

719. ON SOME FUNCTIONAL EQUATIONS OF PEXIDER'S TYPE*

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0. The general continuous solution of functional equation

$$(1) \quad f(x_1 + \dots + x_n) = f_1(x_1) + \dots + f_n(x_n)$$

is (see [1]):

$$f(x) = cx + a_1 + \dots + a_n, \quad f_i(x) = cx + a_i \quad (1 \leq i \leq n),$$

where a_i ($1 \leq i \leq n$) are arbitrary real constants. For $n=2$, we have well-known PEXIDER'S equation.

Using this result, we shall give the generalizations for some results from [2].

1. **Theorem 1.** *The general continuous solution of functional equation*

$$(2) \quad f(x_1 + \dots + x_n) = I_n(f_1(x_1), \dots, f_n(x_n); p)$$

where

$$I_n(f_1(x_1), \dots, f_n(x_n); p) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n kp^{k-1} \sum_{\binom{n}{k}} f_1(x_1) \dots f_k(x_k)}{1 - \sum_{k=2}^n p^k (k-1) \sum_{\binom{n}{k}} f_1(x_1) \dots f_k(x_k)}$$

and $\sum_{\binom{n}{k}} f_1(x_1) \dots f_k(x_k)$ denotes the sum of all the combinations of class k of set $\{f_1(x_1), \dots, f_n(x_n)\}$; is

$$(3) \quad f(x) = -\frac{1}{p} \frac{cx + a_1 + \dots + a_n}{cx + a_1 + \dots + a_n - 1}, \quad f_i(x) = -\frac{1}{p} \frac{cx + a_i}{cx + a_i - 1} \quad (1 \leq i \leq n),$$

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or

$$(4) \quad f(x) = -\frac{1}{p}, \quad f_k(x) = -\frac{1}{p}, \quad f_i \left(\neq -\frac{1}{p}, \quad i \neq k \right) \text{ are arbitrary functions.}$$

The proof is similar to the proof which is given in [2].

Theorem 2. *The general continuous solution of functional equation*

$$f(x_1 \cdots x_n) = I_n(f_1(x_1), \dots, f_n(x_n); p)$$

is

$$f(x) = -\frac{1}{p} \frac{c \log x + a_1 + \cdots + a_n}{c \log x + a_1 + \cdots + a_n - 1}, \quad f_i(x) = -\frac{1}{p} \frac{c \log x + a_i}{c \log x + a_i - 1} \quad (1 \leq i \leq n; x > 0),$$

or (4).

Theorem 3. *The general continuous solution of functional equation*

$$f(x_1 + \cdots + x_n) = I_n(f(x_1), \dots, f(x_n); p)$$

is $f(x) = -\frac{1}{p} \frac{cx}{cx-1}$; and the general continuous solution of functional equation

$$f(x_1 \cdots x_n) = I_n(f(x_1), \dots, f(x_n); p)$$

is $f(x) = -\frac{1}{p} \frac{c \log x}{c \log x - 1} \quad (x > 0)$.

2. Theorem 4. *The general continuous solution of functional equation*

$$(5) \quad f(I_n(x_1, \dots, x_n; p)) = f_1(x_1) + \cdots + f_n(x_n)$$

is

$$(6) \quad f(x) = c \frac{px}{px+1} + a_1 + \cdots + a_n, \quad f_i(x) = c \frac{px}{px+1} + a_i \quad (1 \leq i \leq n).$$

Proof. Using the substitutions

$$f(x) = g\left(\frac{px}{px+1}\right), \quad f_i(x) = g_i\left(\frac{px}{px+1}\right), \quad u_i = \frac{px}{px+1},$$

functional equation (5) gets a form of (1), so, it is obvious that (6) is its general solution.

Theorem 5. *The general continuous solution of functional equation*

$$f(I_n(x_1, \dots, x_n; p)) = f_1(x_1) \cdots f_n(x_n)$$

is

$$f(x) = a_1 \cdots a_n e^{\frac{cp x}{px+1}}, \quad f_i(x) = a_i e^{\frac{cp x}{px+1}} \quad (1 \leq i \leq n).$$

Theorem 6. The general continuous solution of functional equation

$$f(I_n(x_1, \dots, x_n; p)) = f(x_1) + \dots + f(x_n)$$

is $f(x) = c \frac{px}{px+1}$; and the general continuous solution of equation

$$f(I_n(x_1, \dots, x_n; p)) = f(x_1) \cdot \dots \cdot f(x_n)$$

is $f(x) = e^{\frac{cpx}{px+1}}$.

3. Theorem 7. The general continuous solution of functional equation

$$(7) \quad f(I_n(x_1, \dots, x_n; q)) = I_n(f_1(x_1), \dots, f_n(x_n); p)$$

is

$$(8) \quad f(x) = -\frac{1}{p} \frac{cqx + (qx+1)(a_1 + \dots + a_n)}{cqx + (qx+1)(a_1 + \dots + a_n - 1)},$$

$$f_i(x) = -\frac{1}{p} \frac{cqx + a_i(qx+1)}{cqx + (qx+1)(a_i - 1)} \quad (1 \leq i \leq n),$$

or (4).

Proof. Using the substitutions

$$g_i \left(\frac{qx}{qx+1} \right) = \frac{pf_i(x)}{pf_i(x)+1}, \quad g \left(\frac{qx}{qx+1} \right) = \frac{pf(x)}{pf(x)+1}, \quad u_i = \frac{qx_i}{qx_i+1},$$

analogously to the proof from [2] we can prove the theorem.

Theorem 8. The general continuous solution of functional equation

$$f(I_n(x_1, \dots, x_n; q)) = I_n(f(x_1), \dots, f(x_n); p)$$

is $f(x) = -\frac{1}{p} \frac{cqx}{cqx - qx - 1}$.

4. Theorem 9. The general continuous solution of functional equation

$$(9) \quad f(x_1 + \dots + x_n) = \sum_{k=1}^n p^{k-1} \sum_{\binom{n}{k}} f_1(x_1) \cdot \dots \cdot f_k(x_k)$$

is

$$(10) \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{p} (e^{cx+a_1+\dots+a_n} - 1), \quad f_i(x) = \frac{1}{p} (e^{cx+a_i} - 1) \quad (1 \leq i \leq n).$$

Proof. Using the substitutions

$$pf(x) + 1 = g(x) \quad \text{and} \quad pf_i(x) + 1 = g_i(x) \quad (1 \leq i \leq n)$$

(9) becomes

$$g(x_1 + \dots + x_n) = g_1(x_1) \cdot \dots \cdot g_n(x_n).$$

This equation has the following general and continuous solution

$$g(x) = e^{cx+a_1+\dots+a_n}, \quad g_i(x) = e^{cx+a_i} \quad (1 \leq i \leq n),$$

so, it is obvious that (10) is solution of (9).

Theorem 10. *The general continuous solution of functional equation*

$$f(x_1 \cdot \dots \cdot x_n) = \sum_{k=1}^n p^{k-1} \sum_{\binom{n}{k}} f_1(x_1) \cdot \dots \cdot f_k(x_k).$$

is

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{p} (a_1 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n x^c - 1), \quad f_i(x) = \frac{1}{p} (a_i x^c - 1) \quad (1 \leq i \leq n, \quad x > 0).$$

Theorem 11. *The general continuous solution of functional equation*

$$f(x_1 + \dots + x_n) = \sum_{k=1}^n p^{k-1} \sum_{\binom{n}{k}} f(x_1) \cdot \dots \cdot f(x_k)$$

is $f(x) = \frac{1}{p} (e^{cx} - 1)$, and the general continuous solution of functional equation

$$f(x_1 \cdot \dots \cdot x_n) = \sum_{k=1}^n p^{k-1} \sum_{\binom{n}{k}} f(x_1) \cdot \dots \cdot f(x_k)$$

is $f(x) = \frac{1}{p} (x^c - 1)$, $x > 0$.

5. The following two theorems are given in [1]:

Theorem 12. *The general continuous solution of functional equation*

$$f\left(\sum_{k=1}^n p^{k-1} \sum_{\binom{n}{k}} x_1 \cdot \dots \cdot x_k\right) = f_1(x_1) + \dots + f_n(x_n)$$

is

$$f(x) = c \log(1 + px) + a_1 + \dots + a_n, \quad f_i(x) = c \log(1 + px) + a_i \quad (1 \leq i \leq n) \quad \left(x > -\frac{1}{p}\right).$$

Theorem 13. *The general continuous solution of functional equation*

$$f\left(\sum_{k=1}^n p^{k-1} \sum_{\binom{n}{k}} x_1 \cdot \dots \cdot x_k\right) = f_1(x_1) \cdot \dots \cdot f_n(x_n)$$

is

$$f(x) = a_1 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n (1 + px)^c, \quad f_i(x) = a_i (1 + px)^c \quad (1 \leq i \leq n) \quad \left(x > -\frac{1}{p}\right).$$

6. Theorem 14. *The general continuous solution of functional equation*

$$(11) \quad f\left(\sum_{k=1}^n p^{k-1} \sum_{\binom{n}{k}} x_1 \cdots x_k\right) = \sum_{k=1}^n q^{k-1} \sum_{\binom{n}{k}} f_1(x_1) \cdots f_k(x_k)$$

is

$$(12) \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{q} (a_1 \cdots a_n (px+1)^c - 1),$$

$$f_i(x) = \frac{1}{q} (a_i (px+1)^c - 1) \quad (1 \leq i \leq n) \quad \left(x > -\frac{1}{p}\right).$$

Proof. By substitutions

$$qf(x) + 1 = g(px+1), \quad qf_i(x) + 1 = g_i(px+1), \quad u_i = px_i + 1 \quad (1 \leq i \leq n)$$

from (11) we have

$$g(u_1 \cdots u_n) = g_1(u_1) \cdots g_n(u_n).$$

This equation has the following general continuous solution:

$$g(u) = a_1 \cdots a_n u^c, \quad g_i(u) = a_i u^c \quad (1 \leq i \leq n),$$

so, it is obvious that (12) is solution of (11).

Theorem 15. *The general continuous solution of functional equation*

$$f\left(\sum_{k=1}^n p^{k-1} \sum_{\binom{n}{k}} x_1 \cdots x_k\right) = \sum_{k=1}^n q^{k-1} \sum_{\binom{n}{k}} f(x_1) \cdots f(x_k)$$

$$\text{is } f(x) = \frac{1}{q} (px+1)^c - \frac{1}{q} \quad \left(x > -\frac{1}{p}\right).$$

7. Theorem 16. *Functional equation*

$$(13) \quad f(x_1 + \cdots + x_n) = J_n(f_1(x_1), \dots, f_n(x_n), \varepsilon)$$

where

$$J_n(f_1(x_1), \dots, f_n(x_n), \varepsilon) = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{\left[\frac{n-1}{2}\right]} \varepsilon^k \sum_{\binom{n}{2k+1}} f_1(x_1) \cdots f_{2k+1}(x_{2k+1})}{1 + \sum_{i=1}^{\left[\frac{n}{2}\right]} \varepsilon^k \sum_{\binom{n}{2k}} f_1(x_1) \cdots f_{2k}(x_{2k})}$$

has a solution:

a) for $\varepsilon = -1$,

$$(14) \quad f(x) = \operatorname{tg} \left(\alpha x + \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \right), \quad f_i(x) = \operatorname{tg} (\alpha x + c_i) \quad (1 \leq i \leq n);$$

b) for $\varepsilon = 1$,

$$(15) \quad f(x) = \operatorname{th} \left(\alpha x + \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \right), \quad f_i(x) = \operatorname{th} (\alpha x + c_i) \quad (1 \leq i \leq n)$$

or

$$(16) \quad f(x) = 1, \quad f_j(x) = 1, \quad f_i(x) \quad (1 \leq i \leq n, i \neq j) \text{ arbitrary};$$

or

$$(17) \quad f(x) = -1, \quad f_j(x) = -1, \quad f_i(x) \quad (1 \leq i \leq n, i \neq j) \text{ arbitrary}.$$

Theorem 17. Functional equation

$$(18) \quad f(x_1 \cdots x_n) = J_n(f_1(x_1), \dots, f_n(x_n), \varepsilon)$$

has a solution:

a) for $\varepsilon = -1$,

$$f(x) = \operatorname{tg} \left(\alpha \log x + \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \right), \quad f_i(x) = \operatorname{tg} (\alpha \log x + c_i) \quad (1 \leq i \leq n);$$

b) for $\varepsilon = 1$,

$$f(x) = \frac{1 - c_1 c_2 \cdots c_n x^\alpha}{1 + c_1 c_2 \cdots c_n x^\alpha}, \quad f_i(x) = \frac{1 - c_i x^\alpha}{1 + c_i x^\alpha} \quad (1 \leq i \leq n)$$

or (16) or (17).

Theorem 18. Functional equation

$$(19) \quad f(J_n(x_1, \dots, x_n, \varepsilon)) = f_1(x_1) + \dots + f_n(x_n)$$

has a solution:

a) for $\varepsilon = -1$,

$$f(x) = c \operatorname{arctg} x + \sum_{i=1}^n c_i, \quad f_i(x) = c \operatorname{arctg} x + c_i \quad (1 \leq i \leq n);$$

b) for $\varepsilon = 1$,

$$f(x) = c \log \left(\frac{1+x}{1-x} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i, \quad f_i(x) = c \log \left(\frac{1+x}{1-x} \right) + a_i \quad (1 \leq i \leq n).$$

Theorem 19. Functional equation

$$(20) \quad f(J_n(x_1, \dots, x_n, \varepsilon)) = f_1(x_1) \cdots f_n(x_n)$$

has a solution:

a) for $\varepsilon = -1$,

$$f(x) = e^{c \operatorname{arctg} x + c_1 + \cdots + c_n}, \quad f_i(x) = e^{c \operatorname{arctg} x + c_i} \quad (1 \leq i \leq n);$$

b) for $\varepsilon = 1$,

$$f(x) = c_1 \cdots c_n \left(\frac{1+x}{1-x} \right)^c, \quad f_i(x) = c_i \left(\frac{1+x}{1-x} \right)^c \quad (1 \leq i \leq n).$$

REMARK 1. The functional equations (13) and (20) are generalizations of some results from [1]. The functional equation (19) is given in [1].

Theorem 20. Functional equation

$$(21) \quad f(J_n(x_1, \dots, x_n, \varepsilon)) = J_n(f_1(x_1), \dots, f_n(x_n), \varepsilon)$$

has a solution:

a) for $\varepsilon = -1$,

$$f(x) = \operatorname{tg}(c \operatorname{arctg} x + c_1 + \cdots + c_n), \quad f_i(x) = \operatorname{tg}(c \operatorname{arctg} x + c_i) \quad (1 \leq i \leq n);$$

b) for $\varepsilon = 1$,

$$f(x) = \operatorname{th}(c \operatorname{arth} x + c_1 + \cdots + c_n), \quad f_i(x) = \operatorname{th}(c \operatorname{arth} x + c_i) \quad (1 \leq i \leq n),$$

or (16) or (17).

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O NEKIM FUNKCIONALNIM JEDNAČINAMA PEXIDEROVOG TIPA

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U radu su date dalje generalizacije nekih funkcionalnih jednačina PEXIDEROVOG tipa (videti [1—3]), tj. posmatrane su jednačine sa proizvoljnim brojem nepoznatih funkcija.