

## Notes Operations on Functions

A. Combinations of functions: Given 2 functions  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  we can determine:

1. Sum:	$(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$	add the functions together
2. Difference:	$(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$	subtract the functions (distribute the minus sign)
3. Product:	$(f \cdot g)(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$	multiply the functions
4. Quotient:	$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$	divide the functions

- The **domain** of the new “combined” functions will be the intersection of the domains of  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$ , excluding any new “issues” that may arise.
  - First, find the domains of  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$ , then find the intersection of those domains.
  - The domain of the new “combined” function will be this intersection minus new “issues”

Find  $(f + g)(x)$ ,  $(f - g)(x)$ ,  $(f \cdot g)(x)$ , and  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$  and their respective domains given

EX1:  $f(x) = x - 7$  and  $g(x) = x^2 + 2$

EX1a: $(f + g)(x)$	EX1b: $(f - g)(x)$
EX1c: $(f \cdot g)(x)$	EX1d: $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$

EX2:  $f(x) = \frac{3}{x-4}$  and  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x+5}$

EX2a: $(f + g)(x)$	EX2b: $(f - g)(x)$
EX2c: $(f \cdot g)(x)$	EX2d: $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$

B. Composition of functions: Given 2 functions  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  we can determine:

- i.  $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$  which means to replace all the  $x$ 's in  $f(x)$  with the expression  $g(x)$  is equal to.
- ii.  $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$  which means to replace all the  $x$ 's in  $g(x)$  with the expression  $f(x)$  is equal to.

Use the given functions to find  $(f \circ g)(x)$  and  $(g \circ f)(x)$

<p>Ex3: <math>f(x) = x - 7</math> and <math>g(x) = x^2 + 2</math></p> <p><math>(f \circ g)(x) =</math></p>	<p>Ex4: <math>f(x) = x^2 + 2</math> and <math>g(x) = \sqrt{x - 4}</math></p> <p><math>(f \circ g)(x) =</math></p>
<p>Ex5: <math>f(x) = x - 7</math> and <math>g(x) = x^2 + 2</math></p> <p><math>(g \circ f)(x) =</math></p>	<p>Ex6: <math>f(x) = x^2 + 2</math> and <math>g(x) = \sqrt{x - 4}</math></p> <p><math>(g \circ f)(x) =</math></p>