

## Functional Equalities Induced By Mean Of Arbitrary Degrees To Mean Of Arbitrary Degrees And Apply To Solve Some Mathematical Problem

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**Abstract:** Functional equalities are very difficult and are frequently exploited in regional, national and international olympiads (of high-school or university level). The development used to application in several areas - not only in mathematics but also in other disciplines. Functional equalities are applied computers, economics, polynomials, engineering, information theory, reproducing scoring system, taxation, etc. In recent years, many author studied functional equations. In this paper, we establish some functional equalities induced by mean of arbitrary degrees to mean of arbitrary degrees and apply to solve some mathematical problems.

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### I. Preliminaries

In this paper, we derive some mathematical problems via functional equalities

Arithmetic mean of argument

$$\frac{x+y}{2}; x, y \in \mathbb{R};$$

Quadratic mean of argument

$$\sqrt{\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2}}; x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+;$$

Mean of argument with t (t>1)

$$\sqrt[t]{\frac{x^t + y^t}{2}}; x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+;$$

and

Arithmetic mean of functions

$$\frac{f(x)+f(y)}{2};$$

Quadratic mean of functions

$$\sqrt{\frac{[f(x)]^2 + [f(y)]^2}{2}};$$

Mean of functions with t (t>1)

$$\sqrt[t]{\frac{[f(x)]^t + [f(y)]^t}{2}};$$

To solve some mathematical problems via functional equalities, we use method of induction or method of substitution...

**Remark 1.** To use method of substitution, we often change special values

+) Example, let  $x = a$  such that  $f(a)$  appears much in the equation.

+)  $x = a, y = b$  interchange to refer  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$ .

+) Let  $f(0) = b, f(1) = b$ ,

+) If  $f$  is surjection, exist  $a: f(a) = 0$ . Choose  $x, y$  to destroy  $f(g(x, y))$  in the equation. The function has  $x$ , we show that it is injective or surjection.

+) To occur  $f(x)$ .

+)  $f(x) = f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in A$ . Hence  $f(x) = \text{const}$  for all  $x \in A$ .

## II. Functional Equalities Induced By Mean Arbitrary Degrees To Mean Of Arbitrary Degrees

In section, we consider the problems with Functional equalities induced by mean arbitrary degrees to mean of arbitrary degrees.

**Problem 1** (Cauchy functional equalities). Determine all functions  $f(x)$  continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that

$$f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y), \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (1)$$

**Solution.** By (1), we have

$$f(0) = 0, f(-x) = -f(x).$$

Setting  $y = x$ , we get

$$f(2x) = 2f(x), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (2)$$

Suppose  $k$  positive integer, we have

$$f(kx) = kf(x), x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Hence

$$f((k + 1)x) = f(kx + x) = f(kx) + f(x) = kf(x) + f(x) = (k + 1)f(x), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then,

$$f(nx) = nf(x), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Since  $f(-x) = -f(x)$ , we get

$$f(mx) = mf(x), \forall m \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

In (2), we have

$$f(x) = 2f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = 2^2f\left(\frac{x}{2^2}\right) = \dots = 2^n f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right). \quad (3)$$

Then

$$f\left(\frac{m}{2^n}\right) = \frac{m}{2^n} f(1), \forall m \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^+. \quad (4)$$

In view of the continuity of  $f(x)$ , we have

$$f(x) = ax, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, a = f(1).$$

We can check directly  $f(x) = ax$  satisfies (1).

Hence,

$$f(x) = ax, \text{ with for arbitrary } a \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**Problem 2** (From arithmetic mean to arithmetic mean). Determine all functions  $f(x)$  continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that:

$$f\left(\frac{x + y}{2}\right) = \frac{f(x) + f(y)}{2}, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (5)$$

**Solution.** Let  $f(0) = b$  and  $f(x) = b + g(x)$ . Then  $g(0) = 0$ . Replacing (5), we get

$$\begin{aligned} b + g\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) &= \frac{2b + g(x) + g(y)}{2}, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, \\ \Leftrightarrow g\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) &= \frac{g(x) + g(y)}{2}, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

with  $g(0) = 0$ .

Let  $y = 0$ . Then (6), we have

$$g\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \frac{g(x)}{2},$$

or

$$g\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) = \frac{g(x) + g(y)}{2}, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Replacing (6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} g\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) &= \frac{g(x) + g(y)}{2}, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}. \\ g(x + y) &= g(x) + g(y), \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Since  $g(x)$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then (7) is Cauchy function. Then  $g(x) = ax$ .

We get  $f(x) = ax + b, a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

We can check directly  $f(x) = ax + b$  satisfies (5).

Hence,

$$f(x) = ax + b, \text{ with for arbitrary } a, b \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**Problem 3** (From quadratic mean to quadratic mean). Determine all functions  $f(t)$  continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  such that:

$$f\left(\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{[f(x)]^2 + [f(y)]^2}{2}}; \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+ \quad (8)$$

**Solution.** By assumption, we have  $f(x) \geq 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . Then

$$(8) \Leftrightarrow \left[ f\left(\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{2}\right) \right]^2 = \frac{[f(x)]^2 + [f(y)]^2}{2}, x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+.$$

or

$$g\left(\sqrt{\frac{u+v}{2}}\right) = \frac{g(\sqrt{u}) + g(\sqrt{v})}{2}, \forall u, v > 0,$$

with  $g(u) = [f(u)]^2 \geq 0, \forall u > 0$ .

Then,

$$h\left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right) = \frac{h(u)+h(v)}{2}, \forall u, v > 0,$$

with  $h(u) = g(\sqrt{u})$ . In Problem 2, we have  $h(u) = au + b, \forall u > 0$ . Then  $g(x) = ax^2 + b$ . With  $g(x) \geq 0, \forall x > 0$ , we choose  $a \geq 0$  and  $b \geq 0$ .

Thus

$$f(t) = \sqrt{at^2 + b} \text{ with for arbitrary } a, b \geq 0.$$

**Problem 4** (From mean of arbitrary degrees to mean of arbitrary degrees). Determine all functions  $f(x)$  continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  such that

$$f\left(\sqrt{\frac{x^t + y^t}{2}}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{[f(x)]^t + [f(y)]^t}{2}}; \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+, \forall t \geq 1. \quad (9)$$

**Solution.** By  $f(x) \geq 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . We have

$$9 \Leftrightarrow \left[ f\left(\sqrt{\frac{x^t + y^t}{2}}\right) \right]^t = \frac{[f(x)]^t + [f(y)]^t}{2}; \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+.$$

or

$$g\left(\sqrt{\frac{u+v}{2}}\right) = \frac{g(\sqrt{u}) + g(\sqrt{v})}{2}, \forall u, v > 0,$$

with  $g(u) = [f(u)]^t, \forall u > 0$ .

Then,

$$h\left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right) = \frac{h(u) + h(v)}{2}, \forall u, v > 0,$$

with  $h(u) = g(\sqrt{u})$ . In Problem 2, we have  $h(u) = au + b, \forall u > 0$ . Then  $g(x) = ax^t + b$ . With  $g(x) \geq 0, \forall x > 0$ , we choose  $a \geq 0$  and  $b \geq 0$ .

Thus,

$$f(x) = \sqrt[t]{ax^t + b} \text{ with for arbitrary } a, b \geq 0.$$

### III. Apply To Solve Some Mathematical Problems

In section, we would like to look at some functional equality problems and apply to solve some mathematical problems.

**Problem 5.** Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ . Determine all functions  $f: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  such that

$$f\left(\left(\frac{x^\alpha + y^\alpha}{2}\right)^{1/\alpha}\right) = \left[\frac{f(x)^\beta + f(y)^\beta}{2}\right]^{1/\beta}, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+. \quad (10)$$

**Solution.** Let  $[f(x)]^\beta = g(x)$ . By (10), we get

$$g\left(\left(\frac{x^\alpha + y^\alpha}{2}\right)^{1/\alpha}\right) = \frac{g(x) + g(y)}{2}, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+.$$

Next, let  $x = u^{1/\alpha}, y = v^{1/\alpha}$ , we have

$$h\left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right) = \frac{h(u) + h(v)}{2}, \forall u, v \in \mathbb{R}^+,$$

with

$$h(u) = g(u^{1/\alpha}).$$

By Problem 2, we have

$$h(u) = au + b, \forall a, b \geq 0, a + b > 0,$$

and

$$f(x) = (ax^\alpha + b)^{1/\beta}, a, b \geq 0, \quad a + b > 0.$$

Thus

$$f(x) = (ax^\alpha + b)^{1/\beta}, a, b \geq 0, \quad a + b > 0.$$

**Problem 6.** Determine all functions  $f(t)$  continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that

$$f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) - \frac{f(x) - f(y)}{2} = (x-y)^2, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+. \quad (11)$$

**Solution.** Using inequation, we get

$$\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{y^2}{2} = -\frac{1}{4}(x-y)^2$$

Next, by (11), we have

$$f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) + 4\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{f(x) + 4x^2 + f(y) + 4y^2}{2} = 0, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

or

$$g\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) = \frac{g(x) + g(y)}{2}, \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R},$$

with  $g(x) = f(x) + 4x^2$ .

By Problem 2, then

$$g(x) = ax + b, \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R},$$

and

$$f(x) = ax + b + 4x^2, \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Hence.

$$f(t) = at + b + 4t^2, \text{ with for arbitrary } a, b \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**Problem 7.** Determine all functions  $f(t), g(t)$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ , such that  $f(t)$  continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  and

$$f(x) + f(y) + 2xy = (x+y)g(x+y), \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (12)$$

**Solution.** Let  $x = 0, y = 0$  in (12), we have  $f(0) = 0$ . Let  $f(x) - x^2 = h(x)$ . Then  $h(x)$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $h(0) = 0$ . By (12), we have

$$(x+y)^2 + h(x) + h(y) = (x+y)g(x+y). \quad (13)$$

Let  $x = y = t/2$ . By (13), we get

$$g(t) = \begin{cases} t + \frac{2}{t}h\left(\frac{t}{2}\right), & \forall t \neq 0; \\ c, & \text{with } t = 0 \end{cases}.$$

Let  $g(x)$  in (12), we get

$$(x+y)^2 + h(x) + h(y) = \begin{cases} (x+y)^2 + 2h\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right); & x+y \neq 0 \\ 0; & x+y = 0 \end{cases}$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Hence,

$$h\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) = \frac{h(x) + h(y)}{2}, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Since  $h(x)$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $h(0) = 0$ . Then  $h(x) = ax$ .

Hence,

$$f(x) = x^2 + ax, \quad g(x) = \begin{cases} x + a; & \forall x \neq 0 \\ c; & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

with for arbitrary  $a, c \in \mathbb{R}$ . We can check directly  $f(x), g(x)$  satisfies problem.

Hence,

$$f(t) = t^2 + at, g(t) = \begin{cases} t + a; & \forall t \neq 0 \\ c; & t = 0 \end{cases}$$

with for arbitrary  $a, c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

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