

# FUNCTION NOTATION

Equations can be written in a form called function notation.  
We use this as a quick way to evaluate functions for a given input.

Example:

$$y = 2x - 8 \rightarrow f(x) = 2x - 8$$

This is read as "f of x"

## Evaluating Functions

To evaluate a function for a specific value, substitute the value in for X.

1  $f(x) = x + 7$

a.  $f(5) = 5 + 7 = 12$  (5, 12)

When  $x = 5$ ,  $y = ?$

b.  $f(-1) = -1 + 7 = 6$  (-1, 6)

c.  $f(-3) = -3 + 7 = 4$  (-3, 4)

2  $g(x) = 3x - 8$

a.  $g(1) = 3(1) - 8 = -5$

b.  $g(-3) = 3(-3) - 8 = -17$   
-9 - 8

c.  $g(0) = 3(0) - 8 = -8$

3  $h(x) = \frac{2}{3}x - 1$

a.  $h(-3) = \frac{2}{3}(-3) - 1 = -3$

b.  $h(0) = \frac{2}{3}(0) - 1 = -1$

c.  $h(9) = \frac{2}{3}(9) - 1 = 5$

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

a.  $f(-4) = (-4)^2 - (-4) = 20$   
16 + 4

b.  $f(-1) = (-1)^2 - (-1) = 2$   
1 + 1

c.  $f(7) =$

5  $g(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x + 9$

a.  $g(-8) = -\frac{1}{2}(-8) + 9 = 13$

b.  $g(-2) = -\frac{1}{2}(-2) + 9 = 10$

c.  $g(0) = -\frac{1}{2}(0) + 9 = 9$

6  $h(x) = 2 - 4x$

a.  $h(-5) = 2 - 4(-5) = 22$

b.  $h(-2) = 2 - 4(-2) = 10$

c.  $h(4) = 2 - 4(4) = -14$

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## Combining Functions Practice

Examples:

1. Given the functions  $g(x) = 2x - 1$  and  $h(x) = 3x - 4$

Find  $g(x) - h(x)$ 

$$2x - 1 - (3x - 4)$$

$$-x + 3$$

$$\underline{2x - 1} - \underline{3x + 4}$$



- Given the functions  $f(x) = 2t - 4$  and  $g(x) = x^2 - 3$

Find  $2f(x) + 3g(x)$ 

3. Given the functions  $f(x) = 6x^2 - x + 3$  and  $g(x) = x^2 + 3x$

Find  $2f(x) - 5g(x)$ 

$$2(6x^2 - x + 3) - 5(x^2 + 3x)$$

$$\underline{12x^2 - 2x + 6} - \underline{5x^2 - 15x}$$

$$7x^2 - 17x + 6$$

Practice:

- Given the functions  $f(x) = 4x + 8$  and  $g(x) = 2x - 12$

4. Find  $2f(x) + 3g(x)$

$$2(4x + 8) + 3(2x - 12)$$

$$\underline{8x + 16} + \underline{6x - 36}$$

$$14x - 20$$

5. Find  $g(x) - f(x)$

$$2x - 12 - (4x + 8)$$

$$\underline{2x - 12} - \underline{4x - 8}$$

$$-2x - 20$$

- Given the functions  $f(x) = 4x^2 - 2x + 5$  and  $g(x) = x^2 + 7x - 8$

6. Find  $f(x) + g(x)$

7. Find  $g(x) - f(x)$

8. Find  $5f(x) + g(x)$

9. Find  $g(x) - 4f(x)$

10. Find  $f(-2) - g(3)$

11. Find  $g(-2) - f(3)$

Given the functions  $f(x) = 5x^2 - 9x + 2$  and  $g(x) = x^2 + 3x - 8$  and  $h(x) = -2x^2$

12. Find  $4f(x) + 6g(x)$

$$4(5x^2 - 9x + 2) + 6(x^2 + 3x - 8)$$

$$20x^2 - 36x + 8 + 6x^2 + 18x - 48$$

$$126x^2 - 18x - 40$$

13. Find  $h(x) \cdot f(x)$

$$-2x^2 \cdot (5x^2 - 9x + 2)$$

$$-2x^2 \cdot 5x^2 + 9x - 2$$

$$-7x^4 + 9x - 2$$

14. Find  $-2f(x) + 2g(x)$

$$-2(5x^2 - 9x + 2) + 2(x^2 + 3x - 8)$$

$$-10x^2 + 18x - 4 + 2x^2 + 6x - 16$$

$$-8x^2 + 24x - 20$$

15. Find  $h(3) + g(-4) = -18 - 4 = -22$

$$h(x) = -2x^2 \quad g(x) = x^2 + 3x - 8$$

$$h(3) = -2(3)^2 \quad g(-4) = (-4)^2 + 3(-4) - 8$$

$$= -18 \quad = -4$$

Given the functions:  $f(x) = 3x^2 - 7x - 1$  and  $g(x) = -x^2 + 4x - 10$  and  $h(x) = 6x^2$

16. Find  $3f(x) + 6h(x)$

$$-x^2 + 4x - 10 - (6x^2)$$

$$-x^2 + 4x - 10 - 6x^2$$

$$-7x^2 + 4x - 10$$

18. Find  $h(x) \circ g(x)$

19. Find  $5f(x) + 7g(x)$

20. Find  $-6g(x) - h(x)$

21. Find  $h(2) - f(-1)$

22. Find  $3f(x) \circ h(x)$

23. Find  $f(-2) + g(5)$

24. Find  $f(-7) \circ g(6)$

$$f(x) = 3x^2 - 7x - 1 \quad g(x) = -x^2 + 4x - 10$$

$$f(-2) = 3(-2)^2 - 7(-2) - 1 \quad g(5) = -(5)^2 + 4(5) - 10$$

$$= 25 \quad = -15$$

$$25 + -15 = 10$$