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

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

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

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  $f: G \to \mathbf{C}$ , if every such function satisfies the inequality

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

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

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

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

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

When f we determine the solutions of the functional equation

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

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

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

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  $A : M \to \mathbf{C}$  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  $\chi : M \to \mathbf{C}$  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  $x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_n \in M$ .

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  $\chi: M \to \mathbb{C}$  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 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  $\sigma, \tau : M \to M$  be involutive automorphisms. Assume that the functions  $f, g : M \to H$  satisfy (1.5). Then, there exists a positive integer N such that

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

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

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

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  $\alpha_k \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ . 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  $k \ge 0$ , consider the functions  $f_k, g_k : M \to \mathbf{C}$  defined by

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

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

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

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

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

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

 $f_k = 0$  and  $g_k$  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

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

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  $g_n$ ,  $1 \le n \le N$ , 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).  $\Box$ 

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

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

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

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

where  $\epsilon_k = 1$  or 0 for every  $k \in \{1, 2, ..., N\}$ . 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.  $\Box$ 

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

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

Then, there exists a positive integer N such that

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

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

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

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

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.  $\Box$ 

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  $\sigma, \tau : M \to M$  be involutive automorphisms. Assume that the pair  $f, g : M \to \mathbf{C}$ , satisfy Wilson's Hilbert valued functional equation (1.6). Then, there exists a positive integer N such that

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

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

(i)  

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

where  $\chi_k : M \to \mathbf{C}$  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  $\chi_k : M \to \mathbf{C}$  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  $A_k : M \setminus I_{\chi_k \circ \sigma} \to \mathbf{C}$  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  $k \ge 0$ , we consider the functions  $f_k, g_k : M \to \mathbf{C}$ , defined by

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

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

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

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

 $f_k = 0$  and  $g_k$  is an arbitrary function.

(b) There exists a non -zero multiplicative function  $\chi_k: M \to \mathbf{C}$  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  $\chi_k : M \to \mathbf{C}$  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  $A_k : M \setminus I_{\chi_k \circ \sigma} \to \mathbf{C}$  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

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

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  $g_n$ ,  $1 \le n \le N$  of f and g follow from the previous discussion. In the case where H is a finite-dimensional space, the proof is clear.  $\Box$ 

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

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

for all  $x \in M$  and k > 0. Furthermore, for every  $k \in \{1, 2, ..., N\}$ , 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  $\chi_k: M \to \mathbf{C}$  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  $A_k : M \setminus I_{\chi_k} \to \mathbf{C}$ 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.  $\Box$ 

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

where  $f, g: G \to \mathbf{C}$  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  $f, g : M \to \mathbb{C}$  satisfies the inequality

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

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.  $\Box$ 

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

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

Then, either

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

or f has the form

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

where  $\mu$  is a multiplicative function.

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

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

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

Then, either

(i) there exists  $k \ge 1$  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) 
$$f(xy) + f(\sigma(y)x) = 2f(x) * g(y).$$

**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

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

satisfy the inequality

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

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.  $\Box$ 

In [4] it was proved that if  $g: H \to H$  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  $f, g : H \to H$ , where g is surjective, satisfy the inequality

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

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.  $\Box$ 

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

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

Then, either there exists  $k \ge 1$  such that

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

or there exist a multiplicative function  $\chi_k : M \to \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  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  $k \ge 1$  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.  $\Box$ 

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

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

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]. □

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