

EXERCISE 2.3

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1. Find fog and gof, if

(i) $f(x) = e^x$, $g(x) = \log_e x$

(ii) $f(x) = x^2$, $g(x) = \cos x$

(iii) $f(x) = |x|$, $g(x) = \sin x$

(iv) $f(x) = x+1$, $g(x) = e^x$

(v) $f(x) = \sin^{-1} x$, $g(x) = x^2$

(vi) $f(x) = x+1$, $g(x) = \sin x$

(vii) $f(x) = x + 1$, $g(x) = 2x + 3$

(viii) $f(x) = c$, $c \in \mathbb{R}$, $g(x) = \sin x^2$

(ix) $f(x) = x^2 + 2$, $g(x) = 1 - 1/(1-x)$

Solution:

(i) Given $f(x) = e^x$, $g(x) = \log_e x$

Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$; and $g: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Now we have to calculate fog,

Clearly, the range of g is a subset of the domain of f.

fog: $(0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$(fog)(x) = f(g(x))$

$= f(\log_e x)$

$= \log_e e^x$

$= x$

Now we have to calculate gof,

Clearly, the range of f is a subset of the domain of g.

$\Rightarrow fog: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$(gof)(x) = g(f(x))$

$= g(e^x)$

$= \log_e e^x$

$= x$

(ii) $f(x) = x^2$, $g(x) = \cos x$

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$; $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [-1, 1]$

Now we have to calculate fog,

Clearly, the range of g is not a subset of the domain of f.

$\Rightarrow \text{Domain}(fog) = \{x: x \in \text{domain of } g \text{ and } g(x) \in \text{domain of } f\}$

$\Rightarrow \text{Domain}(fog) = \{x: x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } \cos x \in \mathbb{R}\}$

\Rightarrow Domain of $(f \circ g) = \mathbb{R}$

$(f \circ g): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

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

$$= f(\cos x)$$

$$= \cos^2 x$$

Now we have to calculate $g \circ f$,

Clearly, the range of f is a subset of the domain of g .

$\Rightarrow f \circ g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

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

$$= g(x^2)$$

$$= \cos x^2$$

(iii) Given $f(x) = |x|$, $g(x) = \sin x$

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$; $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [-1, 1]$

Now we have to calculate $f \circ g$,

Clearly, the range of g is a subset of the domain of f .

$\Rightarrow f \circ g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

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

$$= f(\sin x)$$

$$= |\sin x|$$

Now we have to calculate $g \circ f$,

Clearly, the range of f is a subset of the domain of g .

$\Rightarrow f \circ g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

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

$$= g(|x|)$$

$$= \sin |x|$$

(iv) Given $f(x) = x + 1$, $g(x) = e^x$

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$; $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [1, \infty)$

Now we have calculate $f \circ g$:

Clearly, range of g is a subset of domain of f .

$\Rightarrow f \circ g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

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

$$= f(e^x)$$

$$= e^x + 1$$

Now we have to compute $g \circ f$,

Clearly, range of f is a subset of domain of g .

$$\Rightarrow fog: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(gof)(x) = g(f(x))$$

$$= g(x+1)$$

$$= e^{x+1}$$

(v) Given $f(x) = \sin^{-1} x$, $g(x) = x^2$

$$f: [-1, 1] \rightarrow [(-\pi)/2, \pi/2]; g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$$

Now we have to compute fog:

Clearly, the range of g is not a subset of the domain of f .

$$\text{Domain}(fog) = \{x: x \in \text{domain of } g \text{ and } g(x) \in \text{domain of } f\}$$

$$\text{Domain}(fog) = \{x: x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } x^2 \in [-1, 1]\}$$

$$\text{Domain}(fog) = \{x: x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } x \in [-1, 1]\}$$

$$\text{Domain of } (fog) = [-1, 1]$$

$$fog: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(fog)(x) = f(g(x))$$

$$= f(x^2)$$

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

Now we have to compute gof:

Clearly, the range of f is a subset of the domain of g .

$$fog: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(gof)(x) = g(f(x))$$

$$= g(\sin^{-1} x)$$

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

(vi) Given $f(x) = x+1$, $g(x) = \sin x$

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [-1, 1]$$

Now we have to compute fog

Set of the domain of f .

$$\Rightarrow fog: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(fog)(x) = f(g(x))$$

$$= f(\sin x)$$

$$= \sin x + 1$$

Now we have to compute gof,

Clearly, the range of f is a subset of the domain of g .

$$\Rightarrow fog: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(gof)(x) = g(f(x))$$

$$= g(x+1)$$

$$= \sin (x+1)$$

(vii) Given $f(x) = x+1$, $g(x) = 2x + 3$

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Now we have to compute $f \circ g$

Clearly, the range of g is a subset of the domain of f .

$$\Rightarrow f \circ g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

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

$$= f(2x+3)$$

$$= 2x + 3 + 1$$

$$= 2x + 4$$

Now we have to compute $g \circ f$

Clearly, the range of f is a subset of the domain of g .

$$\Rightarrow f \circ g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

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

$$= g(x+1)$$

$$= 2(x+1) + 3$$

$$= 2x + 5$$

(viii) Given $f(x) = c$, $g(x) = \sin x^2$

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \{c\}; g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

Now we have to compute $f \circ g$

Clearly, the range of g is a subset of the domain of f .

$$f \circ g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

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

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

$$= c$$

Now we have to compute $g \circ f$,

Clearly, the range of f is a subset of the domain of g .

$$\Rightarrow f \circ g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

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

$$= g(c)$$

$$= \sin c^2$$

(ix) Given $f(x) = x^2 + 2$ and $g(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{1-x}$

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [2, \infty)$$

For domain of g : $1-x \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow x \neq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } g = \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$$

$$g(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{1-x} = \frac{(1-x-1)}{(1-x)} = \frac{-x}{(1-x)}$$

For range of g

$$y = \frac{-x}{(1-x)}$$

$$\Rightarrow y - xy = -x$$

$$\Rightarrow y = xy - x$$

$$\Rightarrow y = x(y-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{y}{(y-1)}$$

$$\text{Range of } g = \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$$

$$\text{So, } g: \mathbb{R} - \{1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$$

Now we have to compute fog

Clearly, the range of g is a subset of the domain of f .

$$\Rightarrow \text{fog}: \mathbb{R} - \{1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(\text{fog})(x) = f(g(x))$$

$$= f\left(\frac{-x}{(1-x)}\right)$$

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

$$= \frac{(x^2 + 2x^2 + 2 - 4x)}{(1-x)^2}$$

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

Now we have to compute gof

Clearly, the range of f is a subset of the domain of g .

$$\Rightarrow \text{gof}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(\text{gof})(x) = g(f(x))$$

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

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{(1 - (x^2 + 2))}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{(1 - (x^2 + 2))}$$

$$= \frac{(x^2 + 2)}{(x^2 + 1)}$$

2. Let $f(x) = x^2 + x + 1$ and $g(x) = \sin x$. Show that $\text{fog} \neq \text{gof}$.

Solution:

Given $f(x) = x^2 + x + 1$ and $g(x) = \sin x$

Now we have to prove $\text{fog} \neq \text{gof}$

$$(\text{fog})(x) = f(g(x))$$

$$= f(\sin x)$$

$$= \sin^2 x + \sin x + 1$$

$$\text{And } (\text{gof})(x) = g(f(x))$$

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

So, $f \circ g \neq g \circ f$.

3. If $f(x) = |x|$, prove that $f \circ f = f$.

Solution:

$$\text{Given } f(x) = |x|,$$

Now we have to prove that $f \circ f = f$.

$$\text{Consider } (f \circ f)(x) = f(f(x))$$

$$= f(|x|)$$

$$= ||x||$$

$$= |x|$$

$$= f(x)$$

So,

$$(f \circ f)(x) = f(x), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Hence, $f \circ f = f$

4. If $f(x) = 2x + 5$ and $g(x) = x^2 + 1$ be two real functions, then describe each of the following functions:

(i) $f \circ g$

(ii) $g \circ f$

(iii) $f \circ f$

(iv) f^2

Also, show that $f \circ f \neq f^2$

Solution:

$f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are polynomials.

$$\Rightarrow f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ and } g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

So, $f \circ g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g \circ f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

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

$$= f(x^2 + 1)$$

$$= 2(x^2 + 1) + 5$$

$$= 2x^2 + 2 + 5$$

$$= 2x^2 + 7$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} &= g(2x + 5) \\ &= g(2x + 5)^2 + 1 \\ &= 4x^2 + 20x + 26 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii) } (f \circ f)(x) &= f(f(x)) \\ &= f(2x + 5) \\ &= 2(2x + 5) + 5 \\ &= 4x + 10 + 5 \\ &= 4x + 15 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iv) } f^2(x) &= f(x) \times f(x) \\ &= (2x + 5)(2x + 5) \\ &= (2x + 5)^2 \\ &= 4x^2 + 20x + 25 \end{aligned}$$

5. If $f(x) = \sin x$ and $g(x) = 2x$ be two real functions, then describe $g \circ f$ and $f \circ g$. Are these equal functions?

Solution:

Given $f(x) = \sin x$ and $g(x) = 2x$

We know that

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [-1, 1]$ and $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Clearly, the range of f is a subset of the domain of g .

$g \circ f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

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

$$= g(\sin x)$$

$$= 2 \sin x$$

Clearly, the range of g is a subset of the domain of f .

$f \circ g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\text{So, } (f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$$

$$= f(2x)$$

$$= \sin(2x)$$

Clearly, $f \circ g \neq g \circ f$

Hence they are not equal functions.

6. Let f, g, h be real functions given by $f(x) = \sin x, g(x) = 2x$ and $h(x) = \cos x$. Prove

that $f \circ g = g \circ (f \circ h)$.

Solution:

Given that $f(x) = \sin x$, $g(x) = 2x$ and $h(x) = \cos x$

We know that $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [-1, 1]$ and $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Clearly, the range of g is a subset of the domain of f .

$f \circ g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Now, $(f \circ h)(x) = f(h(x)) = (\sin x)(\cos x) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x)$

Domain of $f \circ h$ is \mathbb{R} .

Since range of $\sin x$ is $[-1, 1]$, $-1 \leq \sin 2x \leq 1$

$\Rightarrow -1/2 \leq \sin x/2 \leq 1/2$

Range of $f \circ h = [-1/2, 1/2]$

So, $(f \circ h): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [(-1)/2, 1/2]$

Clearly, range of $f \circ h$ is a subset of g .

$\Rightarrow g \circ (f \circ h): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

\Rightarrow Domains of $f \circ g$ and $g \circ (f \circ h)$ are the same.

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

$= f(2x)$

$= \sin(2x)$

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

$= g(\sin x \cos x)$

$= 2 \sin x \cos x$

$= \sin(2x)$

$\Rightarrow (f \circ g)(x) = (g \circ (f \circ h))(x), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

Hence, $f \circ g = g \circ (f \circ h)$