

## Lesson 1.7 – Combinations of Functions

**Operations with Functions***Addition:**Subtraction:**Multiplication:**Division:***Composition of Functions***Composition:**For example:* Let  $f(x) = 2(x - 14)^2$  and  $g(x) = |x + 4|$ 

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1. Given  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 18$  and  $g(x) = x + 3$ , find the following. Simplify your answers.

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

b.  $(fg)(x)$

c.  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$

d.  $f \circ g(x)$

e.  $g \circ f(x)$

f.  $f \circ f(x)$

2. Given  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$ , find the following. Also state the domain.

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

b.  $(fg)(x)$

c.  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$

d.  $f \circ g(x)$

e.  $g \circ f(x)$

f.  $f \circ f(x)$

3. Use the charts to the right to evaluate the following:

a.  $f \circ g(-2)$

b.  $f(g(2))$

c.  $g \circ g \circ g(-2)$

d.  $f(4) + f(3)$

e.  $g(f(-1))$

f.  $f \circ f(-1)$

g.  $f \circ g \circ f(-1)$

h.  $f(0) - g(-2)$

i.  $f \circ g(0) - f(1)$

$x$	$f(x)$	$g(x)$
-4	3	10
-3	-4	-1
-2	0	4
-1	1	3
0	10	2
1	5	1
2	2	0
3	8	-5
4	-2	-2

4. Let  $f(x) = 2 - x^2$ ,  $g(x) = x + 1$ . And  $h(x) = \frac{2}{x}$ . Evaluate the following functions:

a.  $f(g(3))$

b.  $(f - g)(-1)$

c.  $g \circ f(0)$

d.  $f \circ h(3t)$

e.  $g(g(2x - 1))$

f.  $f(g(h(1)))$

5. Find two functions “f” and “g” such that  $f \circ g(x) = h(x)$ . (*Answers may vary*).

a.  $h(x) = \frac{1}{(x+3)^3}$

b.  $h(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 3}$

c.  $h(x) = 3(x - 2)^2$

6. Let  $d(t)$  be the number of dogs in the United States in the year  $t$ , and let  $c(t)$  be the number of cats in the United States in the year  $t$ , where  $t = 0$  corresponds to 2000.
- Find the function  $p(t)$  that represents the total number of dogs and cats in the United States.
  - Interpret the value  $p(5)$ . (Write a verbal explanation).
  - Let  $n(t)$  represent the human population of the US in the year  $t$ , where  $t = 0$  corresponds to 2000. Find and interpret  $h(t) = \frac{p(t)}{n(t)}$ .