

Functions

Question1

If $f : R - \{0\} \rightarrow R$ is defined by $3f(x) + 4f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{2-x}{x}$ then $f(3) =$

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Options:

A.

6

B.

12

C.

9

D.

3

Answer: D

Solution:

We have, $3f(x) + 4f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{2-x}{x} - 1$

$\therefore 3f(3) + 4f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{2}{3} - 1 = \frac{-1}{3} \quad \dots (i)$

Also, $3f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + 4f(3) = 6 - 1 = 5 \quad \dots (ii)$

On solving Eqs. (i) and (ii), we get

$f(3) = 3$



Question2

The inverse of the function $y = \frac{10^x - 10^{-x}}{10^x + 10^{-x}} + 1$ is $x =$

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Options:

A.

$$\log\left(\frac{y}{2-y}\right)$$

B.

$$\log_{10}\left(\frac{y}{2-y}\right)$$

C.

$$\frac{1}{10}\log\left(\frac{y}{1-y}\right)$$

D.

$$\frac{1}{2}\log_{10}\left(\frac{y}{2-y}\right)$$

Answer: D

Solution:

$$\text{We have, } y = \frac{10^x - 10^{-x}}{10^x + 10^{-x}} + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow y - 1 = \frac{10^x - 10^{-x}}{10^x + 10^{-x}}$$

$$\text{Let } a = 10^x$$

$$\therefore 10^{-x} = \frac{1}{a}$$

$$\therefore y - 1 = \frac{a - \frac{1}{a}}{a + \frac{1}{a}} = \frac{a^2 - 1}{a^2 + 1}$$



$$\Rightarrow (y-1)(a^2+1) = a^2-1 \Rightarrow (y-1)a^2 + (y-1) = a^2-1$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2(y-1-1) = -y \Rightarrow a^2(y-2) = -y$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = \frac{-y}{y-2} \Rightarrow 10^{2x} = \frac{-y}{y-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = \log_{10} \left(\frac{-y}{y-2} \right) \Rightarrow 2x = \log_{10} \left(\frac{y}{2-y} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2} \log_{10} \left(\frac{y}{2-y} \right)$$

Question3

If $f(x) = \tan \left(\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{x+1}+4} \right)$ is a real valued function, then the range of f is

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Options:

A.

$$[-1, 1]$$

B.

$$(0, 1]$$

C.

$$[-1, \infty)$$

D.

R

Answer: B

Solution:

Given, $f(x) = \tan \left(\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{x+1}+4} \right)$



For $\sqrt{x+1}$ to be defined,

we have $x+1 \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \geq -1$

$$\therefore \sqrt{x+1} + 4 \geq 0 + 4 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+1}+4} \leq \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{x+1}+4} \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$\therefore f(x) = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{x+1}} + 4\right)$, where

$$0 < \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{x+1}+4} \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$$

So, the function $f(x)$ is strictly increasing in the interval $(0, \frac{\pi}{4}]$

And the range of the given function is $(\tan(0), \tan(\frac{\pi}{4})]$, which is $(0, 1]$

\therefore The range of $f(x)$ is $(0, 1]$

Question4

If $\frac{x^3+3}{(x-3)^3} = a + \frac{b}{x-3} + \frac{c}{(x-3)^2} + \frac{d}{(x-3)^3}$, then $(a+d) - (b+c) =$

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Options:

A.

49

B.

15

C.

-30



D.

-5

Answer: D

Solution:

Given,

$$\frac{x^3+3}{(x-3)^3} = a + \frac{b}{x-3} + \frac{c}{(x-3)^2} + \frac{d}{(x-3)^3} \quad \dots (i)$$

$$\text{Let } y = x - 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y + 3$$

$$\text{Then, } \frac{x^3+3}{(x-3)^3} = \frac{(y+3)^3+3}{y^3}$$

$$= \frac{y^3 + 9y^2 + 27y + 27 + 3}{y^3}$$

$$= \frac{y^3 + 9y^2 + 27y + 30}{y^3}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{9}{y} + \frac{27}{y^2} + \frac{30}{y^3}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{9}{x-3} + \frac{27}{(x-3)^2} + \frac{30}{(x-3)^3}$$

Comparing this with Eq. (i), we get

$$a = 1, b = 9, c = 27, d = 30$$

$$\text{So, } (a + d) - (b + c) = (1 + 30) - (9 + 27)$$

$$= 31 - 36 = -5$$

Question 5

$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ is an even function and

$g(x) = px^3 + qx^2 + rx$ is an odd function.

If $h(x) = f(x) + g(x)$ and $h(-2) = 0$, then $8p + 4q + 2r =$

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Options:

A. $4a + 3b + 2c$

B. $a + b + c$

C. $4a + 2b + c$

D. $8a + 4b + 2c$

Answer: C

Solution:

Given two functions, $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$, which is even, and $g(x) = px^3 + qx^2 + rx$, which is odd, we need to analyze the combined function $h(x) = f(x) + g(x)$. We know that $h(-2) = 0$.

Properties of Even and Odd Functions:

Even Function: $f(x) = f(-x)$.

Odd Function: $g(x) = -g(-x)$.

Since $f(x)$ is even:

$$f(x) = f(-x) \Rightarrow f(2) = f(-2)$$

For the odd function $g(x)$:

$$g(-x) = -g(x) \Rightarrow g(-2) = -g(2)$$

Using the Given Information:

Given $h(-2) = 0$, we have:

$$h(-2) = f(-2) + g(-2) = 0$$

From the properties mentioned:

$$f(-2) = f(2) \quad \text{and} \quad g(-2) = -g(2)$$

Substitute these into $h(-2) = 0$:

$$f(2) - g(2) = 0$$

This implies:

$$f(2) = g(2)$$

Expressing $f(2)$ and $g(2)$:

Calculate $f(2)$:

$$f(2) = a(2)^2 + b(2) + c = 4a + 2b + c$$



And $g(2)$:

$$g(2) = p(2)^3 + q(2)^2 + r(2) = 8p + 4q + 2r$$

Equating the two expressions from $f(2) = g(2)$:

$$4a + 2b + c = 8p + 4q + 2r$$

Thus, the expression for $8p + 4q + 2r$ is:

$$8p + 4q + 2r = 4a + 2b + c$$

Question6

The range of the real valued function $f(x) = \log_3(5 + 4x - x^2)$ is

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Options:

A. $(0, 2)$

B. $[0, 2]$

C. $(-\infty, 2]$

D. $[-1, 5]$

Answer: C

Solution:

To determine the range of the function $f(x) = \log_3(5 + 4x - x^2)$, we need to analyze the behavior of the quadratic expression $5 + 4x - x^2$.

Analysis of $5 + 4x - x^2$

The expression $5 + 4x - x^2$ is a quadratic function of the form $ax^2 + bx + c$, where $a = -1$, $b = 4$, and $c = 5$.

Determining the Range of the Quadratic

Since $a = -1 < 0$, the parabola opens downwards, and the quadratic function achieves its maximum value at its vertex. The maximum (or minimum for upward-opening parabolas) value of a quadratic function $ax^2 + bx + c$ is given by $-\frac{D}{4a}$, where $D = b^2 - 4ac$ is the discriminant.

Calculate the discriminant:

$$D = 4^2 - 4 \times (-1) \times 5 = 16 + 20 = 36$$



The maximum value of the quadratic $5 + 4x - x^2$ is:

$$-\frac{D}{4a} = -\frac{36}{4 \times (-1)} = 9$$

Hence, the range of $5 + 4x - x^2$ is $(-\infty, 9]$.

Translating to the Logarithmic Function

Considering the function $f(x) = \log_3(5 + 4x - x^2)$, the possible values of $5 + 4x - x^2$ determine the input values for the logarithm.

Since $5 + 4x - x^2 \leq 9$, we take the logarithm base 3 of each side:

$$\log_3(5 + 4x - x^2) \leq \log_3(9)$$

Given that $\log_3(9) = 2$, we conclude:

$$f(x) = \log_3(5 + 4x - x^2) \leq 2$$

Thus, the range of $f(x)$ is $(-\infty, 2]$.

Question 7

The sum of the maximum and minimum values of the function

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - x + 1}{x^2 + x + 1} \text{ is}$$

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Options:

A. $\frac{17}{4}$

B. $\frac{5}{2}$

C. $\frac{10}{3}$

D. 0

Answer: C

Solution:

To find the sum of the maximum and minimum values of the function $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - x + 1}{x^2 + x + 1}$, we start by setting:

$$y = \frac{x^2 - x + 1}{x^2 + x + 1}$$

Rewriting, we have:

$$y(x^2 + x + 1) = x^2 - x + 1$$

This simplifies to:

$$(y - 1)x^2 + (y + 1)x + (y - 1) = 0$$

To ensure real values of x , the discriminant D of this quadratic in x must be non-negative. The discriminant is given by:

$$(y + 1)^2 - 4(y - 1)^2 \geq 0$$

Simplifying the inequality:

$$(y + 1 - 2(y - 1))(y + 1 + 2(y - 1)) \geq 0$$

$$(3 - y)(3y - 1) \geq 0$$

Reversing the inequality:

$$(y - 3)(3y - 1) \leq 0$$

This implies y lies within the interval:

$$y \in \left[\frac{1}{3}, 3\right]$$

Therefore, the sum of the maximum and minimum values of y is:

$$\frac{1}{3} + 3 = \frac{10}{3}$$

Question 8

If f is a real valued function from A onto B defined by $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|x-|x||}}$, then $A \cap B =$

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Options:

- A. ϕ
- B. $(-\infty, 0)$
- C. $(0, \infty)$
- D. $(-\infty, \infty)$

Answer: A

Solution:



Given,

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|x-|x||}}$$

For

$$x > 0, |x| = x$$

$$x - |x| = 0$$

$$|x - |x|| = 0$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is not possible for $x > 0$.

For

$$x < 0, |x| = -x$$

$$x - |x| = -2x$$

$$|x - |x|| = 2x$$

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

$\therefore A$ is set of negative numbers and B is a set of positive numbers.

$$\therefore A \cap B = \phi$$

Question9

The domain of the real valued function

$$f(x) = \sqrt[3]{\frac{x-2}{2x^2-7x+5}} + \log(x^2 - x - 2) \text{ is}$$

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Options:

A. $(-\infty, -1) \cup (2, \frac{5}{2}) \cup (\frac{5}{2}, \infty)$

B. $R - \{1, \frac{5}{2}\}$

C. $(-\infty, -1) \cup (2, \infty)$

D. $(-1, 2)$

Answer: A



Solution:

We have,

$$f(x) = \sqrt[3]{\frac{x-2}{2x^2-7x+5}} + \log(x^2-x-2)$$

$$\therefore 2x^2 - 7x + 5 \neq 0 \text{ and } x^2 - x - 2 > 0$$
$$\Rightarrow (2x-5)(x-1) \neq 0 \text{ and } (x+1)(x-2) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \neq 1, \frac{5}{2} \text{ and } x \in (-\infty, -1) \cup (2, \infty)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, -1) \cup \left(2, \frac{5}{2}\right) \cup \left(\frac{5}{2}, \infty\right)$$

\therefore Domain of f is

$$(-\infty, -1) \cup \left(2, \frac{5}{2}\right) \cup \left(\frac{5}{2}, \infty\right)$$

Question10

f is a real valued function satisfying the relation

$$f\left(3x + \frac{1}{2x}\right) = 9x^2 + \frac{1}{4x^2}. \text{ If } f\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) = 1, \text{ then } x \text{ is equal to}$$

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Options:

A. ± 2

B. ± 1

C. ± 3

D. ± 6

Answer: D

Solution:

$$\text{We have, } f\left(3x + \frac{1}{2x}\right) = 9x^2 + \frac{1}{4x^2}$$

$$\therefore f\left(3x + \frac{1}{2x}\right) = \left(3x + \frac{1}{2x}\right)^2 - 3$$

$$\text{Now, } f\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) = 1$$



$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 - 3 &= 1 \Rightarrow \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 = 4 \\ \Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2 &= 4 \Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} - 2 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 &= 0 \Rightarrow x - \frac{1}{x} = 0 \\ \Rightarrow x^2 - 1 &= 0 \Rightarrow x^2 = 1 \\ \Rightarrow x &= \pm 1 \end{aligned}$$

Question11

If $f(x) = \frac{2x-3}{3x-2}$ and $f_n(x) = (\text{fofofon times})(x)$, then $f_{32}(x) =$

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Options:

A. $\frac{2x-3}{3x-2}$

B. x

C. $\frac{3x+2}{2x+3}$

D. $t_{23}(x)$

Answer: B

Solution:

We have, $f(x) = \frac{2x-3}{3x-2}$

$$f(f(x)) = \frac{2f(x)-3}{3f(x)-2} = \frac{2\left(\frac{2x-3}{3x-2}\right)-3}{3\left(\frac{2x-3}{3x-2}\right)-2}$$

$$= \frac{4x-6-9x+6}{6x-9-6x+4}$$

$$= \frac{-5x}{-5} = x$$

$$\therefore f(f(x)) = x$$



$$\Rightarrow f_{32}(x) = x$$

Question12

The domain of the real valued function

$$f(x) = \sqrt{\cos(\sin x)} + \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1+x^2}{2x}\right) \text{ is}$$

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Options:

- A. $(-1, 1)$
- B. $[-1, 1]$
- C. $R - (-1, 1)$
- D. $\{-1, 1\}$

Answer: D

Solution:

We have,

$$f(x) = \sqrt{\cos(\sin x)} + \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1+x^2}{2x}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(\sin x) > 0$$

$$\therefore \sin x \in [-1, 1]$$

$$\therefore \cos(\sin x) > 0, \forall x \in R$$

$$\text{and } -1 \leq \frac{1+x^2}{2x} \leq 1$$



$$-1 \leq \frac{1+x^2}{2x} \text{ and } \frac{1+x^2}{2x} \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in \{-1, 1\}$$

Question13

The domain of the function $f(x) = \sin^{-1} \left(\log_2 \left(\frac{x^2}{2} \right) \right)$ is

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Options:

- A. $[-2, 0) \cup (0, 1)$
- B. $[1, \infty) \cap [-2, 2]$
- C. $[-2, -1] \cup [1, 2]$
- D. $(-\infty, 1] \cap [-2, 2]$

Answer: C

Solution:

The given function is

$$f(x) = \sin^{-1} \left(\log_2 \left(\frac{x^2}{2} \right) \right)$$

To find the domain of $f(x)$

Domain $(f(x)) =$ Domain of

$$\sin^{-1} \left(\log_2 \left(\frac{x^2}{2} \right) \right)$$

$$\text{where, } \log_2 \left(\frac{x^2}{2} \right) \in [-1, 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 \leq \log_2 \left(\frac{x^2}{2} \right) \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{x^2}{2} \leq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \leq x^2 \leq 4$$

$$\text{For, } x^2 \leq 4 \Rightarrow -2 \leq x \leq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in [-2, 2] \quad \dots (i)$$

$$\text{and also, } x^2 \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty) \quad \dots (ii)$$

Now, from Eqs. (i) and (ii), taking intersection, we get

$$x \in [-2, -1] \cup [1, 2]$$

Question14

The range of the function $f(x) = -\sqrt{-x^2 - 6x - 5}$ is

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Options:

A. $[0, 2]$

B. $[-2, 0]$

C. $[-2, 2]$

D. $(-\infty, 2]$

Answer: B

Solution:

Given function,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= -\sqrt{-x^2 - 6x - 5} \\ &= -\sqrt{-(x^2 + 6x + 5)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } y = f(x) = -\sqrt{-(x+5)(x+1)}$$

Now, squaring on both sides, we get

$$\begin{aligned} y^2 &= -(x^2 + 6x + 5) \\ \Rightarrow x^2 + 6x + (5 + y^2) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



Applying quadratic formula, we get

$$x = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 4(5 + y^2)}}{2}$$
$$= \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{16 - 4y^2}}{2}$$

$$\text{Clearly, } 16 - 4y^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow y^2 \leq \frac{16}{4} = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 \leq 4$$

$$\Rightarrow -2 \leq y \leq 2$$

Clearly, $y < 0$ because $\sqrt{-(x^2 - 6x - 5)}$ always positive.

$$\text{So, } y \in [-2, 0]$$

Thus, range of given function is $[-2, 0]$

Question15

If $f : R \rightarrow R$ is defined by $f(x) = 2x + \sin x, x \in R$, then f is

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Options:

- A. one-one and onto
- B. one-one but not onto
- C. onto but not one-one
- D. neither one-one nor onto

Answer: A

Solution:

Given function is, $f(x) = 2x + \sin x, x \in R$

For one one $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$



$$\Rightarrow 2x_1 + \sin x_1 = 2x_2 + \sin x_2$$

This can be possible only, when $x_1 = x_2$

So, $f(x)$ is one-one.

For onto Range of

$$f(x) = R = \text{Co-domain}$$

So, Range = Co-domain

Thus, $f(x)$ is onto.

Question16

If t is a parameter, $A = (a \sec t, b \tan t)$, $B = (-a \tan t, b \sec t)$ and $O = (0, 0)$, then the locus of the centroid of $\triangle OAB$ is

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Options:

A. $9xy = ab$

B. $xy = 9ab$

C. $x^2 - 9y^2 = a^2 - b^2$

D. $x^2 - y^2 = \frac{1}{9}(a^2 - b^2)$

Answer: A

Solution:

To find the locus of the centroid of triangle $\triangle OAB$ where the vertices are $A = (a \sec t, b \tan t)$, $B = (-a \tan t, b \sec t)$, and $O = (0, 0)$, we calculate the centroid (x, y) using the formula for the centroid of a triangle:

$$x = \frac{0 + a \sec t - a \tan t}{3} = \frac{a(\sec t - \tan t)}{3}$$

Similarly,

$$y = \frac{0 + b \tan t + b \sec t}{3} = \frac{b(\sec t + \tan t)}{3}$$

Next, we compute the product $(3x)(3y)$:

$$3x = a(\sec t - \tan t) \quad \text{and} \quad 3y = b(\sec t + \tan t)$$



So,

$$(3x)(3y) = [a(\sec t - \tan t)][b(\sec t + \tan t)] = ab(\sec^2 t - \tan^2 t)$$

Since $\sec^2 t - \tan^2 t = 1$ (using the identity $\sec^2 t - \tan^2 t = 1$), we have:

$$9xy = ab \quad \text{or} \quad xy = \frac{ab}{9}$$

Thus, the locus of the centroid of $\triangle OAB$ satisfies the equation $9xy = ab$.

Question17

If $f : [2, \infty) \rightarrow R$ is defined by $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 5$, then the range of f is

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Options:

A. R

B. $[1, \infty)$

C. $[4, \infty)$

D. $[5, \infty)$

Answer: B

Solution:

Let's explore the function $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 5$, which is defined on the interval $[2, \infty)$.

First, consider the discriminant Δ of the quadratic equation:

$$\Delta = (-4)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times 5 = 16 - 20 = -4$$

Since the discriminant Δ is negative, the quadratic equation does not have real roots, which means it doesn't intersect the x-axis and is always positive.

Next, find the vertex of the parabola, as this will help us determine its minimum value. In a quadratic function of the form $ax^2 + bx + c$, the x-coordinate of the vertex is given by:

$$x_{\min} = -\frac{b}{2a} = \frac{4}{2} = 2$$



Since the vertex lies at $x = 2$ and the parabola is opening upwards (as the coefficient of x^2 is positive), $f(x)$ is increasing for $x \geq 2$.

Calculate $f(x)$ at $x = 2$:

$$f(2) = 2^2 - 4 \times 2 + 5 = 4 - 8 + 5 = 1$$

Therefore, $f(2) = 1$, which is the minimum value of the function on the given interval. As x approaches infinity, $f(x)$ also approaches infinity.

Thus, the range of $f(x)$ is $[1, \infty)$.

Question 18

If $f(x) = -|x|$, then $(f \circ f \circ f)(x) + (f \circ f \circ f)(-x) =$

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Options:

A. $-2f(x)$

B. $|f(x)|$

C. $2f(x)$

D. $-|f(x)|$

Answer: C

Solution:

To solve the problem, let's analyze the function $f(x) = -|x|$.

First, let's evaluate $f(-x)$:

$$f(-x) = -|-x| = -|x|$$

Next, consider the composition $f(f(x))$:

$$f(f(x)) = -|f(x)| = -|-|x|| = -|x| = f(x)$$

Now evaluate $f(f(f(x)))$:

$$f(f(f(x))) = f(f(x)) = f(x)$$

Thus, $f(f(f(x))) = f(x)$.

Similarly, since $f(x) = -|x|$, we have:

$$f(f(f(-x))) = f(f(-|x|)) = f(-|x|) = -|-|x|| = -|x| = f(x)$$

Therefore, the expression $(f \circ f \circ f)(x) + (f \circ f \circ f)(-x)$ simplifies to:

$$f(f(f(x))) + f(f(f(-x))) = f(x) + f(x) = 2f(x)$$

So, the result is:

$$2f(x)$$

