

If  $f(x)$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  such that  $1 + f(x) = \frac{f(x-1) + f(x+1)}{2} \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ , then the possible value of  $n$  is

Let  $f: \mathbb{R} - \{2\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function satisfying the following functional equation,  
 $2f(x) + 3f\left(\frac{2x+29}{x-2}\right) = 100x + 80 \forall x \in \mathbb{R} - \{2\}$ . Determine  $f(x)$

A function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies

$\sin 2x \sin 2y \{f(3x+3y) + f(3x-3y)\} = \cos 2x \cos 2y \{f(3x-3y) - f(3x+3y)\}$ ; if  $f(0) = 1$  then

(A)  $4f(x) + 9f'(x) = 0$

(B)  $f(x) + f'(x) = 0$

(C)  $4\{f(x)\}^2 + 9\{f'(x)\}^2 = 4$

(D)  $9\{f(x)\}^2 + 4\{f'(x)\}^2 = 4$

Column - I	Column - II
(A) $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ (Rational number); $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ (Rational number); $f$ and $g$ are continuous function such that $\sqrt{3}f(x) + g(x) = 3$ then $(1-f(x))^3 + (g(x)-3)^3$ is	(p) 1
(B) If $f(x)$ , $g(x)$ and $h(x)$ are continuous and positive function such that $f(x) + g(x) + h(x) = \sqrt{f(x)g(x)} + \sqrt{g(x)h(x)} + \sqrt{h(x)f(x)}$ then $f(x) + g(x) - 2h(x)$ is	(q) 0
(C) $y = f(x)$ satisfy the equation $y^3 - 2y^2(x+1) + 4xy + (x^2-1)(y-2) = 0$ , then $y'(1) + y(1)$ would be equal to	(r) 2
(D) If $y = f(x)$ satisfy $(xf(x))^{99} + (xf(x))^{98} \dots (xf(x)) + 1 = 0$ then $(1 + f(1))$ is	(s) 3
	(t) -1

24. Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a continuous function such that

$$f(x+y) = f(x)f(y),$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Suppose that  $f$  is differentiable at  $x = 1$  and

$$\left. \frac{df(x)}{dx} \right|_{x=1} = 2.$$

Then, the value of  $f(1) \log_e f(1)$  is

(A)  $e$ .

(B) 2.

(C)  $\log_e 2$ .

(D) 1.

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 $10t^2 - 5t^2(2t^2 - 1)$   
 $9t^2 - 9$   
 $= 1 + t^2$   
 $f(1) = 1$

2. Let  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  be a function satisfying  $f(0) \neq 0 = f(1)$ . Assume also that  $f$  satisfies equations (A) and (B) below.

$$f(xy) = f(x) + f(y) - f(x)f(y) \quad (\text{A})$$

$$f(x-y)f(x)f(y) = f(0)f(x)f(y) \quad (\text{B})$$

for all integers  $x, y$ .

(i) Determine explicitly the set  $\{f(a) : a \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .

(ii) Assuming that there is a non-zero integer  $a$  such that  $f(a) \neq 0$ , prove that the set  $\{b : f(b) \neq 0\}$  is infinite.

Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function such that  $f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  be a function such that  $g(x+y) = g(x)g(y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . If

$f\left(\frac{-3}{5}\right) = 12$  and  $g\left(\frac{-1}{3}\right) = 2$ , then the value of  $\left(f\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + g(-2) - 8\right)g(0)$

is \_\_\_\_\_.

Q.12 Let  $\mathbb{R}$  denote the set of all real numbers. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function such that  $f(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $f(x+y) = f(x)f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Let the real numbers  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{50}$  be in an arithmetic progression. If  $f(a_{31}) = 64f(a_{25})$ , and

$$\sum_{i=1}^{50} f(a_i) = 3(2^{25} + 1),$$

then the value of

$$\sum_{i=6}^{30} f(a_i)$$

is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer: 96**

### Question 3

A real-valued function  $f$  satisfies the relation

$$f(x)f(y) = f(2xy + 3) + 3f(x+y) - 3f(y) + 6y, \text{ for all real numbers } x \text{ and } y$$

Then the value of  $f(8)$  is \_\_\_\_\_

If  $f(1) = 1$  and  $f(n + 1) = 2f(n) + 1$  if  $n \geq 1$ , then  $f(n)$  is equal to  
 (A)  $2^n + 1$  (B)  $2^n$  (C\*)  $2^n - 1$  (D)  $2^{n-1} - 1$

A function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies the condition,  $x^2 f(x) + f(1 - x) = 2x - x^4$ . Then  $f(x)$  is:  
 (A)  $-x^2 - 1$  (B\*)  $-x^2 + 1$  (C)  $x^2 - 1$  (D)  $-x^4 + 1$

Let  $f(x)$  be a polynomial function satisfying the relation  $f(x) \cdot f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \forall x \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  and  $f(3) = -26$ . Determine  $f'(1)$ .  
**Ans.**  $-3$

Determine a function  $f$  satisfying the functional relation  $f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right) = \frac{2(1-2x)}{x(1-x)}$ .

**Ans.**  $\frac{x+1}{x-1}$

**Let a function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(1) = 2$  and  $f(x+y) = 2^x f(y) + 4^y f(x) \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $f'(2) = k \ln 2$ , then find the value of  $k$ .**

- (a) Find a function  $f$ , other than a constant function, such that  $|f(y) - f(x)| \leq |y - x|$ .
- (b) Suppose that  $f(y) - f(x) \leq (y - x)^2$  for all  $x$  and  $y$ . (Why does this imply that  $|f(y) - f(x)| \leq (y - x)^2$ ?) Prove that  $f$  is a constant function.  
 Hint: Divide the interval from  $x$  to  $y$  into  $n$  equal pieces.

Prove that there do *not* exist functions  $f$  and  $g$  with either of the following properties:

- (i)  $f(x) + g(y) = xy$  for all  $x$  and  $y$ .
- (ii)  $f(x) \cdot g(y) = x + y$  for all  $x$  and  $y$ .

Determine all functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x) f(y) - f(xy) = x + y$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .  
 Let  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be functions satisfying, for all real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ , the equality  $f(x + g(y)) = 2x + y + 5$ . Find an expression for  $g(x + f(y))$ .

Find all the functions  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying  $g(x + y) + g(x - y) = 2x^2 + 2y^2$  for all  $x$  and  $y$ .

Let a function  $f$  satisfy  $f(x + 1) = f(x) + x \forall x \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $f(1) = 0$ . Find  $f(3)$  and a formula for  $f(x)$ .

Let a polynomial function  $f(x^2) = x^3 f(x) + x^3 - 1 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ , where  $f(2) = 7$ . Find  $f(x)$ .

Let a polynomial function  $f$  satisfy  $f(x) + f(1/x) = f(x) \cdot f(1/x) \forall x \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ . Prove that  $f(x) = \pm x^n + 1$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{W}$ .

Let  $f$  satisfy  $f(n + 1) = (-1)^{n+1} n - 2f(n)$ ,  $n \geq 1$ . If  $f(1) = f(1001)$ , find  $f(1) + f(2) + f(3) + \dots + f(1000)$ .

Find all polynomials  $P(x)$  such that  $xP(x - 1) = (x - 15) P(x)$ .

Find all polynomials  $P(x)$  such that  $P(x)P(x+1) = P(x^2)$ .

Find all functions  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that

- (a)  $f(2) = 2$ ;
- (b)  $f(mn) = f(m)f(n)$  for all  $m, n$  in  $\mathbb{N}$ ;
- (c)  $f(m) < f(n)$  whenever  $m < n$ .

Find all functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

- (a)  $f(-x) = -f(x)$  for all real  $x$ ;
- (b)  $f(x+1) = f(x) + 1$ , for all real  $x$ ;
- (c)  $f(1/x) = f(x)/x^2$  for all  $x \neq 0$ .

Find all functions  $f : \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $f(x+y) + f(x-y) = 2f(x) + 2f(y)$ , for all rational  $x, y$ .

Let  $f : [1, \infty) \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  satisfy

- (a)  $f(x) \leq 2(1+x)$  for all  $x \in [1, \infty)$ ;
- (b)  $xf(x+1) = f(x)^2 - 1$  for all  $x \in [1, \infty)$ .

Prove that  $f(x) \leq x + 1$ .

Let  $f : I \rightarrow I$  satisfy the equations

$$(1) f(x^2) = [f(x)]^2,$$

$$(2) f(x + 1) = f(x) + 1.$$

Prove that  $f(x) = x$  for all integral  $x$ .

If a function  $f$  satisfies  $f(x + y) \leq f(x) + f(y)$  for all real  $x$  and  $y$ , and  $f(x) \leq x$  for all real  $x$ , find  $f$ .

Prove that  $f(n) = 1 - n$  is the only integer valued function  $f$  defined on integers such that

- (i)  $f(f(n)) = n$  for all  $n \in I$ , and
- (ii)  $f(f(n + 2) + 2) = n$  for all  $n \in I$ , and
- (iii)  $f(0) = 1$ .

How many polynomials  $p(x)$  of degree at least one with integer coefficients satisfy  $16 p(x^2) = (p(2x))^2$ , for all real numbers  $x$ ?

Suppose that  $f(x)$  is a function satisfying  $|f(m + n) - f(m)| \leq n/m$  for all positive rational numbers  $m$  and  $n$ . Prove that, for all natural numbers  $k$ ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^k |f(2^k) - f(2^i)| \leq k(k - 1)/2.$$

In each of the following cases, find all polynomials with real coefficients which satisfy the equation.

- (a)  $f(x^2 + x) = f(x) f(x + 1)$ .
- (b)  $f(g(x)) = f(x) g(x)$ .

Let  $f\left(x + \frac{1}{y}\right) + f\left(x - \frac{1}{y}\right) = 2f(x) \cdot f\left(\frac{1}{y}\right) \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $y \neq 0$ . If  $f(0) = 0$ , then show that  $f(1) = f(2) = 0$ .

**In the equation below  $f$  is a function from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . Find  $f$ :**

- (i)  $f(x + y) - 2f(x - y) + f(x) - 2f(y) = y - 2$
- (ii)  $f(x + y) + 2f(x - y) + f(x) + 2f(y) = 4x + y$
- (iii)  $f(x) f(x + y) = f(y)^2 f(x - y)^2 e^{y + 4}$
- (iv)  $f(x + y) + f(x - y) - (y + 2) f(x) + y(x^2 - 2y) = 0$

Suppose  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is such that  $f(xy) = xf(x) + yf(y)$ , for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Suppose  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is such that  $f(xf(z) + f(y)) = zf(x) + y$ , for all real numbers  $x, y, z$ . Prove that  $f(x) = x$  for all real  $x$ .

Find all pairs of functions  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  which satisfy

(a)  $g$  is an one-one function;

(b)  $f(g(x) + y) = g(x + f(y))$ , for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfy  $f(3) = 1, \forall x \in \mathbb{R} f(x + 3) \geq f(x) + 3, f(x + 1) \leq f(x) + 1$ . Put

$g(x) = f(x) - x + 1$ . Determine  $g(2008)$

Prove that  $f(n) = 1 - n$  is the only integer valued function defined on the integers that satisfies the following conditions.

(a)  $f(f(n)) = n$ , for all integers  $n$ ;

(b)  $f(f(n + 2) + 2) = n$ , for all integers  $n$ ;

(c)  $f(0) = 1$ .

### Problem

Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous and satisfy

$$f(3x - 2) = 3f(x) - 2$$

and

$$f(x + y - 1) = f(x) + f(y) - 1.$$

Find all  $f$ .

2. This problem asks the reader to fill in the details of the proof of Theorem 2.4, above. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function satisfying Cauchy's equation. Suppose in addition that there exists some interval  $[c, d]$  of real numbers, where  $c < d$ , such that  $f$  is bounded below on  $[c, d]$ .

a) Show that  $f(nx) = nf(x)$  for all real  $x$ .

b) Define  $p = d - c$ . Show that  $f$  is bounded below on the interval  $[0, p]$ . (However, it need not be bounded below by the same constant as on the interval  $[c, d]$ .)

c) Define the function

$$g(x) = f(x) - \frac{f(p)}{p}x.$$

Prove that  $g$  is also bounded below on the interval  $[0, p]$  and satisfies Cauchy's equation.

d) Show that  $g$  is periodic with period  $p$  in the sense that  $g(x + p) = g(x)$  for all real  $x$ . Conclude from this, and the fact that  $g$  is bounded below on the interval  $[0, p]$  that  $g$  is bounded below on the entire real line  $(-\infty, +\infty)$ .

e) Suppose that there exists some  $x_0$  for which  $g(x_0) \neq 0$ . Prove a contradiction, by showing that the sequence of values  $g(nx_0)$ ,  $n = \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots$  is not bounded below.

f) Conclude that  $g(x) = 0$  for all real  $x$ , and therefore that  $f(x) = ax$  for all real  $x$ , where  $a = f(p)/p$ .

**P2.** State the domain, codomain, and any regularity hypothesis in each of the following problems, without solving them.

(a) Find all  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that  $f(2) = 2$ ,

$$f(mn) = f(m)f(n) \quad \text{whenever } \gcd(m, n) = 1,$$

and  $f(m) < f(n)$  whenever  $m < n$ .

(b) Find all continuous  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$f(x + y) = f(x)f(y) \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R},$$

with  $f$  differentiable at  $x = 1$  and  $f'(1) = 2$ .

(c) Find all  $f : \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, 1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

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

(d) Find all  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  with  $f(0) = f(1) = 0$  satisfying

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

and

$$f(x - y)f(x)f(y) = f(0)f(x)f(y)$$

for all integers  $x, y$ .

**P3.** Show that there is no function  $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  such that

$$(x + y)f(f(x)y) = x^2f(f(x) + f(y))$$

for all  $x, y > 0$ .

**P4.** A student claims that

$$f(x + 1) = f(x) + 1 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

together with  $f(1) = 1$  forces  $f(x) = x$ . Find an explicit counterexample and identify the missing hypothesis that would make the claim correct.

**P5.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function such that for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$|f(x + y) - f(x - y) - y| \leq y^2.$$

Determine the exact form of  $f$ , identifying any constant.

**P6.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function satisfying

$$f(x + f(y)) = f(x) + y \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Show that  $f$  is a bijection and find every such function.

**P7.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function satisfying

$$f(x) = f(1 - x)$$

and

$$f(x + 1) = f(x) + 1$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that there is no such function.

**P8.** Suppose  $f : \mathbb{N}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$  satisfies

$$f(0) = 0, \quad f(2n) = f(n), \quad f(2n + 1) = f(n) + 1.$$

Compute  $f(13)$ , writing  $13 = 1101_2$ .

**P9.** Find all  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that  $f(2) = 2$ ,

$$f(mn) = f(m)f(n)$$

for all coprime  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and

$$f(m) < f(n) \quad \text{whenever } m < n.$$

**P10.** Let  $f : \mathbb{N}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$  satisfy

$$f(2n) = f(f(n)), \quad f(2n + 1) = f(2n) + 1.$$

(a) Assuming  $f(0) = 0$ , determine  $f(n)$  for every  $n$ .

(b) Show that  $f(0)$  cannot equal 1.

(c) For which nonnegative integers  $k$ , if any, can  $f(0) = 2^k$ ?

**P11.** Let  $\mathbb{N}_0 = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  and let  $f : \mathbb{N}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$  be a function such that

$$f(f(f(n))) < f(n + 1) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

Prove that  $f(n) = n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

**P12.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a twice differentiable function such that

$$\frac{1}{2y} \int_{x-y}^{x+y} f(t) dt = f(x)$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and all  $y > 0$ . Show that there exist  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$f(x) = ax + b \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**P13.** Let  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous functions satisfying

$$f(x+y) = f(x)f(y) - g(x)g(y)$$

and

$$g(x+y) = g(x)f(y) + f(x)g(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , with  $f(0) \neq 0$ . Show that  $f(0) = 1$ ,  $g(0) = 0$ , and that

$$h(x) = f(x)^2 + g(x)^2$$

satisfies

$$h(x+y) = h(x)h(y) \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**P14.** Find every continuous  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying

$$f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y) + 2xy \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**P15.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function satisfying

$$f(x)f(y) = f(x+y) + f(x-y) \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Show that either  $f \equiv 0$ , or there exist constants  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$f(x) = 2 \cosh(\alpha x)$$

or

$$f(x) = 2 \cos(\beta x).$$

**P16.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function satisfying

$$f(x) = f(e^t x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall t \geq 0.$$

Show that  $f$  is constant.

**P17.** Let  $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function satisfying

$$f(2x) = f(x) \quad \forall x > 0.$$

Define

$$g(x) = \int_x^{2x} \frac{f(t)}{t} dt \quad (x > 0).$$

Show that  $g$  is constant.

**P18.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function such that

$$f(x+1) = f(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R},$$

and let

$$g(t) = \int_0^t f(x) dx \quad (t \in \mathbb{R}).$$

Define

$$h(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(t+n)}{n}$$

whenever the limit exists. Show that  $h$  is defined for every  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  and that  $h$  is constant in  $t$ .

**P19.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function such that

$$f(x+1) = f(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R},$$

and let

$$a_n = \int_0^n f(t) dt \quad (n \geq 1).$$

Determine

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{n}.$$

Find all continuous functions  $f : (-1, \infty) \rightarrow (-1, \infty)$  satisfying

$$f(x+y+xy) = f(x) + f(y) + f(x)f(y) \quad \forall x, y > -1.$$

Prove that there exists a unique function  $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  such that

$$f(f(x)) = 6x - f(x) \quad \forall x > 0.$$

Find all continuous functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$f(2x+3) = 2f(x) + 3$$

and

$$f(x+y+3) = f(x) + f(y) + 3$$

for all real  $x, y$ .

8. Consider the real-valued function  $h : \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 100\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $h(0) = 5$ ,  $h(100) = 20$  and satisfying  $h(i) = \frac{1}{2}(h(i+1) + h(i-1))$ , for every  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 99$ . Then, the value of  $h(1)$  is:

- (A) 5.15      (B) 5.5      (C) 6      (D) 6.15.

If  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y) - xy - 1$  for all  $x, y$ , and  $f(1) = 1$  then the number of solutions of  $f(n) = n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , is

- (a) one                      (b) two                      (c) four                      (d) none of these

Q.2 Solve the following problems from (a) to (e) on functional equation.

- (a) The function  $f(x)$  defined on the real numbers has the property that  $f(f(x)) \cdot (1 + f(x)) = -f(x)$  for all  $x$  in the domain of  $f$ . If the number 3 is in the domain and range of  $f$ , compute the value of  $f(3)$ .
- (b) Suppose  $f$  is a real function satisfying  $f(x + f(x)) = 4f(x)$  and  $f(1) = 4$ . Find the value of  $f(21)$ .
- (c) Let  $f$  be a function defined from  $\mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ . If  $[f(xy)]^2 = x(f(y))^2$  for all positive numbers  $x$  and  $y$  and  $f(2) = 6$ , find the value of  $f(50)$ .
- (d) Let  $f(x)$  be a function with two properties  
 (i) for any two real number  $x$  and  $y$ ,  $f(x + y) = x + f(y)$  and  
 (ii)  $f(0) = 2$ .  
 Find the value of  $f(100)$ .
- (e) Let  $f$  be a function such that  $f(3) = 1$  and  $f(3x) = x + f(3x - 3)$  for all  $x$ . Then find the value of  $f(300)$ .

In a function  $2f(x) + xf\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - 2f\left(\sqrt{2} \sin\left(\pi\left(x + \frac{1}{4}\right)\right)\right) = 4\cos^2\frac{\pi x}{2} + x \cos\frac{\pi}{x}$

Prove that (i)  $f(2) + f(1/2) = 1$  and (ii)  $f(2) + f(1) = 0$

A function  $f$ , defined for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  is such that  $f(1) = 2$ ;  $f(2) = 8$  &  $f(x + y) - kxy = f(x) + 2y^2$ , where  $k$  is some constant. Find  $f(x)$  & show that :

$$f(x+y) f\left(\frac{1}{x+y}\right) = k \text{ for } x+y \neq 0.$$

Let 'f' be a real valued function defined for all real numbers  $x$  such that for some positive constant 'a' the equation  $f(x+a) = \frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{f(x) - (f(x))^2}$  holds for all  $x$ . Prove that the function  $f$  is periodic.

If for all real values of  $u$  &  $v$ ,  $2f(u) \cos v = f(u + v) + f(u - v)$ , prove that, for all real values of  $x$

- (i)  $f(x) + f(-x) = 2a \cos x$                       (ii)  $f(\pi - x) + f(-x) = 0$   
 (iii)  $f(\pi - x) + f(x) = -2b \sin x$ . Deduce that  $f(x) = a \cos x - b \sin x$ ,  $a, b$  are arbitrary constants.

If  $f(x + ay, x - ay) = axy$ , then  $f(x, y)$  equals-

(A)  $\frac{x^2 + y^2}{4}$

(B)  $\frac{x^2 - y^2}{4}$

(C)  $x^2$

(D)  $y^2$

Let  $f$  be a real valued function such that

$$f(x) + 2f\left(\frac{2002}{x}\right) = 3x$$

for all  $x > 0$ . Find  $f(2)$ .

- (A) 1000                      (B) 2000                      (C) 3000                      (D) 4000

Let  $f$  be a function satisfying  $f(xy) = \frac{f(x)}{y}$  for all positive real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ . If  $f(30) = 20$ , then the value of  $f(40)$  is

- (A) 15                      (B) 20                      (C) 40                      (D) 60

Let  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be functions which take integers as arguments. Let  $f(x+y) = f(x) + g(y) + 8$  for all integer  $x$  and  $y$ . Let  $f(x) = x$  for all negative integers  $x$ , and let  $g(8) = 17$ . The value of  $f(0)$  is

- (A) 17                      (B) 9                      (C) 25                      (D) -17

Consider a real-valued function  $f(x)$  satisfying  $2f(xy) = (f(x))^y + (f(y))^x \forall x, y \in R$  and  $f(1) = a$  where  $a \neq 1$ . Prove

$$\text{that } (a-1) \sum_{i=1}^n f(i) = a^{n+1} - a.$$

If  $f(x+y+1) = (\sqrt{f(x)} + \sqrt{f(y)})^2$  and  $f(0) = 1, \forall x, y \in R$ .

Determine  $f(n), n \in N$ .

A real-valued function  $f(x)$  satisfies the functional equation  $f(x-y) = f(x)f(y) - f(a-x)f(a+y)$ , where  $a$  is a given constant and  $f(0) = 1$ .  $f(2a-x)$  is equal to

- a.  $f(x)$                       b.  $-f(x)$   
c.  $f(-x)$                       d.  $f(a) + f(a-x)$

If the function  $f$  satisfies the relation  $f(x+y) + f(x-y) = 2f(x)f(y) \forall x, y \in R$  and  $f(0) \neq 0$ , then

- a.  $f(x)$  is an even function  
b.  $f(x)$  is an odd function  
c. If  $f(2) = a$  then  $f(-2) = a$   
d. If  $f(4) = b$  then  $f(-4) = -b$

Let  $f(x) + f(y) = f(x\sqrt{1-y^2} + y\sqrt{1-x^2})$  ( $f(x)$  is not identically zero). Then

- a.  $f(4x^3 - 3x) + 3f(x) = 0$
- b.  $f(4x^3 - 3x) = 3f(x)$
- c.  $f(2x\sqrt{1-x^2}) + 2f(x) = 0$
- d.  $f(2x\sqrt{1-x^2}) = 2f(x)$

If  $f: R^+ \rightarrow R^+$  is a polynomial function satisfying the functional equation  $f(f(x)) = 6x - f(x)$ , then  $f(17)$  is equal to

- a. 17
- b. -51
- c. 34
- d. -34
- e. 34
- f. -54

Let  $f: R \rightarrow R$  be a function defined by  $f(x+1) = \frac{f(x)^2 - 5}{f(x) - 3}$

$\forall x \in R$ . Then which of the following statement(s) is/are true

- a.  $f(2008) = f(2004)$
- b.  $f(2006) = f(2010)$
- c.  $f(2006) = f(2002)$
- d.  $f(2006) = f(2018)$



If  $(f(x))^2 \times f\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right) = 64x, \forall x \in Df$ , then

10.  $f(x)$  is equal to

a.  $4x^{2/3} \left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)^{1/3}$

b.  $x^{1/3} \left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right)^{1/3}$

c.  $x^{2/3} \left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right)^{1/3}$

d.  $x \left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)^{1/3}$

11. The domain of  $f(x)$  is

a.  $[0, \infty)$

b.  $R - \{1\}$

c.  $(-\infty, \infty)$

d. None of these

12. The value of  $f(9/7)$  is

a.  $8(7/9)^{2/3}$

b.  $4(9/7)^{1/3}$

c.  $-8(9/7)^{2/3}$

d. None of these

Let  $f: R \rightarrow R$  is a function satisfying  $f(2-x) = f(2+x)$  and  $f(20-x) = f(x), \forall x \in R$ . For this function  $f$ , answer the following.

25. If  $f(0) = 5$ , then the minimum possible number of values of  $x$  satisfying  $f(x) = 5$ , for  $x \in [0, 170]$ , is

a. 21

b. 12

c. 11

d. 22

26. The graph of  $y = f(x)$  is not symmetrical about

a. symmetrical about  $x = 2$

b. symmetrical about  $x = 10$

c. symmetrical about  $x = 8$

d. None of these

27. If  $f(2) \neq f(6)$ , then the

a. fundamental period of  $f(x)$  is 1

b. fundamental period of  $f(x)$  may be 1

c. period of  $f(x)$  cannot be 1

d. fundamental period of  $f(x)$  is 8

$f: R \rightarrow R$   $f(x^2 + x + 3) + 2f(x^2 - 3x + 5) = 6x^2 - 10x + 17 \forall x \in R$ , then the value of  $f(5)$  is

If  $f(x)$  is an odd function and  $f(1) = 3$ , and  $f(x+2) = f(x) + f(2)$ , then the value of  $f(3)$  is

Let  $f: R \rightarrow R$  be a continuous onto function satisfying  $f(x) + f(-x) = 0, \forall x \in R$ .

If  $f(-3) = 2$  and  $f(5) = 4$  in  $[-5, 5]$ , then the minimum number of roots of the equation  $f(x) = 0$  is

The function  $f$  is continuous and has the property  $f(f(x))$

$= 1 - x$ , then the value of  $f\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + f\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)$  is

For the function  $f(x)$  satisfying  $2.f(\sin x) + f(\cos x) = x, \forall x \in R$

a) Domain is  $[0,1]$

b) range is  $\left[\frac{-2\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{3}\right]$

c) Domain is  $[-1,1]$

d) range is  $\left[\frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$

Let  $p(x)$  be a quadratic polynomial with real coefficient such that for all real 'x' the relation  $2(1 + p(x)) = p(x-1) + p(x+1)$  holds of  $p(0) = 8$  and  $p(2) = 32$  then

Sum of all the coefficients of  $p(x)$  is

a) 15

b) 17

c) 19

d) 21

If the range of  $p(x)$  in  $[m, \infty)$  then the value of 'm' is

a) -5

b) -12

c) -15

d) -17

$f$  is a function defined as  $\sum_{k=1}^n f(a+k) = 16(2^n - 1)$  and  $f(x+y) = f(x) \cdot f(y)$  and  $f(1) = 2$  then integral value of a

a) 3

b) 0

c) 2

d) 1

If 'p' and 'q' are +ve integers,  $f$  is a function defined for +ve numbers and attains only +ve value such that  $f(x, f(y)) = x^p y^q$  then  $p^2 =$

a)  $2q$

b)  $q$

c)  $3q$

d)  $4q$

Let  $f(x)$  be a polynomial with positive degree satisfying the relation

$f(x)f(y) = f(x) + f(y) + f(xy) - 2$  and  $f(4) = 65$ , then

a)  $f(2) = 9$

b)  $f(3\sqrt{3}) = 27$

c)  $f(5) = 126$

d) The roots of the equation  $f(x) = 2x^2$  are all real



2. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function, where  $\mathbb{R}$  is the set of real numbers. For each statement below, write whether it is TRUE or FALSE.

a) If  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq 39|x - y|$  for all  $x, y$  then  $f$  must be continuous everywhere.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

b) If  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq 39|x - y|$  for all  $x, y$  then  $f$  must be differentiable everywhere.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

c) If  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq 39|x - y|^2$  for all  $x, y$  then  $f$  must be differentiable everywhere.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

d) If  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq 39|x - y|^2$  for all  $x, y$  then  $f$  must be constant.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Suppose  $f(x)$  is a function from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(f(x)) = f(x)^{2013}$ . Show that there are infinitely many such functions, of which exactly four are polynomials. (Here  $\mathbb{R}$  = the set of real numbers.)

3. Let  $f$  be a function on nonnegative integers defined as follows

$$f(2n) = f(f(n)) \quad \text{and} \quad f(2n + 1) = f(2n) + 1.$$

- (a) If  $f(0) = 0$ , find  $f(n)$  for every  $n$ . [2 marks]  
(b) Show that  $f(0)$  cannot equal 1. [4 marks]  
(c) For what nonnegative integers  $k$  (if any) can  $f(0)$  equal  $2^k$ ? [9 marks]

**B2. [12 points]** Let  $f$  be a function from natural numbers to natural numbers that satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= n - 2 & \text{for } n > 3000; \\ f(n) &= f(f(n + 5)) & \text{for } n \leq 3000. \end{aligned}$$

Show that  $f(2022)$  is uniquely decided and find its value.

**B4. [12 points]** The domain of  $f$  is the set of *positive integers* and  $f(xy) = f(x) + f(y)$  for all  $x, y$ . Answer the *independent* questions below. (Data from (a) are not valid for the rest.)

(a) Suppose  $f(2025) = 0$ ,  $f(20) = 10$  and  $f(25) = 20$ . What is the smallest  $n$  for which  $f(n)$  is not uniquely determined? Write values of  $f(x)$  for each positive integer  $x < n$ .

(b) Is there such a function  $f$  for which  $f(x) = 0$  for all positive integers  $x < 2025^{2025}$  but  $f$  is not identically 0? Show how to define such  $f$  or show that it is not possible.

Q.3(a) A function  $f$  is defined for all positive integers and satisfies  $f(1) = 2005$  and  $f(1) + f(2) + \dots + f(n) = n^2 f(n)$  for all  $n > 1$ . Find the value of  $f(2004)$ .