

Find a (continuous) function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $f(x+y) = f(x)f(y)$.

(solution)

If $x=y=0$,

$$f(0) = f(0)^2$$

$$\therefore f(0) = 0 \text{ or } f(0) = 1$$

$$i) f(0) = 0$$

If $f(0) \neq 0$

$$f(n) = f(1)f(n-1) \neq 0$$

$$\therefore \boxed{f(0) \neq 0}$$

$$ii) f(0) = 1$$

$$x=y \Rightarrow f(2x) = f(x)^2$$

$$y=2x \Rightarrow f(3x) = f(x)^3$$

$$y=3x \Rightarrow f(4x) = f(x)^4$$

$$\therefore \text{By induction} \\ f(nx) = f(x)^n$$

$$\text{If } n = \frac{1}{m} \text{ (m} \neq 0\text{)}$$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{m}\right) = f\left(\frac{1}{m}\right)^m$$

$$\text{If } n = m, x = \frac{1}{m}$$

$$f(1) = f\left(\frac{1}{m}\right)^m = C$$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{m}\right)^n = f\left(\frac{1}{m}\right)^{m \cdot \frac{n}{m}} = C^{\frac{n}{m}}$$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{m}\right) = C^{\frac{1}{m}}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{f(x) = C^x}$$

$$\boxed{f(x) = e^{Cx}}$$