

Exercise 38

For the following exercises, for each pair of functions, find a. $f + g$ b. $f - g$ c. $f \cdot g$ d. f/g . Determine the domain of each of these new functions.

$$f(x) = 3x^2 + 4x + 1, g(x) = x + 1$$

Solution

$$f + g = f(x) + g(x) = (3x^2 + 4x + 1) + (x + 1) = 3x^2 + 5x + 2 \quad \text{Domain: } \{x \mid -\infty < x < \infty\}$$

$$f - g = f(x) - g(x) = (3x^2 + 4x + 1) - (x + 1) = 3x^2 + 3x \quad \text{Domain: } \{x \mid -\infty < x < \infty\}$$

$$f \cdot g = f(x)g(x) = (3x^2 + 4x + 1)(x + 1) = 3x^3 + 7x^2 + 5x + 1 \quad \text{Domain: } \{x \mid -\infty < x < \infty\}$$

$$f/g = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{3x^2 + 4x + 1}{x + 1} \quad \text{Domain: } \{x \mid x \neq -1\}$$