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Let $f: \mathbb{R}^+ \to \mathbb{R}^+$ be a function with the following properties:

- 1. $\log f(x)$ is a convex function (i.e. f is logarithmically convex);
- 2. f(x+1) = xf(x) for all x > 0;
- 3. f(1) = 1.

Then $f(x) = \Gamma(x)$ for all x > 0.

That is, the only function satisfying those properties is the gamma function (restricted to the positive reals.)