

2. Let  $g(x) = x^2$ , and let

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \text{ rational} \\ 1, & x \text{ irrational.} \end{cases}$$

- (i) For which  $y$  is  $h(y) \leq y$ ?
- (ii) For which  $y$  is  $h(y) \leq g(y)$ ?
- (iii) What is  $g(h(z)) - h(z)$ ?
- (iv) For which  $w$  is  $g(w) \leq w$ ?
- (v) For which  $\varepsilon$  is  $g(g(\varepsilon)) = g(\varepsilon)$ ?

3. Find the domain of the functions defined by the following formulas.

- (i)  $f(x) = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$ .
- (ii)  $f(x) = \sqrt{1 - \sqrt{1 - x^2}}$ .
- (iii)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{1}{x-2}$ .
- (iv)  $f(x) = \sqrt{1 - x^2} + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$ .
- (v)  $f(x) = \sqrt{1 - x} + \sqrt{x - 2}$ .

8. For which numbers  $a, b, c$ , and  $d$  will the function

$$f(x) = \frac{ax + b}{cx + d}$$

satisfy  $f(f(x)) = x$  for all  $x$  (for which this equation makes sense)?

9. (a) If  $A$  is any set of real numbers, define a function  $C_A$  as follows:

$$C_A(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \text{ in } A \\ 0, & x \text{ not in } A. \end{cases}$$

Find expressions for  $C_{A \cap B}$  and  $C_{A \cup B}$  and  $C_{\mathbf{R} - A}$ , in terms of  $C_A$  and  $C_B$ . (The symbol  $A \cap B$  was defined in this chapter, but the other two may be new to you. They can be defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} A \cup B &= \{x : x \text{ is in } A \text{ or } x \text{ is in } B\}, \\ \mathbf{R} - A &= \{x : x \text{ is in } \mathbf{R} \text{ but } x \text{ is not in } A\}. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Suppose  $f$  is a function such that  $f(x) = 0$  or  $1$  for each  $x$ . Prove that there is a set  $A$  such that  $f = C_A$ .
- (c) Show that  $f = f^2$  if and only if  $f = C_A$  for some set  $A$ .

12. A function  $f$  is **even** if  $f(x) = f(-x)$  and **odd** if  $f(x) = -f(-x)$ . For example,  $f$  is even if  $f(x) = x^2$  or  $f(x) = |x|$  or  $f(x) = \cos x$ , while  $f$  is odd if  $f(x) = x$  or  $f(x) = \sin x$ .

- (a) Determine whether  $f + g$  is even, odd, or not necessarily either, in the four cases obtained by choosing  $f$  even or odd, and  $g$  even or odd. (Your answers can most conveniently be displayed in a  $2 \times 2$  table.)
- (b) Do the same for  $f \cdot g$ .
- (c) Do the same for  $f \circ g$ .
- (d) Prove that every even function  $f$  can be written  $f(x) = g(|x|)$ , for infinitely many functions  $g$ .

- \*13. (a) Prove that any function  $f$  with domain  $\mathbf{R}$  can be written  $f = E + O$ , where  $E$  is even and  $O$  is odd.
- (b) Prove that this way of writing  $f$  is unique. (If you try to do part (b) first, by "solving" for  $E$  and  $O$  you will probably find the solution to part (a).)

**\*17.** If  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x$ , then  $f$  satisfies  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$  for all  $x$  and  $y$ , and also  $f(x \cdot y) = f(x) \cdot f(y)$  for all  $x$  and  $y$ . Now suppose that  $f$  satisfies these two properties, but that  $f(x)$  is not always 0. Prove that  $f(x) = x$  for all  $x$ , as follows:

- (a) Prove that  $f(1) = 1$ .
- (b) Prove that  $f(x) = x$  if  $x$  is rational.
- (c) Prove that  $f(x) > 0$  if  $x > 0$ . (This part is tricky, but if you have been paying attention to the philosophical remarks accompanying the problems in the last two chapters, you will know what to do.)
- (d) Prove that  $f(x) > f(y)$  if  $x > y$ .
- (e) Prove that  $f(x) = x$  for all  $x$ . Hint: Use the fact that between any two numbers there is a rational number.

**21.** Prove or give a counterexample for each of the following assertions:

(a)  $f \circ (g + h) = f \circ g + f \circ h$ .

(b)  $(g + h) \circ f = g \circ f + h \circ f$ .

(c)  $\frac{1}{f \circ g} = \frac{1}{f} \circ g$ .

(d)  $\frac{1}{f \circ g} = f \circ \left(\frac{1}{g}\right)$ .