

**Problema J156.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function such that  $f(x) + f(x + y)$  is a rational number for all real numbers  $x$  and all  $y > 0$ . Prove that  $f(x)$  is a rational number for all real numbers  $x$ .

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For each real number  $x$ , consider a real number  $y > 0$  and define  $u, v, w$  in the following way

$$u = f(x) + f(x + y), \quad v = f(x - y) + f(x), \quad w = f(x - y) + f(x + y)$$

Since  $x = (x - y) + y$  and  $x + y = (x - y) + 2y$ , the numbers  $u, v, w$  are rational by hypothesis. Therefore

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(u + v - w)$$

is a rational number and we are done. □