Exercise 199

For the following exercises, use composition to determine which pairs of functions are inverses.

$$f(x) = 8x, \ g(x) = \frac{x}{8}$$

Solution

Take the composition of f and g and see if it results in x.

$$f \circ g = f(g(x)) = f\left(\frac{x}{8}\right) = 8\left(\frac{x}{8}\right) = x$$

Therefore, f and g are inverses; they are reflections of one another about the line y = x.

