

Precalculus 115, section 2.7 Combining Functions

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For this section, be sure to also refer to the handout “Chapter 2.6 Examples and Extra Notes”.

Example A: Given $f(x) = 2x + 1$ and $g(x) = x^2 + x$, find $f - g = (f - g)(x)$ and specify its domain.

Example B: Given $g(x) = x^2 + x$ and $h(x) = \frac{x+1}{x-1}$, find $\frac{g}{h} = \left(\frac{g}{h}\right)(x)$ and specify its domain.

Example C: Given $f(x) = 2x + 1$, $g(x) = x^2 + x$ and $h(x) = \frac{x+1}{x-1}$, find each of the following compositions and for 1 through 3, specify their domains.

1. $f \circ g = (f \circ g)(x)$

2. $g \circ f = (g \circ f)(x)$

$$3. h \circ f = (h \circ f)(x)$$

$$4. f \circ g = (f \circ g)(-1)$$

Example D: Express the following functions in the form $f \circ g$.

$$1. F(x) = |7x - 1|$$

$$2. G(x) = (x^2 - 3)^3 + 2$$