

14. f(x) + g(y) = Q(z), where  $z = \varphi(x) + \psi(y)$ .

Here, one of the two functions f(x) and  $\varphi(x)$  is prescribed and the other is assumed unknown, also one of the functions g(y) and  $\psi(y)$  is prescribed and the other is unknown, and the function Q(z) is assumed unknown. (In similar equations with a composite argument, it is assumed that  $\varphi(x) \not\equiv \text{const}$  and  $\psi(y) \not\equiv \text{const.}$ )

Solution:

$$f(x) = A\varphi(x) + B$$
,  $g(y) = A\psi(y) - B + C$ ,  $Q(z) = Az + C$ ,

where A, B, and C are arbitrary constants.

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