

PC 4-2 Notes

Students will be able to perform operations on functions symbolically and numerically.

Symbolic	
Adding functions:	$f(x) + g(x)$...is the same as writing... $f + g$...which is the same as... $(f + g)(x)$
Subtracting functions:	$f(x) - g(x)$...is the same as writing... $f - g$...which is the same as... $(f - g)(x)$
Multiplying functions:	$f(x) * g(x)$... is the same as writing... fg ...which is the same as... $(fg)(x)$
Dividing functions:	$f(x)/g(x)$... is the same as writing... $\frac{f}{g}$... which is the same as ... $(\frac{f}{g})(x)$

$$f(x) = 3x + 5$$

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

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

$$f(g(x)) = 3(g(x)) + 5$$

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

$$= 3x^2 - 6 + 5$$

$$f(g(x)) = 3x^2 - 1$$

$$g(f(2)) = (f(2))^2 - 2$$

$$= (3(2) + 5)^2 - 2$$

$$= (11)^2 - 2$$

$$= 121 - 2$$

$$g(f(2)) = 119$$