functions are the only continuous solutions, was first proved by A. L. Cauchy [1

Proof. (i) Let f LIF( $\mathbb{R}^n$ ) and g AD( $\mathbb{R}^n$ ). Fix  $x_1,\ldots,x_k$   $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $q_1,\ldots q_k$   $\mathbb{Q}$ 

This choice is possible since

$$_{f \in F} ((h + f)[\{x : < \}] \{f(x)\}) (+1)/F/ < c.$$

It is easy to see that all the required properties of h are preserved. This ends the proof of  $A(\mathsf{LIF}(\mathsf{R}$ 

Notice here that A(LIF) = c (Fact 2.3 (v)) implies, in particular, that every function from  $\mathbb{R}^R$  can be written as the algebraic sum of two linearly independent functions. In other words LIF + LIF =  $\mathbb{R}^R$ . Since we only found the upper bound for A(HF), it wo16Td[(can)-347(b)-27spper bo12313(A)-350((r)v(e)-350d[(y50((r))1(d))-1(.er)-470(tn)1(dg50((r))1(d))-1(.er)-470((r))1(d))-1(.er)-470((r))1(d)-1(.er)-470

Proof. Notice first that if /LC(f, 2)/=c then case (a) holds with  $Z=\{0\}$ 

From (•) we see that if  $\operatorname{Lin}_{\mathbb{Q}}(x_1,x_2,x_3)$   $\operatorname{Lin}_{\mathbb{Q}}(X)=\{0\}$  holds for c-many then the set Z satisfies the condition  $/\sum_{z\in Z}\operatorname{LC}(f,2,z)/=c$ . Obviously Z  $[\mathbb{R}^n]^{<c}$ . Thus, case (a) holds.

Summarizing the above discussion, we just need to consider a situation when  $\dim(\{x_1,x_2,x_3\})=2$  and  $\operatorname{Lin}_{\mathbb{Q}}(x_1,x_2,x_3)$   $\operatorname{Lin}_{\mathbb{Q}}(X)=\{0\}$  for all . Recall that  $q_1x_1+q_2x_2+q_3x_3=0$ , where  $q_1,q_2,q_3$   $\mathbb{Q}\setminus\{0\}$ . If two of  $x_1,x_2,x_3$  were dependent over  $\mathbb{Q}$  then we would have  $\dim(\{x_1,x_2,x_3\})$  1. Thus,  $x_1,x_2,x_3$  are pairwise independent. Now it is easy to see that case (b) holds.

**Lemma 3.8.** Let  $X \in \mathbb{R}^n$  |  $^{<c}$ , x / X, and  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Suppose also that  $h, g: X \in \mathbb{R}$  are functions linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then there exist extensions h', g' of h and g onto  $X \in \{x\}$  such that h' and g' are linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and h'(x) + g'(x) = y.

Proof. Choose  $h'(x) \in \text{Lin}_{\mathbb{Q}}(h[X] = g[X] = \{y\})$ . This choice is possible since  $|\text{Lin}_{\mathbb{Q}}(h[X] = g[X] = \{y\})| < c$ . Then define g'(x) = y - h'(x). It is easy to  $d[(x)] = \frac{1}{2} (x) + \frac{1}{2} (x$ 

holds because  $f(-a_0)+f(a_0)=c$  and  $m_0=c$  if c=0. Thus 0,c,  $0,m_0$   $\text{Lin}_{\mathbb{Q}}(h/A_0)$   $\text{Lin}_{\mathbb{Q}}(g/A_0)$ . It is easily seen that  $h/A_0$  and  $g/A_0$  satisfy (a) and (b).

x = dom(h) = dom(g) and  $v = Lin_{Q}(h) = Lin_{Q}(g)$ , where h and g denote the extensions obtained in the step .

Let < c. Assume that v /  $Lin_{\mathbb{Q}}($  < h  $) <math>Lin_{\mathbb{Q}}($  < g ). Choose an a  $\mathbb{R}$   $\setminus$   $Lin_{\mathbb{Q}}(dom($  < h )) and define <math>h(x) by 0,  $h(x) = \frac{1}{2}v$  for  $x \in \{-a,a\}$ . Put also g(x) = f(x) - h(x). Since f(-a) + f(a) = LC(f), (3.3) implies that  $v = Lin_{\mathbb{Q}}(x)$ 

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The inductive construction of functions h and g is somewhat similar to the one from the previous case. So assume that < c and the construction has been carried out for all < . If  $v / \text{Lin}_{\mathbb{Q}}(h)$  then let X = dom(h) = dom(g) and Y [R]<c be such a set that  $Lin_Q(g \{v\})$  R<sup>n</sup> x Y. By Property 2 (b), there exist  $p_1, p_2, p_3 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $_{1}^{3}p_{i}x_{i}=0$ ,  $\text{Lin}_{\mathbb{Q}}(x_{1},x_{2},x_{3})$   $\text{Lin}_{\mathbb{Q}}(X)=\{0\}$ , and  $_{1}^{3}p_{i}f(x_{i}) \neq Y$ . We extend h and g onto  $\{x_{1},x_{2},x_{3}\}$ . Choose  $h(x_{1}),h(x_{2}),h(x_{3})$   $\mathbb{R}$  in such a

way that

Then put 
$$g(x_i) = f(x_i) - h(x_i)$$
 for  $i = 3$ . Obviously  $v \in A$  prime  $A$  prime  $A$ 

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