

## **A generalization of variant of Wilson's type Hilbert space valued functional equations**

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### **Abstract**

*In the present paper we characterize, in terms of characters, multiplicative functions, the continuous solutions of some functional equations for mappings defined on a monoid and taking their values in a complex Hilbert space with the Hadamard product. In addition, we investigate a superstability result for these equations.*

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $M$  be a monoid i.e., is a semigroup with an identify element that we denote by  $e$  and  $\sigma, \tau : M \rightarrow M$  are two involutive automorphisms. That is  $\sigma(xy) = \sigma(x)\sigma(y)$ ,  $\tau(xy) = \tau(x)\tau(y)$  and  $\sigma(\sigma(x)) = x$ ,  $\tau(\tau(x)) = x$  for all  $x, y \in M$ . By a variant of Wilson's functional equation on  $M$  we mean the functional equation

$$(1.1) \quad f(x\sigma(y)) + f(\tau(y)x) = 2f(x)g(y), \quad x, y \in M,$$

where  $f, g : M \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  are the unknown functions. A special case of Wilson's functional equation is d'Alembert's functional equation:

$$(1.2) \quad f(x\sigma(y)) + f(\tau(y)x) = 2f(x)f(y), \quad x, y \in M,$$

The solutions of equation (1.2) are known [2]. Further contextual and historical discussion on the functional equation (1.1) and (1.2) can be found, e.g., in [6.2].

The present paper studies an extension to a situation where the unknown functions  $f, g$  map a possibly non-abelian group or monoid into a complex Hilbert space  $H$  with the Hadamard product. Our considerations refer mainly to results by Rezaei [4], Zeglami [11]. It has been proved [3] that the functional equation (1.2) with  $\sigma = id$  is superstable in the class of functions  $f : G \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ , if every such function satisfies the inequality

$$|f(xy) + f(\tau(y)x) - 2f(x)f(y)| \leq \epsilon \text{ for all } x, y \in G,$$

where  $\epsilon$  is a fixed positive real number. Then either  $f$  is a bounded function or

$$f(xy) + f(\tau(y)x) = 2f(x)f(y), \quad x, y \in G.$$

Let  $H$  be a separable Hilbert space with a orthonormal basis  $\{e_n, n \in \mathbf{N}\}$ . For two vectors  $x, y \in H$ , the Hadamard product, also known as the entrywise product on the Hilbert space  $H$  is defined by

$$(1.3) \quad x * y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \langle x, e_n \rangle \langle y, e_n \rangle e_n, \quad x, y \in H.$$

The Cauchy-Schwarz inequality together with the Parseval identity ensure that the Hadamard multiplication is well defined. In fact,

$$(1.4) \quad \|x * y\| \leq \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\langle x, e_n \rangle|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\langle y, e_n \rangle|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \|x\| \|y\|.$$

The purpose of this work is first to give a characterization, in terms of multiplicative functions, the solutions of the Hilbert space valued functional equation by Hadamard product:

$$(1.5) \quad f(x\sigma(y)) + f(\tau(y)x) = 2g(x) * f(y), \quad x, y \in M.$$

When  $f$  we determine the solutions of the functional equation

$$(1.6) \quad f(x\sigma(y)) + f(\tau(y)x) = 2f(x) * g(y), \quad x, y \in M,$$

where  $f, g : M \rightarrow H$  are the unknown functions. Second, we determine a characterization of the following d'Alembert-Hilbert-valued functional equation:

$$(1.7) \quad f(x\sigma(y)) + f(\tau(y)x) = 2f(x) * f(y), \quad x, y \in M.$$

Throughout the paper,  $\mathbf{N}$ ,  $\mathbf{R}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$  stand for the sets of positive integers, real numbers and complex numbers, respectively. We let  $G$  denote a group and  $S$  denote a semigroup i.e., a set with an associative composition rule.

A function  $A : M \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  is called additive, if it satisfies  $A(xy) = A(x) + A(y)$  for all  $x, y \in M$ .

A multiplicative function on  $M$  is a map  $\chi : M \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  such that  $\chi(xy) = \chi(x)\chi(y)$  for all  $x, y \in M$ .

A monoid  $M$  is generated by its squares if for every  $x \in I_\chi$ ,  $x = x_1^2 x_2^2 \cdots x_n^2$  for some  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in M$ .

A character on a group  $G$  is a homomorphism from  $G$  into the multiplicative of non-zero complex numbers. While a non-zero multiplicative function on a group can never take the value 0, it is possible for a multiplicative function on a monoid  $M$  to take the value 0 on a proper, non-empty subset of  $M$ . If  $\chi : M \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  is multiplicative and  $\chi \neq 0$ , then

$$I_\chi = \{x \in M / \chi(x) = 0\}$$

is either empty or a proper subset of  $M$ . The fact that  $\chi$  is multiplicative establishes that  $I_\chi$  is a two-sided ideal in  $M$  if not empty (for us an ideal is never the empty set). It follows also that  $M \setminus I_\chi$  is a subsemigroup of  $M$ .

Let  $C(M)$  denote the algebra of continuous functions from  $M$  into  $\mathbf{C}$ .

## 2. Solutions of (1.5) and (1.6)

In this section, we solve the functional equation (1.5) by expressing its solutions in terms of multiplicative functions.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $M$  be a monoid, let  $\sigma, \tau : M \rightarrow M$  be involutive automorphisms. Assume that the functions  $f, g : M \rightarrow H$  satisfy (1.5). Then, there exists a positive integer  $N$  such that*

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N \langle f(x), e_n \rangle e_n \text{ and } x \rightarrow \langle g(x), e_{N+k} \rangle \text{ is arbitrary}$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $k > 0$ . Furthermore, for every  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ , we have the following possibilities:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle g(x), e_k \rangle = \frac{\chi_k(x) + \chi_k \circ \sigma \circ \tau(x)}{2} \\ \langle f(x), e_k \rangle = \frac{\alpha_k(\chi_k(x) + \chi_k \circ \sigma \circ \tau(x))}{2} \end{array} \right. ; \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle g(x), e_k \rangle \text{ is an arbitrary function,} \\ \langle f(x), e_k \rangle = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

for all  $x \in M$ , where  $\chi_k$  is a non-zero multiplicative function of  $M$  such that  $\chi_k \circ \sigma \circ \tau = \chi_k \circ \tau \circ \sigma$  and  $\alpha_k \in \mathbf{C} \setminus \{0\}$ . If  $M$  is a topological monoid and  $f \in C(M)$ , then  $\chi_k, \chi_k \circ \sigma \circ \tau \in C(M)$ .

**Proof.** For every integer  $k \geq 0$ , consider the functions  $f_k, g_k : M \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  defined by

$$f_k(x) = \langle f(x), e_k \rangle \text{ and } g_k(x) = \langle g(x), e_k \rangle \text{ for all } x \in M.$$

Since  $(f, g)$  satisfies (1.5), for all  $x, y \in M$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \{ \langle f(x\sigma(y)), e_k \rangle + \langle f(\tau(y)x), e_k \rangle \} e_k &= \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \langle \{ f(x\sigma(y)) + f(\tau(y)x) \}, e_k \rangle e_k \\ &= f(x\sigma(y)) + f(\tau(y)x) \\ &= 2g(x) * f(y) \\ &= 2 \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \langle g(x), e_k \rangle \langle f \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

This yields for all  $k \in \mathbf{N}$ ,

$$(2.1) \quad f_k(x\sigma(y)) + f_k(\tau(y)x) = 2g_k(x)f_k(y) \text{ for all } x, y \in M.$$

If we put  $y = e$  in (2.1), we find that  $f_k(x) = f_k(e)g_k(x)$ . So, if we take  $\alpha_k = f_k(e)$ , equation (2.1) can be written as follows:

$$\alpha_k g_k(x\sigma(y)) + \alpha_k g_k(\tau(y)x) = 2\alpha_k g_k(x)g_k(y) \text{ for all } x, y \in M.$$

Then, either  $\alpha_k = 0$  or  $g_k$  is a solution of equation (1.6). In view of [2, Theorem 3.2], one of the following statements holds:

(a) We have that

$$f_k = 0 \text{ and } g_k \text{ is an arbitrary function.}$$

(b) There exists a multiplicative function  $\chi_k$  such that  $g_k(x) = \frac{\chi_k(x) + \chi_k \circ \sigma \circ \tau(x)}{2}$  and  $f_k(x) = \frac{\alpha_k(\chi_k(x) + \chi_k \circ \sigma \circ \tau(x))}{2}$  for  $x \in M$ .

If  $H$  is infinite-dimensional, then

$$\langle g(x), e_k \rangle = g_k(x) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow +\infty$$

for every  $x \in M$ . Since  $g_k(e) = 1$ , statement (b) is not possible for infinitely many positive integers  $k$ . Hence, there exists some positive integer  $N$  such that  $f_k = 0$  for every  $k > N$ . Thus,  $g_k$  is an arbitrary function for any  $k > N$ ,  $f$  can be represented as

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N \langle f(x), e_n \rangle e_n,$$

and the expressions of the component functions  $f_n$  and  $g_n$ ,  $1 \leq n \leq N$ , of  $f$  and  $g$  come from statements (a) and (b) above. In the case where  $H$  is finite-dimensional, the proof is clear.

As a consequence of Theorem 2.1 we derive formulas for the solutions of d'Alembert's Hilbert space valued functional equation (1.7).  $\square$

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $M$  be a monoid, let  $\sigma, \tau : M \rightarrow M$  be involutive automorphisms. Assume that the functions  $g : M \rightarrow H$  satisfy (1.7). Then, there exists a positive integer  $N$  such that*

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N \langle f(x), e_n \rangle e_n \text{ and } x \rightarrow \langle g(x), e_{N+k} \rangle \text{ is arbitrary}$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $k > 0$ . Furthermore, for every  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ , such that

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^N \epsilon_k (\chi_k(x) + \chi_k \circ \sigma \circ \tau(x)) e_k, \quad x \in M,$$

where  $\epsilon_k = 1$  or  $0$  for every  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ . for all  $x \in M$ , where  $\chi_k$  is a non-zero multiplicative function of  $M$  such that  $\chi_k \circ \sigma \circ \tau = \chi_k \circ \tau \circ \sigma$

If  $M$  is a topological monoid and  $f \in C(M)$ , then  $\chi_k, \chi_k \circ \sigma \circ \tau \in C(M)$ .

**Proof.** The proof follows by putting  $f = g$  in Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.3.** Let  $M$  be a monoid, let  $\tau : M \rightarrow M$  be involutive automorphisms. Assume that the functions  $f, g : M \rightarrow H$  satisfy

$$f(xy) + f(\tau(y)x) = 2g(x) * f(y).$$

Then, there exists a positive integer  $N$  such that

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N \langle f(x), e_n \rangle e_n \text{ and } x \rightarrow \langle g(x), e_{N+k} \rangle \text{ is arbitrary}$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $k > 0$ . Furthermore, for every  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ , we have the following possibilities:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle g(x), e_k \rangle = \frac{\chi_k(x) + \chi_k \circ \tau(x)}{2} \\ \langle f(x), e_k \rangle = \frac{\alpha_k(\chi_k(x) + \chi_k \circ \tau(x))}{2} \end{array} \right. ; \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle g(x), e_k \rangle \text{ is an arbitrary function,} \\ \langle f(x), e_k \rangle = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

for all  $x \in M$ , where  $\chi_k$  is a non-zero multiplicative function of  $M$  and  $\alpha_k \in \mathbf{C} \setminus \{0\}$ .

If  $M$  is a topological monoid and  $f \in C(M)$ , then  $\chi_k, \chi_k \circ \tau \in C(M)$ .

**Proof.** The proof follows by putting  $\sigma = id$  in Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

We complete this section with a result concerning Wilson Hilbert space valued functional equation (1.6).

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $M$  be a monoid which is generated by its squares, let  $\sigma, \tau : M \rightarrow M$  be involutive automorphisms. Assume that the pair  $f, g : M \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ , satisfy Wilson's Hilbert valued functional equation (1.6). Then, there exists a positive integer  $N$  such that

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N \langle f(x), e_n \rangle e_n \text{ and } \langle g(x), e_{N+k} \rangle \text{ is arbitrary}$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $k > 0$ . Furthermore, for every  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ , we have the following possibilities:

(i)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle g(x), e_k \rangle \text{ is an arbitrary function,} \\ \langle f(x), e_k \rangle = 0 \end{array} \right. ; \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle g(x), e_k \rangle = \frac{\chi_k(x) + \chi_k \circ \sigma \circ \tau(x)}{2}, \\ \langle f(x), e_k \rangle = \alpha_k \chi_k \circ \sigma(x) \end{array} \right.$$

where  $\chi_k : M \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  is a non-zero multiplicative function with  $\chi_k \circ \sigma \circ \tau = \chi_k \circ \tau \circ \sigma$ . and for some  $\alpha_k \in \mathbf{C} \setminus \{0\}$ .

(ii) There exists a non-zero multiplicative function  $\chi_k : M \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  with  $\chi_k \circ \sigma \circ \tau = \chi_k \circ \tau \circ \sigma$  such that

$$g_k = \frac{\chi_k + \chi_k \circ \sigma \circ \tau}{2}.$$

Furthermore, we have

(1) If  $\chi_k \neq \chi_k \circ \sigma \circ \tau$ , then

$$f_k = \alpha_k \chi_k \circ \sigma + \beta_k \chi_k \circ \tau$$

for some  $\alpha_k, \beta_k \in \mathbf{C} \setminus \{0\}$ .

(2) If  $\chi_k = \chi_k \circ \sigma \circ \tau$ , then there exists a non-zero additive function  $A_k : M \setminus I_{\chi_k \circ \sigma} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  with  $A_k \circ \tau = -A_k \circ \sigma$  such that

$$f_k(x) = \begin{cases} (\alpha_k + A_k(x))\chi_k(\sigma(x)) & \text{for } x \in M \setminus I_{\chi_k \circ \sigma} \\ 0 & \text{for } x \in I_{\chi_k \circ \sigma} \end{cases}$$

for some  $\alpha_k \in \mathbf{C}$ .

Conversely, if  $f$  and  $g$  have the forms described above, then the pair  $(f, g)$  is a solution of equation (1.6). Moreover, if  $M$  is a topological monoid generated by its squares, and  $f, g \in C(M)$ , then  $\chi_k, \chi_k \circ \sigma, \chi_k \circ \tau, \chi_k \circ \sigma \circ \tau \in C(M)$ , while  $A_k \in C(M \setminus I_{\chi_k \circ \sigma})$ .

**Proof.** We proceed as in the proof of Theorem 2.1. For every integer  $k \geq 0$ , we consider the functions  $f_k, g_k : M \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ , defined by

$$f_k(x) = \langle f(x), e_k \rangle \text{ and } g_k(x) = \langle g(x), e_k \rangle \text{ for } x \in M.$$

Since the pair  $(f, g)$  satisfies (1.6), for all  $k \in \mathbf{N}$  we have

$$(2.2) \quad f_k(x\sigma(y)) + f_k(\tau(y)x) = 2f_k(x)g_k(y) \text{ for all } x, y \in M.$$

By [6, Theorem 3.4] we infer that there are only the following cases

(a)

$$f_k = 0 \text{ and } g_k \text{ is an arbitrary function.}$$

(b) There exists a non-zero multiplicative function  $\chi_k : M \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  such that

$$f_k = \alpha_k \chi_k \circ \sigma \text{ and } g_k = \frac{\chi_k + \chi_k \circ \sigma \circ \tau}{2}$$

for some  $\alpha_k \in \mathbf{C} \setminus \{0\}$ .

(c) There exists a non-zero multiplicative function  $\chi_k : M \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  with  $\chi_k \circ \sigma \circ \tau = \chi_k \circ \tau \circ \sigma$  such that

$$g_k = \frac{\chi_k + \chi_k \circ \sigma \circ \tau}{2}.$$

Furthermore, we have.

(i) If  $\chi_k \neq \chi_k \circ \sigma \circ \tau$ , then

$$f_k = \alpha_k \chi_k \circ \sigma + \beta_k \chi_k \circ \tau$$

for some  $\alpha_k, \beta_k \in \mathbf{C} \setminus \{0\}$ .

(ii) If  $\chi_k = \chi_k \circ \sigma \circ \tau$ , then there exists a non-zero additive function  $A_k : M \setminus I_{\chi_k \circ \sigma} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  with  $A_k \circ \tau = -A_k \circ \sigma$  such that

$$f_k(x) = \begin{cases} (\alpha_k + A_k(x))\chi_k(\sigma(x)) & \text{for } x \in M \setminus I_{\chi_k \circ \sigma} \\ 0 & \text{for } x \in I_{\chi_k \circ \sigma} \end{cases}$$

for some  $\alpha_k \in \mathbf{C}$ . Conversely, the functions given with properties satisfy the functional equation (2.2). The continuation of the proof depends on the dimension of  $H$ . In fact, if  $H$  is infinite-dimensional, then

$$\langle g(x), e_k \rangle = g_k(x) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow +\infty$$

for every  $x \in M$ . Statements (b) and (c) are not possible for infinitely positive integers  $n$ . Hence, there exists some positive integer  $N$  such that  $f_k = 0$  for every  $k > N$ . Thus,  $f$  can be represented as

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N \langle f(x), e_n \rangle e_n,$$

$g_k$  is an arbitrary function for any  $k > N$ , and expressions of the component functions  $f_n$  and  $g_n$ ,  $1 \leq n \leq N$  of  $f$  and  $g$  follow from the previous discussion. In the case where  $H$  is a finite-dimensional space, the proof is clear.  $\square$



**Corollary 2.5.** Let  $M$  be a monoid which is generated by its squares, let  $\tau : M \rightarrow M$  be an involutive automorphism, and let the pair  $f, g : M \rightarrow H$  satisfy the functional equation

$$f(xy) + f(\tau(y)x) = 2f(x) * g(y), \quad x, y \in M.$$

Then, there exists a positive integer  $N$  such that

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N \langle f(x), e_n \rangle e_n \text{ and } x \rightarrow \langle g(x), e_{N+k} \rangle \text{ is arbitrary}$$

for all  $x \in M$  and  $k > 0$ . Furthermore, for every  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ , we have the following possibilities:

$$(i) \begin{cases} \langle g(x), e_k \rangle \text{ is an arbitrary function,} \\ \langle f(x), e_k \rangle = 0 \end{cases}$$

(ii) There exists a non-zero multiplicative function  $\chi_k : M \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  such that

$$g_k = \frac{\chi_k + \chi_k \circ \tau}{2}.$$

Furthermore, we have.

(1) If  $\chi_k \neq \chi_k \circ \tau$ , then

$$f_k = \alpha_k \chi_k + \beta_k \chi_k \circ \tau,$$

for some  $\alpha_k, \beta_k \in \mathbf{C} \setminus \{0\}$ .

(2) If  $\chi_k = \chi_k \circ \tau$ , then there exists an additive function  $A_k : M \setminus I_{\chi_k} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  with  $A_k \circ \tau = -A_k$  such that

$$f_k(x) = \begin{cases} (\alpha_k + A_k(x))\chi_k(x) \text{ for } x \in M \setminus I_{\chi_k} \\ 0 \text{ for } x \in I_{\chi_k} \end{cases}$$

for some  $\alpha_k \in \mathbf{C}$ .

Conversely, if  $f$  and  $g$  have the forms described above, then the pair  $(f, g)$  is a solution. Moreover, if  $M$  is a topological monoid generated by its squares, and  $f, g \in C(M)$ , then  $\chi_k, \chi_k \circ \tau \in C(M)$ , while  $A_k \in C(M \setminus I_{\chi_k})$ .

**Proof.** The proof follows by putting  $\sigma = id$  in Theorem 2.4.  $\square$

### 3. Superstability of Hilbert valued cosine type functional equations

The main result of this section is Theorem 3.3 that contains a superstability result for the functional equation (1.6). For the proof of our result we will begin by pointing out a superstability result for the equation

$$(3.1) \quad f(xy) + f(\sigma(y)x) = 2f(x)g(y)$$

where  $f, g : G \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  are the unknown functions.

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $\delta > 0$  be given, let  $M$  be a monoid and let  $\sigma$  is an involutive morphism of  $M$ . Assume that the functions  $f, g : M \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  satisfies the inequality*

$$|f(xy) + f(\sigma(y)x) - 2f(x)g(y)| \leq \delta \text{ for all } x, y \in M,$$

and that  $g$  is unbounded. Then, the ordered pair  $(f, g)$  satisfies equation (3.1).

**Proof.** The proof is part of the proof of [3, Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 3.7] if we put  $\chi = 1$  that deals with  $M$  being a group.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $\delta > 0$  be given and let  $G$  be a monoid. Assume that the function  $f : G \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  satisfies the inequality*

$$|f(xy) + f(\sigma(y)x) - 2f(x)f(y)| \leq \delta \text{ for all } x, y \in G.$$

Then, either

$$|f(x)| \leq \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 + 2\delta}}{2} \text{ for all } x \in G,$$

or  $f$  has the form

$$f = \frac{\mu + \mu \circ \sigma}{2},$$

where  $\mu$  is a multiplicative function.

**Proof.** The proof follows immediately from Proposition 3.1 and Theorem [1, Theorem 4].  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $\delta > 0$  be given and let  $M$  be a monoid. Assume that the functions  $f, g : M \rightarrow H$  satisfy the inequality*

$$(3.2) \quad \|f(xy) + f(\sigma(y)x) - 2f(x) * g(y)\| \leq \delta \text{ for all } x, y \in M.$$

*Then, either*

- (i) *there exists  $k \geq 1$  such that the function  $x \mapsto \langle g(x), e_k \rangle$  is bounded,*
- or
- (ii) *the pair  $(f, g)$  is a solution of the functional equation:*

$$(3.3) \quad f(xy) + f(\sigma(y)x) = 2f(x) * g(y).$$

**Proof.** Suppose that the pair  $(f, g)$  satisfies (3.2). By applying the Parseval identity and the definition of Hadamard product with the inequality (3.2), we find that the scalar valued functions  $f_k, g_k$  defined by

$$f_k(x) = \langle f(x), e_k \rangle \text{ and } g_k(x) = \langle g(x), e_k \rangle \text{ for } x \in M,$$

satisfy the inequality

$$|f_k(xy) + f_k(\sigma(y)x) - 2f_k(x)g_k(y)| \leq \delta \text{ for all } x, y \in M.$$

According to Proposition 3.1, for all  $k \in \mathbf{N}$ , we have that either the function  $x \mapsto \langle g(x), e_k \rangle$  is bounded or the pair  $(f_k, g_k)$  is a solution of (3.1). Then, we conclude that the pair  $(f, g)$  satisfies equation (3.3) if assertion (i) fails.  $\square$

In [4] it was proved that if  $g : H \rightarrow H$  is surjective, then every component function  $x \mapsto \langle g(x), e_n \rangle$  is unbounded. By applying Theorem (3.3), this leads to the following result.

**Corollary 3.4.** *Let  $\delta > 0$  be given. Assume that functions  $f, g : H \rightarrow H$ , where  $g$  is surjective, satisfy the inequality*

$$\|f(xy) + f(\sigma(y)x) - 2f(x) * g(y)\| \leq \delta \text{ for all } x, y \in H.$$

*Then, the pair  $(f, g)$  satisfies the equation*

$$f(xy) + f(\sigma(y)x) = 2f(x) * g(y) \text{ for all } x, y \in H.$$

**Proof.** Since  $g$  is surjective, then every component function  $x \mapsto \langle g(x), e_n \rangle$  is unbounded. Thus, the proof follows immediately from Theorem 3.3.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.5.** *Let  $\delta > 0$  be given and let  $G$  be a topological group. Assume that the function  $g : G \rightarrow H$  satisfies the inequality*

$$\|g(xy) + g(\sigma(y)x) - 2g(x) * g(y)\| \leq \delta \text{ for all } x, y \in G.$$

*Then, either there exists  $k \geq 1$  such that*

$$|\langle g(x), e_k \rangle| \leq \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 + 2\delta}}{2} \text{ for all } x \in G$$

*or there exist a multiplicative function  $\chi_k : M \rightarrow \mathbf{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and a positive integer  $N$  such that*

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \epsilon_n (\chi_k(x) + \chi_k \circ \sigma(x)) e_n, \text{ for all } x \in G,$$

*where  $\epsilon_n = 1$  or  $0$  for every  $n \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ .*

**Proof.** If we put  $f = g$  in Theorem 3.3, we immediately have that either there exists  $k \geq 1$  such that the function  $x \mapsto \langle g(x), e_k \rangle$  is bounded or  $g$  is a solution of the equation

$$g(xy) + g(\sigma(y)x) = 2g(x) * g(y), \quad x, y \in G.$$

The remainder of the proof follows if we put  $\chi = 1$  from Corollary [3, Corollary 3.8] and Corollary 2.3.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.6.** *Let  $\delta > 0$  be given and let  $G$  be a group with identity element. Let  $g : G \rightarrow H$  such that*

$$\|g(xy) + g(yx) - 2g(x) * g(y)\| \leq \delta \text{ for all } x, y \in G.$$

*Then either  $g$  is bounded or  $g$  is multiplicative.*

**Proof.** From Corollary 2.2 and Corollary 2.5 and then using [3, Corollary 3.9].  $\square$

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