

ECO137 HW Questions for Chapter 5 "Properties of Functions"

1. If $f(x) = 3x - x^3$, and $g(x) = x^3$, compute $(f + g)(x)$, $(f-g)(x)$, $(fg)(x)$, $(f/g)(x)$, $f(g(1))$ and $g(f(1))$.
2. Let $f(x) = 3x + 7$. Compute $f(f(x))$. Find the value x^* when $f(f(x)) = 100$.
3. Demand D as a function of price P is given by $D = 32/5 - 3/10 P$. Solve the equation for P and find the inverse function.
4. Find the domains, ranges and inverses of the functions given by the following formula.
(a) $y = 1/x$ (b) $y = x^3$
5. Find the inverse of the following functions.
(a) $y = e^{x+4}$ (b) $y = \ln x - 4, x > 0$.
6. Determine the distance between the two points, $(1, 3)$ and $(2, 4)$.