

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

State the Domain of each function.

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

Domain:

\mathbb{R}

Interval Notation:

$$(-\infty, \infty)$$

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

Domain:

\mathbb{R}

$$(-\infty, \infty)$$

$$h(x) = 2x^2 - 18$$

Domain:

\mathbb{R}

$$(-\infty, \infty)$$

Use these three functions:

$$f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 15 \quad g(x) = x - 3 \quad h(x) = 2x^2 - 18$$

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

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

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

$$= (x - 3) - (x^2 + 2x - 15)$$

$$-x^2 - x + 12$$

$$D: \mathbb{R}$$

2. $(f + h)(x)$

$$= (x^2 + 2x - 15) + (2x^2 - 18)$$

$$= 3x^2 + 2x - 33$$

$$D: \mathbb{R}$$

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3. $(f \cdot h)(x)$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 2x - 15 \\ 2x^4 \quad 2x^4 + 4x^3 - 30x^2 \\ -18 \quad -18x \quad -36x + 270 \end{array}$$

$$2x^4 + 4x^3 - 48x^2 - 36x + 270$$

$$D: \mathbb{R}$$

4. $\left(\frac{h}{g}\right)$

$$= \frac{2x^2 - 18}{x - 3}$$

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

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

$$2(x + 3)$$

$$2x + 6$$

$$D: x \neq 3$$

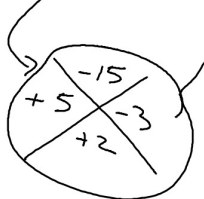
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5. $\left(\frac{g}{f}\right) = \frac{x-3}{x^2+2x-15} = \frac{\cancel{x-3}}{(x+5)(\cancel{x-3})}$



$= \frac{1}{x+5}$

D: $x \neq -5, 3$