

## Approximate Drygas mappings on a set of measure zero

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### Abstract

Let  $\mathbf{R}$  be the set of real numbers,  $Y$  be a Banach space and  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow Y$ . We prove the Hyers-Ulam stability for the Drygas functional equation

$$f(x+y) + f(x-y) = 2f(x) + f(y) + f(-y)$$

for all  $(x, y) \in \Omega$ , where  $\Omega \subset \mathbf{R}^2$  is of Lebesgue measure 0.

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## 1. Introduction

To obtain a Jordan and von Neumann type characterization theorem for the quasi-inner-product spaces, Drygas [12] considered the functional equation

$$(1.1) \quad f(x+y) + f(x-y) = 2f(x) + f(y) + f(-y)$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathbf{R}$ . However, the general solution of this functional equation was given by Ebanks, Kannappan and Sahoo [13] as

$$f(x) = A(x) + Q(x),$$

where  $A : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is an additive function and  $Q : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is a quadratic function.

In 2002, S. M. Jung and P. K. Sahoo [18] considered the stability problem of the following functional equation:

$$(1.2) \quad f(x+y) + f(x-y) = 2f(x) + f(y) + g(2y),$$

and as a consequence they obtained the stability theorem of functional equation of Drygas (1.1) where  $f$  and  $g$  are functions from a real vector space  $X$  to a Banach space  $Y$ .

Here we state a slightly modified version of the results in [18].

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $\varepsilon \geq 0$  be fixed and let  $X$  be a real vector space and  $Y$  a Banach space. If a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies the inequality*

$$(1.3) \quad \|f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - f(y) - f(-y)\| \leq \varepsilon,$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , then there exists a unique additive mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  and a unique quadratic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $S = A + Q$  is a solution of (1.1) such that

$$\|f(x) - S(x)\| \leq \frac{25}{3}\varepsilon \text{ for all } x \in X.$$

This result was improved first by Yang in [27] and later by Sikorska in [26]. In this paper we use the Sikorska's result as a basic tool in the main result. So, we need to present the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.2.** [26] *Let  $(X, +)$  be a group and  $Y$  be a Banach space. Given an  $\varepsilon > 0$ , assume that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies the condition*

$$\|f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - f(y) - f(-y)\| \leq \varepsilon, \quad x, y \in X.$$

Then there exists a uniquely determined function  $g : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$g(x) = \frac{2}{9}g(3x) - \frac{1}{9}g(-3x), \quad x \in X,$$

and

$$\|f(x) - g(x)\| \leq \varepsilon \quad x \in X.$$

Moreover, if  $X$  is Abelian, then  $g$  satisfies

$$g(x + y) + g(x - y) = 2g(x) + g(y) + g(-y), \quad x, y \in X.$$

The stability and solution of the Drygas equation under some additional conditions was also studied by Forti and Sikorska in [15] in the case when  $X$  and  $Y$  are amenable groups.

It is a very natural subject to consider functional equations or inequalities satisfied on restricted domains or satisfied under restricted conditions [1]-[8], [11], [14]-[17], [19], [20], [23]-[25]. Among the results, S. M. Jung and J. M. Rassias proved the Hyers-Ulam stability of the quadratic functional equations in a restricted domain [17], [22].

It is very natural to ask if the restricted domain  $D := \{(x, y) \in X^2 : \|x\| + \|y\| \geq d\}$  can be replaced by a much smaller subset  $\Omega \subset D$ , i.e., a subset of measure 0 in a measure space  $X$ . In 2013, J. Chung considered the stability of the Cauchy functional equation

$$(1.4) \quad f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$$

in a set  $\Omega \subset \{(x, y) \in \mathbf{R}^2 : |x| + |y| \geq d\}$  of measure  $m(\Omega) = 0$  when  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ . In 2014, J. Chung and J. M. Rassias proved the stability of the quadratic functional equation in a set of measure zero.

In this paper, we prove the Hyers-Ulam stability theorem for the Drygas functional equation (1.1) in  $\Omega \subset X^2$  of Lebesgue measure 0.

## 2. General approach

Through this paper, we denote by  $X$  and  $Y$  a real normed space and a real Banach space. For given  $x, y, a \in X$ , we define

$$P_{x,y,a} := \left\{ (x + y, a), (x - y, a), (x, y + a), (x, y - a), (y, a), (-y, -a) \right\}$$

Let  $\Omega \subset X^2$ . Throughout this section, we assume that  $\Omega$  satisfies the condition: For given  $x, y \in X$ , there exists  $a \in X$  such that

$$(C) \quad P_{x,y,a} \subset \Omega.$$

In the following, we prove the Hyers-Ulam stability theorem for the Drygas functional equation (1.1) in  $\Omega$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\varepsilon \geq 0$  be fixed. Suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies the functional inequality*

$$(2.1) \quad \|f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - f(y) - f(-y)\| \leq \varepsilon$$

for all  $(x, y) \in \Omega$ . Then there exists a unique mapping  $g : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $g$  is a solution of (1.1) and

$$(2.2) \quad \|f(x) - g(x)\| \leq 3\varepsilon$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

**Proof.** Let  $D(x, y) = f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - f(y) - f(-y)$ . Since  $\Omega$  satisfies (C), for given  $x, y \in X$ , there exists  $a \in X$  such that

$$\|D(x+y, a)\| \leq \varepsilon, \quad \|D(x-y, a)\| \leq \varepsilon, \quad \|D(x, y+a)\| \leq \varepsilon,$$

$$\|D(x, y-a)\| \leq \varepsilon, \quad \|D(y, a)\| \leq \varepsilon, \quad \|D(-y, -a)\| \leq \varepsilon.$$

Thus, using the triangle inequality we have

$$\left\| f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - f(y) - f(-y) \right\| = \left\| -\frac{1}{2}D(x+y, a) - \frac{1}{2}D(x-y, a) \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{1}{2}D(x, y+a) + \frac{1}{2}D(x, y-a) + \frac{1}{2}D(y, a) + \frac{1}{2}D(-y, -a) \right\| \leq 3\varepsilon$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Next, according Theorem 1.1, there exists a unique mapping  $g : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\|f(x) - g(x)\| \leq 3\varepsilon$$

for all  $x \in X$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$  The following corollary is a particular case of Theorem 2.1, where  $\varepsilon = 0$ .

**Corollary 2.2.** *Suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies the functional equation*

$$(2.3) \quad f(x+y) + f(x-y) = 2f(x) + f(y) + f(-y)$$

for all  $(x, y) \in \Omega$ . Then, (2.3) holds for all  $x, y \in X$ .

### 3. Construction of a set $\Omega$ of Lebesgue measure zero

In this section we construct a set  $\Omega$  of measure zero satisfying the condition (C) when  $X = \mathbf{R}$ . From now on, we identify  $\mathbf{R}^2$  with  $\mathbf{C}$ . The following lemma is a crucial key of our construction [[22], Theorem 1.6].

**Lemma 3.1.** *The set  $\mathbf{R}$  of real numbers can be partitioned as  $\mathbf{R} = F \cup K$  where  $F$  is of first Baire category, i.e.,  $F$  is a countable union of nowhere dense subsets of  $\mathbf{R}$ , and  $K$  is of Lebesgue measure 0.*

The following lemma was proved by J. Chung and J. M. Rassias in [9] and [10].

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $K$  be a subset of  $\mathbf{R}$  of measure 0 such that  $K^c := \mathbf{R} \setminus K$  is of first Baire category. Then, for any countable subsets  $U \subset \mathbf{R}$ ,  $V \subset \mathbf{R} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $M > 0$ , there exists  $a \geq M$  such that*

$$(3.1) \quad U + aV = \{u + av : u \in U, v \in V\} \subset K.$$

In the following theorem, we give the construction of a set  $\Omega$  of Lebesgue measure zero.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $\Omega = e^{-\frac{\pi}{6}i}(K \times K)$  be the rotation of  $K \times K$  by  $-\frac{\pi}{6}$ , i.e.,*

$$(3.2) \quad \Omega = \left\{ (p, q) \in \mathbf{R}^2 : \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}p - \frac{1}{2}q \in K, \frac{1}{2}p + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}q \in K \right\}.$$

*Then  $\Omega$  satisfies the condition (C) which has two-dimensional Lebesgue measure 0.*

**Proof.** By the construction of  $\Omega$ , the condition (C) is equivalent to the condition that for every  $x, y \in \mathbf{R}$ , there exists  $a \in \mathbf{R}$  such that

$$(3.3) \quad e^{-\frac{\pi}{6}i}P_{x,y,a} \subset K \times K.$$

The inclusion (3.3) is equivalent to

$$(3.4) \quad S_{x,y,a} := \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}u - \frac{1}{2}v, \frac{1}{2}u + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}v : (u, v) \in P_{x,y,a} \right\} \subset K.$$

It is easy to check that the set  $S_{x,y,a}$  is contained in a set of form  $U + aV$ , where

$$U = \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(x + y), \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(x - y), \frac{1}{2}(x + y), \frac{1}{2}(x - y), \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x - \frac{1}{2}y\right), \left(\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}y\right), \right.$$

$$\left. \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}y, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}y, \frac{1}{2}y, -\frac{1}{2}y \right\},$$

$$V = \left\{ \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right\}.$$

By Lemma 3.2, for given  $x, y \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $M > 0$  there exists  $a \geq M$  such that

$$(3.5) \quad S_{x,y,a} \subset U + aV \subset K.$$

Thus,  $\Omega$  satisfies (C). This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.4.** *Suppose that  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  satisfies*

$$(3.6) \quad |f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - f(y) - f(-y)| \rightarrow 0$$

as  $(x, y) \in \Omega$ ,  $|x| + |y| \rightarrow \infty$ . Then  $f$  is a Drygas mapping.

**Proof.** The condition (3.6) implies that for each  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ , there exists  $d_n > 0$  such that

$$(3.7) \quad |f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - f(y) - f(-y)| \leq \frac{1}{n}$$

for all  $(x, y) \in \Omega_{d_n} := \{(x, y) \in \Omega : |x| + |y| \geq d_n\}$ . In view of the proof of Theorem 2.1, the inclusion (3.5) implies that for every  $x, y \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $M > 0$  there exists  $a \geq M$  such that

$$(3.8) \quad P_{x,y,a} \subset \Omega.$$

For given  $x, y \in \mathbf{R}$  if we take  $M = d_n + |x| + |y|$  and if  $a \geq M$ , then we have

$$(3.9) \quad P_{x,y,a} \subset \{(p, q) : |x| + |y| \geq d_n\}.$$

It follows from (3.8) and (3.9) that for every  $x, y \in \mathbf{R}$  there exists  $a \in \mathbf{R}$  such that

$$(3.10) \quad P_{x,y,a} \subset \Omega_{d_n}.$$

So,  $\Omega_{d_n}$  satisfies the condition (C). Thus, by Theorem 2.1, there exists a unique additive mapping  $A : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  and a unique quadratic mapping  $Q : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  such that

$$(3.11) \quad \|f(x) - A_n(x) - Q_n(x)\| \leq \frac{25}{n}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ . Replacing  $n \in \mathbf{N}$  by  $m \in \mathbf{N}$  in (3.11) and using the triangle inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} -A_n(x) - A_m(x) + Q_n(x) - Q_m(x) &\leq |A_n(x) + Q_n(x) - f(x)| + |f(x) - \\ A_m(x) - Q_m(x)| \\ &\leq \frac{25}{n} + \frac{25}{m} \leq 50 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $m, n \in \mathbf{N}$  and  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ . Hence,  $A_n + Q_n - A_m - Q_m$  is bounded. So, we get that

$$A_n + Q_n(x) = A_m + Q_m(x)$$

for all  $m, n \in \mathbf{N}$ . Then,  $A_n = A_m$  and  $Q_n = Q_m$  for all  $m, n \in \mathbf{N}$ . Now, letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (3.11) we get the result.  $\square$

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