



Chapter One: Limits and Continuity



Compositions of Functions:

Given $f(x) = x^2$ and $g(x) = x+1$, the composition of f with g is $f(g(x)) = f(x+1) = (x+1)^2$.

This composition is denoted as $f \circ g$ and reads as f composed with g .

Definition: Given two functions f and g , the Composition Function $f \circ g$ is defined by $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$.

Example: If $f(x) = 3x-5$ and $g(x) = x+2$. Find $(f \circ g)(x)$ and $(g \circ f)(x)$.

Sol.: $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = f(x+2) = 3(x+2) - 5 = \boxed{3x+1}$.

$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = g(3x-5) = (3x-5)+2 = \boxed{3x-3}$.

Example: Given $f(x) = 3x^2 + 2x - 5$ and $g(x) = 2x - 3$. Find $(f \circ g)(x)$ and $(g \circ f)(x)$.

Sol.: $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = f(2x-3) = 3(2x-3)^2 + 2(2x-3) - 5$
 $= 3(4x^2 - 12x + 9) + 4x - 6 - 5 = \boxed{12x^2 - 32x + 16}$.

$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = g(3x^2 + 2x - 5) = 2(3x^2 + 2x - 5) - 3$$

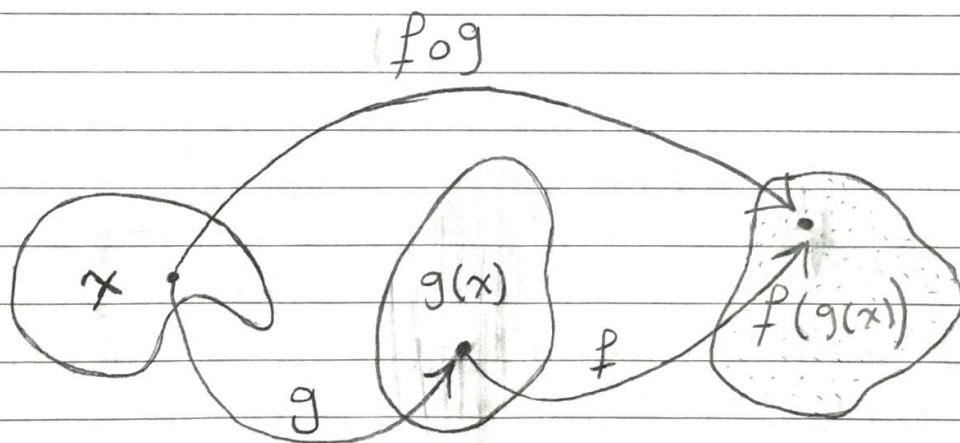
$$= \boxed{6x^2 + 4x - 13}$$

Note that: In general $(f \circ g)(x) \neq (g \circ f)(x)$.



H.W.: Given $f(x) = 6x - 7$ and $g(x) = x^2 + 3x + 5$.
Find: $(g \circ f)(-1)$, $(f \circ g)(2)$, $(g \circ g)(0)$.

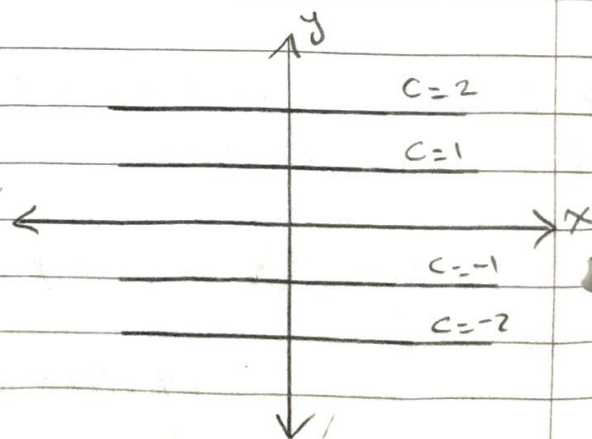
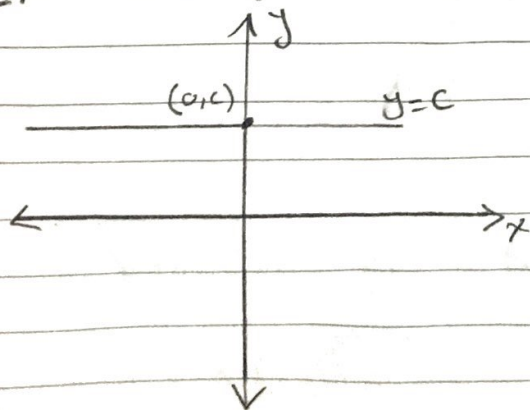
Note that: Composition two functions $(f \circ g)(x)$ means:



Families of Functions:

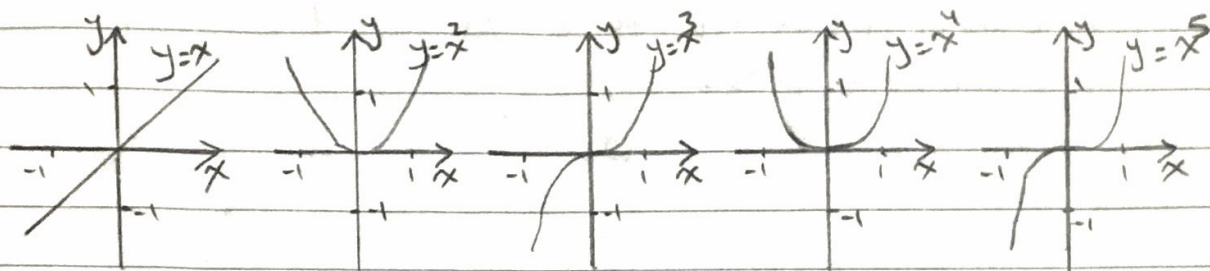


1. Families of Curves: $y = c$

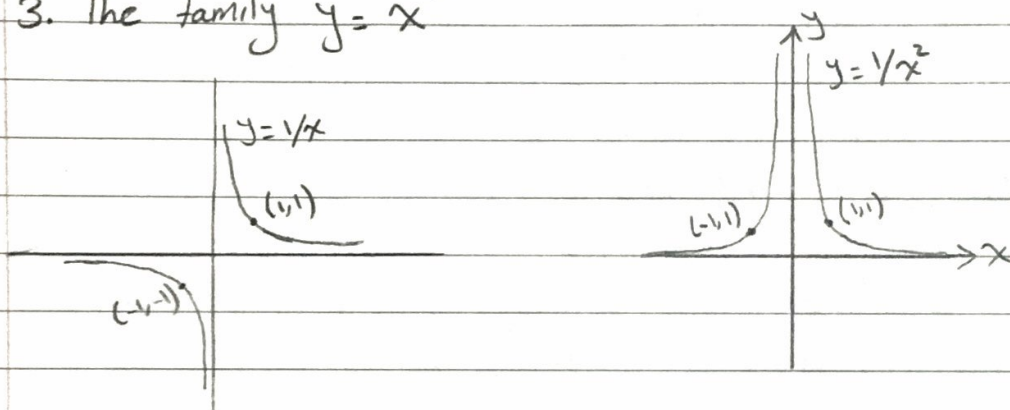




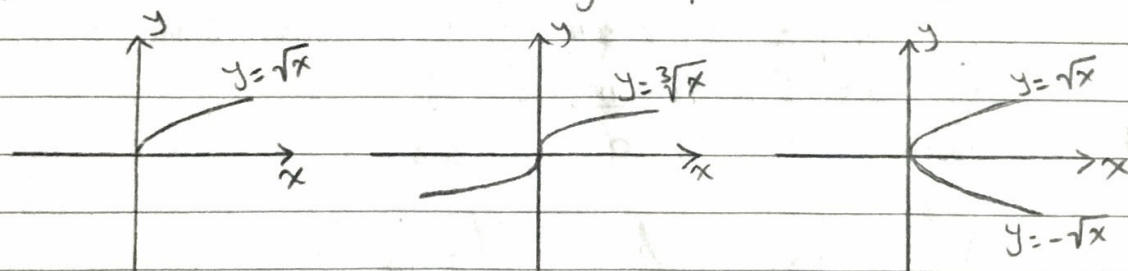
2. Power Functions: $y = x^n$



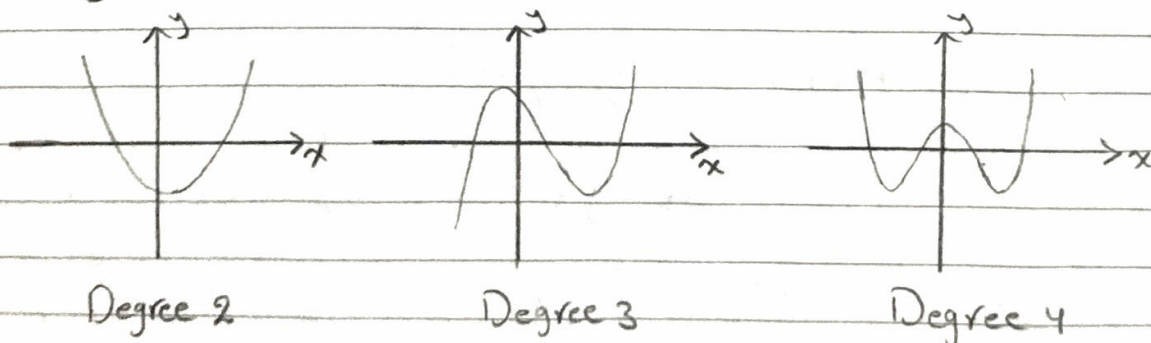
3. The family $y = x^{-n}$



4. Power Functions with noninteger exponents: $f(x) = x^{1/n} = \sqrt[n]{x}$

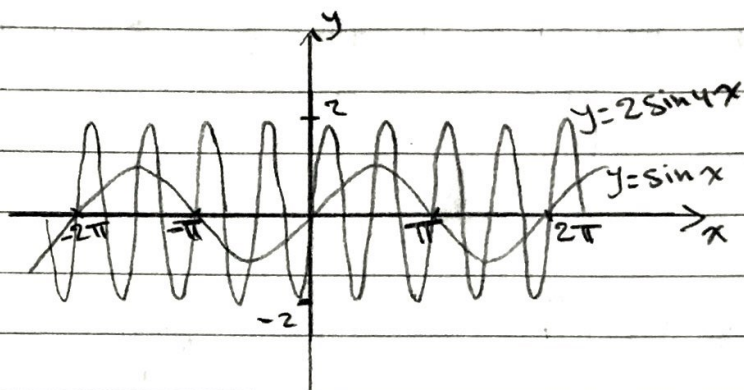


5. Polynomials: $f(x) = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + \dots + c_nx^n$



6. The families $y = A \sin Bx$ and $y = A \cos Bx$

The graph of $y = 2 \sin 4x$ varies between -2 and 2 , and repeats every $2\pi/4 = \pi/2$ units.



The Inverse of a Function:



The inverse of the function f is the function that sends each $f(x)$ back to x . We denote the inverse of f by f^{-1} .

Definition: If the functions f and g satisfy the two conditions
 $g(f(x)) = x$ for every x in the domain of f
 $f(g(y)) = y$ for every y in the domain of g
then we say that f is an inverse of g and g is an inverse of f or that f and g are inverse functions.

Warning:

$f^{-1}(x)$ Never Means $\frac{1}{f(x)}$



Example: Find $f^{-1}(y)$ if $y = \sqrt{3x-2}$.

Sol: $y = \sqrt{3x-2} \Rightarrow y^2 = 3x-2 \Rightarrow y^2+2 = 3x$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{y^2+2}{3} = f^{-1}(y)$$



Theorem: If an equation $y = f(x)$ can be solved for x as a function of y , say $x = g(y)$, then f has an inverse and that inverse is $g(y) = f^{-1}(y)$

Example: Find the formula for the inverse of $f(x) = 3x - 2$

Sol. $y = 3x - 2 \Rightarrow y + 2 = 3x \Rightarrow x = \frac{y+2}{3} = f^{-1}(y)$

Inverse Trigonometric Functions:



Since the definition of an inverse function says that

$f^{-1}(x) = y \Rightarrow f(y) = x$ we have the inverse sine function

$$\sin^{-1} x = y \Rightarrow \sin y = x \quad \text{and} \quad -\pi/2 \leq y \leq \pi/2$$


Example: Evaluate $\sin^{-1}(1/2)$

Sol.: we have $\sin^{-1}(1/2) = \pi/6$
because $\sin(\pi/6) = 1/2$

Definition:

Function	Domain	Range
$y = \sin^{-1} x$ if and only if $\sin y = x$	$-1 \leq x \leq 1$	$-\pi/2 \leq y \leq \pi/2$
$y = \cos^{-1} x$ if and only if $\cos y = x$	$-1 \leq x \leq 1$	$0 \leq y \leq \pi$
$y = \tan^{-1} x$ if and only if $\tan y = x$	$-\infty \leq x \leq \infty$	$-\pi/2 < y < \pi/2$

Examples: Evaluate ① $\sin^{-1} 1$ ② $\sin^{-1} 0$ ③ $\sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$
④ $\cos^{-1} 1$ ⑤ $\cos^{-1} 0$ ⑥ $\cos^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$
⑦ $\tan^{-1} 0$ ⑧ $\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ ⑨ $\tan^{-1} \sqrt{3}$

Sol: H.W. 

Exponential and Logarithmic Functions:

Definition: A Function of the form $f(x) = b^x$, where $b > 0$, is called an exponential function with base b .
For example:

$$f(x) = 2^x, f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$$

The function $f(x) = e^x$ is called the natural exponential function. That base e is a certain irrational number whose value to six decimal places is $e \approx 2.718282$

Definition: We call the function $f(x) = \log_b x$ the logarithmic function with base b , read the logarithm to the base b of x . For example

$$\log_{10} 100 = 2, \log_{10} 1/1000 = -3, \log_2 16 = 4$$

$$\boxed{10^2 = 100}$$

$$, \boxed{10^{-3} = 1/1000}$$

$$, \boxed{2^4 = 16}$$

Theorem: If $b > 0$ and $b \neq 1$, then b^x and $\log_b x$ are inverse functions.

Definition: The most important Logarithms in applications are those with base e . These are called natural logarithms because the function $\log x$ is the inverse of the natural exponential function e^x . It is standard to denote the natural logarithm



of x by $\ln x$ (read ellen of x), rather than $\log_e x$.
For example

$$\ln 1 = 0, \ln e = 1, \ln 1/e = -1, \ln e^2 = 2$$

$$\boxed{e^0 = 1}, \boxed{e^1 = e}, \boxed{e^{-1} = 1/e}, \boxed{e^2 = e^2}$$

Theorem: Algebraic Properties of Logarithms



If $b > 0, b \neq 1, a > 0, c > 0$ and r any real number
then

$$\textcircled{1} \log_b(ac) = \log_b a + \log_b c \quad \textcircled{3} \log_b(a^r) = r \log_b a$$

$$\textcircled{2} \log_b(a/c) = \log_b a - \log_b c \quad \textcircled{4} \log_b(1/c) = -\log_b c$$

Example: Solve $4e^{1+3x} - 9e^{5-2x} = 0$

Sol: $4e^{1+3x} = 9e^{5-2x}$

$$\frac{e^{1+3x}}{e^{5-2x}} = \frac{9}{4}$$

$$e^{1+3x-(5-2x)} = \frac{9}{4}$$

$$e^{5x-4} = \frac{9}{4}$$

$$5x-4 = \ln\left(\frac{9}{4}\right)$$

$$5x = 4 + \ln\left(\frac{9}{4}\right)$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{1}{5} \left[4 + \ln\left(\frac{9}{4}\right) \right]$$