

MATH 1300 A, Fall 2013  
Solution Quiz 1

$$f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}} \qquad g(x) = x^2 + 2$$

1. (30 points) Find the domain of  $f$ , and find the domain of  $g$ .

The domain of  $f$  is the set of real numbers  $x$  for which the fraction  $\frac{x-1}{x+1}$  is greater than or equal to zero. Analyzing the signs of the terms in the fraction we obtain:

	- 1		1	
$x - 1$	-	-	-	+
$x + 1$	-	+	+	+
	+	-	-	+

Since the value  $-1$  is not included in the domain because we can not divide by zero, we obtain.

$$\text{Domain}(f) = (-\infty, -1) \cup [1, \infty)$$

The domain of  $g$  is the set of all real numbers

$$\text{Domain}(g) = \mathbb{R}$$

2. (20 points) Find the range of  $g$ .

Since  $g(x) = x^2 + 2 \geq 2$ , then

$$\text{Range}(g) = [2, \infty)$$

3. (25 points) Is  $f \circ g$  defined? Justify your answer.

Since the  $\text{Range}(g) = [2, \infty)$  is contained in the  $\text{Domain}(f) = (-\infty, -1) \cup [1, \infty)$ , then the function  $f \circ g$  is defined.

4. (25 points) If  $f \circ g$  is defined, find a formula for  $f \circ g$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (f \circ g)(x) &= f(g(x)) \\ &= f(x^2 + 2) \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{(x^2 + 2) - 1}{(x^2 + 2) + 1}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2 + 3}} \end{aligned}$$