

## Exercise 19

For the following exercises, use each set of functions to find  $f(g(h(x)))$ . Simplify your answers.

$$f(x) = x^2 + 1, \quad g(x) = \frac{1}{x}, \quad \text{and} \quad h(x) = x + 3$$

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### Solution

Compute  $f(g(h(x)))$  by plugging the formula for  $h(x)$  where  $x$  is in the formula for  $g(x)$  and then plugging this result into the formula for  $f(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} g(h(x)) &= \frac{1}{(x+3)} \\ &= \frac{1}{x+3} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} f(g(h(x))) &= \left(\frac{1}{x+3}\right)^2 + 1 \\ &= \frac{1^2}{(x+3)^2} + 1 \\ &= \frac{1}{(x+3)^2} + 1. \end{aligned}$$