

Section:	<b>3 – 3 Perform FUNCTION Operations and Composition</b>
Essential Question	What operations can be performed on a pair of functions to obtain a third function?

Key Vocab:

<b>Power FUNCTION</b>	<p>A function of the form <math>y = ax^b</math> where <math>a</math> is a real number and <math>b</math> is a rational number.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b> <math>y = 4x^{1/2}</math>, <math>f(x) = -8\sqrt[3]{x}</math></p>
<b>Composition of FUNCTIONS</b>	<p>An <b>operation</b> on functions where <math>h(x) = (f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))</math>.</p> <p>A combination of two functions where one function is performed, then the result is used to perform the second function.</p> <p>The <b>domain</b> of <math>h</math> is the set of all <math>x</math>-values such that <math>x</math> is in the domain of <math>f</math> AND <math>f(x)</math> is in the domain of <math>g</math>.</p>

Key Concept:

<b>Operations on FUNCTIONS</b>		
Let $f$ and $g$ be any two functions.		
A new function $h$ can be defined by performing any of the four basic operations on $f$ and $g$ .		
Operation	Definition	Example: $f(x) = 5x$ , $g(x) = x + 2$
<b>Addition</b>	$h(x) = f(x) + g(x)$	$h(x) = 5x + x + 2 = 6x + 2$
<b>Subtraction</b>	$h(x) = f(x) - g(x)$	$h(x) = 5x - (x + 2) = 4x - 2$
<b>Multiplication</b>	$h(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$	$h(x) = 5x(x + 2) = 5x^2 + 10x$
<b>Division</b>	$h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ <p><b>Caution:</b> You cannot divide by zero!</p>	$h(x) = \frac{5x}{x + 2}$
<p><u>Domain</u> of the new function <math>h</math> consists of the <math>x</math>-values in the domains <u>of BOTH <math>f</math> and <math>g</math></u></p>		

Question to Ask: Does  $x$  have any restrictions?  
(Domain)

Show:

**Ex 1:** Let  $f(x) = 5x^{1/3}$  and  $g(x) = -11x^{1/3}$ . Use the following operations to find  $h(x)$  AND then find the domain of  $h(x)$

a.  $f(x) + g(x) = h(x)$

$$h(x) = 5x^{1/3} + -11x^{1/3}$$

$$h(x) = -6x^{1/3}$$

$$D: (-\infty, \infty), \mathbb{R}$$

	f	g
N	✓	✓
O	✓	✓
P	✓	✓

b.  $f(x) - g(x) = h(x)$

$$h(x) = 5x^{1/3} - -11x^{1/3}$$

$$h(x) = 16x^{1/3}$$

$$D: (-\infty, \infty), \mathbb{R}$$

	f	g
N	✓	✓
O	✓	✓
P	✓	✓

**Ex 2:** Let  $f(x) = 8x$  and  $g(x) = 2x^{5/6}$ . Use the following operations to find  $h(x)$ , then find the domain of  $h(x)$ .

a.  $f(x) \otimes g(x) = h(x)$

$$h(x) = 8x(2x^{5/6})$$

$$h(x) = 16x^{(6/6 + 5/6)}$$

$$h(x) = 16x^{11/6}$$

$$D: x \geq 0, [0, \infty)$$

	f	g
N	✓	✗
O	✓	✓
P	✓	✓

b.  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x)$

$$h(x) = \frac{8x}{2x^{5/6}}$$

$$h(x) = 4x^{(6/6 - 5/6)}$$

$$h(x) = 4x^{1/6}$$

$$D: x > 0, (0, \infty)$$

	f	g
N	✓	✗
O	✓	✓
P	✓	✓

**Ex 3:** A small company sells computer printers over the internet. The company's total monthly revenue ( $R$ ) and costs ( $C$ ) are modeled by the functions  $R(x) = 120x$  and  $C(x) = 2500 + 75x$ , where  $x$  is the number of printers sold.

Find  $R(x) - C(x)$

$$120x - (2500 + 75x)$$

$$120x - 2500 - 75x = 45x - 2500$$

Explain the meaning of this difference.

$$\text{Revenue} - \text{costs} = \underline{\underline{\text{Profit}}}$$

**Ex 4:** Let  $f(x) = 3x - 4$  and  $g(x) = x^2 - 1$ . What is the value of  $f(g(-3))$ ? Comp. Functions

$$g(-3) = (-3)^2 - 1 = 9 - 1 = 8$$

$$f(8) = 3(8) - 4 = 24 - 4 = \underline{20}$$

Inside First!

A. -34

B. 8

C. 20

D. 168

Try:  $g(f(-3))$

## Domain of Composite Function

1. Find domain of the inside function

2. Find domain of the new function

**Ex 5:** Let  $f(x) = 6x^{-2}$  and  $g(x) = 4x + 5$ . Find the following compositions AND then find their domains.

a.  $f(g(x))$

$$f(4x+5)$$

$$6(4x+5)^{-2}$$

$$\frac{6}{(4x+5)^2}$$

$$D: (4x+5)^2 \neq 0$$

$$4x+5 \neq 0$$

$$-5 \quad -5$$

$$\frac{4x}{4} \neq \frac{-5}{4}$$

$$x \neq \frac{-5}{4}$$

b.  $g(f(x))$

$$g(6x^{-2})$$

$$4(6x^{-2}) + 5$$

$$24x^{-2} + 5$$

$$\frac{24}{x^2} + 5$$

$$f(x) = \frac{6}{x^2}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c} & f \\ \hline N & \checkmark \\ O & \times \\ P & \checkmark \end{array}$$

$$D: \sqrt{x^2} \neq 0$$

$$x \neq 0$$

c.  $g(g(x))$

$$g(4x+5)$$

$$4(\widehat{4x+5}) + 5$$

$$16x + 20 + 5$$

$$16x + 25$$

$$D: \mathbb{R}$$

← you try

**Ex 6:** Your starting wage for your part-time job was \$6 an hour. All employees get a 5% raise after 6 months. You are given an additional raise of 75-cents per hour as a reward for your outstanding work.

Find your new hourly wage if the 5% raise is applied before the 75-cent raise.

$$6 + 6(0.05) + .75 = \underline{\underline{7.05}}$$

Find your new hourly wage if the 75-cent raise is applied before the 5% raise.

$$6.75 + 6.75(0.05) = \underline{\underline{7.09}}$$

**Closure:**

- When performing a composition of functions, is the order of composition important? If so, which function must be performed first?
- What is the domain of a function and how do you find it?