

16.  $F(x, y(\theta_0(x)), y(\theta_1(x)), \ldots, y(\theta_{n-1}(x))) = 0.$ 

Notation:  $\theta_k(x) \equiv \theta\left(x + \frac{k}{n}T\right)$  with k = 0, 1, ..., n - 1. It is assumed that  $\theta(x) = \theta(x + T)$  is a periodic function with period T, and the left-hand side of the equation satisfies the condition F(x,...) = F(x + T,...).

Let us substitute  $x + \frac{k}{n}T$ , k = 0, 1, ..., n-1, in the original equation for x to obtain the system (the original equation comes first):

where the short notation  $y_k \equiv y(\theta_k(x))$  is used.

On eliminating  $y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_{n-1}$  from the system of nonlinear algebraic (or transcendental) equations (1), one arrives at the solution of the functional equation in implicit form:  $\Psi(x, y_0) = 0$ , where  $y_0 = y(\theta(x))$ .

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