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BINARY OPERATIONS

- (1). Define an operation $*$ on the set of real numbers by $x * y = x^2 + 2xy + y^2$
 - (a) Evaluate $(-1 * 2) * 3$.
 - (b) State whether or not the operation is commutative.
 - (c) State whether or not the operation is associative.
- (2). Consider the binary operation $x * y = (x + y)^2 - 2xy$, where x and y are real number.
 - (a) Find $-1 * (2 * 5)$ and $(-1 * 2) * 5$.
 - (b) Is $*$ commutative? Give a reason for your answer.
 - (c) Is $*$ associative? Give a reason for your answer.

- (3). The operation $*$ on the set of real numbers \mathbb{R} is defined by $x * y = x^2 + y^2 - 2$ where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$
- (a) Determine whether $*$ is commutative.
 - (b) Determine whether $*$ is associative.
 - (c) Evaluate $(3 * 2) * 5$.
- (4). Determine whether the following operations are binary on the set of Irrational numbers.
- (a) Addition ($+$).
 - (b) Subtraction ($-$).
 - (c) Multiplication (\times).
 - (d) Division (\div).
- (5). Determine whether or not each of the definition of $*$ given below gives a binary operation. In the event that $*$ is not a binary operation, give justification for this.
- (a) On \mathbb{Z}^+ , define by $x * y = x - y$.
 - (b) On \mathbb{Z}^+ , define by $x * y = xy$.
 - (c) On \mathbb{R} , define by $x * y = xy^2$.
 - (d) On \mathbb{Z}^+ , define by $x * y = |x - y|$.
- (6). For each operation $*$ defined below, determine whether $*$ is commutative or associative
- (a) On \mathbb{Z} , define by $x * y = x - y$.
 - (b) On \mathbb{Q} , define by $x * y = xy + 1$.
 - (c) On \mathbb{Q} , define by $x * y = \frac{xy}{2}$.
- (7). Define an operation $*$ on the set of real numbers defined by $x * y = \frac{x}{y+1}$.
- (a) Is $*$ a binary operation on the set of real numbers.
 - (b) Is $*$ commutative on set of real numbers.
 - (c) Is $*$ associative on the set of real numbers.
- (8). Is the operation $*$ defined by $x * y = \sqrt{x - y}$ a binary operation on \mathbb{R} ?
- (9). Define an operation $*$ on the set of real numbers defined by $x * y = \sqrt[x]{y}$ where x is the index of the radical and y is the radicand.
- (a) Evaluate
 - (i) $3 * 216$.
 - (ii) $2 * (3 * 64)$.
 - (b) Solve $3 * (2x - 3) = 3$.

(10). If $a * b = 2a - b$ where a and b are real numbers. Solve the equation:

(a) $|x * 5| = 1$.

(b) $2x * (x * 3) = 5$.

(c) $|1 * \sqrt{x}| = 1$.

SKETCHING

(11). (a) Sketch the following curves and indicate clearly the points of intersection with the axes

(i) $y = (x+1)(1-x)(x+3)$. (ii) $y = x(2x-1)(x+3)$. (iii) $y = x^3 + 5x^2 + 4x$.

(iv) $y = (x+1)(x-2)(x-4)$. (v) $y = -x^3(x+2)^2(x-2)^2(x-5)$.

(12). Sketch the following functions:

(a) $f(x) = (x+2)^2 - 3$. (b) $f(x) = (x-1)^3 + 2$. (c) $f(x) = -\frac{1}{x}$.

(d) $f(x) = 4 - |x+2|$. (e) $f(x) = 2 + \sqrt{-x+1}$. (f) $f(x) = 2\sqrt{1-x} - 3$.

(13). Graph the following functions:

(a) $f(x) = x^2 + 1$. (b) $f(x) = -x^2 + 2$. (c) $f(x) = -(x-2)^2 + 3$.

(d) $f(x) = 2x^2 + 12x + 17$.

(14). Let $f(x) = -2x^2 + 4x + 16$,

(a) Find the vertex of the graph of f .

(b) Find the range of f .

(c) Find the x -intercepts and y -intercept of the graph of f .

(d) Sketch the graph of f .

(15). Suppose f is a quadratic function whose graph has a vertex at the point $(-3, 2)$ and has a y -intercept at the point $(0, -16)$.

(a) Find the equation for the function f .

(b) Find the x -intercepts of the graph of f .

(16). Write the function $f(x) = 1 - 6x - x^2$ in the form $f(x) = a(x+h)^2 + k$ where a, h, k are constants.

(17). Find the equation of a quadratic function whose graph has a vertical axis of symmetry $x = -2$, the range of f is given by the interval $[4, +\infty)$ and $f(2) = 8$.

(18). Graph the following rational functions:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{(a)} & f(x) = \frac{3}{x+1}. & \text{(b)} & f(x) = \frac{12}{(x-1)(x+2)}. & \text{(c)} & f(x) = \frac{x}{x-3}. \\ \text{(d)} & f(x) = \frac{x^3+4}{(x-3)(x+2)}. & \text{(e)} & f(x) = \frac{x+3}{x^2-x-6}. & \text{(f)} & f(x) = \frac{9}{x^2-9}. \end{array}$$

(19). Graph the following piecewise functions:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{(a)} & f(x) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases} . & \text{(b)} & f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x+1 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ x^2 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases} . \\ \text{(c)} & f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x+3 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ x^2 & \text{if } x \leq x < 2 \\ 1 & \text{if } x \geq 2 \end{cases} . \end{array}$$

(20). Find the values of the constants in each of the following:

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

FUNCTIONS

(21). Determine the domain and the range of the following functions:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{(a)} & f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 2. & \text{(b)} & f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x^2 - 4}. & \text{(c)} & f(x) = 2x + \sqrt{x^2 + 4x - 12}. \\ \text{(d)} & f(x) = \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x-1}. \end{array}$$

$$(22). \text{ Given the function } f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 6 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 10 - x & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases},$$

- (a) Sketch $f(x)$.
- (b) Find the values of a such that $f(a) = 43$.
- (c) Find the values of the domain that get mapped to themselves in the range.

(23). Determine whether the functions f is even, odd or neither;

$$\begin{array}{llll} \text{(a)} & f(x) = x^2 + x. & \text{(b)} & f(x) = \sqrt{2 - x^2}. & \text{(c)} & f(x) = x^2. & \text{(d)} & f(x) = \frac{1}{x}. \\ \text{(e)} & f(x) = 3x - 1 & \text{(f)} & f(x) = x^5 + x^3 + x. & \text{(g)} & f(x) = x^4 + x^2 + 1. \\ \text{(h)} & f(x) = x^3 + 1. & \text{(i)} & f(x) = -x^3. \end{array}$$

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

- (a) $f(x) = 2x$, $g(x) = 3x - 1$. (b) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$, $g(x) = 3x - 1$.
(c) $f(x) = \sqrt{x - 2}$, $g(x) = 3x - 1$. (d) $f(x) = \frac{4}{x + 2}$, $g(x) = \frac{3}{2x}$.

(25). Solve each of the following:

- (a) If $f(x) = x^2 - 2$ and $g(x) = x + 4$, find $(f \circ g)(2)$ and $(g \circ f)(-4)$.
(b) If $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ and $g(x) = 2x + 1$, find $(f \circ g)(1)$ and $(g \circ f)(2)$.
(c) If $f(x) = \sqrt{x + 1}$ and $g(x) = 3x - 1$, find $(f \circ g)(-4)$ and $(g \circ f)(-4)$.
(d) If $f(x) = x + 7$ and $g(x) = |x|$, find $(f \circ g)(2)$ and $(g \circ f)(2)$.

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

- (a) $f(x) = 2x$, $g(x) = \frac{1}{2x}$. (b) $f(x) = 3x + 4$, $g(x) = \frac{x - 4}{3}$.
(c) $f(x) = 4x - 3$, $g(x) = \frac{x + 3}{4}$.

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

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

- (a) Find $(f \circ g)(x)$. (b) Evaluate $(g \circ f)\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)$. (c) Verify that $(f \circ g)^{-1} = g^{-1} \circ f^{-1}$.

(29). Verify that the two given functions are inverses of each other:

- (a) $f(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{5}{6}$ and $g(x) = -2x + \frac{5}{3}$.
(b) $f(x) = \sqrt{2x - 4}$ for $x \geq 0$ and $g(x) = \sqrt[3]{x - 1}$.
(c) $f(x) = x^2 - 4$ for $x \geq 0$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{x + 4}$ for $x \geq -4$.

(30). State if the following functions is one to one or many to one:

- (a) $f(x) = 3x + 2$ for the domain $\{x > 0\}$.
(b) $f(x) = x^2 + 5$ for the domain $\{x \geq 2\}$.
(c) $f(x) = \sqrt{x + 2}$ for the domain $\{x \geq -2\}$.

(31). Find $f + g, f - g, f.g$ and $\frac{f}{g}$ and determine their domain for the following:

- (a) $f(x) = \sqrt{x-1}, g(x) = \sqrt{x}$. (b) $f(x) = \sqrt{x+2}, g(x) = \sqrt{3x-1}$.
(c) $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 24, g(x) = \sqrt{x}$. (d) $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 24, g(x) = \sqrt{x}$.

(32). 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) $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$.

(33). In each of the following determine f is even, odd or neither

- (a) $f(x) = x^4$. (b) $f(x) = x + x^3$. (c) $f(x) = x^3 - x$.
(d) $f(x) = 3x - 5$. (e) $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x}$.

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

(35). 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.

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

(37). If $f(x) = x^2$ and $g(x) = 3x - 4$, find $(g \circ f)(x)$ and $(f \circ g)(x)$ and determine its domain.

(38). If $f(x) = \frac{2}{1-x}$ and $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$, find $(g \circ f)(x)$ and determine its domain.

(39). If $f(x) = 1 - x^2$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$, find $(f \circ g)(x)$ and determine its domain.

THE END

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