

Re: Is This System Solvable?

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Dave Rusin wrote:

> *Something tells me you didn't ask what you wanted to ask.*

Thank you Dave. I stand corrected. How about the following restatement:

I'm looking for all sufficiently differentiable real-valued functions of three real variables $T(R,S,w)$ defined everywhere except the point $w=0$, that have these properties:

For all X, Y, a, b , such that a is not equal to zero, b is not equal to zero, and $a+b$ is not equal to zero, there exists a unique $Z=Z(X,Y,a,b)$ such that the following identities are always true:

$$T(X, Y, a) = T(X, Z, a+b)$$

$$T(Y, X, -a) = T(Y, Z, b)$$

$$T(Z, Y, -b) = T(Z, X, -a-b)$$

Note that the uniqueness of $Z = Z(X,Y,a,b)$ is quite remarkable in that Z is defined by three different equations!

I am also requiring the symmetry that there is a unique $X = X(Y,Z,a,b)$ that satisfies all three functional equations for all Y, Z, a, b , such that a is not equal to zero, b is not equal to zero, and $a+b$ is not equal to zero. Similarly for Y .

I claim that the function $T(R,S,w) = R/\tanh(w) - S/\sinh(w)$ has all these properties. However, I'm looking for the most general solution to the problem.

As I said before, I vaguely remember something about rank and the Jacobian of a transformation begin zero in certain circumstances, and I assume that a system of PDEs may arise from my three functional equations from that angle.

Any insights would be greatly appreciated.