

## Third set of Homework

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**Please note:** You should fully justify your answers.

### 1 The difference quotient and one-to-one functions

1. Find a formula difference quotient of the following functions:

(a)  $f(x) = 7$

(b)  $g(x) = -3x + 1$

(c)  $f(x) = x^2 - 3x$

(d)  $g(x) = 3x^2 - 5x + 7$

(e)  $f(x) = x^3 + 5x$

(f)  $g(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x + 4$

2. **Extra Credit** For each of the functions of the previous question use the difference quotients you computed to decide whether the function is 1-1.

### 2 Inverse of functions

1. Verify that the following are pairs of inverse functions:

(a)  $f(x) = 3x - \frac{1}{2}, g(x) = \frac{2x + 1}{6}$

(b)  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x + 5}, g(x) = x^3 - 5$

(c)  $g(x) = \frac{3x - 2}{2x + 3}, h(x) = -\frac{3x + 2}{2y - 3}$

(d)  $h(x) = x^2 - 3$  with domain  $[0, \infty)$ ,  $g(x) = \sqrt{x + 3}$

(e)  $f(x) = 2 - \sqrt{x + 7}, h(x) = x^2 - 4x - 3$  with domain  $(-\infty, 2]$

(f)  $f(x) = \log_{10}(3x - 5), g(x) = \frac{10^x + 5}{3}$

2. Are the functions  $f(x) = x^2$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$  inverses?

3. A function is called an *involution* if it is its own inverse. In other words, a function  $f$  is an involution if for all  $x$  in the domain of  $f$ , we have that  $(f \circ f)(x) = x$ . Show that the following functions are involutions:

(a)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

(b)  $g(x) = \sqrt{16 - x^2}$  with domain  $[0, 4]$

(c)  $f(x) = \frac{2x - 3}{4x - 2}$

4. **Extra Credit** Is the function  $f(x) = \sqrt{16 - x^2}$  with domain  $[-4, 0]$  an involution? Justify your answer.
5. **Extra Credit** Is it possible to restrict the domain of the function  $f(x) = 42$  so that it becomes an involution?
6. For the following pair of functions determine the compositions  $f \circ g$  and  $g \circ f$ . In each case you should give the domain as well as the formula.
- $f(x) = 3x - 1, g(x) = 2x + 3$
  - $f(x) = x - 2, g(x) = 5x^2 - 2$
  - $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 5, g(x) = 2x - 3$
  - $f(x) = -2x^2 + x - 4, g(x) = x^2 + 1$
  - $f(x) = x^2 - 4, g(x) = \sqrt{x + 3}$
  - $f(x) = \frac{2x - 1}{5x + 3}, g(x) = \frac{x + 2}{x + 1}$
  - $f(x) = \sqrt{x - 3}, g(x) = 3 - x$
  - $f(x) = \frac{2x}{x^2 - 4}, g(x) = \frac{1}{x} - 2$
  - $f(x) = x^2 + 4, g(x) = \sqrt{3 - x}$
  - $f(x) = x, g(x) = 2^{\sin x}$
  - $f(x) = -x, g(x) = \sqrt{x}$
  - $f(x) = 3, g(x) = x^2 - 5x + 5$
  - $f(x) = x^2 + 3x - 7, g(x) = \sqrt{x - 1} + 1$
  - $f(x) = \cos 3x, g(x) = x^2 - 1$
  - $f(x) = \log_2 x, g(x) = -\sqrt{x + 3}$
7. If  $f(0) = -4$  and  $g(-4) = 6$  what is  $(g \circ f)(0)$ ?
8. The graph of the functions  $f$  and  $g$  are shown in Figure 1. Find the following values:
- $(f \circ g)(0)$
  - $(f \circ g)(-2)$
  - $(g \circ f)(1)$
  - $(g \circ f)(-1)$
  - $(g \circ f)(-4)$
9. Let  $l(x) = x + 3$ . For each of the following functions  $f$ ,
- find  $f \circ l, l \circ f$
  - graph  $y = f(x), y = (f \circ l)(x), (l \circ f)(x)$  on the same grid.
    - $f(x) = x^2$
    - $f(x) = -x^2$
    - $f(x) = x^3$
    - $f(x) = |x|$
10. Repeat the previous exercise with  $l(x) = x - 2$

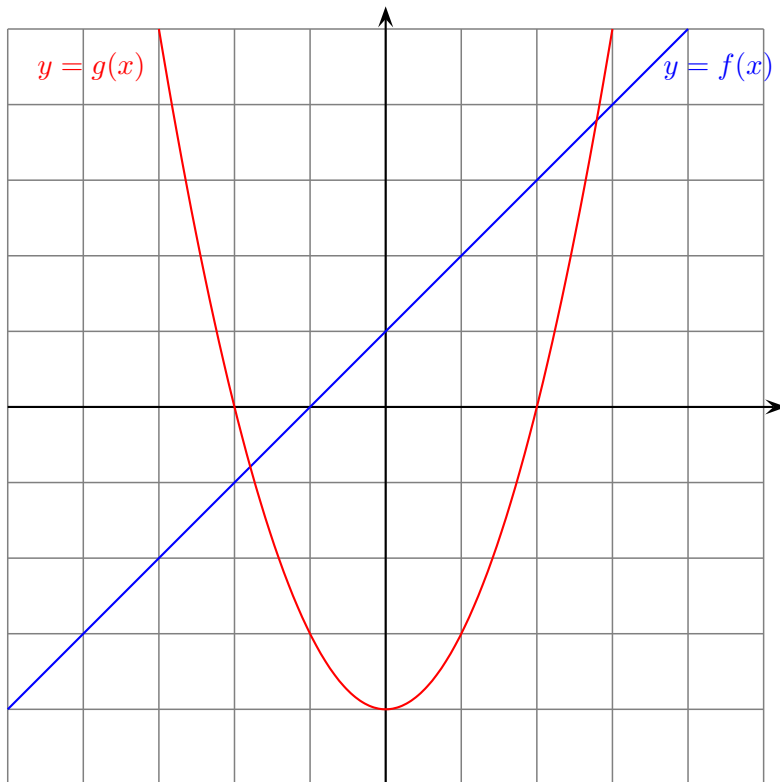


Figure 1: Two functions