

# ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

Let be  $f, g: [2; +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ :  $f^3(x) = x + 3f(x)$ ,  $f(2) = 2$

and  $g(x+1) + 4x + 3 = g(x) + 4x^3 + 6x^2$ ,  $g(2) = 2$

$$\text{Find : } \Omega = \frac{\int_2^{2024} g[f(x)]}{\int_2^{2024} f[g(x)]}$$

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The solution of the functional equation:

$$g(x+1) + 4x + 3 = g(x) + 4x^3 + 6x^2, g(2) = 2$$

is the polynomial

$$g(x) = ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e$$

Let's find the coefficients  $a, b, c, d$  and  $e$  from here. Because of this

$$\begin{aligned} g(x+1) - g(x) &= a((x+1)^4 - x^4) + b((x+1)^3 - x^3) + c((x+1)^2 - x^2) + \\ &+ d((x+1) - x) = 4ax^3 + (6a+3b)x^2 + (4a+3b+2c)x + (a+b+c+d) = \\ &= 4x^3 + 6x^2 - 4x - 3 \end{aligned}$$

From here

$$\begin{cases} 4a=4 \\ 6a+3b=6 \\ 4a+3b+2c=-4 \\ a+b+c+d=-3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow a=1; b=0; c=-4; d=0$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= x^4 - 4x^2 + e, g(2) = 2 \Rightarrow g(x) = x^4 - 4x^2 + 2 = (x^2 - 2)^2 - 2 \\ g(x) &= (x^2 - 2)^2 - 2 \end{aligned}$$

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So,

$$g(x) = (x^2 - 2)^2 - 2, f(x) = 2$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} g(f(x)) &= (f^2(x) - 2)^2 - 2 = (4 - 2)^2 - 2 = 2 \\ f(g(x)) &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\Omega = \frac{\int_2^{2024} g[f(x)]}{\int_2^{2024} f[g(x)]} = 1$$