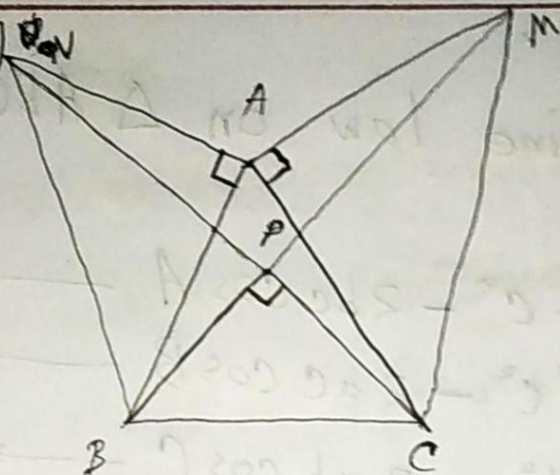


P-2



$PM = PN$ ?

By Here

$$\angle PBC = \angle PCB = \angle ABN = \angle ACM = 45^\circ$$

So

$$\angle PBN = \angle B \text{ and } \angle PCN = \angle C$$

Let,

$$BC = a ; CA = b ; AB = c$$

By using trigonometry we get,

$$BP = PC = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} ; AM = b ; AN = c$$

Now, applying cosine law on  $\triangle ABC$  we get,

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A \longrightarrow \textcircled{i}$$

$$b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos B \longrightarrow \textcircled{ii}$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C \longrightarrow \textcircled{iii}$$

By using it again on  $\triangle PCM$ ,  $\triangle PBN$  and  $\triangle AMN$  we get

$$PM^2 = \frac{a^2}{2} + 2b^2 - 2ab \cos C$$

$$PN^2 = \frac{a^2}{2} + 2c^2 - 2ac \cos B$$

$$MN^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos \angle MAN$$

$$= b^2 + c^2 + 2bc \cos A \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{As, } \angle MAN = 180^\circ - \angle A \\ \text{and } \cos(180^\circ - \theta) = -\cos \theta \end{array} \right]$$



So,

$$PM^2 + PN^2 = a^2 + 2b^2 + 2c^2 - 2ab \cos C - 2ac \cos B$$

$$= \cancel{a^2 + 2b^2 + 2c^2 - 2ab \cos C - 2ac \cos B} + (c^2 - a^2 - b^2) + (b^2 - a^2 - c^2) \left[ \text{By (ii) and (iii)} \right]$$

$$= a^2 + 2b^2 + 2c^2 + c^2 - a^2 - b^2 + b^2 - a^2 - c^2$$

$$= 2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2$$

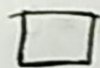
$$= 2b^2 + 2c^2 - b^2 - c^2 + 2bc \cos A \left[ \text{By (i)} \right]$$

$$= b^2 + c^2 + 2bc \cos A$$

$$= MN^2$$

Therefore by a pythagorean theorem

$$\angle MPN = 90^\circ \text{ as needed}$$



P-3

~~Claim~~  
Answer: The ~~only~~ solutions for this functional equation ~~are~~, are

$$f(x) = x^2 \text{ and } f(x) = 0$$

Proof: Let,

$$P(x, y) : f(x^2 + y) = f(f(x) - y) + 4f(x)y$$

So,

$$P(0, 0) : f(0) = f(f(0)) \longrightarrow \textcircled{i}$$

Now,

$$P(0, f(0)) : f(f(0)) = f(f(0) - f(0)) + 4f(0)f(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(0) = f(0) + 4f(0)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4f(0)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(0) = 0$$



Now,

$$P(x, 0): f(x^2) = f(f(x))$$

And,

$$P(0, x): f(x) = f(-x)$$

So, function  $f$  is an even function.

~~Now~~

Now,

$$P(x, f(x)): f(x^2 + f(x)) = f(f(x) - f(x)) + 4f(x)f(x) \rightarrow \textcircled{ii}$$

$$P(x, -x^2): f(x^2 - x^2) = f(f(x) + x^2) + 4f(x)(-x^2) \rightarrow \textcircled{iii}$$

From  $\textcircled{ii} + \textcircled{iii}$  we get,

$$f(x^2 + f(x)) + f(0) = f(0) + 4f(x)^2 + f(x^2 + f(x)) - 4f(x)x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4f(x)^2 = 4f(x)x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4f(x)^2 - 4f(x)x^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x)^2 - f(x)x^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x)(f(x) - x^2) = 0$$

$\S$   
 So the solution for ~~the~~ the function  
 are  $f(x) = x^2$  and  $f(x) = 0$ . which  
 both satisfy the equation.  $\square$

(ii)  $f(x) + f(y) = f(xy)$   
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From (ii) + (iii) we get  
 $f(x) + f(y) + f(z) = f(xyz)$   
 $f(x) + f(y) + f(z) = f(xyz)$   
 $0 = f(x) + f(y) + f(z) - f(xyz)$   
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$[p-1]$

Let the  $\gcd(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n) = d^2$  and

$$x_i = \frac{a_i}{d}$$

So,  $\gcd(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) = 1$

Let the product  $\prod_{i=1}^n x_i = Q$

Now, let  $p$  be a ~~even~~ odd prime number which divides  $x_i^n + Q$  for  
all  $i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$

Therefore,

$$x_i^n \equiv -Q \pmod{p} \text{ for all } i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

By multiplying all of these equations we get

$$x_1^n \cdot x_2^n \cdot x_3^n \cdot \dots \cdot x_n^n \equiv (-Q)^n \pmod{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q^n \equiv -Q^n \pmod{p} \left[ (-Q)^n = -Q^n \text{ as } n \text{ is odd} \right]$$

$\xrightarrow{\quad} \textcircled{i}$

As,

$$\gcd(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, \dots, x_n) = 1$$

there is at least one  $x_i$  such that

~~$p \mid x_i$~~   $p \nmid x_i^n; p \mid x_i^n + Q$

So,  $p \nmid Q$  but  $Q^n \equiv -Q^n \pmod{p}$

As  $p \nmid Q^n$  it makes a contradiction to the statement "p is odd"

So,  $x_i^n + Q$  is not divisible to any odd prime for all  $i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, n\}$

So the,  $\gcd(x_1^n + Q, x_2^n + Q, \dots, x_n^n + Q)$  must be 1

OR 2



So we can write,

$$\gcd(x_1^n + Q, x_2^n + Q, \dots, x_n^n + Q) \leq 2 \gcd(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^n$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \gcd(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n)^n &= d^n \times \{2 \gcd(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)^n\} \\ &\geq d^n \{ \gcd(x_1^n + Q, x_2^n + Q, \dots, x_n^n + Q) \} \\ &= \gcd(x_1^n d^n + Q d^n, \dots, x_n^n d^n + Q d^n) \\ &= \gcd(a_1^n + P, a_2^n + P, \dots, a_n^n + P) \end{aligned}$$

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