

## 2.2 The Algebra of Functions

### Concept Questions

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- $P(x_1) = R(x_1) - C(x_1)$  gives the profit if  $x_1$  units are sold.
  - $P(x_2) = R(x_2) - C(x_2)$ . Because  $P(x_2) < 0$ ,  $|R(x_2) - C(x_2)| = -[R(x_2) - C(x_2)]$  gives the loss sustained if  $x_2$  units are sold.
- $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$ ,  $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$ , and  $(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$ ; all have domain  $A \cap B$ .  
 $(f/g)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  has domain  $A \cap B$  excluding  $x \in A \cap B$  such that  $g(x) = 0$ .
  - $(f + g)(2) = f(2) + g(2) = 3 + (-2) = 1$ ,  $(f - g)(2) = f(2) - g(2) = 3 - (-2) = 5$ ,  
 $(fg)(2) = f(2)g(2) = 3(-2) = -6$ , and  $(f/g)(2) = \frac{f(2)}{g(2)} = \frac{3}{-2} = -\frac{3}{2}$
- $y = (f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$
  - $y = (f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$
  - $y = (fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$
  - $y = \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$
- The domain of  $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$  is the set of all  $x$  in the domain of  $g$  such that  $g(x)$  is in the domain of  $f$ .  
The domain of  $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$  is the set of all  $x$  in the domain of  $f$  such that  $f(x)$  is in the domain of  $g$ .
  - $(g \circ f)(2) = g(f(2)) = g(3) = 8$ . We cannot calculate  $(f \circ g)(3)$  because  $(f \circ g)(3) = f(g(3)) = f(8)$ , and we don't know the value of  $f(8)$ .
- No. Let  $A = (-\infty, \infty)$ ,  $f(x) = x$ , and  $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$ . Then  $a = -1$  is in  $A$ , but  $(g \circ f)(-1) = g(f(-1)) = g(-1) = \sqrt{-1}$  is not defined.
- The required expression is  $P = g(f(p))$ .

### Exercises

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- $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x) = (x^3 + 5) + (x^2 - 2) = x^3 + x^2 + 3$ .
- $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x) = (x^3 + 5) - (x^2 - 2) = x^3 - x^2 + 7$ .
- $fg(x) = f(x)g(x) = (x^3 + 5)(x^2 - 2) = x^5 - 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 10$ .
- $gf(x) = g(x)f(x) = (x^2 - 2)(x^3 + 5) = x^5 - 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 10$ .
- $\frac{f}{g}(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{x^3 + 5}{x^2 - 2}$ .
- $\frac{f - g}{h}(x) = \frac{f(x) - g(x)}{h(x)} = \frac{x^3 + 5 - (x^2 - 2)}{2x + 4} = \frac{x^3 - x^2 + 7}{2x + 4}$ .
- $\frac{fg}{h}(x) = \frac{f(x)g(x)}{h(x)} = \frac{(x^3 + 5)(x^2 - 2)}{2x + 4} = \frac{x^5 - 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 10}{2x + 4}$ .

$$8. fgh(x) = f(x)g(x)h(x) = (x^3 + 5)(x^2 - 2)(2x + 4) = (x^5 - 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 10)(2x + 4) \\ = 2x^6 - 4x^4 + 10x^3 - 20x + 4x^5 - 8x^3 + 20x^2 - 40 = 2x^6 + 4x^5 - 4x^4 + 2x^3 + 20x^2 - 20x - 40.$$

$$9. (f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x) = x - 1 + \sqrt{x + 1}.$$

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

$$11. (fg)(x) = f(x)g(x) = (x - 1)\sqrt{x + 1}.$$

$$12. (gf)(x) = g(x)f(x) = \sqrt{x + 1}(x - 1).$$

$$13. \frac{g}{h}(x) = \frac{g(x)}{h(x)} = \frac{\sqrt{x + 1}}{2x^3 - 1}.$$

$$14. \frac{h}{g}(x) = \frac{h(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{2x^3 - 1}{\sqrt{x + 1}}.$$

$$15. \frac{fg}{h}(x) = \frac{(x - 1)(\sqrt{x + 1})}{2x^3 - 1}.$$

$$16. \frac{fh}{g}(x) = \frac{(x - 1)(2x^3 - 1)}{\sqrt{x + 1}} = \frac{2x^4 - 2x^3 - x + 1}{\sqrt{x + 1}}.$$

$$17. \frac{f - h}{g}(x) = \frac{x - 1 - (2x^3 - 1)}{\sqrt{x + 1}} = \frac{x - 2x^3}{\sqrt{x + 1}}.$$

$$18. \frac{gh}{g - f}(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x + 1}(2x^3 - 1)}{\sqrt{x + 1} - (x - 1)} = \frac{\sqrt{x + 1}(2x^3 - 1)}{\sqrt{x + 1} - x + 1}.$$

$$19. (f + g)(x) = x^2 + 5 + \sqrt{x} - 2 = x^2 + \sqrt{x} + 3, (f - g)(x) = x^2 + 5 - (\sqrt{x} - 2) = x^2 - \sqrt{x} + 7,$$

$$(fg)(x) = (x^2 + 5)(\sqrt{x} - 2), \text{ and } \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{x^2 + 5}{\sqrt{x} - 2}.$$

$$20. (f + g)(x) = \sqrt{x - 1} + x^3 + 1, (f - g)(x) = \sqrt{x - 1} - x^3 - 1, (fg)(x) = \sqrt{x - 1}(x^3 + 1), \text{ and}$$

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x - 1}}{x^3 + 1}.$$

$$21. (f + g)(x) = \sqrt{x + 3} + \frac{1}{x - 1} = \frac{(x - 1)\sqrt{x + 3} + 1}{x - 1}, (f - g)(x) = \sqrt{x + 3} - \frac{1}{x - 1} = \frac{(x - 1)\sqrt{x + 3} - 1}{x - 1},$$

$$(fg)(x) = \sqrt{x + 3}\left(\frac{1}{x - 1}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{x + 3}}{x - 1}, \text{ and } \left(\frac{f}{g}\right) = \sqrt{x + 3}(x - 1).$$

$$22. (f + g)(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} + \frac{1}{x^2 - 1} = \frac{x^2 - 1 + x^2 + 1}{(x^2 + 1)(x^2 - 1)} = \frac{2x^2}{(x^2 + 1)(x^2 - 1)},$$

$$(f - g)(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} - \frac{1}{x^2 - 1} = \frac{x^2 - 1 - x^2 - 1}{(x^2 + 1)(x^2 - 1)} = -\frac{2}{(x^2 + 1)(x^2 - 1)}, (fg)(x) = \frac{1}{(x^2 + 1)(x^2 - 1)}, \text{ and}$$

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 1}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 23. (f+g)(x) &= \frac{x+1}{x-1} + \frac{x+2}{x-2} = \frac{(x+1)(x-2) + (x+2)(x-1)}{(x-1)(x-2)} = \frac{x^2 - x - 2 + x^2 + x - 2}{(x-1)(x-2)} \\
 &= \frac{2x^2 - 4}{(x-1)(x-2)} = \frac{2(x^2 - 2)}{(x-1)(x-2)}, \\
 (f-g)(x) &= \frac{x+1}{x-1} - \frac{x+2}{x-2} = \frac{(x+1)(x-2) - (x+2)(x-1)}{(x-1)(x-2)} = \frac{x^2 - x - 2 - x^2 - x + 2}{(x-1)(x-2)} \\
 &= \frac{-2x}{(x-1)(x-2)}, \\
 (fg)(x) &= \frac{(x+1)(x+2)}{(x-1)(x-2)}, \text{ and } \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{(x+1)(x-2)}{(x-1)(x+2)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 24. (f+g)(x) &= x^2 + 1 + \sqrt{x+1}, (f-g)(x) = x^2 + 1 - \sqrt{x+1}, (fg)(x) = (x^2 + 1)\sqrt{x+1}, \text{ and} \\
 \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) &= \frac{x^2 + 1}{\sqrt{x+1}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 25. (f \circ g)(x) &= f(g(x)) = f(x^2) = (x^2)^2 + x^2 + 1 = x^4 + x^2 + 1 \text{ and} \\
 (g \circ f)(x) &= g(f(x)) = g(x^2 + x + 1) = (x^2 + x + 1)^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 26. (f \circ g)(x) &= f(g(x)) = 3[g(x)]^2 + 2g(x) + 1 = 3(x+3)^2 + 2(x+3) + 1 = 3x^2 + 20x + 34 \text{ and} \\
 (g \circ f)(x) &= g(f(x)) = f(x) + 3 = 3x^2 + 2x + 1 + 3 = 3x^2 + 2x + 4.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 27. (f \circ g)(x) &= f(g(x)) = f(x^2 - 1) = \sqrt{x^2 - 1} + 1 \text{ and} \\
 (g \circ f)(x) &= g(f(x)) = g(\sqrt{x} + 1) = (\sqrt{x} + 1)^2 - 1 = x + 2\sqrt{x} + 1 - 1 = x + 2\sqrt{x}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 28. (f \circ g)(x) &= f(g(x)) = 2\sqrt{g(x)} + 3 = 2\sqrt{x^2 + 1} + 3 \text{ and} \\
 (g \circ f)(x) &= g(f(x)) = [f(x)]^2 + 1 = (2\sqrt{x} + 3)^2 + 1 = 4x + 12\sqrt{x} + 10.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 29. (f \circ g)(x) &= f(g(x)) = f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{x} \div \left(\frac{1}{x^2} + 1\right) = \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{x^2}{x^2 + 1} = \frac{x}{x^2 + 1} \text{ and} \\
 (g \circ f)(x) &= g(f(x)) = g\left(\frac{x}{x^2 + 1}\right) = \frac{x^2 + 1}{x}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 30. (f \circ g)(x) &= f(g(x)) = f\left(\frac{1}{x-1}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{x}{x-1}} \text{ and} \\
 (g \circ f)(x) &= g(f(x)) = g(\sqrt{x+1}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+1}-1} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x+1}+1}{\sqrt{x+1}+1} = \frac{\sqrt{x+1}+1}{x}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$31. h(2) = g(f(2)). \text{ But } f(2) = 2^2 + 2 + 1 = 7, \text{ so } h(2) = g(7) = 49.$$

$$32. h(2) = g(f(2)). \text{ But } f(2) = (2^2 - 1)^{1/3} = 3^{1/3}, \text{ so } h(2) = g(3^{1/3}) = 3(3^{1/3})^3 + 1 = 3(3) + 1 = 10.$$

$$33. h(2) = g(f(2)). \text{ But } f(2) = \frac{1}{2(2)+1} = \frac{1}{5}, \text{ so } h(2) = g\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5}.$$

$$34. h(2) = g(f(2)). \text{ But } f(2) = \frac{1}{2-1} = 1, \text{ so } g(1) = 1^2 + 1 = 2.$$

35.  $f(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 + 1, g(x) = x^5.$

36.  $f(x) = 3x^2 - 4, g(x) = x^{-3}.$

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

38.  $f(x) = (2x - 3), g(x) = x^{3/2}.$

39.  $f(x) = x^2 - 1, g(x) = \frac{1}{x}.$

40.  $f(x) = x^2 - 4, g(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}.$

41.  $f(x) = 3x^2 + 2, g(x) = \frac{1}{x^{3/2}}.$

42.  $f(x) = \sqrt{2x + 1}, g(x) = \frac{1}{x} + x.$

43.  $f(a + h) - f(a) = [3(a + h) + 4] - (3a + 4) = 3a + 3h + 4 - 3a - 4 = 3h.$

44.  $f(a + h) - f(a) = -\frac{1}{2}(a + h) + 3 - \left(-\frac{1}{2}a + 3\right) = -\frac{1}{2}a - \frac{1}{2}h + 3 + \frac{1}{2}a - 3 = -\frac{1}{2}h.$

45.  $f(a + h) - f(a) = 4 - (a + h)^2 - (4 - a^2) = 4 - a^2 - 2ah - h^2 - 4 + a^2 = -2ah - h^2 = -h(2a + h).$

46.  $f(a + h) - f(a) = [(a + h)^2 - 2(a + h) + 1] - (a^2 - 2a + 1)$   
 $= a^2 + 2ah + h^2 - 2a - 2h + 1 - a^2 + 2a - 1 = h(2a + h - 2).$

47.  $\frac{f(a + h) - f(a)}{h} = \frac{[(a + h)^2 + 1] - (a^2 + 1)}{h} = \frac{a^2 + 2ah + h^2 + 1 - a^2 - 1}{h} = \frac{2ah + h^2}{h}$   
 $= \frac{h(2a + h)}{h} = 2a + h.$

48.  $\frac{f(a + h) - f(a)}{h} = \frac{[2(a + h)^2 - (a + h) + 1] - (2a^2 - a + 1)}{h}$   
 $= \frac{2a^2 + 4ah + 2h^2 - a - h + 1 - 2a^2 + a - 1}{h} = \frac{4ah + 2h^2 - h}{h} = 4a + 2h - 1.$

49.  $\frac{f(a + h) - f(a)}{h} = \frac{[(a + h)^3 - (a + h)] - (a^3 - a)}{h} = \frac{a^3 + 3a^2h + 3ah^2 + h^3 - a - h - a^3 + a}{h}$   
 $= \frac{3a^2h + 3ah^2 + h^3 - h}{h} = 3a^2 + 3ah + h^2 - 1.$

50.  $\frac{f(a + h) - f(a)}{h} = \frac{[2(a + h)^3 - (a + h)^2 + 1] - (2a^3 - a^2 + 1)}{h}$   
 $= \frac{2a^3 + 6a^2h + 6ah^2 + 2h^3 - a^2 - 2ah - h^2 + 1 - 2a^3 + a^2 - 1}{h}$   
 $= \frac{6a^2h + 6ah^2 + 2h^3 - 2ah - h^2}{h} = 6a^2 + 6ah + 2h^2 - 2a - h.$

51.  $\frac{f(a + h) - f(a)}{h} = \frac{\frac{1}{a + h} - \frac{1}{a}}{h} = \frac{\frac{a - (a + h)}{a(a + h)}}{h} = -\frac{1}{a(a + h)}.$

52.  $\frac{f(a + h) - f(a)}{h} = \frac{\sqrt{a + h} - \sqrt{a}}{h} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{a + h} + \sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{a + h} + \sqrt{a}} = \frac{(a + h) - a}{h(\sqrt{a + h} + \sqrt{a})} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a + h} + \sqrt{a}}.$

53.  $F(t)$  represents the total revenue for the two restaurants at time  $t$ .