

1.6 Combining Functions (Sums, Differences, Products, and Quotients)

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

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

$$(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x).$$

At each of these functions the domain = $\text{domain}(f) \cap \text{domain}(g)$

At any point of domain $(f) \cap \text{domain}(g)$ at which $g(x) \neq 0$, we can also define the function f/g by the formula:

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \quad (\text{where } g(x) \neq 0)$$

Functions can also be multiplied by constants: If c is a real number, then the function cf is defined for all x in the domain of f by $(cf)(x) = cf(x)$.

EXAMPLE 1 The functions defined by the formulas

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x} \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = \sqrt{1-x}$$

have domains $D(f) = [0, \infty)$ and $D(g) = (-\infty, 1]$. The points common to these domains are the points

$$[0, \infty) \cap (-\infty, 1] = [0, 1].$$

The following table summarizes the formulas and domains for the various algebraic combinations of the two functions. We also write $f \cdot g$ for the product function fg .

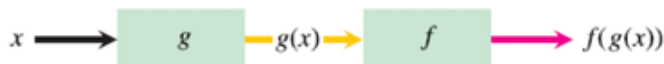
Function	Formula	Domain
$f + g$	$(f + g)(x) = \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{1-x}$	$[0, 1] = D(f) \cap D(g)$
$f - g$	$(f - g)(x) = \sqrt{x} - \sqrt{1-x}$	$[0, 1]$
$g - f$	$(g - f)(x) = \sqrt{1-x} - \sqrt{x}$	$[0, 1]$
$f \cdot g$	$(f \cdot g)(x) = f(x)g(x) = \sqrt{x(1-x)}$	$[0, 1]$
f/g	$\frac{f}{g}(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \sqrt{\frac{x}{1-x}}$	$[0, 1)$ ($x = 1$ excluded)
g/f	$\frac{g}{f}(x) = \frac{g(x)}{f(x)} = \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{x}}$	$(0, 1]$ ($x = 0$ excluded)

1.7 Composite Functions

Definition: If f and g are functions, the **composite** function $f \circ g$ is defined by

$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)).$$

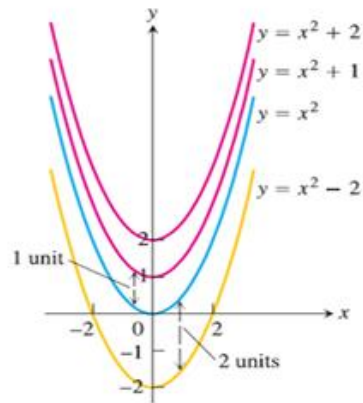
The domain of $f \circ g$ consists of the numbers x in the domain of g for which $g(x)$ lies in the domain of f .



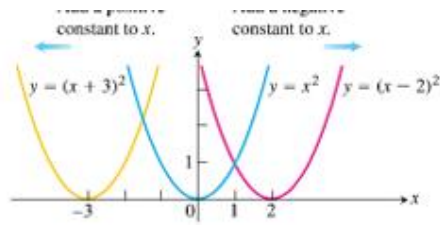
EXAMPLE 2 If $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ and $g(x) = x + 1$, find

- (a) $(f \circ g)(x)$ (b) $(g \circ f)(x)$ (c) $(f \circ f)(x)$ (d) $(g \circ g)(x)$.

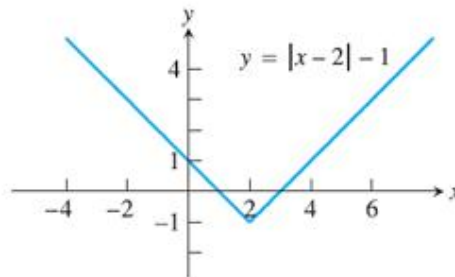
- (b) Adding -2 to the right-hand side of the formula $y = x^2$ to get $y = x^2 - 2$ shifts the graph down 2 units (Figure 1.29).



- (c) Adding 3 to x in $y = x^2$ to get $y = (x + 3)^2$ shifts the graph 3 units to the left



- (d) Adding -2 to x in $y = |x|$, and then adding -1 to the result, gives $y = |x - 2| - 1$ and shifts the graph 2 units to the right and 1 unit down (Figure 1.31). ■



Vertical and Horizontal Scaling and Reflecting Formulas

For $c > 1$, the graph is scaled:

$y = cf(x)$ Stretches the graph of f vertically by a factor of c .

$y = \frac{1}{c}f(x)$ Compresses the graph of f vertically by a factor of c .

$y = f(cx)$ Compresses the graph of f horizontally by a factor of c .

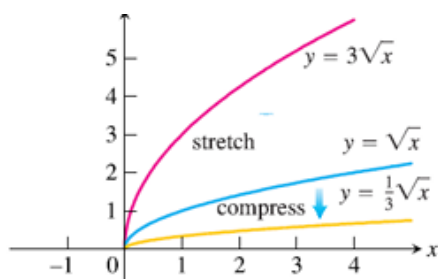
$y = f(x/c)$ Stretches the graph of f horizontally by a factor of c .

For $c = -1$, the graph is reflected:

- $y = -f(x)$ Reflects the graph of f across the x -axis.
 $y = f(-x)$ Reflects the graph of f across the y -axis.

EXAMPLE 4 Here we scale and reflect the graph of $y = \sqrt{x}$.

- (a) **Vertical:** Multiplying the right-hand side of $y = \sqrt{x}$ by 3 to get $y = 3\sqrt{x}$ stretches the graph vertically by a factor of 3, whereas multiplying by $1/3$ compresses the graph by a factor of 3 (Figure 1.32).



- (b) **Horizontal:** The graph of $y = \sqrt{3x}$ is a horizontal compression of the graph of $y = \sqrt{x}$ by a factor of 3, and $y = \sqrt{x/3}$ is a horizontal stretching by a factor of 3 (Figure 1.33). Note that $y = \sqrt{3x} = \sqrt{3}\sqrt{x}$ so a horizontal compression *may* correspond to a vertical stretching by a different scaling factor. Likewise, a horizontal stretching may correspond to a vertical compression by a different scaling factor.
- (c) **Reflection:** The graph of $y = -\sqrt{x}$ is a reflection of $y = \sqrt{x}$ across the x -axis, and $y = \sqrt{-x}$ is a reflection across the y -axis (Figure 1.34). ■

