

L1 - Relations & Composite Functions

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Functions & Polynomials

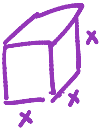
Lesson 1: Relations & Composition of Functions

Relations

Recall that a relation is a relationship between an *independent variable* (usually x) and a *dependent variable* (usually y). The relation is a rule that determines how they correspond.

A relation can be shown in many different ways:

Eg. 1: Express the volume V of a cube as a function of the length x of each edge.



Words: *Cube side length to get volume.*

Ordered Pairs: $(1, 1)$
 $(2, 8)$

Equation: $V = x^3$

Graph:

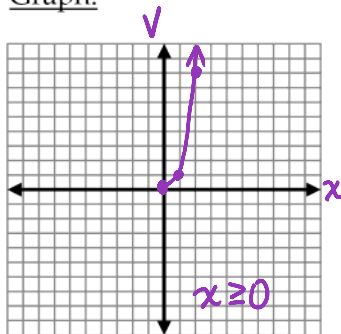
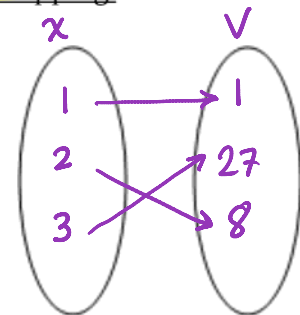


Table:

x	V
1	1
2	8
3	27

Mapping:



Eg.2: Evaluate the following for $f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 1$

a) $f(3)$

$$= (3)^2 + 2(3) - 1$$

$$= 14$$

b) $f(x+7)$

Foil!

$$= (x+7)^2 + 2(x+7) - 1$$

$$= x^2 + 16x + 62$$

c) $3f(x)$

$$= 3(x^2 + 2x - 1)$$

$$= 3x^2 + 6x - 3$$

→ Why would we choose function notation $f(x)$? What are its benefits?

• highlights the "input"

Operations with Functions: We can add, subtract, multiply and divide functions.

Eg.3: Rational Functions $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-2} \neq 0$ $g(x) = \frac{x}{x+5} \neq 0$

a) State the restrictions on $f(x)$, $g(x)$: $x \neq 2, -5$

b) Simplify:

$$(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$$

$$= \frac{1(x+5)}{x-2} + \frac{x}{x+5}$$

$$= \frac{1(x+5) + x(x-2)}{(x-2)(x+5)}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 - x + 5}{(x-2)(x+5)}$$

$$(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{x-2}\right)\left(\frac{x}{x+5}\right)$$

$$= \frac{x}{(x-2)(x+5)}$$

Eg.4: Given $f(x) = 2x + 5$ find the following:

a) $f(3)$
 $= 2(3) + 5$
 $= 11$

b) $f(a)$
 $= 2a + 5$

c) $f(g(x))$
 $= 2g(x) + 5$

We can compose one function of another just as we can compose a function of a given value.

Eg.5: Given $f(x) = 2x + 3$ and $g(x) = x^2 - 1$ find:

a) $f(g(x)) = 2g(x) + 3$
 $= 2(x^2 - 1) + 3$
 $= 2x^2 + 1$

b) $f(g(3))$
 $= 2(3)^2 + 1$
 $= 19$

or $g(3) = (3)^2 - 1$
 $= 8$
 $f(g(3)) = f(8)$
 $= 2(8) + 3$
 $= 19$

c) $g(f(x))$
 $= f(x)^2 - 1$
 $= (2x + 3)^2 - 1$
 $= (2x + 3)(2x + 3) - 1$
 $= 4x^2 + 12x + 8$

d) $g(f(3))$
 $= 4(3)^2 + 12(3) + 8$
 $= 36 + 36 + 8$
 $= 80$

or $f(3) = 2(3) + 3$
 $= 9$
 $g(f(3)) = g(9)$
 $= (9)^2 - 1$
 $= 80$

Note: In general, $f(g(x)) \neq g(f(x))$

Notation: $f(g(x))$ is often written as $(f \circ g)(x)$ and is read "f of g of x"

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

Eg.6: Given $f(x) = 3x - 1$ find $f(f(x))$

$= 3f(x) - 1$
 $= 3(3x - 1) - 1$
 $= 9x - 3 - 1$
 $= 9x - 4$

Practice: Pg. 40 - 41 # 1 - 21 (use graphing calculator to help with graphs)
 Pg. 45 # 1 - 18