
Solutions

1: Let $f(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}$, and $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

a) Write $g \circ f$ as a trig function.

b) What is the domain of $g \circ f$ when $-2\pi \leq x \leq 2\pi$?

a) $g \circ f = g\left(\frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}\right) = \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)} = \cot(x)$

b) To find the domain of $g \circ f$, we must consider the domain of $g \circ f$ and $f(x)$. We must also consider $f(x)$ because when doing composition, we have a chosen x and apply it to f first, then g . If I apply f to x and the value does not exist, it cannot be applied to g .

The domain of $f(x)$ is all reals except when the denominator is 0; namely, when $\cos(x) = 0$. This occurs at $\frac{-3\pi}{2}, \frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}$, and $\frac{3\pi}{2}$.

The domain of $g \circ f = \cot(x)$ may be easier to calculate writing it as a fraction- then we see that $\frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)}$ holds for all values except when the denominator is 0; namely when $\sin(x) = 0$. This occurs at $-2\pi, -\pi, \pi$, and 2π .

Hence the domain is all reals for x such that $-2\pi \leq x \leq 2\pi$, excluding $\frac{k\pi}{2}$, where k is an integer, for $-4 \leq k \leq 4$.

2: Find the inverse of $y = 3e^{5x}$ and write it as a difference of two terms

We begin by switching x and y , then solving for $y = f^{-1}(x)$:

$$x = 3e^{5y} \implies \frac{x}{3} = e^{5y}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) = 5y$$

$$\frac{\ln\left(\frac{x}{3}\right)}{5} = y$$

$$\frac{\ln(x) - \ln(3)}{5} = y$$

$$\implies f^{-1}(x) = y = \frac{\ln(x) - \ln(3)}{5}$$