Exercise 46

For the following exercises, for each pair of functions, find a. $(f \circ g)(x)$ and b. $(g \circ f)(x)$ Simplify the results. Find the domain of each of the results.

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x}, \ g(x) = x + 9$$

[TYPO: Place a period before the word, "simplify."]

Solution

$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = f(x+9) = \sqrt{x+9}$$
 Domain: $\{x \mid x+9 \ge 0\}$

$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = g(\sqrt{x}) = \sqrt{x} + 9$$
 Domain: $\{x \mid x \ge 0\}$