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Find all real numbers  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  such that

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^4}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^3} = 1$$

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***Solution 1 by Adrian Popa-Romania***

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^4}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^3} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^3 \cdot x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^3} \stackrel{\text{Chebishev}}{\geq} \frac{\frac{1}{n} (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^3) (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^3} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 1$$

Equality holds for  $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n$ .

***Solution 2 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India***

Let:  $x_i = 1 + t_i, i = \overline{1, n}$ , then  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 1$  we get  $\sum_{i=1}^n (1 + t_i) = n$

$$\text{Hence, } n + \sum_{i=1}^n t_i = n \text{ or } \sum_{i=1}^n t_i = 0$$

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$$\text{Next, } \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^4}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^3} = 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n (1 + t_i)^4 = \sum_{i=1}^n (1 + t_i)^3$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (1 + t_i)^3 (1 + t_i - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n (1 + t_i)^3 t_i = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (t_i + 3t_i^2 + 3t_i^3 + t_i^4) = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n t_i + \sum_{i=1}^n t_i^2 (t_i^2 + 3t_i + 3) = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n t_i^2 \left[ \left( t_i + \frac{3}{2} \right)^2 + \frac{3}{4} \right] = 0, \text{ thus, } t_i^2 \left[ \left( t_i + \frac{3}{2} \right)^2 + \frac{3}{4} \right] = 0 \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

$t_i = 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Thus,  $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n = 1$ .