$$

$$\text{iv) } y = (x + 2)^3$$

e). Sketch the following and indicate the coordinates of the points where the curves cross the axes:

$$\text{i) } y = (x + 3)^3 \quad \text{ii) } y = (1 - x)^3 \quad \text{iii) } y = -\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \quad \text{iv) } y = (-x + 2)^3$$

f). Apply the following transformation to the curves with equations $y = f(x)$ where:

$$\text{(i) } f(x) = x^2 \quad \text{ii) } f(x) = x^3 \quad \text{iii) } f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

In each case state the coordinates of points where the curves cross the axes and in (iii) state the equations of any asymptotes.

$$\text{a) } f(x + 2) \quad \text{b) } f(x) + 2 \quad \text{c) } f(x - 1) \quad \text{d) } f(x) - 1$$

g). Apply the following transformation to the curves with equations $y = f(x)$ where:

$$\text{i) } f(x) = x^2 \quad \text{ii) } f(x) = x^3 \quad \text{iii) } f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

In each case show both $f(x)$ and the transformation on the same diagram.

$$\text{(a) } f(2x) \quad \text{(b) } f(-x) \quad \text{(c) } 2f(x) \quad \text{(d) } 4f(x) \quad \text{(e) } \frac{1}{4}f(x)$$

2. Sketch the following rational functions:

$$\text{i) } y = \frac{3}{x+1} \quad \text{ii) } f(x) = \frac{x^2+2}{x-1} \quad \text{iii) } f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x^2+x-3} \quad \text{iv) } f(x) = \frac{x+2}{x-2} \quad \text{v) } f(x) = \frac{x^2-5x+6}{x-2}$$

$$\text{vi) } f(x) = \frac{2x^4}{x^4+1} \quad \text{vii) } f(x) = \frac{2x^2}{x^2+4}$$

3. A) Sketch the following and find the domains :

$$\text{i) } f(x) = 1 - \sqrt{2-3x} \quad \text{ii) } f(x) = \sqrt{x+3} \quad \text{iii) } f(x) = 1 + \sqrt{\frac{x}{2}} \quad \text{iv) } f(x) = -\sqrt{-x+3}$$

$$\text{v) } f(x) = 2 + \sqrt{-3x+2} \quad \text{vi) } f(x) = -\sqrt{x} \quad \text{vii) } f(x) = 2 + 3\sqrt{-x+1} \quad \text{ix) } f(x) = 2\sqrt{-x+1}$$

B) Graph each of the following:

$$\text{i) } f(x) = \begin{cases} -x^2 & \text{for } x \geq 0 \\ 2x^2 & \text{for } x < 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{ii) } f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x+3 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ x^2 & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 2 \\ 1 & \text{if } x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{iii) } f(x) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } x > 2 \\ 1 & \text{if } 0 < x \leq 2 \\ -1 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{iv) } f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x + 1 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ x^2 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Functions

1. Determine whether each of the given relation below is a function or not .

$$\text{(i) } y = x^2 \quad \text{(ii) } y = \begin{cases} 2x + 3, & x \leq 1 \\ 6 - x^2, & x \geq 1 \end{cases} \quad \text{(iii) } y = \begin{cases} x^3, & x < 2 \\ \frac{1}{x}, & x \geq 2 \end{cases} \quad \text{(iv) } y = 3x - 1$$

2. For each of the following functions, find the image of $-2, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, 4, 7$

$$\text{(i) } f(x) = 1 - 6x \quad \text{(ii) } g(x) = (x - 1)^2 \quad \text{(iii) } h(x) = \frac{x-1}{x+1}$$

3. Find the values of the constants in each of the following:

$$\text{(i) } f(x) = ax + b, a \text{ and } b \text{ are constants, } f(-2) = 7, f(1) = -1$$

$$\text{(ii) } f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c, a, b \text{ and } c \text{ are constants, } f(0) = 7, f(1) = 6 \text{ and } f(-1) = 12$$

4. Determine the domain of the following functions:

$$\text{i) } f(x) = 2x + \sqrt{x^2 + 4x - 12} \quad \text{ii) } h(x) = x + \sqrt{3x - 4}$$

$$\text{iii) } k(x) = \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x-1} \quad \text{iv) } L(x) = -x^2 + 2x - 7 \quad \text{v) } f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 2$$

$$\text{vi) } f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 2x - 24} + 2 \quad \text{vii) } f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x^2 - 4} \quad \text{viii) } f(x) = \sqrt[5]{x + 3}$$

$$\text{ix) } k(x) = \sqrt[4]{2x + 1} \quad \text{x) } h(x) = \sqrt[8]{x^3 - 2} \quad \text{xi) } f(x) = x^2 + 4x - 1$$

$$\text{xii) } f(x) = x^2 + \sqrt{x^2 + 4x - 12} \quad \text{xiii) } h(x) = x^2 + \sqrt{x - 1}$$

NOT that for Questions 4 and 5, determine the domain and the range of the function

5. The function f is defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 6, & x < 0 \\ 10 - x, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

a) Sketch $f(x)$.

b) Find the value(s) of a such that $f(a) = 43$.

c) Find the values of the domain that get mapped to themselves in the range.

6. a) The domain of the function $g(x) = \frac{2x-1}{x^2-1}$ is $\{1,2,3,4\}$. Find the range of the function

b) The range of the function $g(x) = 1 - \frac{3}{x}$ is $\{-2,4,5\}$, Find the domain of the function.

7. For each of the given functions find $\frac{f(a+h)-f(a)}{h}$.

(i) $f(x) = 4x + 5$ (ii) $f(x) = x^2 - 3x$ (iii) $f(x) = -x^2 + 4x - 2$

8. Determine whether the function f is even, odd or neither.

(i) $f(x) = x^2 + x$ (ii) $f(x) = \sqrt{2 - x^2}$ (iii) $f(x) = x^2$ (iv) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

(v) $f(x) = 3x - 1$ (vi) $f(x) = x^5 + x^3 + x$ (vii) $f(x) = x^4 + x^2 + 1$

(viii) $f(x) = x^3 + 1$ (ix) $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ $f(x) = -x^3$

9. Find $(f \circ g)(x)$ and $(g \circ f)(x)$ for the following and their domains

(i) $f(x) = 2x$, $g(x) = 3x - 1$. (ii) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$, $g(x) = 3x - 1$

(iii) $f(x) = \sqrt{x-2}$, $g(x) = 3x - 1$ (iv) $f(x) = \frac{4}{x+2}$, $g(x) = \frac{3}{2x}$

10. Solve each of the following problems

(i) If $f(x) = x^2 - 2$ and $g(x) = x + 4$, find $(f \circ g)(2)$ and $(g \circ f)(-4)$

(ii) If $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ and $g(x) = 2x + 1$, find $(f \circ g)(1)$ and $(g \circ f)(2)$

(iii) If $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$ and $g(x) = 3x - 1$, find $(f \circ g)(4)$ and $(g \circ f)(4)$

(iv) If $f(x) = x + 5$ and $g(x) = |x|$, find $(f \circ g)(-4)$ and $(g \circ f)(-4)$

11. Show that $(f \circ g)(x) = x$ and $(g \circ f)(x) = x$

(i) $f(x) = 2x$, $g(x) = \frac{1}{2}x$ (ii) $f(x) = 3x + 4$, $g(x) = \frac{x-4}{3}$

(iii) $f(x) = 4x - 3$, $g(x) = \frac{x+3}{4}$

12. If $f(x) = 3x - 4$ and $g(x) = ax + b$, find the conditions on a and b that guarantee that

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

13. Let $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+2}$ and $g(x) = 2x - 1$.

(i) Find $(f \circ g)(x)$

(ii) Evaluate $(g \circ f)\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)$

(iii) Verify that $(f \circ g)^{-1} = g^{-1} \circ f^{-1}$

14. Verify that the two given functions are inverses of each other

(i) $f(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{5}{6}$ and $g(x) = -2x + \frac{5}{3}$

(ii) $f(x) = x^3 + 1$ and $g(x) = \sqrt[3]{x-1}$

(iii) $f(x) = \sqrt{2x-4}$ for $x \geq 0$ and $g(x) = \frac{x^2+4}{2}$

(iv) $f(x) = x^2 - 4$ for $x \geq 0$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{x+4}$ for $x \geq -4$

15. Find f^{-1} and verify that $(f \circ f^{-1})(x) = x$ and $(f^{-1} \circ f)(x) = x$

(i) $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ for $x \geq 0$ (ii) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ for $x \neq 0$ (iii) $f(x) = \frac{3}{4}x - \frac{5}{6}$

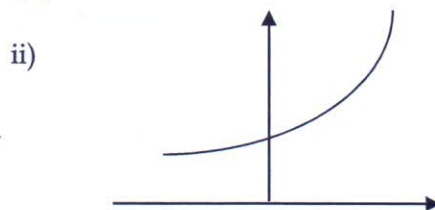
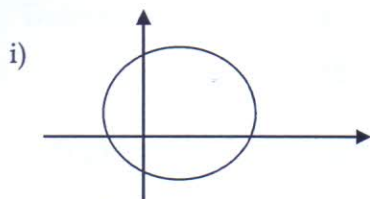
16. The function $f(x)$ is defined by $f(x) = x^2 - 3$ $\{x \in \mathbb{R}, x > 0\}$

i) Find $f^{-1}(x)$

ii) Sketch $f^{-1}(x)$

iii) Find values of x such that $f(x) = f^{-1}(x)$

17. State whether or not the following graphs represent functions. Give reasons for your answers and describe the type of the function.



18. The following mappings f and g are defined on all the real numbers by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 4-x, & x < 4 \\ x^2+9, & x \geq 4 \end{cases} \quad g(x) = \begin{cases} 4-x, & x < 4 \\ x^2+9, & x > 4 \end{cases}$$

Explain why $f(x)$ is a function and $g(x)$ is not.

19. State if the following functions is one to one or many to one

i) $f(x) = 3x + 2$ for the domain $\{x > 0\}$

ii) $f(x) = x^2 + 5$ for the domain $\{x \geq 2\}$

iii) $f(x) = +\sqrt{x+2}$ for the domain $\{x \geq -2\}$

21. Find $f+g$, $f-g$, $f \cdot g$, and $\frac{f}{g}$ and determine their domain

i) $f(x) = \sqrt{x-1}$, $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$ ii) $f(x) = \sqrt{x+2}$, $g(x) = \sqrt{3x-1}$

iii) $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 24$, $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$ iv) $f(x) = -6x - 1$, $g(x) = -x - 1$

22) Find $(f \circ g)(x)$ and $(g \circ f)(x)$. Also specify the domain for each.

i) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$, $g(x) = 2x + 7$ ii) $f(x) = \sqrt{x-2}$, $g(x) = 3x - 1$

iii) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$, $g(x) = \frac{2}{x}$ iv) $f(x) = \frac{4}{x+2}$, $g(x) = \frac{3}{2x}$

23). Determine whether the function is one-to-one. If it is, find the inverse and graph both the function and its inverse.

(i) $f(x) = x^3 - 2$ ii) $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+4}}$ iii) $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2+1}$ iv) $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+4}$

v) $f(x) = x^2 + 3$ vi) $f(x) = x^3$

24). Determine the domain of the following functions

a). $f(x) = \frac{6}{\sqrt{6x-2}}$ (b). $g(y) = \sqrt{\frac{y}{y-8}}$ (c). $h(x) = \sqrt{x-7} + \sqrt{9-x}$

d). $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x+1}{x-1}}$ (e). $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$

25). Graph the function



$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 4 - x^2, & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ x - 3, & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$x - 3, \quad \text{if } x > 1$$

26). Given $f(x) = \frac{x}{|1-x|}$

- (i). Find the domain of $f(x)$.
- (ii). Sketch the graph of $f(x)$.
- (iii). Find the range of $f(x)$

27). Suppose $f(x) = \frac{1+x}{x^2-2x+1}$

- (i). Find the domain of $f(x)$
- (ii). Find the vertical asymptotes if any
- (iii). Find the horizontal asymptotes if any
- (iv). Sketch the graph of $f(x)$.

28.) Sketch the graph of $f(x) = |2x + 1|$. On the same diagram sketch also the graph

of $g(x) = \sqrt{1-2x}$ and, hence, find the values such that $\sqrt{1-2x} > |2x + 1|$

29). In each of the following determine whether f is even, odd or neither

i). $f(x) = x^4$ (ii). $f(x) = x + x^3$ (iii). $f(x) = x^3 - x$ (iv). $f(x) = 2 - x$ 30.

Given the functions $f(x) = 3x + 1$, $h(x) = \frac{1}{x+1}$, $g(x) = x^3$ and $k(x) = \sqrt{x}$;

Find (i). $(f \circ g)(x)$ (ii). $(g \circ f)(x)$ (iii). $(k \circ k)(x)$ (iv). $f[g(k(x))]$

31). (i) If $f(x) = 3x - 4$ and $g(x) = ax + b$, find the conditions of a and b such

that $(f \circ g)(x) = (g \circ f)(x)$.

(ii) If $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{x-1}$. Find the domain and inverse of

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

32). If $f(x) = 3 - x$ and $g(x) = \frac{3x}{x-3}$, $x \neq 3$. Show that this function is its own inverse.

Is $(f \circ g)(x)$ even, odd or neither.

33). If $f(x) = 1 - x^2$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$. Find $(g \circ f)(x)$ and $(f \circ g)(x)$ and their domains

- 34). Show that the function f defined by $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}, x \in \mathbb{R}$, is a bijection on \mathbb{R} on to $\{y: -1 < y < 1\}$
- 35). Let $A = B = \{x \in \mathbb{R}: -1 \leq x \leq 1\}$ and consider the subset $C = \{(x, y): x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$ of $A \times B$. Is this set a function? Explain
- 36). a) If $f(x) = x^2$ and $g(x) = 3x - 4$, find $(g \circ f)(x)$ and $(f \circ g)(x)$ and determine its domain
 b) If $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ and $g(x) = 2x - 1$, find $(f \circ g)(x)$ and determine its domain.
 c) If $f(x) = \frac{2}{x-1}$ and $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$, find $(f \circ g)(x)$ and determine its domain
 d) If $f(x) = 1 - x^2$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$, find $(g \circ f)(x)$ and $(f \circ g)(x)$ determine their domains