

Composite Functions: When two functions are combined into one function.

$f(g(x))$ is read as "f of g of x" SUBSTITUTION

Given these two functions: $f(x) = 3x^2 - 7$ and $g(x) = 2x + 4$

a. Find $f(g(3))$

$$g(3) = 2(3) + 4 = 10$$

$$\text{Now } f(10) = 3(10)^2 - 7 = 293$$

b. find $g(f(3))$

$$f(3) = 3(3)^2 - 7 = 20$$

$$\text{Now } g(20) = 2(20) + 4 = 44$$

Another way to write a composite is:

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

Use these two functions:

$$f(x) = x + 5$$

$$g(x) = 3x - 2$$

Find $(g \circ f)(1)$
 $g(f(1))$

$$f(1) = 1 + 5 = 6$$
$$\text{Now } g(6) = 3(6) - 2 = 16$$

given $5x + 4y = 12$ and $y = 2x - 3$

Use substitution to write an equation with only the variable x . Then simplify.

$$5x + 4(2x - 3) = 12$$

$$5x + 8x - 12 = 12$$

$$13x - 12 = 12$$

Given $f(x) = 11x - 8$

Find $f(m + 2)$

$$f(x) = 11x - 8$$

$$f(m+2) = 11(m+2) - 8$$

$$11m + 22 - 8 = 11m + 14$$

Use these two functions:

$$f(x) = 6x - 5$$

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

Find and simplify

$f(g(x))$

$$6(2x+3) - 5$$

$$12x + 18 - 5$$

$$\boxed{12x + 13}$$