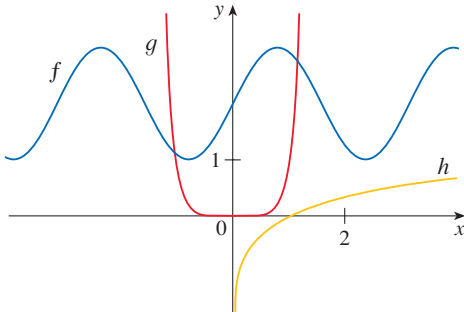


1.2 A CATALOG OF ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

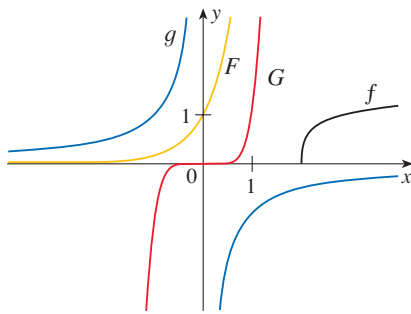
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1–2 ■ Match each equation with its graph. Explain your choices. (Don't use a computer or graphing calculator.)

1. (a) $y = x^8$ (b) $y = \log_8 x$ (c) $y = 2 + \sin 2x$



2. (a) $y = x^7$ (b) $y = 7^x$
(c) $y = -1/x$ (d) $y = \sqrt[4]{x-2}$



3–18 ■ Graph each function, not by plotting points, but by starting with the graph of one of the standard functions given in Section 1.2, and then applying the appropriate transformations.

3. $y = -1/x$ 4. $y = 2 - \cos x$
5. $y = \tan 2x$ 6. $y = \sqrt[3]{x+2}$
7. $y = \cos(x/2)$ 8. $y = x^2 + 2x + 3$
9. $y = \frac{1}{x-3}$ 10. $y = -2 \sin \pi x$
11. $y = \frac{1}{3} \sin\left(x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$ 12. $y = 2 + \frac{1}{x+1}$
13. $y = 1 + 2x - x^2$ 14. $y = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{x+4} - 3$
15. $y = 2 - \sqrt{x+1}$ 16. $y = (x-1)^3 + 2$
17. $y = ||x| - 1|$ 18. $y = |\cos x|$

19–25 ■ Find the functions $f \circ g$, $g \circ f$, $f \circ f$, and $g \circ g$ and their domains.

19. $f(x) = \sqrt{x-1}$, $g(x) = x^2$

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20. $f(x) = 1/x$, $g(x) = x^3 + 2x$

21. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$, $g(x) = \frac{x-1}{x+1}$

22. $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2-1}$, $g(x) = \sqrt{1-x}$

23. $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$, $g(x) = 1 - \sqrt{x}$

24. $f(x) = \frac{x+2}{2x+1}$, $g(x) = \frac{x}{x-2}$

25. $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$, $g(x) = x^2 - 4x$

26–29 ■ Find $f \circ g \circ h$.

26. $f(x) = x - 1$, $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$, $h(x) = x - 1$

27. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$, $g(x) = x^3$, $h(x) = x^2 + 2$

28. $f(x) = x^4 + 1$, $g(x) = x - 5$, $h(x) = \sqrt{x}$

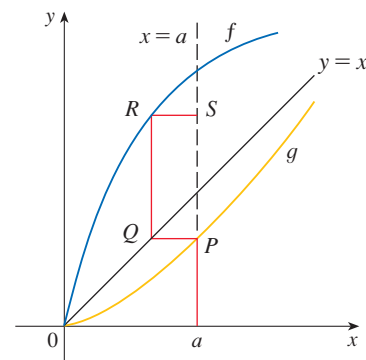
29. $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$, $g(x) = \frac{x}{x-1}$, $h(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$

30–31 ■ Express the function in the form $f \circ g$.

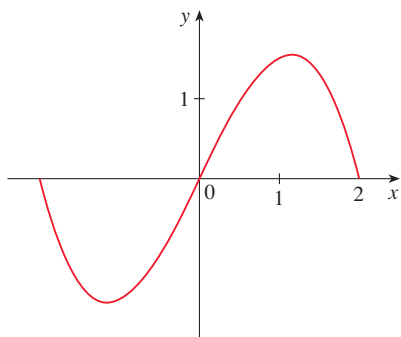
30. $F(x) = (x-9)^5$ 31. $u(t) = \tan \pi t$

32. Suppose we are given the graphs of f and g , as in the figure, and we want to find the point on the graph of $h = f \circ g$ that corresponds to $x = a$. We start at the point $(a, 0)$ and draw a vertical line that intersects the graph of g at the point P . Then we draw a horizontal line from P to the point Q on the line $y = x$.

- (a) What are the coordinates of P and of Q ?
(b) If we now draw a vertical line from Q to the point R on the graph of f , what are the coordinates of R ?
(c) If we now draw a horizontal line from R to the point S on the line $x = a$, show that S lies on the graph of h .
(d) By carrying out the construction of the path $PQRS$ for several values of a , sketch the graph of h .



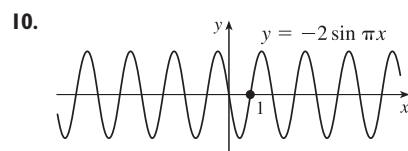
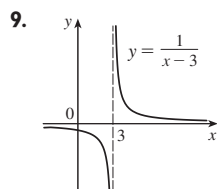
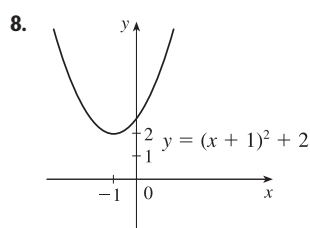
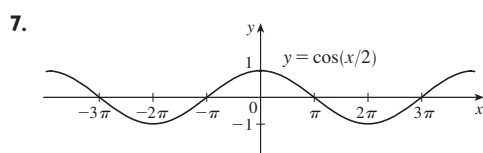
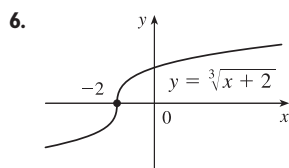
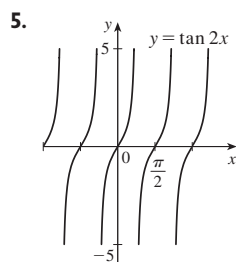
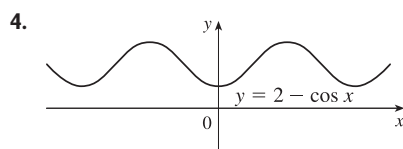
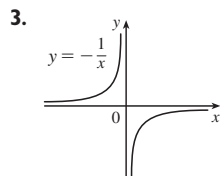
33. If f is the function whose graph is shown, use the method of Problem 32 to sketch the graph of $f \circ f$. Start by using the construction for $a = 0, 0.5, 1, 1.5$, and 2 . Sketch a rough graph for $0 \leq x \leq 2$. Then use the result of Exercise 66 in Section 1.2 to complete the graph.



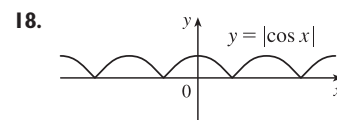
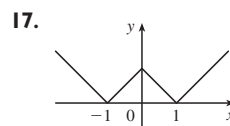
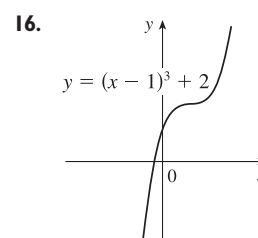
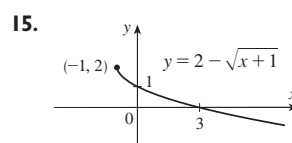
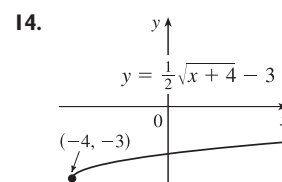
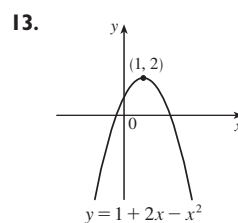
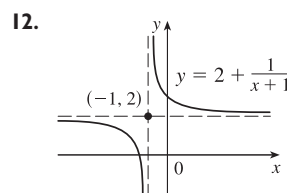
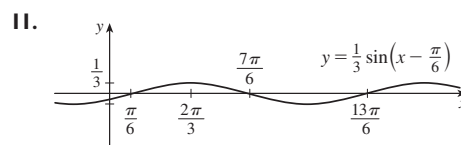
1.2 ANSWERS

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1. (a) g (b) h (c) f
 2. (a) G (b) F (c) g (d) f



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19. $(f \circ g)(x) = f(x^2) = \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$, $(-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$

$(g \circ f)(x) = x - 1$, $[1, \infty)$

$(f \circ f)(x) = \sqrt{\sqrt{x} - 1} - 1$, $[2, \infty)$

$(g \circ g)(x) = x^4$, $(-\infty, \infty)$

20. $(f \circ g)(x) = 1/(x^3 + 2x)$, $\{x \mid x \neq 0\}$

$(g \circ f)(x) = 1/x^3 + 2/x$, $\{x \mid x \neq 0\}$

$(f \circ f)(x) = x$, $\{x \mid x \neq 0\}$

$(g \circ g)(x) = x^9 + 6x^7 + 12x^5 + 10x^3 + 4x$, $(-\infty, \infty)$

$$21. (f \circ g)(x) = \frac{-x-1}{2}, \{x \mid x \neq -1\}$$

$$(g \circ f)(x) = \frac{2-x}{x}, \{x \mid x \neq 0, 1\}$$

$$(f \circ f)(x) = \frac{x-1}{2-x}, \{x \mid x \neq 1, 2\}$$

$$(g \circ g)(x) = -\frac{1}{x}, \{x \mid x \neq 0, -1\}$$

$$22. (f \circ g)(x) = \sqrt{-x}, (-\infty, 0]$$

$$(g \circ f)(x) = \sqrt{1 - \sqrt{x^2 - 1}}, [-\sqrt{2}, -1] \cup [1, \sqrt{2}]$$

$$(f \circ f)(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 2}, (-\infty, -\sqrt{2}] \cup [\sqrt{2}, \infty)$$

$$(g \circ g)(x) = \sqrt{1 - \sqrt{1-x}}, [0, 1]$$

$$23. (f \circ g)(x) = \sqrt[3]{1 - \sqrt{x}}, [0, \infty)$$

$$(g \circ f)(x) = 1 - \sqrt[6]{x}, [0, \infty)$$

$$(f \circ f)(x) = \sqrt[9]{x}, (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$(g \circ g)(x) = 1 - \sqrt{1 - \sqrt{x}}, [0, 1]$$

$$24. (f \circ g)(x) = \frac{3x-4}{3x-2}, \{x \mid x \neq 2, \frac{2}{3}\}$$

$$(g \circ f)(x) = \frac{-x-2}{3x}, \{x \mid x \neq 0, -\frac{1}{2}\}$$

$$(f \circ f)(x) = \frac{5x+4}{4x+5}, \{x \mid x \neq -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{5}{4}\}$$

$$(g \circ g)(x) = \frac{x}{4-x}, \{x \mid x \neq 2, 4\}$$

$$25. (f \circ g)(x) = 1/\sqrt{x^2 - 4x}, (-\infty, 0) \cup (4, \infty)$$

$$(g \circ f)(x) = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{4}{\sqrt{x}}, (0, \infty)$$

$$(f \circ f)(x) = x^{1/4}, (0, \infty)$$

$$(g \circ g)(x) = x^4 - 8x^3 + 12x^2 + 16x, (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$26. (f \circ g \circ h)(x) = \sqrt{x-1} - 1$$

$$27. (f \circ g \circ h)(x) = 1/(x^2 + 2)^3$$

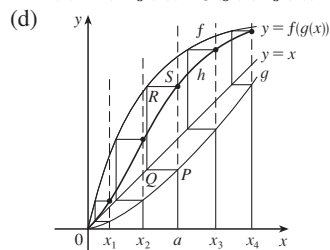
$$28. (f \circ g \circ h)(x) = (\sqrt{x} - 5)^4 + 1$$

$$29. (f \circ g \circ h)(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt[3]{x}}{\sqrt[3]{x}-1}}$$

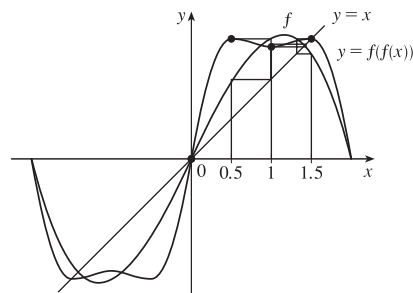
$$30. g(x) = x - 9, f(x) = x^5$$

$$31. g(t) = \pi t, f(t) = \tan t$$

$$32. (a) P(a, g(a)), Q(g(a), g(a)) \quad (b) (g(a), f(g(a)))$$



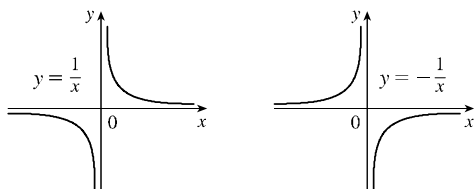
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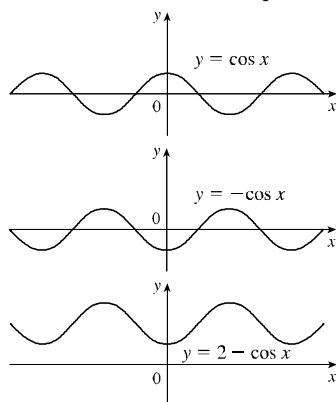
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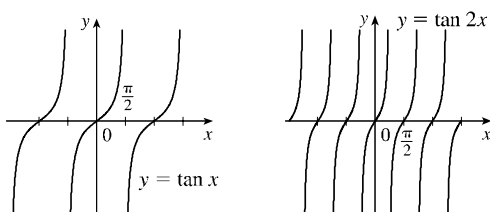
- The graph of $y = x^8$ must be the graph labelled g , because g is the graph of a power function of even degree, as shown in Figure 7.
 - The graph of $y = \log_8 x$ must be the graph labelled h , because h is a graph similar to the graphs of logarithmic functions shown in Figure 14.
 - The graph of $y = 2 + \sin 2x$ must be the graph labelled f , because f is the graph of a periodic function.
- The graph of $y = x^7$ must be the graph labelled G , because G passes through the origin.
 - The graph of $y = 7^x$ must be the graph labelled F , because F appears to be an exponential function with y -intercept 1, increasing, and horizontal asymptote $y = 0$.
 - The graph of $y = -1/x$ must be the graph labelled g , because g has a vertical asymptote at $x = 0$.
 - The graph of $y = \sqrt[4]{x-2}$ must be the graph labelled f , because f has domain $[2, \infty)$.
- $y = -1/x$: Start with the graph of $y = 1/x$ and reflect about the x -axis.



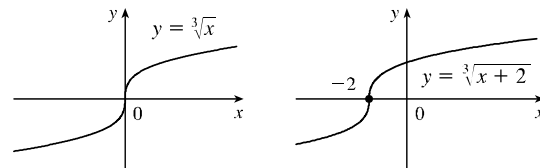
- $y = 2 - \cos x$: Start with the graph of $y = \cos x$, reflect about the x -axis, and then shift 2 units upward.



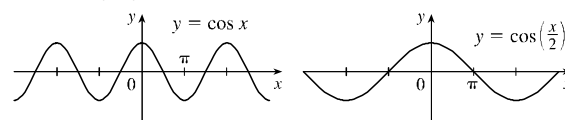
- $y = \tan 2x$: Start with the graph of $y = \tan x$ and compress horizontally by a factor of 2.



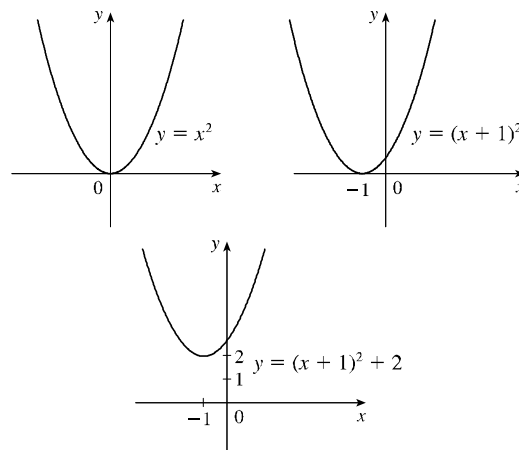
- $y = \sqrt[3]{x+2}$: Start with the graph of $y = \sqrt[3]{x}$ and shift 2 units to the left.



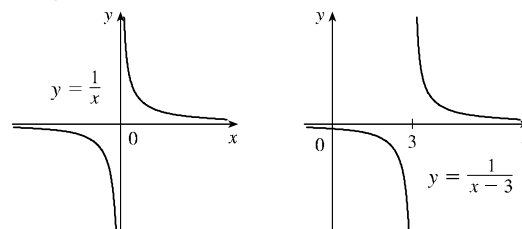
- $y = \cos(x/2)$: Start with the graph of $y = \cos x$ and stretch horizontally by a factor of 2.



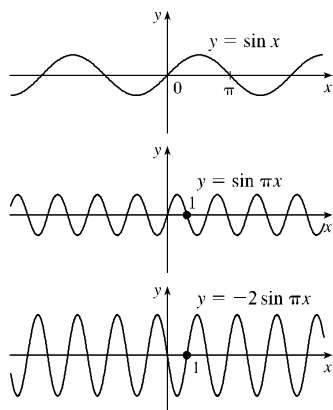
- $y = x^2 + 2x + 3 = (x^2 + 2x + 1) + 2 = (x+1)^2 + 2$: Start with the graph of $y = x^2$, shift 1 unit left, and then shift 2 units upward.



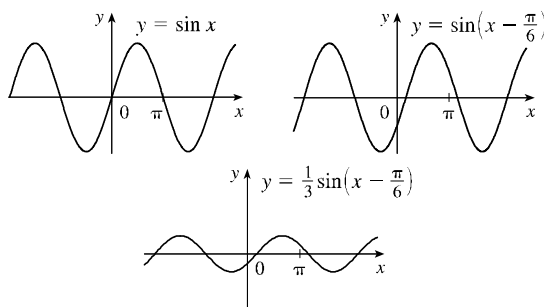
- $y = \frac{1}{x-3}$: Start with the graph of $y = 1/x$ and shift 3 units to the right.



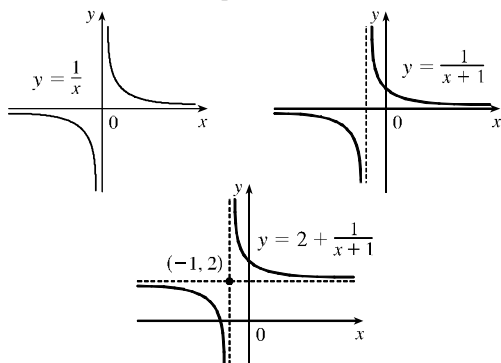
10. $y = -2 \sin \pi x$: Start with the graph of $y = \sin x$, compress horizontally by a factor of π , stretch vertically by a factor of 2, and then reflect about the x -axis.



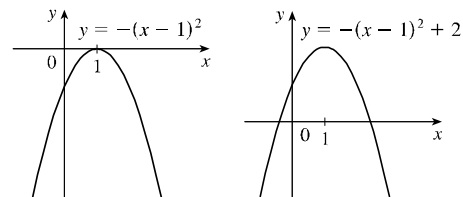
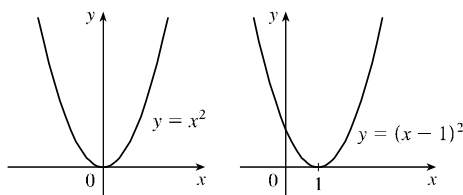
11. $y = \frac{1}{3} \sin(x - \frac{\pi}{6})$: Start with the graph of $y = \sin x$, shift $\frac{\pi}{6}$ units to the right, and then compress vertically by a factor of 3.



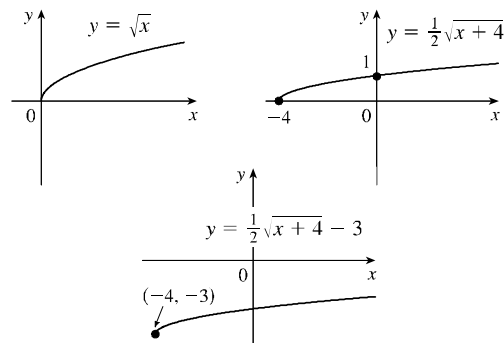
12. $y = 2 + \frac{1}{x+1}$: Start with the graph of $y = 1/x$, shift 1 unit left, and then shift 2 units upward.



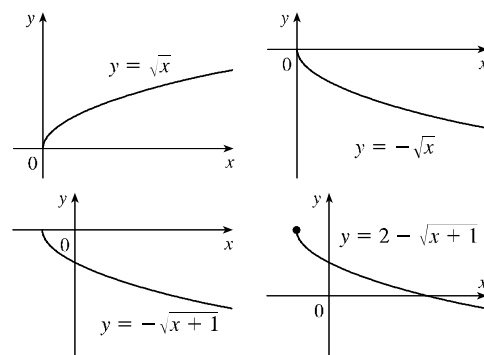
13. $y = 1 + 2x - x^2 = -x^2 + 2x + 1 = -(x^2 - 2x + 1) + 1 + 1 = -(x-1)^2 + 2$: Start with the graph of $y = x^2$, shift 1 unit right, reflect about the x -axis, and then shift 2 units upward.



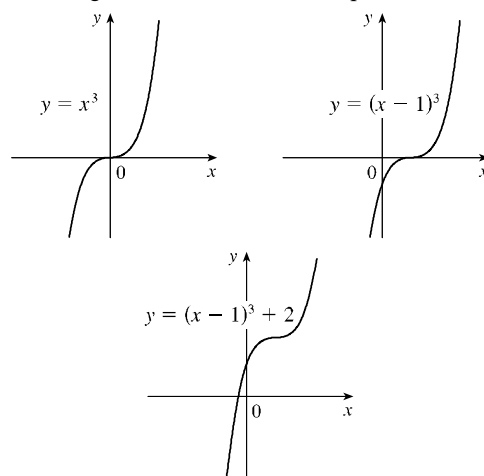
14. $y = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{x+4} - 3$: Start with the graph of $y = \sqrt{x}$, shift 4 units to the left and compress vertically by a factor of 2, and then shift 3 units downward.



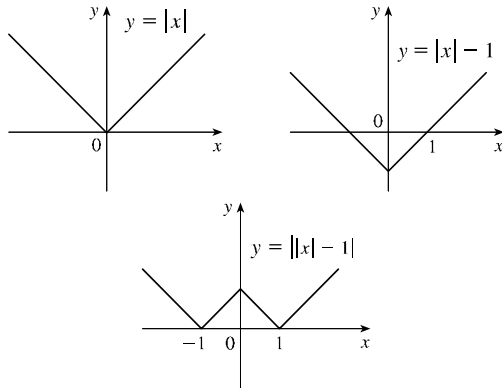
15. $y = 2 - \sqrt{x+1}$: Start with the graph of $y = \sqrt{x}$, reflect about the x -axis, shift 1 unit to the left, and then shift 2 units upward.



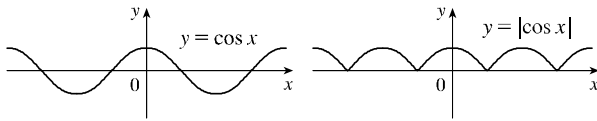
16. $y = (x-1)^3 + 2$: Start with the graph of $y = x^3$, shift 1 unit to the right, and then shift 2 units upward.



17. $y = ||x| - 1|$: Start with the graph of $y = |x|$, shift 1 unit downward, and then reflect the part of the graph from $x = -1$ to $x = 1$ about the x -axis.



18. $y = |\cos x|$: Start with the graph of $y = \cos x$ and reflect the parts of the graph that lie below the x -axis about the x -axis.



19. $f(x) = \sqrt{x-1}$, $D = [1, \infty)$; $g(x) = x^2$, $D = \mathbb{R}$.
 $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = f(x^2) = \sqrt{x^2-1}$,
 $D = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid g(x) \in [1, \infty)\} = (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$.
 $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = g(\sqrt{x-1})$
 $= (\sqrt{x-1})^2 = x-1$, $D = [1, \infty)$.
 $(f \circ f)(x) = f(f(x)) = f(\sqrt{x-1}) = \sqrt{\sqrt{x-1}-1}$,
 $D = \{x \in [1, \infty) \mid \sqrt{x-1} \geq 1\} = [2, \infty)$.
 $(g \circ g)(x) = g(g(x)) = g(x^2) = (x^2)^2 = x^4$, $D = \mathbb{R}$.
20. $f(x) = 1/x$, $D = \{x \mid x \neq 0\}$; $g(x) = x^3 + 2x$, $D = \mathbb{R}$.
 $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = f(x^3 + 2x) = 1/(x^3 + 2x)$,
 $D = \{x \mid x^3 + 2x \neq 0\} = \{x \mid x \neq 0\}$.
 $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = g(1/x) = 1/x^3 + 2/x$,
 $D = \{x \mid x \neq 0\}$.
 $(f \circ f)(x) = f(f(x)) = f(1/x) = 1/(1/x) = x$,
 $D = \{x \mid x \neq 0\}$.
 $(g \circ g)(x) = g(g(x)) = g(x^3 + 2x)$
 $= (x^3 + 2x)^3 + 2(x^3 + 2x)$
 $= x^9 + 6x^7 + 12x^5 + 10x^3 + 4x$, $D = \mathbb{R}$.
21. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$, $D = \{x \mid x \neq 1\}$; $g(x) = \frac{x-1}{x+1}$,
 $D = \{x \mid x \neq -1\}$.
 $(f \circ g)(x) = f\left(\frac{x-1}{x+1}\right) = \left(\frac{x-1}{x+1} - 1\right)^{-1}$
 $= \left(\frac{-2}{x+1}\right)^{-1} = \frac{-x-1}{2}$,
 $D = \{x \mid x \neq -1\}$.

$$(g \circ f)(x) = g\left(\frac{1}{x-1}\right) = \frac{1/(x-1) - 1}{1/(x-1) + 1} = \frac{2-x}{x},$$

$$D = \{x \mid x \neq 0, 1\}.$$

$$(f \circ f)(x) = f\left(\frac{1}{x-1}\right) = \frac{1}{1/(x-1) - 1} = \frac{x-1}{2-x},$$

$$D = \{x \mid x \neq 1, 2\}.$$

$$(g \circ g)(x) = g\left(\frac{x-1}{x+1}\right) = \frac{(x-1)/(x+1) - 1}{(x-1)/(x+1) + 1} = -\frac{1}{x},$$

$$D = \{x \mid x \neq 0, -1\}.$$

22. $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2-1}$, $D = (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$;

$$g(x) = \sqrt{1-x}, D = (-\infty, 1].$$

$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = f(\sqrt{1-x})$$

$$= \sqrt{(\sqrt{1-x})^2 - 1} = \sqrt{-x}.$$

To find the domain of $(f \circ g)(x)$, we must find the values of x that are in the domain of g such that $g(x)$

is in the domain of f . In symbols, we have

$$D = \{x \in (-\infty, 1] \mid \sqrt{1-x} \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)\}.$$

First, we concentrate on the requirement that

$\sqrt{1-x} \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$. Because $\sqrt{1-x} \geq 0$, $\sqrt{1-x}$ is not in $(-\infty, -1]$. If $\sqrt{1-x}$ is in $[1, \infty)$, then we must have $\sqrt{1-x} \geq 1 \Rightarrow 1-x \geq 1 \Rightarrow x \leq 0$.

Combining the restrictions $x \leq 0$ and $x \in (-\infty, 1]$, we obtain $D = (-\infty, 0]$.

$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = g(\sqrt{x^2-1}) = \sqrt{1-\sqrt{x^2-1}},$$

$$D = \{x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty) \mid \sqrt{x^2-1} \in (-\infty, 1]\}.$$

Now $\sqrt{x^2-1} \leq 1 \Rightarrow x^2-1 \leq 1 \Rightarrow x^2 \leq 2 \Rightarrow |x| \leq \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow -\sqrt{2} \leq x \leq \sqrt{2}$. Combining this restriction with $x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$, we obtain

$$D = [-\sqrt{2}, -1] \cup [1, \sqrt{2}].$$

$$(f \circ f)(x) = f(f(x)) = f(\sqrt{x^2-1})$$

$$= \sqrt{(\sqrt{x^2-1})^2 - 1} = \sqrt{x^2-2},$$

$$D = \{x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty) \mid \sqrt{x^2-1} \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)\}.$$

Now $\sqrt{x^2-1} \geq 1 \Rightarrow x^2-1 \geq 1 \Rightarrow x^2 \geq 2 \Rightarrow |x| \geq \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow x \geq \sqrt{2}$ or $x \leq -\sqrt{2}$. Combining this restriction with $x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$, we obtain

$$D = (-\infty, -\sqrt{2}] \cup [\sqrt{2}, \infty).$$

$$(g \circ g)(x) = g(g(x)) = g(\sqrt{1-x}) = \sqrt{1-\sqrt{1-x}},$$

$$D = \{x \in (-\infty, 1] \mid \sqrt{1-x} \in (-\infty, 1]\}.$$

Now $\sqrt{1-x} \leq 1 \Rightarrow 1-x \leq 1 \Rightarrow x \geq 0$. Combining this restriction with $x \in (-\infty, 1]$, we obtain $D = [0, 1]$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 23. \quad f(x) &= \sqrt[3]{x}, D = \mathbb{R}; \quad g(x) = 1 - \sqrt{x}, D = [0, \infty). \\
 (f \circ g)(x) &= f(g(x)) = f(1 - \sqrt{x}) = \sqrt[3]{1 - \sqrt{x}}, \\
 D &= [0, \infty). \quad (g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = g(\sqrt[3]{x}) = 1 - \sqrt[3]{x}, \\
 D &= [0, \infty). \\
 (f \circ f)(x) &= f(f(x)) = f(\sqrt[3]{x}) = x^{1/9}, D = \mathbb{R}. \\
 (g \circ g)(x) &= g(g(x)) = g(1 - \sqrt{x}) = 1 - \sqrt{1 - \sqrt{x}}, \\
 D &= \{x \geq 0 \mid 1 - \sqrt{x} \geq 0\} = [0, 1].
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 24. \quad f(x) &= \frac{x+2}{2x+1}, D = \{x \mid x \neq -\frac{1}{2}\}; \quad g(x) = \frac{x}{x-2}, \\
 D &= \{x \mid x \neq 2\}. \\
 (f \circ g)(x) &= f(g(x)) \\
 &= f\left(\frac{x}{x-2}\right) = \frac{\frac{x}{x-2} + 2}{2\frac{x}{x-2} + 1} \\
 &= \frac{3x-4}{3x-2}, D = \{x \mid x \neq 2, \frac{2}{3}\}. \\
 (g \circ f)(x) &= g(f(x)) \\
 &= g\left(\frac{x+2}{2x+1}\right) = \frac{(x+2)/(2x+1)}{(x+2)/(2x+1) - 2} \\
 &= \frac{-x-2}{3x}, D = \{x \mid x \neq 0, -\frac{1}{2}\}. \\
 (f \circ f)(x) &= f(f(x)) \\
 &= f\left(\frac{x+2}{2x+1}\right) = \frac{(x+2)/(2x+1) + 2}{2(x+2)/(2x+1) + 1} \\
 &= \frac{5x+4}{4x+5}, D = \{x \mid x \neq -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{5}{4}\}. \\
 (g \circ g)(x) &= g(g(x)) \\
 &= g\left(\frac{x}{x-2}\right) = \frac{\frac{x}{x-2}}{\frac{x}{x-2} - 2} \\
 &= \frac{x}{4-x}, D = \{x \mid x \neq 2, 4\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 25. \quad f(x) &= 1/\sqrt{x}, D = (0, \infty); \quad g(x) = x^2 - 4x, D = \mathbb{R}. \\
 (f \circ g)(x) &= f(g(x)) = f(x^2 - 4x) = 1/\sqrt{x^2 - 4x}, \\
 D &= \{x \mid x^2 - 4x > 0\} = (-\infty, 0) \cup (4, \infty). \\
 (g \circ f)(x) &= g(f(x)) = g\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}\right) = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{4}{\sqrt{x}}, \\
 D &= (0, \infty). \\
 (f \circ f)(x) &= f(f(x)) = f\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1/\sqrt{x}}} = x^{1/4}, \\
 D &= (0, \infty). \\
 (g \circ g)(x) &= g(g(x)) = g(x^2 - 4x) \\
 &= (x^2 - 4x)^2 - 4(x^2 - 4x) \\
 &= x^4 - 8x^3 + 12x^2 + 16x, D = \mathbb{R}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 26. \quad (f \circ g \circ h)(x) &= f(g(h(x))) = f(g(x-1)) \\
 &= f(\sqrt{x-1}) = \sqrt{x-1} - 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 27. \quad (f \circ g \circ h)(x) &= f(g(h(x))) = f(g(x^2 + 2)) \\
 &= f((x^2 + 2)^3) = 1/(x^2 + 2)^3
 \end{aligned}$$

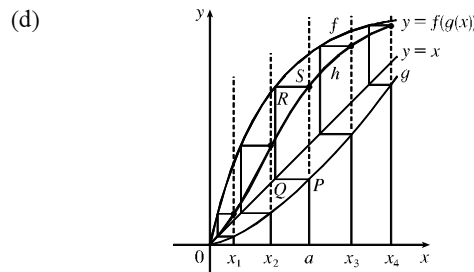
$$\begin{aligned}
 28. \quad (f \circ g \circ h)(x) &= f(g(h(x))) = f(g(\sqrt{x})) \\
 &= f(\sqrt{x} - 5) = (\sqrt{x} - 5)^4 + 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 29. \quad (f \circ g \circ h)(x) &= f(g(h(x))) = f(g(\sqrt[3]{x})) \\
 &= f\left(\frac{\sqrt[3]{x}}{\sqrt[3]{x}-1}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt[3]{x}}{\sqrt[3]{x}-1}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 30. \quad \text{Let } g(x) &= x - 9 \text{ and } f(x) = x^5. \text{ Then} \\
 (f \circ g)(x) &= (x - 9)^5 = F(x).
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 31. \quad \text{Let } g(t) &= \pi t \text{ and } f(t) = \tan t. \text{ Then} \\
 (f \circ g)(t) &= \tan \pi t = u(t).
 \end{aligned}$$

32. (a) $P = (a, g(a))$ and $Q = (g(a), g(a))$ because Q has the same y -value as P and it is on the line $y = x$.
 (b) The x -value of Q is $g(a)$; this is also the x -value of R . The y -value of R is therefore $f(x\text{-value})$, that is, $f(g(a))$. Hence, $R = (g(a), f(g(a)))$.
 (c) The coordinates of S are $(a, f(g(a)))$ or, equivalently, $(a, h(a))$.



33. We need to plot points only for the first quadrant since we can see that f is an odd function, and we then know that $f \circ f$ is an odd function, and hence, symmetric with respect to the origin.

x	0	0.5	1	1.5	2
$f(x)$	0	1	1.5	1.4	0
$f(f(x))$	0	1.5	1.4	1.5	0

