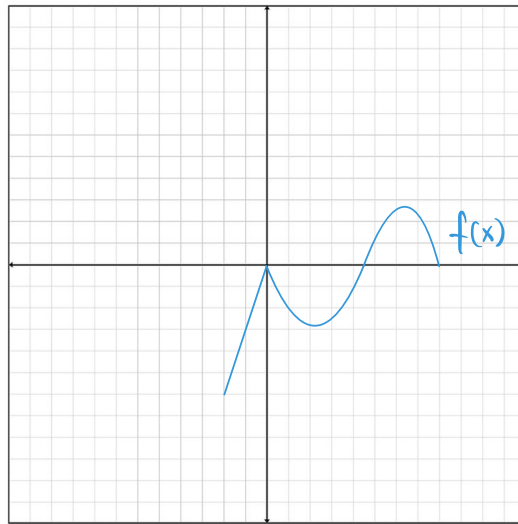


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Exercise. Describe the order of transformations for  $g(x) = \frac{1}{3}f(-x+1) - 3$ .

Exercise Draw  $g(x) = 2f(x-3) - 1$  for  $f$  below,



Even  $\exists$  odd functions.

A function is **even** if  $f(-x) = f(x)$ .

A function is **odd** if  $f(-x) = -f(x)$ .

Warning: functions can be neither!

Ex. is  $f(x) = x^2$  even, odd, or neither?

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

$f(x)$  is even.

Exercise. is  $f(x) = x^3 + x$  even, odd, or neither?

## 14 Composition of functions.

We can easily define normal operations on products.

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

$$(f-g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$$

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

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

Ex.  $f(x) = x^2$ ,  $g(x) = \sqrt{x-1}$ ,  $h(x) = \sqrt{10-x}$

$$(fg)(x) = x^2 \sqrt{x-1}$$

$$(g+h)(x) = \sqrt{x-1} + \sqrt{10-x}$$

$$\left(\frac{f}{h}\right)(x) = \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{10-x}}$$

Exercise. What are the domains of the above functions?

The composition of  $f$  and  $g$ , denoted  $f \circ g$  is the function defined by

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

↗  
read "f of g"

Ex.  $f(x) = x+2$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$ . Compute  $f \circ g$  and  $g \circ f$

$$\begin{aligned}(f \circ g)(x) &= f(g(x)) \\ &= f\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right) = \frac{1}{x^2} + 2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(g \circ f)(x) &= g(f(x)) = g(x+2) \\ &= \frac{1}{(x+2)^2}\end{aligned}$$

Domain. the domain of  $f \circ g$  is the set of numbers  $x$  in the domain of  $g$  such that  $g(x)$  is in the domain of  $f$ .

Ex.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ ,  $g(x) = \sqrt{8-x}$

What is the domain of  $f \circ g$ ?

$$(f \circ g)(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8-x}}$$

Domain is all  $x$  such that  $8-x > 0$   
 $-x > -8$   
 $x < 8$

Exercise. What is the domain of  $g \circ f$  for  $f$  and  $g$  given above?

The identity function is the function,  $I(x) = x$  for all  $x$ .

For any function  $f$ ,  $f \circ I = I \circ f = f$ .

Ex. Let  $F(x) = (x-1)^2$ . Write  $F$  as the composition of two functions

(\*) there is no systematic way of accomplishing this, just make your best guess and check

$$f(x) = x^2$$

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

$$(f \circ g)(x) = (x-1)^2 \quad \checkmark$$

(\*) There can be many answers!

$$f(x) = x + 1$$

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

$$(f \circ g)(x) = x^2 - 2x + 1$$

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

Exercise. Let  $F(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+3}}$ . Find two functions such that  $F$  is equal to their composition.

Composition is **associative** meaning,  
 $(f \circ g) \circ h = f \circ (g \circ h)$   
for any functions  $f, g$ , and  $h$ .

Ex. Let  $g(x) = x^2$ ,  $f(x) = x + 1$ ,  $h(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$ .  
Compute  $h \circ f \circ g$ .

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

Exercise. Compute  $g \circ f \circ h$ .

A linear function is a function of the form,  $h(x) = mx + b$ , where  $m, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Functional transformations can be expressed as compositions with linear functions.

Ex.  $g(x) = 2f(x) - 1$

Let  $h(x) = 2x - 1$ , then  $g(x) = (h \circ f)(x)$ .

Exercise. CHECK!

Ex.  $g(x) = f(-x + 1)$

Let  $h(x) = -x + 1$ ,  $g(x) = (f \circ h)(x)$ .

Vertical transformations: compose w/ a linear function on the left.

Horizontal transformations: compose w/ a linear function on the right.

Ex.  $g(x) = -f(x-2) + 5$

$$h_1(x) = x - 2$$

$$h_2(x) = -x + 5$$

$$g(x) = (h_2 \circ f \circ h_1)(x)$$

Exercise. Let  $g(x) = 2f(2x+1) - 3$ . Write  $g$  as a composition of  $f$  and linear functions.