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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I'm sorry that the problem of Louis Funar (*Amer. Math. Monthly*, 93 (1986)280):

> given an arbitrary function f from the reals to the reals, are there functions g,h, with g bijective, h injective, and $f = g + h$?

proved to be not so unsolved, or at least not so insoluble, as most of the Unsolved Problems that appear in the *Monthly*.

Many of you were kind enough to write (in widely varying detail) pointing out that the answer is "no!" All of the following pointed out that the characteristic function of a single point, say $f(1) = (1)$, $f(x) = 0$ otherwise, is a counter-example. Some people indicated the extent to which the result was "almost true".

In view of the variability of the mails, there seems little point in trying to establish priority, but here are the dates on which I first received the information (half a dozen of them even before my copy of the *Monthly* arrived).

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Thank you for your interest in the *Monthly*.

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