

EXERCISE 3.4

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1. Find $f + g$, $f - g$, cf ($c \in \mathbb{R}$, $c \neq 0$), fg , $1/f$ and f/g in each of the following:

(i) $f(x) = x^3 + 1$ and $g(x) = x + 1$

(ii) $f(x) = \sqrt{x-1}$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$

Solution:

(i) $f(x) = x^3 + 1$ and $g(x) = x + 1$

We have $f(x): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g(x): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

(a) $f + g$

We know, $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}(f + g)(x) &= x^3 + 1 + x + 1 \\ &= x^3 + x + 2\end{aligned}$$

So, $(f + g)(x): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$\therefore f + g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(f + g)(x) = x^3 + x + 2$

(b) $f - g$

We know, $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}(f - g)(x) &= x^3 + 1 - (x + 1) \\ &= x^3 + 1 - x - 1 \\ &= x^3 - x\end{aligned}$$

So, $(f - g)(x): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$\therefore f - g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(f - g)(x) = x^3 - x$

(c) cf ($c \in \mathbb{R}$, $c \neq 0$)

We know, $(cf)(x) = c \times f(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}(cf)(x) &= c(x^3 + 1) \\ &= cx^3 + c\end{aligned}$$

So, $(cf)(x): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$\therefore cf: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(cf)(x) = cx^3 + c$

(d) fg

We know, $(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}(fg)(x) &= (x^3 + 1)(x + 1) \\ &= (x + 1)(x^2 - x + 1)(x + 1) \\ &= (x + 1)^2(x^2 - x + 1)\end{aligned}$$

So, $(fg)(x): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$\therefore fg: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(fg)(x) = (x + 1)^2(x^2 - x + 1)$

(e) $1/f$

We know, $(1/f)(x) = 1/f(x)$

$$1/f(x) = 1/(x^3 + 1)$$

Observe that $1/f(x)$ is undefined when $f(x) = 0$ or when $x = -1$.

So, $1/f: \mathbb{R} - \{-1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $1/f(x) = 1/(x^3 + 1)$

(f) f/g

We know, $(f/g)(x) = f(x)/g(x)$

$$(f/g)(x) = (x^3 + 1)/(x + 1)$$

Observe that $(x^3 + 1)/(x + 1)$ is undefined when $g(x) = 0$ or when $x = -1$.

Using $x^3 + 1 = (x + 1)(x^2 - x + 1)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}(f/g)(x) &= [(x+1)(x^2 - x + 1)/(x+1)] \\ &= x^2 - x + 1\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f/g: \mathbb{R} - \{-1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(f/g)(x) = x^2 - x + 1$

(ii) $f(x) = \sqrt{x-1}$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$

We have $f(x): [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ and $g(x): [-1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ as real square root is defined only for non-negative numbers.

(a) $f + g$

We know, $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

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

Domain of $(f + g) = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$

$$\text{Domain of } (f + g) = [1, \infty) \cap [-1, \infty)$$

$$\text{Domain of } (f + g) = [1, \infty)$$

$\therefore f + g: [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(f+g)(x) = \sqrt{x-1} + \sqrt{x+1}$

(b) $f - g$

We know, $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$

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

Domain of $(f - g) = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$

$$\text{Domain of } (f - g) = [1, \infty) \cap [-1, \infty)$$

$$\text{Domain of } (f - g) = [1, \infty)$$

$\therefore f - g: [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(f-g)(x) = \sqrt{x-1} - \sqrt{x+1}$

(c) cf ($c \in \mathbb{R}, c \neq 0$)

We know, $(cf)(x) = c \times f(x)$

$$(cf)(x) = c\sqrt{x-1}$$

Domain of $(cf) = \text{Domain of } f$

Domain of $(cf) = [1, \infty)$

$\therefore cf: [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(cf)(x) = c\sqrt{x-1}$

(d) fg

We know, $(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}(fg)(x) &= \sqrt{x-1} \sqrt{x+1} \\ &= \sqrt{x^2 - 1}\end{aligned}$$

Domain of $(fg) = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$

$$\text{Domain of } (fg) = [1, \infty) \cap [-1, \infty)$$

$$\text{Domain of } (fg) = [1, \infty)$$

$\therefore fg: [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(fg)(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$

(e) $1/f$

We know, $(1/f)(x) = 1/f(x)$

$$(1/f)(x) = 1/\sqrt{x-1}$$

Domain of $(1/f) = \text{Domain of } f$

$$\text{Domain of } (1/f) = [1, \infty)$$

Observe that $1/\sqrt{x-1}$ is also undefined when $x - 1 = 0$ or $x = 1$.

$\therefore 1/f: (1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(1/f)(x) = 1/\sqrt{x-1}$

(f) f/g

We know, $(f/g)(x) = f(x)/g(x)$

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

$$(f/g)(x) = \sqrt{[(x-1)/(x+1)]}$$

Domain of $(f/g) = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$

$$\text{Domain of } (f/g) = [1, \infty) \cap [-1, \infty)$$

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$\therefore f/g: [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(f/g)(x) = \sqrt{[(x-1)/(x+1)]}$

2. Let $f(x) = 2x + 5$ and $g(x) = x^2 + x$. Describe

(i) $f + g$

(ii) $f - g$

(iii) fg

(iv) f/g

Find the domain in each case.

Solution:

Given:

$$f(x) = 2x + 5 \text{ and } g(x) = x^2 + x$$

Both $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are defined for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

So, domain of f = domain of g = \mathbb{R}

(i) $f + g$

We know, $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}(f + g)(x) &= 2x + 5 + x^2 + x \\ &= x^2 + 3x + 5\end{aligned}$$

$(f + g)(x)$ is defined for all real numbers x .

\therefore The domain of $(f + g)$ is \mathbb{R}

(ii) $f - g$

We know, $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}(f - g)(x) &= 2x + 5 - (x^2 + x) \\ &= 2x + 5 - x^2 - x \\ &= 5 + x - x^2\end{aligned}$$

$(f - g)(x)$ is defined for all real numbers x .

\therefore The domain of $(f - g)$ is \mathbb{R}

(iii) fg

We know, $(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}(fg)(x) &= (2x + 5)(x^2 + x) \\ &= 2x(x^2 + x) + 5(x^2 + x) \\ &= 2x^3 + 2x^2 + 5x^2 + 5x \\ &= 2x^3 + 7x^2 + 5x\end{aligned}$$

$(fg)(x)$ is defined for all real numbers x .

\therefore The domain of fg is \mathbb{R}

(iv) f/g

We know, $(f/g)(x) = f(x)/g(x)$

$$(f/g)(x) = (2x+5)/(x^2+x)$$

$(f/g)(x)$ is defined for all real values of x , except for the case when $x^2 + x = 0$.

$$x^2 + x = 0$$

$$x(x + 1) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x + 1 = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } -1$$

When $x = 0$ or -1 , $(f/g)(x)$ will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

\therefore The domain of $f/g = \mathbb{R} - \{-1, 0\}$

3. If $f(x)$ be defined on $[-2, 2]$ and is given by $f(|x|) + |f(x)|$. Find $g(x)$.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ x - 1, & 0 < x \leq 2 \end{cases} \text{ and } g(x) =$$

Solution:

Given:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ x-1, & 0 < x \leq 2 \end{cases} \text{ and}$$

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

Now we have,

$$f(|x|) = \begin{cases} -1, & -2 \leq |x| \leq 0 \\ |x|-1, & 0 < |x| \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

However, $|x| \geq 0 \Rightarrow f(|x|) = |x| - 1$ when $0 < |x| \leq 2$

We also have,

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x)| &= \begin{cases} |-1|, & -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ |x-1|, & 0 < x \leq 2 \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} 1, & -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ |x-1|, & 0 < x \leq 2 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

We also know,

$$\begin{aligned} |x-1| &= \begin{cases} -(x-1), & x-1 < 0 \\ x-1, & x-1 \geq 0 \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} -(x-1), & x < 1 \\ x-1, & x \geq 1 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Here, we shall only the range between $[0, 2]$.

$$|x-1| = \begin{cases} -(x-1), & 0 < x < 1 \\ x-1, & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

Substituting this value of $|x-1|$ in $|f(x)|$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x)| &= \begin{cases} 1, & -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ -(x-1), & 0 < x < 1 \\ x-1, & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} 1, & -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 1-x, & 0 < x < 1 \\ x-1, & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Now, we need to find $g(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= f(|x|) + |f(x)| \\ &= |x| - 1 \text{ when } 0 < |x| \leq 2 + \begin{cases} 1, & -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 1-x, & 0 < x < 1 \\ x-1, & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(x) &= \begin{cases} -x-1, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ x-1, 0 < x < 1 \\ x-1, 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases} + \begin{cases} 1, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 1-x, 0 < x < 1 \\ x-1, 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases} \\
 &= \begin{cases} -x-1+1, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ x-1+1-x, 0 < x < 1 \\ x-1+x-1, 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases} \\
 &= \begin{cases} -x, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 0, 0 < x < 1 \\ 2(x-1), 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore g(x) &= f(|x|) + |f(x)| \\
 &= \begin{cases} -x, -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 0, 0 < x < 1 \\ 2(x-1), 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

4. Let f, g be two real functions defined by $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{9-x^2}$. Then, describe each of the following functions.

- (i) $f + g$
- (ii) $g - f$
- (iii) fg
- (iv) f/g
- (v) g/f
- (vi) $2f - \sqrt{5}g$
- (vii) $f^2 + 7f$
- (viii) $5/g$

Solution:

Given:

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x+1} \text{ and } g(x) = \sqrt{9-x^2}$$

We know the square of a real number is never negative.

So, $f(x)$ takes real values only when $x + 1 \geq 0$

$$x \geq -1, x \in [-1, \infty)$$

$$\text{Domain of } f = [-1, \infty)$$

Similarly, $g(x)$ takes real values only when $9 - x^2 \geq 0$

$$9 \geq x^2$$

$$x^2 \leq 9$$

$$x^2 - 9 \leq 0$$

$$x^2 - 3^2 \leq 0$$

$$(x+3)(x-3) \leq 0$$

$$x \geq -3 \text{ and } x \leq 3$$

$$\therefore x \in [-3, 3]$$

$$\text{Domain of } g = [-3, 3]$$

(i) $f + g$

$$\text{We know, } (f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$$

$$(f + g)(x) = \sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{9-x^2}$$

$$\text{Domain of } f + g = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$$

$$= [-1, \infty) \cap [-3, 3]$$

$$= [-1, 3]$$

$$\therefore f + g: [-1, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is given by } (f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x) = \sqrt{x+1} + \sqrt{9-x^2}$$

(ii) $g - f$

$$\text{We know, } (g - f)(x) = g(x) - f(x)$$

$$(g - f)(x) = \sqrt{9-x^2} - \sqrt{x+1}$$

$$\text{Domain of } g - f = \text{Domain of } g \cap \text{Domain of } f$$

$$= [-3, 3] \cap [-1, \infty)$$

$$= [-1, 3]$$

$$\therefore g - f: [-1, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is given by } (g - f)(x) = g(x) - f(x) = \sqrt{9-x^2} - \sqrt{x+1}$$

(iii) fg

$$\text{We know, } (fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$$

$$(fg)(x) = \sqrt{x+1} \sqrt{9-x^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{[(x+1)(9-x^2)]}$$

$$= \sqrt{[x(9-x^2) + (9-x^2)]}$$

$$= \sqrt{(9x-x^3+9-x^2)}$$

$$= \sqrt{(9+9x-x^2-x^3)}$$

$$\text{Domain of } fg = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$$

$$= [-1, \infty) \cap [-3, 3]$$

$$= [-1, 3]$$

$$\therefore fg: [-1, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is given by } (fg)(x) = f(x)g(x) = \sqrt{x+1} \sqrt{9-x^2} = \sqrt{(9+9x-x^2-x^3)}$$

(iv) f/g

$$\text{We know, } (f/g)(x) = f(x)/g(x)$$

$$(f/g)(x) = \sqrt{x+1} / \sqrt{9-x^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{[(x+1) / (9-x^2)]}$$

$$\text{Domain of } f/g = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$$

$$= [-1, \infty) \cap [-3, 3]$$

$$= [-1, 3]$$

However, $(f/g)(x)$ is defined for all real values of $x \in [-1, 3]$, except for the case when $9 - x^2 = 0$ or $x = \pm 3$

When $x = \pm 3$, $(f/g)(x)$ will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Domain of $f/g = [-1, 3] - \{-3, 3\}$

Domain of $f/g = [-1, 3)$

$\therefore f/g: [-1, 3) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(f/g)(x) = f(x)/g(x) = \sqrt{x+1} / \sqrt{9-x^2}$

(v) g/f

We know, $(g/f)(x) = g(x)/f(x)$

$$(g/f)(x) = \sqrt{9-x^2} / \sqrt{x+1}$$

$$= \sqrt{(9-x^2) / (x+1)}$$

Domain of $g/f = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$

$$= [-1, \infty) \cap [-3, 3]$$

$$= [-1, 3]$$

However, $(g/f)(x)$ is defined for all real values of $x \in [-1, 3]$, except for the case when $x + 1 = 0$ or $x = -1$

When $x = -1$, $(g/f)(x)$ will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Domain of $g/f = [-1, 3] - \{-1\}$

Domain of $g/f = (-1, 3]$

$\therefore g/f: (-1, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(g/f)(x) = g(x)/f(x) = \sqrt{9-x^2} / \sqrt{x+1}$

(vi) $2f - \sqrt{5}g$

We know, $(2f - \sqrt{5}g)(x) = 2f(x) - \sqrt{5}g(x)$

$$(2f - \sqrt{5}g)(x) = 2f(x) - \sqrt{5}g(x)$$

$$= 2\sqrt{x+1} - \sqrt{5}\sqrt{9-x^2}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{x+1} - \sqrt{45-5x^2}$$

Domain of $2f - \sqrt{5}g = \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g$

$$= [-1, \infty) \cap [-3, 3]$$

$$= [-1, 3]$$

$\therefore 2f - \sqrt{5}g: [-1, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(2f - \sqrt{5}g)(x) = 2f(x) - \sqrt{5}g(x) = 2\sqrt{x+1} - \sqrt{45-5x^2}$

(vii) $f^2 + 7f$

We know, $(f^2 + 7f)(x) = f^2(x) + (7f)(x)$

$$(f^2 + 7f)(x) = f(x)f(x) + 7f(x)$$

$$= \sqrt{x+1}\sqrt{x+1} + 7\sqrt{x+1}$$

$$= x + 1 + 7\sqrt{x+1}$$

Domain of $f^2 + 7f$ is same as domain of f .

Domain of $f^2 + 7f = [-1, \infty)$

$\therefore f^2 + 7f: [-1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(f^2 + 7f)(x) = f(x)f(x) + 7f(x) = x + 1 + 7\sqrt{x+1}$

(viii) $5/g$

We know, $(5/g)(x) = 5/g(x)$

$$(5/g)(x) = 5/\sqrt{9-x^2}$$

Domain of $5/g$ = Domain of $g = [-3, 3]$

However, $(5/g)(x)$ is defined for all real values of $x \in [-3, 3]$, except for the case when $9 - x^2 = 0$ or $x = \pm 3$

When $x = \pm 3$, $(5/g)(x)$ will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

Domain of $5/g = [-3, 3] - \{-3, 3\}$

$$= (-3, 3)$$

$\therefore 5/g: (-3, 3) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(5/g)(x) = 5/g(x) = 5/\sqrt{9-x^2}$

5. If $f(x) = \log_e(1-x)$ and $g(x) = [x]$, then determine each of the following functions:

(i) $f + g$

(ii) fg

(iii) f/g

(iv) g/f

Also, find $(f + g)(-1)$, $(fg)(0)$, $(f/g)(1/2)$ and $(g/f)(1/2)$.

Solution:

Given:

$$f(x) = \log_e(1-x) \text{ and } g(x) = [x]$$

We know, $f(x)$ takes real values only when $1 - x > 0$

$$1 > x$$

$$x < 1, \therefore x \in (-\infty, 1)$$

$$\text{Domain of } f = (-\infty, 1)$$

Similarly, $g(x)$ is defined for all real numbers x .

$$\text{Domain of } g = [x], x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$= \mathbb{R}$$

(i) $f + g$

We know, $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

$$(f + g)(x) = \log_e(1-x) + [x]$$

Domain of $f + g$ = Domain of $f \cap$ Domain of g

$$\text{Domain of } f + g = (-\infty, 1) \cap \mathbb{R}$$

$$= (-\infty, 1)$$

$\therefore f + g: (-\infty, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(f + g)(x) = \log_e(1-x) + [x]$

(ii) fg

We know, $(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}(fg)(x) &= \log_e(1-x) \times [x] \\ &= [x] \log_e(1-x)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Domain of } fg &= \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g \\ &= (-\infty, 1) \cap \mathbb{R} \\ &= (-\infty, 1)\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore fg: (-\infty, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(fg)(x) = [x] \log_e(1-x)$

(iii) f/g

We know, $(f/g)(x) = f(x)/g(x)$

$$(f/g)(x) = \log_e(1-x) / [x]$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Domain of } f/g &= \text{Domain of } f \cap \text{Domain of } g \\ &= (-\infty, 1) \cap \mathbb{R} \\ &= (-\infty, 1)\end{aligned}$$

However, $(f/g)(x)$ is defined for all real values of $x \in (-\infty, 1)$, except for the case when $[x] = 0$.

We have, $[x] = 0$ when $0 \leq x < 1$ or $x \in [0, 1)$

When $0 \leq x < 1$, $(f/g)(x)$ will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Domain of } f/g &= (-\infty, 1) - [0, 1) \\ &= (-\infty, 0)\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f/g: (-\infty, 0) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(f/g)(x) = \log_e(1-x) / [x]$

(iv) g/f

We know, $(g/f)(x) = g(x)/f(x)$

$$(g/f)(x) = [x] / \log_e(1-x)$$

However, $(g/f)(x)$ is defined for all real values of $x \in (-\infty, 1)$, except for the case when $\log_e(1-x) = 0$.

$$\log_e(1-x) = 0 \Rightarrow 1-x = 1 \text{ or } x = 0$$

When $x = 0$, $(g/f)(x)$ will be undefined as the division result will be indeterminate.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Domain of } g/f &= (-\infty, 1) - \{0\} \\ &= (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, 1)\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore g/f: (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(g/f)(x) = [x] / \log_e(1-x)$

(a) We need to find $(f+g)(-1)$.

We have, $(f+g)(x) = \log_e(1-x) + [x]$, $x \in (-\infty, 1)$

Substituting $x = -1$ in the above equation, we get

$$\begin{aligned}(f+g)(-1) &= \log_e(1-(-1)) + [-1] \\ &= \log_e(1+1) + (-1) \\ &= \log_e 2 - 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (f + g)(-1) = \log_e 2 - 1$$

(b) We need to find $(fg)(0)$.

We have, $(fg)(x) = [x] \log_e(1 - x)$, $x \in (-\infty, 1)$

Substituting $x = 0$ in the above equation, we get

$$\begin{aligned}(fg)(0) &= [0] \log_e(1 - 0) \\ &= 0 \times \log_e 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (fg)(0) = 0$$

(c) We need to find $(f/g)(1/2)$

We have, $(f/g)(x) = \log_e(1 - x) / [x]$, $x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$

However, $1/2$ is not in the domain of f/g .

$\therefore (f/g)(1/2)$ does not exist.

(d) We need to find $(g/f)(1/2)$

We have, $(g/f)(x) = [x] / \log_e(1 - x)$, $x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$

Substituting $x = 1/2$ in the above equation, we get

$$\begin{aligned}(g/f)(1/2) &= [x] / \log_e(1 - x) \\ &= (1/2) / \log_e(1 - 1/2) \\ &= 0.5 / \log_e(1/2) \\ &= 0 / \log_e(1/2) \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (g/f)(1/2) = 0$$