

## Today's Objectives

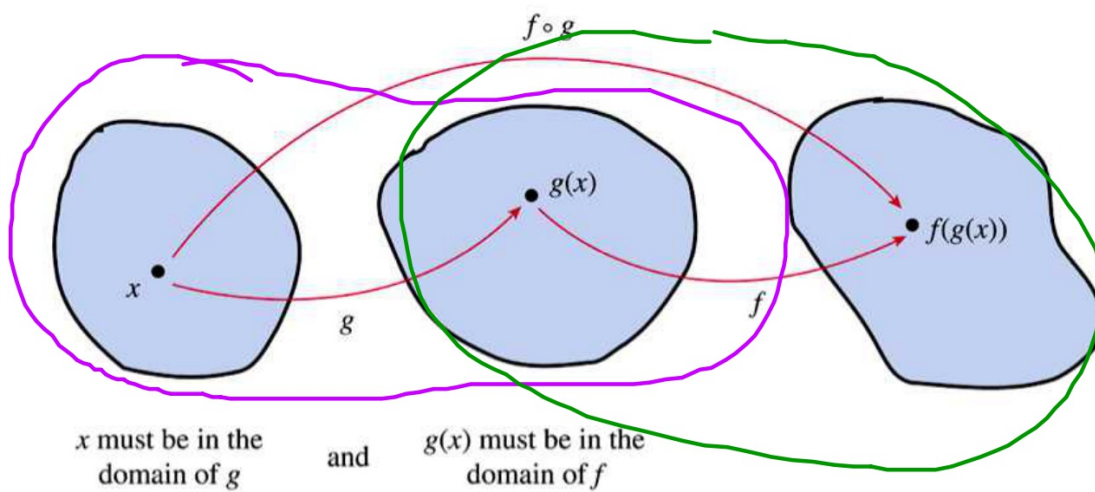
- Produce new functions **by composing existing functions** and evaluate for given values after listening to a step-by-by explanation with key words.
- Success Criteria
  - Define composition and notation
  - Assess functions for compatible domains and ranges
- Vocabulary: composition, compatible

## Composition of Functions

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two functions such that the domain of  $f$  intersects the range of  $g$ . The composition  $f$  of  $g$ , denoted  $f \circ g$ , is defined by the rule  $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$ .

The domain of  $f \circ g$  consists of all  $x$ -values in the domain of  $g$  that map to  $g(x)$ -values in the domain of  $f$ .

## Composition of Functions



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Domain: What you can put into your function  
Dry, dirty laundry



Range: What comes out  
of your function

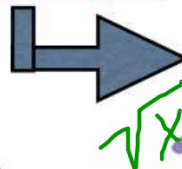
**This is also the  
domain for your  
second function!!**

Clean, wet laundry

The washing  
machine is like  
your 1st  
function



The dryer is like  
your 2nd  
function



Dry, clean laundry

Range: What comes out  
of your function

**This is range for  
your composite  
function!!**



## Example Composing Functions

Let  $f(x) = 2^x$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$ . Find

(a)  $(f \circ g)(x)$

(b)  $(g \circ f)(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } f(g(x)) &= f(\sqrt{x+1}) \\ f(x) &= 2^x \\ &= 2^{\sqrt{x+1}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } g(f(x)) &= g(2^x) \\ g(x) &= \sqrt{x+1} \\ &= \sqrt{2^x + 1} \end{aligned}$$

## Example Composing Functions

Let  $f(x) = -x^2 + 4$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$ . Find

(a)  $(f \circ g)(x)$

(b)  $(g \circ f)(x)$

$$a) f(g(x)) = f(\sqrt{x})$$

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

$$= -(\sqrt{x})^2 + 4$$

$$= -x + 4$$

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

$$g(x) = \sqrt{x}$$

$$= \sqrt{-x^2 + 4}$$

### AM: Find compositions of 2 functions

1. If  $f(x) = x^4$  and  $g(x) = 1 - 2x^2$ , find  $g(f(x))$ .

☒ [A]

$1 - 2x^8$

[B]

$\frac{x^4}{1 - 2x^2}$

[C]

$(1 - 2x^2)^4$

[D]

$x^4 - 2x^6$

$$g(x^4)$$

$$= 1 - 2(x^4)^2$$

$$= 1 - 2x^8$$

$$g(x) = 1 - 2x^2$$



### AM: Find compositions of 2 functions

2. Given  $f(x) = \frac{x+5}{x}$  and  $g(x) = x^2 + 4$ , find  $(g \circ f)(6)$ .

[A]  $\frac{520}{121}$

[B]  $\frac{9}{8}$

[C]  $\frac{265}{36}$

[D]  $\frac{35}{6}$

$$g(f(6)) = g\left(\frac{11}{6}\right) = \left(\frac{11}{6}\right)^2 + 4$$

$$\textcircled{1} f(6) = \frac{6+5}{6} = \frac{11}{6}$$

$$= \frac{121}{36} + 4 \cdot \frac{36}{36}$$

$$\frac{121}{36} + \frac{144}{36} = \frac{265}{36}$$



### AM: Find Composition of 2 functions

3. Given  $f(x) = -2x^2$ ,  $g(x) = -3x + 7$ , and  $h(x) = \sqrt{x}$ , find  $[(f+g) \circ h](x)$ .

(A)  $-2x - 3\sqrt{x} + 7$  [B]  $-2x^2 - 3\sqrt{x} + 7$  [C]  $6x + \sqrt{x} + 7$  [D]  $-2\sqrt{x} - 3x + 7$

$$[(f+g) \circ h](x)$$

$$\textcircled{1} f(x) + g(x)$$

$$-2x^2 + -3x + 7$$

$$B(x) = -2x^2 - 3x + 7$$

$$(B \circ h)(x)$$

$$B(\sqrt{x})$$

$$-2(\sqrt{x})^2 - 3(\sqrt{x}) + 7$$

$$-2x - 3\sqrt{x} + 7$$