

# FUNCTIONS I: Finding Function Values

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Given  $f(x) = 3x + 2$ , find:

- $f(-2) \quad 3(-2) + 2 = -6 + 2 = -4$
- $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \quad 3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 2 = 1.5 + 2 = 3.5$
- $f(2,000) \quad 3(2000) + 2 = 6002$
- $f(k) \quad 3(k) + 2 = 3k + 2$
- $f(2a) \quad 3(2a) + 2 = 6a + 2$

Given  $g(x) = x^2 - 1$ , find:

- $g(-3) \quad (-3)^2 - 1 = 9 - 1 = 8$
- $g\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) \quad \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 - 1 = \frac{9}{16} - \frac{16}{16} = -\frac{7}{16}$
- $g(3b) \quad (3b)^2 - 1 = 9b^2 - 1$

Given  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x > 3 \\ 2x + 1 & \text{if } x \leq 3 \end{cases}$ , find:

- $f(4) \quad (4)^2 = 16$
- $f(2) \quad 2(2) + 1 = 4 + 1 = 5$
- $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \quad 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 1 = 1 + 1 = 2$
- $f\left(\frac{13}{4}\right) \quad \left(\frac{13}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{169}{16}$

Given  $F(x) = 2^{x+3}$ , find:

- $F(1) \quad 2^{1+3} = 2^4 = 16$
- $F(-5) \quad 2^{-5+3} = 2^{-2} = \frac{1}{2^2} = \frac{1}{4}$
- $F(\pi) \quad 2^{\pi+3}$
- $F(k+2) \quad 2^{k+2+3} = 2^{k+5}$

Given  $h(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ , find:

- $h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \quad \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} = 2$
- $h(-3) \quad \frac{1}{-3} = -\frac{1}{3}$
- $h(3) \quad \frac{1}{3} = \frac{10}{3}$

The function  $[x]$  is defined as the greatest integer not exceeding  $x$ . It is sometimes called the "rounding down function."

Given  $g(x) = [x]$ , find:

- $g\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) \quad \left[\frac{5}{4}\right] = 1$
- $g(1.99) \quad [1.99] = 1$
- $g\left(-2\frac{1}{2}\right) \quad \left[-2\frac{1}{2}\right] = -3$
- $g(200) \quad [200] = 200$

[integer] = integer!

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Given  $F(x) = 2^{x+3}$ , find:

- $F(x-1) = 2^{x-1+3} = 2^{x+2}$
- $F(x^2+4) = 2^{x^2+4+3} = 2^{x^2+7}$

Given  $h(x) = 2x^2 + x - 4$ , find:

- $h(x^2) = 2(x^2)^2 + (x^2) - 4 = 2x^4 + x^2 - 4$
- $h(x+1) = 2(x+1)^2 + (x+1) - 4 = 2(x^2 + 2x + 1) + x + 1 - 4 = 2x^2 + 4x + 2 + x - 3 = 2x^2 + 5x - 1$
- $h(2^x) = 2(2^x)^2 + 2^x - 4 = 2(2^{2x}) + 2^x - 4$
- $h\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 2\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{x} - 4 = 2\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right) + \frac{1}{x} - 4 = \frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x} - 4$

Given  $f(x) = 3x + 2$  and  $g(x) = x^2 - 1$ , find:

- $f(2x-5) = 3(2x-5) + 2 = 6x - 15 + 2 = 6x - 13$
- $g(2x-5) = (2x-5)^2 - 1 = 4x^2 - 20x + 25 - 1 = 4x^2 - 20x + 24$
- $f(x^2) = 3(x^2) + 2 = 3x^2 + 2$
- $g(x^2) = (x^2)^2 - 1 = x^4 - 1$
- $f(2^x) = 3(2^x) + 2$
- $g(2^x) = (2^x)^2 - 1 = 2^{2x} - 1$
- $f(g(2)) = g(2) = 2^2 - 1 = 3 \quad f(3) = 3(3) + 2 = 11$
- $g(f(2)) = f(2) = 3(2) + 2 = 8 \quad g(8) = 8^2 - 1 = 63$
- $f(g(k)) = g(k) = k^2 - 1 \quad f(k^2 - 1) = 3(k^2 - 1) + 2 = 3k^2 - 3 + 2 = 3k^2 - 1$
- $g(f(2a)) = f(2a) = 3(2a) + 2 = 6a + 2 \quad g(6a + 2) = (6a + 2)^2 - 1 = 36a^2 + 24a + 4 - 1 = 36a^2 + 24a + 3$
- $f(g(x)) = g(x) = x^2 - 1 \quad f(x^2 - 1) = 3(x^2 - 1) + 2 = 3x^2 - 3 + 2 = 3x^2 - 1$
- $g(f(x)) = f(x) = 3x + 2 \quad g(3x + 2) = (3x + 2)^2 - 1 = 9x^2 + 12x + 4 - 1 = 9x^2 + 12x + 3$