

Sec 7-6: Function Operations

Definition

Function Operations

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

Multiplication $(f \cdot g)(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$

Subtraction $(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$

Division $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}, g(x) \neq 0$

Use these three functions:

$$f(x) = 2x^2 - x - 15$$

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

$$h(x) = x^2 + 10$$

Perform each function operation. Simplify as much as possible.
Find the domain of the resulting function.

1. $(g - f)(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (x - 3) - (2x^2 - x - 15) \\ &= x - 3 - 2x^2 + x + 15 \\ &= -2x^2 + 2x + 12 \end{aligned}$$

Domain: \mathbb{R}

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2. $(f + h)(x) = (2x^2 - x - 15) + (x^2 + 10)$

$$= 2x^2 - x - 15 + x^2 + 10$$

$$= 3x^2 - x - 5$$

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3. $(f \cdot h)(x) = (2x^2 - x - 15)(x^2 + 10)$

	$2x^2$	$-x$	-15
x^2	$2x^4$	$-x^3$	$-15x^2$
$+10$	$20x^2$	$-10x$	-150

$$= 2x^4 - x^3 + 5x^2 - 10x - 150$$

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$$4. \left(\frac{g}{h}\right)(x) = \frac{x-3}{x^2+10} \text{ this doesn't reduce}$$

Domain \mathbb{R}

Restrictions on the Domain would be when the denominator is zero.

But the denominator will never be equal to zero.

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$$5. \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{2x^2 - x - 15}{x-3}$$

See if the numerator factors:

$$= \frac{(2x+5)(x-3)}{x-3}$$

The $x-3$ terms cancel

$$= 2x+5$$

Because there was $x-3$ in the denominator the domain has a restriction:

Domain: $x \neq 3$