

# Functional Equations

**Definition.** Let  $\mathbb{R}_{pos}$  be the set of all positive real numbers.

## Substituting numbers

1. The function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies  $f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y) + 80xy \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

a) Find  $f(0.5)$ , if  $f(0.25) = 2.5$ .

b) Find  $f(6)$ , if  $f(1.5) = 90$ .

2. The function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies  $f(3x+1) = f(x) + 3x + 1.5 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ . It is known that  $f(40) = 67.5$ . Find a)  $f(13)$ , b)  $f(1)$ .

3. The function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies  $f(xy) = f(x)f(y) - f(x) - y^2 + 1 \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Find  $f(0)$ .

4. Does there exist a function  $f : \mathbb{R}_{pos} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , such that  $f(xy) = 4f(x) - 3f(y) + 2$  for every positive numbers  $x$  and  $y$ ?

5. The function  $f : \mathbb{R}_{pos} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies  $f(xy) = f(x) + f(y)$  for every positive numbers  $x$  and  $y$ . Find  $f(20)$ , if  $f(0.05) = 10$ .

6. The function  $f : \mathbb{R}_{pos} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{pos}$  is such that  $f(1) + f(2) = 10$  and

$$f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y) + 2\sqrt{f(x)f(y)} \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}_{pos}. \text{ Find } f(2^{1000}).$$

7. The function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined  $\forall x \neq 1$  and  $(x-1)f\left(\frac{x+1}{x-1}\right) = x + f(x)$ . Find  $f(-1)$ .

## Substituting expressions

8. Find all functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x+y) + f(x-y) = x^2 + y^2 \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

9. Find all functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(2x+1) = 4x^2 + 14x + 7 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

10. Find all functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x) = x^2 + 2f(1-x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

11. The function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined  $\forall x \neq 0$  and satisfies

$$f(x) + f\left(\frac{x-1}{x}\right) = 2x \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq 0. \text{ Find } f(x).$$

## Auxiliary function

12. Find all functions  $f : \mathbb{R}_{pos} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(xy) + f\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = (\ln(x))^2 + (\ln(y))^2 \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}_{pos}$

## Credit problems

**FE1.** Find every  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  such that there exists a non-constant function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying  $f(a(x+y)) = f(x) + f(y)$ .

**FE2.** Given the function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $(f(x))^2 \leq f(y) \quad \forall x > y$ , prove that  $0 \leq f(x) \leq 1 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

**FE3.** Find all functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x+y) + f(x-y) = 2f(x)\cos(y) \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

**FE4.** Find all functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x, x) = 0$  and  $f(x, f(y, z)) = f(x, y) + z \quad \forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$

**FE5.** Find all functions  $f : \mathbb{R}_{pos} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x^y) = f(x)^{f(y)} \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}_{pos}$