

Mathematical Operations:

- Addition
- Subtraction
- Multiplication
- Division

Sec 7-6: Function Operations

Definition

Function Operations

Addition	$(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$	Combine Like Terms
Multiplication	$(f \cdot g)(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$	Expand
Subtraction	$(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$	Combine Like Terms
Division	$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}, g(x) \neq 0$	Reduce (cancel) which will involve factoring

State the domain of each function.

1. $g(x) = x - 3$ Domain: \mathbb{R}

This is a linear function which has a domain of all real numbers. Also, there is no restriction on the values of x that can be used in this equation (at no time will it become undefined or involve anything but real numbers).

2. $h(x) = x^2 - 10$ Domain: \mathbb{R}

The graph of this is a parabola which has a domain of all real numbers. Also, there is no restriction on the values of x that can be used in this equation (at no time will it become undefined or involve anything but real numbers).

3. $f(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 + 2x - 15$ Domain: \mathbb{R}

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Use these three functions:

$$f(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 + 2x - 15 \quad g(x) = x - 3 \quad h(x) = x^2 + 2x - 10$$

Perform each function operation. Simplify as much as possible. Write answers in Standard Form. Find the domain of the resulting function.

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

$$\begin{array}{r} \overbrace{x-3}^{g(x)} - \overbrace{(x^2+2x-10)}^{h(x)} \\ \underline{x-3} - \underline{(x^2+2x-10)} \\ -x^2 - x + 7 \end{array}$$

Domain: \mathbb{R}

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

$$\begin{array}{r} \overbrace{x^3-4x^2+2x-15}^{f(x)} + \overbrace{(x^2+2x-10)}^{h(x)} \\ \underline{x^3-4x^2+2x-15} + \underline{x^2+2x-10} \\ x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x - 25 \end{array}$$

Domain: \mathbb{R}

When adding or subtracting two functions, the resulting domain is the union of the domains of the original functions.