

EXERCISE 2.3

Find fog and gof, if

(i) $f(x) = e^x, g(x) = \log_e x$

(ii) $f(x) = x^2, g(x) = \cos x$

(iii) $f(x) = |x|, g(x) = \sin x$

(iv) $f(x) = x+1, g(x) = e^x$

(v) $f(x) = \sin^{-1} x, g(x) = x^2$

(vi) $f(x) = x+1, g(x) = \sin x$

(vii) $f(x) = x + 1, g(x) = 2x + 3$

(viii) $f(x) = c, c \in \mathbb{R}, g(x) = \sin x^2$

(ix) $f(x) = x^2 + 2, g(x) = 1 - 1/(1-x)$

Solution:

(i) Given $f(x) = e^x, g(x) = \log_e x$

Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$; and $g: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Now we have to calculate fog,

Clearly, the range of g is a subset of the domain of f.

$f \circ g: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

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

$= f(\log_e x)$

$= \log_e e^x$

$= x$

Now we have to calculate gof,

Clearly, the range of f is a subset of the domain of g.

$\Rightarrow f \circ g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

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

$= g(e^x)$

$= \log_e e^x$

$= x$

(ii) $f(x) = x^2, g(x) = \cos x$

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$; $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [-1, 1]$

Now we have to calculate fog,

Clearly, the range of g is not a subset of the domain of f.

$\Rightarrow \text{Domain}(f \circ g) = \{x: x \in \text{domain of } g \text{ and } g(x) \in \text{domain of } f\}$

$\Rightarrow \text{Domain}(f \circ g) = \{x: x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } \cos x \in \mathbb{R}\}$

\Rightarrow Domain of $(f \circ g) = \mathbb{R}$

$(f \circ g): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

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

$$= f(\cos x)$$

$$= \cos^2 x$$

Now we have to calculate $g \circ f$,

Clearly, the range of f is a subset of the domain of g .

$\Rightarrow f \circ g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

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

$$= g(x^2)$$

$$= \cos x^2$$

(iii) Given $f(x) = |x|$, $g(x) = \sin x$

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$; $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [-1, 1]$

Now we have to calculate $f \circ g$,

Clearly, the range of g is a subset of the domain of f .

$\Rightarrow f \circ g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

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

$$= f(\sin x)$$

$$= |\sin x|$$

Now we have to calculate $g \circ f$,

Clearly, the range of f is a subset of the domain of g .

$\Rightarrow f \circ g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

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

$$= g(|x|)$$

$$= \sin |x|$$

(iv) Given $f(x) = x + 1$, $g(x) = e^x$

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$; $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [1, \infty)$

Now we have calculate $f \circ g$:

Clearly, range of g is a subset of domain of f .

$\Rightarrow f \circ g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

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

$$= f(e^x)$$

$$= e^x + 1$$

Now we have to compute $g \circ f$,

Clearly, range of f is a subset of domain of g .

$$\Rightarrow \text{fog: } \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(\text{gof})(x) = g(f(x))$$

$$= g(x+1)$$

$$= e^{x+1}$$

(v) Given $f(x) = \sin^{-1} x$, $g(x) = x^2$

$$f: [-1, 1] \rightarrow [(-\pi)/2, \pi/2]; g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$$

Now we have to compute fog:

Clearly, the range of g is not a subset of the domain of f.

$$\text{Domain}(\text{fog}) = \{x: x \in \text{domain of } g \text{ and } g(x) \in \text{domain of } f\}$$

$$\text{Domain}(\text{fog}) = \{x: x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } x^2 \in [-1, 1]\}$$

$$\text{Domain}(\text{fog}) = \{x: x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } x \in [-1, 1]\}$$

$$\text{Domain of } (\text{fog}) = [-1, 1]$$

$$\text{fog: } [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(\text{fog})(x) = f(g(x))$$

$$= f(x^2)$$

$$= \sin^{-1}(x^2)$$

Now we have to compute gof:

Clearly, the range of f is a subset of the domain of g.

$$\text{fog: } [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(\text{gof})(x) = g(f(x))$$

$$= g(\sin^{-1} x)$$

$$= (\sin^{-1} x)^2$$

(vi) Given $f(x) = x+1$, $g(x) = \sin x$

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [-1, 1]$$

Now we have to compute fog

Clearly, the range of g is a subset of the domain of f.

Set of the domain of f.

$$\Rightarrow \text{fog: } \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(\text{fog})(x) = f(g(x))$$

$$= f(\sin x)$$

$$= \sin x + 1$$

Now we have to compute gof,

Clearly, the range of f is a subset of the domain of g.

$$\Rightarrow \text{fog: } \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$(\text{gof})(x) = g(f(x))$$

$$= g(x+1)$$

$$= \sin(x+1)$$

(vii) Given $f(x) = x+1$, $g(x) = 2x + 3$

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Now we have to compute $f \circ g$

Clearly, the range of g is a subset of the domain of f .

$$\Rightarrow f \circ g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

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

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

$$= 2x + 3 + 1$$

$$= 2x + 4$$

Now we have to compute $g \circ f$

Clearly, the range of f is a subset of the domain of g .

$$\Rightarrow g \circ f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

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

$$= g(x+1)$$

$$= 2(x+1) + 3$$

$$= 2x + 5$$

(viii) Given $f(x) = c$, $g(x) = \sin x^2$

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \{c\}; g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

Now we have to compute $f \circ g$

Clearly, the range of g is a subset of the domain of f .

$$f \circ g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

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

$$= f(\sin x^2)$$

$$= c$$

Now we have to compute $g \circ f$,

Clearly, the range of f is a subset of the domain of g .

$$\Rightarrow g \circ f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

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

$$= g(c)$$

$$= \sin c^2$$

(ix) Given $f(x) = x^2 + 2$ and $g(x) = 1 - 1/(1-x)$

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [2, \infty)$$

For domain of g : $1 - x \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow x \neq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Domain of } g = \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$$

$$g(x) = 1 - [1/(1 - x)] = (1 - x - 1)/(1 - x) = -x/(1 - x)$$

For range of g

$$y = (-x)/(1 - x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y - x y = -x$$

$$\Rightarrow y = x y - x$$

$$\Rightarrow y = x(y - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y/(y - 1)$$

$$\text{Range of } g = \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$$

$$\text{So, } g: \mathbb{R} - \{1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$$

Now we have to compute $f \circ g$

Clearly, the range of g is a subset of the domain of f .

$$\Rightarrow f \circ g: \mathbb{R} - \{1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

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

$$= f(-x/(1 - x))$$

$$= ((-x)/(1 - x))^2 + 2$$

$$= (x^2 + 2x^2 + 2 - 4x)/(1 - x)^2$$

$$= (3x^2 - 4x + 2)/(1 - x)^2$$

Now we have to compute $g \circ f$

Clearly, the range of f is a subset of the domain of g .

$$\Rightarrow g \circ f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

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

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

$$= 1 - 1/(1 - (x^2 + 2))$$

$$= -1/(1 - (x^2 + 2))$$

$$= (x^2 + 2)/(x^2 + 1)$$

2. Let $f(x) = x^2 + x + 1$ and $g(x) = \sin x$. Show that $f \circ g \neq g \circ f$.

Solution:

Given $f(x) = x^2 + x + 1$ and $g(x) = \sin x$

Now we have to prove $f \circ g \neq g \circ f$

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

$$= f(\sin x)$$

$$= \sin^2 x + \sin x + 1$$

And $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$
 $= g(x^2 + x + 1)$
 $= \sin(x^2 + x + 1)$
 So, $f \circ g \neq g \circ f$.

3. If $f(x) = |x|$, prove that $f \circ f = f$.

Solution:

Given $f(x) = |x|$,

Now we have to prove that $f \circ f = f$.

Consider $(f \circ f)(x) = f(f(x))$

$$= f(|x|)$$

$$= ||x||$$

$$= |x|$$

$$= f(x)$$

So,

$$(f \circ f)(x) = f(x), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Hence, $f \circ f = f$

4. If $f(x) = 2x + 5$ and $g(x) = x^2 + 1$ be two real functions, then describe each of the following functions:

(i) $f \circ g$

(ii) $g \circ f$

(iii) $f \circ f$

(iv) f^2

Also, show that $f \circ f \neq f^2$

Solution:

$f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are polynomials.

$\Rightarrow f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

So, $f \circ g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g \circ f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

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

$$= f(x^2 + 1)$$

$$= 2(x^2 + 1) + 5$$

$$= 2x^2 + 2 + 5$$

$$= 2x^2 + 7$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii) } (g \circ f)(x) &= g(f(x)) \\
 &= g(2x+5) \\
 &= (2x+5)^2 + 1 \\
 &= 4x^2 + 20x + 26
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(iii) } (f \circ f)(x) &= f(f(x)) \\
 &= f(2x+5) \\
 &= 2(2x+5) + 5 \\
 &= 4x + 10 + 5 \\
 &= 4x + 15
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(iv) } f^2(x) &= f(x) \times f(x) \\
 &= (2x+5)(2x+5) \\
 &= (2x+5)^2 \\
 &= 4x^2 + 20x + 25
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, from (iii) and (iv) clearly $f \circ f \neq f^2$

5. If $f(x) = \sin x$ and $g(x) = 2x$ be two real functions, then describe $g \circ f$ and $f \circ g$. Are these equal functions?

Solution:

Given $f(x) = \sin x$ and $g(x) = 2x$

We know that

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [-1, 1]$ and $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Clearly, the range of f is a subset of the domain of g .

$g \circ f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (g \circ f)(x) &= g(f(x)) \\
 &= g(\sin x) \\
 &= 2 \sin x
 \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, the range of g is a subset of the domain of f .

$f \circ g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So, } (f \circ g)(x) &= f(g(x)) \\
 &= f(2x) \\
 &= \sin(2x)
 \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, $f \circ g \neq g \circ f$

Hence they are not equal functions.

6. Let f, g, h be real functions given by $f(x) = \sin x$, $g(x) = 2x$ and $h(x) = \cos x$. Prove that $f \circ g = g \circ (f \circ h)$.

Solution:

Given that $f(x) = \sin x$, $g(x) = 2x$ and $h(x) = \cos x$

We know that $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [-1, 1]$ and $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Clearly, the range of g is a subset of the domain of f .

$f \circ g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Now, $(f \circ h)(x) = f(h(x)) = (\sin x)(\cos x) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x)$

Domain of $f \circ h$ is \mathbb{R} .

Since range of $\sin x$ is $[-1, 1]$, $-1 \leq \sin 2x \leq 1$

$\Rightarrow -1/2 \leq \sin x/2 \leq 1/2$

Range of $f \circ h = [-1/2, 1/2]$

So, $(f \circ h): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [(-1)/2, 1/2]$

Clearly, range of $f \circ h$ is a subset of g .

$\Rightarrow g \circ (f \circ h): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

\Rightarrow Domains of $f \circ g$ and $g \circ (f \circ h)$ are the same.

So, $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$

$= f(2x)$

$= \sin(2x)$

And $(g \circ (f \circ h))(x) = g((f \circ h)(x))$

$= g(\sin x \cos x)$

$= 2 \sin x \cos x$

$= \sin(2x)$

$\Rightarrow (f \circ g)(x) = (g \circ (f \circ h))(x), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

Hence, $f \circ g = g \circ (f \circ h)$