

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  $x \neq 0$

$$f(x) = f(x)f(0) = 0$$

$$\therefore \boxed{f(x) = 0}$$

ii)  $f(0) = 1$

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

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

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

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

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

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

Let  $f(x) = C$

$$C > 0$$

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

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

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

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

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

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