

1. Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-2}$ and $g(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}$. Find $(g \circ f)(x)$ and its domain.

Solution. First, we find the composition $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$ by plugging the formula for $f(x)$ into the formula for $g(x)$:

$$\begin{aligned} g(f(x)) &= g\left(\frac{1}{x-2}\right) \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{1}{x-2}\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{x-2}\right) + 1} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{1}{x-2}\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{x-2}\right) + 1} \cdot \frac{x-2}{x-2} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + (x-2)} \\ &= \frac{1}{x-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, to find the domain of $(g \circ f)(x)$, we consider both the domain of $\frac{1}{x-1}$ and the domain of $f(x)$. The domain of $\frac{1}{x-1}$ includes every value except $x = 1$, and written in interval notation is $(-\infty, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$. The domain of $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-2}$ includes every value except $x = 2$, and written in interval notation is $(-\infty, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$.

The domain of the composition $(g \circ f)(x)$ is the *intersection* of these domains, and thus is

$$\boxed{(-\infty, 1) \cup (1, 2) \cup (2, \infty)}.$$

2. Solve for x :

$$\frac{3}{x+1} + \frac{1}{x-1} = 2$$

Solution. First, we combine the two terms on the lefthand side using a common

denominator:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{3}{x+1} + \frac{1}{x-1} &= 2 \\ \frac{3}{x+1} \cdot \frac{x-1}{x-1} + \frac{1}{x-1} \cdot \frac{x+1}{x+1} &= 2 \\ \frac{3x-3}{(x+1)(x-1)} + \frac{x+1}{(x+1)(x-1)} &= 2 \\ \frac{4x-2}{x^2-1} &= 2.\end{aligned}$$

Now, we multiply both sides by $x^2 - 1$ to eliminate the denominator.

$$\begin{aligned}(x^2 - 1) \cdot \frac{4x - 2}{x^2 - 1} &= 2 \cdot (x^2 - 1) \\ 4x - 2 &= 2x^2 - 2.\end{aligned}$$

Gathering the terms on one side and factoring lets us see the solutions.

$$\begin{aligned}4x - 2 &= 2x^2 - 2 \\ 0 &= 2x^2 - 4x \\ 0 &= 2x(x - 2).\end{aligned}$$

The expression $2x(x - 2)$ is zero when either $x = 0$ or $x - 2 = 0$, meaning our solutions are at $x = 0$ and $x = 2$. The domain of our original equation only disallows $x = -1$ and $x = 1$, so both $x = 0$ and $x = 2$ are ‘good’ solutions.

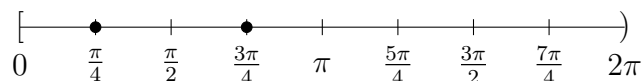
$$\boxed{x = 0, 2.}$$

3. Find all values of θ in $[0, 2\pi)$ such that $2 \sin \theta \geq \sqrt{2}$. Write your answer in interval notation.

Solution. First, we find the values of θ so that $2 \sin(\theta) = \sqrt{2}$.

$$\begin{aligned}2 \sin(\theta) &= \sqrt{2} \\ \sin(\theta) &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\end{aligned}$$

The sine function takes the value $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ when $\theta = \pi/4$ and $\theta = 3\pi/4$.



Now, we simply check points in each ‘region’ of the number line, $[0, \pi/4)$, $(\pi/4, 3\pi/4)$, and $(3\pi/4, 2\pi)$. The regions we want to include are those where the sample point yields a ‘good’ result, i.e. $\sin(\theta) \geq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$.

$$\sin(0) = 0$$

$$\not\geq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \text{ so } [0, \pi/4) \text{ is not included.}$$

$$\sin(\pi/2) = 1$$

$$\geq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \text{ so } (\pi/4, 3\pi/4) \text{ is included.}$$

$$\sin(\pi) = 0$$

$$\not\geq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \text{ so } (3\pi/4, 2\pi) \text{ is not included.}$$

Lastly, we also choose to include $\theta = \pi/4, 3\pi/4$ because they do satisfy the original equation. Our answer is

$$\boxed{[\pi/4, 3\pi/4]}.$$