DILIAN YANG, University of Waterloo D'Alembert's functional equation on groups

D'Alembert's functional equation is studied in detail and completely solved on compact connected groups. Based on the structure theorem of compact connected groups G, we prove that if G has no any direct factors isomorphic to SU(2) then d'Alembert's equation has only classical solutions; otherwise, non-classical solutions exist and can be factored through one of those direct factors. Our main tools are from representation theory.