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เมื่อ  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  และ  $m \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0,1\}$  เป็นค่าคงที่ใดๆ

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# Solutions and Stabilities of Some Equations

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### ABSTRACT

We find the solutions and stabilities of two functional equations which are a generalized version of Davison functional equation, i.e.,

$$f(xy) + mf(x+y) = f(xy+x) + f(my)$$

and

$$f(xy) + mf(x+y) = f(xy+x) + mf(y)$$

where  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $m \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, 1\}$  is a constant.

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#### **1.** Introduction

In 1940, Ulam [1] introduced the following problem, which has since been referred to as a "stability" problem: let f be a mapping from a group  $(G_1, +)$  to a metric group  $(G_2, +)$  with metric d(.,.) such that

$$d(f(x+y), f(x)+f(y)) \le \varepsilon$$

Do there exist a group homomorphism  $L: G_1 \to G_2$  and a constant  $\delta_{\varepsilon} > 0$  such that  $d(f(x), L(x)) \le \delta_{\varepsilon}$  for all  $x \in G_1$ ? This means that if we change a bit of the functional equation, then there is a little effect to its solution? In 1941, Hyers [2] proved that if  $f: E_1 \to E_2$  is a function satisfying

$$\|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \le \delta$$

for all  $x, y \in E_1$ , where  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are Banach spaces and  $\delta$  is a given positive number, then there exists a unique additive function  $T: E_1 \to E_2$  such that

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \le \delta$$

for all  $x \in E_1$ . If f is a real continuous function on  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying

$$\left| f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y) \right| \le \delta,$$

it was shown by Hyers and Ulam that there exists a constant k such that

$$|f(x)-kx| \leq 2\delta$$

In 1980, T.M.K. Davison [3] introduced the functional equation

$$f(xy) + f(x + y) = f(xy + x) + f(y)$$
(\*)

in the 17<sup>th</sup> ISFE (Oberwolfach). During the meeting, W. Benz presented that every continuous solution  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  of (\*) for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  is of the form f(x) = ax + b where *a*,*b* are real constants. Next, in 1999, Jung and Sahoo [2] found the stability of (\*) and its Pexider form:

$$f(xy) + g(x + y) = h(xy + x) + k(y).$$
(\*\*)

In 2000,  $\mathbb{R}$ . Girgensohn and K. Lajkó [4] solved the general solution of (\*) and (\*\*) for  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  and for  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , respectively.

In this paper, we propose the general solutions and stabilities of two functional equations which are an extended version of (\*). Those are the functional equations

$$f(xy) + mf(x + y) = f(xy + mx) + f(my)$$
(1)

and

$$f(xy) + mf(x + y) = f(xy + mx) + mf(y)$$
(2)

where  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $m \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, 1\}$ .

### **2.** Solutions

We find the solutions of (1) and (2), the results are

**Theorem 2.1** For a fixed  $m \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0,1\}$ . The function  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  satisfies the functional equation (1) for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  if and only if f is an additive function such that f(mx) = mf(x). *Proof.* For a fixed  $m \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0,1\}$ . Suppose that f is an additive function such that f(mx) = mf(x). Thus, we obtain

$$f(x,y) + mf(x + y) = f(xy) + f(mx + my) = f(xy) + f(mx) + f(my) = f(xy + mx) + f(my),$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . So *f* satisfies (1).

Next, we show the "if part" of this theorem. Assume that  $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  satisfies the functional equation (1) for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Replacing y by y + m into (1), we get

$$f(xy + mx) + mf(x + y + m) = f(xy + 2mx) + f(my + m^2).$$
(2.1)

By adding (1) and (2.1), we have

$$f(xy) + mf(x + y) + mf(x + y + m) = f(my) + f(xy + 2mx) + f(my + m^2)$$

From the above equation, we substitute x by  $\frac{x}{2}$  and y by 2y:

$$f(xy) + mf(\frac{x}{2} + 2y) + mf(\frac{x}{2} + 2y + m) = f(2my) + f(xy + mx) + f(2my + m^2).$$
(2.2)

Next, we subtract (1) from (2.2), that is, (2.2) - (1), to get

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$$mf(\frac{x}{2}+2y) + mf(\frac{x}{2}+2y+m) - mf(x+y) = f(2my) + f(2my+m^2) - f(my).$$

Then, replacing x by x-y in the above equation, we get

$$mf(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{3y}{2}) + mf(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{3y}{2} + m) - mf(x) = f(2my) + f(2my + m^2) - f(my).$$

Replacing y by  $\frac{y}{3}$  in the last equation:

$$mf(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2}) + mf(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2} + m) - mf(x) = f(\frac{2my}{3}) + f(\frac{2my}{3} + m^2) - f(\frac{my}{3}).$$

Now, it is of the pexider form:

$$A_{3}(x+y) = A_{2}(x) + A_{1}(y)$$

where

$$A_{1}(t) \coloneqq f(\frac{2mt}{3}) + f(\frac{2mt}{3} + m^{2}) - f(\frac{mt}{3}), \qquad (2.3)$$

$$A_2(t) := mf(t), \tag{2.4}$$

$$A_3 := mf(\frac{t}{2}) + mf(\frac{t}{2} + m).$$
(2.5)

So there exists an additive function  $A:\mathbb{R}\to\mathbb{R}$  and constants  $d_1, d_2\in\mathbb{R}$  such that

$$A_1(x) = A(x) + d_1, (2.6)$$

$$A_2(x) = A(x) + d_2$$
, and (2.7)

$$A_3(x) = A(x) + d_1 + d_2.$$
(2.8)

From (2.4) and (2.7), we get

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{m} A_2(x) = \frac{1}{m} A(x) + \frac{d_2}{m}.$$
(2.9)

From (2.3) and (2.6), we have

$$A(x) + d_1 = f(\frac{2mx}{3}) + f(\frac{2mx}{3} + m^2) - f(\frac{mx}{3}).$$
(2.10)

Hence, from (2.9) and (2.10), we obtain that

$$A(x) + d_1 = \frac{1}{m} A(\frac{2mx}{3}) + \frac{d_2}{m} + \frac{1}{m} A(\frac{2mx}{3} + m^2) + \frac{d_2}{m} - \frac{1}{m} A(\frac{mx}{3}) - \frac{d_2}{m}$$
$$= \frac{1}{m} A(mx) + \frac{1}{m} A(m^2) + \frac{d_2}{m}.$$
(2.11)

From (2.5), (2.8) and (2.9), we get

$$A(x) + d_{1} + d_{2} = mf(\frac{x}{2}) + mf(\frac{x}{2} + m)$$

$$A(x) + d_{1} + d_{2} = A(\frac{x}{2}) + d_{2} + A(\frac{x}{2} + m) + d_{2}$$

$$A(x) + d_{1} = A(x) + A(m) + d_{2}$$

$$d_{1} = A(m) + d_{2}.$$
(2.12)

Next, we substitute x by -m in (2.11):

$$A(-m) + d_1 = \frac{1}{m} A(-m^2) + \frac{1}{m} A(m^2) + \frac{d_2}{m}$$
$$mA(-m) + md_1 = d_2$$
$$m(-A(m) + d_1) = d_2.$$

By (2.12), we obtain

$$md_2 = d_2$$
$$(m-1)d_2 = 0.$$

Since  $m \neq 1$ , so

$$d_2 = 0.$$
 (2.13)

And replacing x by 0 in (2.11), we have

$$A(0) + d_1 = \frac{1}{m} A(0) + \frac{1}{m} A(m^2) + \frac{d_2}{m}$$
$$md_1 = A(m^2) + d_2.$$

From (2.12) and (2.13), so

$$mA(m) = A(m^2).$$
 (2.14)

By using (2.11), (2.12), (2.13) and (2.14), we obtain that

$$A(x) + d_1 = \frac{1}{m}A(mx) + \frac{1}{m}A(m^2) + \frac{d_2}{m}$$
$$mA(x) + md_1 = A(mx) + A(m^2)$$
$$mA(x) + mA(m) = A(mx) + mA(m)$$
$$mA(x) = A(mx) .$$

So, by (2.9), we get

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{m}A(x)$$

where  $A: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is an additive function such that  $f(mx) = \frac{1}{m}A(mx) = \frac{1}{m}mA(x) = A(x) = mf(x)$ , i.e., *f* is an additive function where f(mx) = mf(x).

**Theorem 2.2** For a fixed  $m \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0,1\}$ . If the function  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  satisfies the functional equation (2) for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , then f is of the form

$$f(x) = A(x) + b$$

where  $A: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an additive function and  $b \in \mathbb{R}$  is a constant.

*Proof. Suppose that*  $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  satisfies the functional equation (2) for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . First, we substitute y by y + m in (2):

$$f(xy + mx) + mf(x + y + m) = f(xy + 2mx) + mf(y + m).$$
(2.15)

By adding (2) and (2.15), we have

$$f(xy) + mf(x + y) + mf(x + y + m) = mf(y) + f(xy + 2mx) + mf(y + m).$$

Replacing x by  $\frac{x}{2}$  and y by 2y in the last equation, we get

$$f(xy) + mf(\frac{x}{2} + 2y) + mf(\frac{x}{2} + 2y + m) = mf(2y) + f(xy + mx) + mf(2y + m).$$
(2.16)

From (2) and (2.16), we get

$$mf(\frac{x}{2} + 2y) + mf(\frac{x}{2} + 2y + m) - mf(x + y) = mf(2y) + mf(2y + m) - mf(y)$$
$$f(\frac{x}{2} + 2y) + f(\frac{x}{2} + 2y + m) - f(x + y) = f(2y) + f(2y + m) - f(y).$$

Next, replacing x by x - y:

$$f(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{3y}{2}) + f(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{3y}{2} + m) - f(x) = f(2y) + f(2y + m) - f(y)$$

By substituting y by  $\frac{y}{3}$  in the above equation, we obtain

$$f(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2}) + f(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2} + m) = f(x) + f(\frac{2y}{3}) + f(\frac{2y}{3} + m) - f(\frac{y}{3}).$$

We see that the above equation is of the pexider form

$$A_3(x+y) = A_2(x) + A_1(y)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A_1(t) &\coloneqq f(\frac{2t}{3}) + f(\frac{2t}{3} + m) - f(\frac{t}{3}) \\ A_2(t) &\coloneqq f(t), \\ A_3(t) &\coloneqq f(\frac{t}{2}) + f(\frac{t}{2} + m). \end{aligned}$$

So the general solutions are

$$A_1(t) := A(t) + a,$$
  

$$A_2(t) := A(t) + b \quad \text{and}$$
  

$$A_3(t) := A(t) + a + b$$

where  $A: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an additive function and a, b are constants. So

$$f(x) = A(x) + b$$

#### 3. Stabilities

In this section, we consider the stabilities of (1) and (2) with new condition, i.e., m is a nonzero real number. The results are stated below.

**Theorem 3.1** For a fixed  $m, \delta \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $m \neq 0$  and  $\delta > 0$ . If the function  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  satisfies the inequality

$$|f(xy) + mf(x + y) - f(xy + mx) - f(my)| \le \delta$$
(3.1)

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , then there exists a unique additive function  $A: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\left| f(x) - f(0) - \frac{1}{m} A(x) \right| \le \frac{12\delta}{|m|}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof.* First, we replace y by y + m in (3.1):

$$f(xy + mx) + mf(x + y + m) - f(xy + 2mx) - f(my + m^2) \le \delta.$$
(3.2)

By adding (3.1) and (3.2), we get

$$|f(xy) + mf(x + y) - f(my) + mf(x + y + m) - f(xy + 2mx) - f(my + m^{2})|$$
  

$$\leq |f(xy) + mf(x + y) - f(xy + mx) - f(my)| + |f(xy + mx) + mf(x + y + m)|$$
  

$$f(xy + 2mx) - f(my + m^{2})| \leq 2\delta.$$

Replacing x by  $\frac{x}{2}$  and y by 2y in the above inequality, we obtain

$$|f(xy) + mf(\frac{x}{2} + 2y) - f(2my) + mf(\frac{x}{2} + 2y + m) - f(xy + mx) - f(2my + m^2)| \le 2\delta.$$
(3.3)

From (3.1) and (3.3), we get

$$\begin{split} | mf(\frac{x}{2}+2y) - f(2my) + mf(\frac{x}{2}+2y+m) - f(2my+m^2) - mf(x+y) + f(my) | \\ \leq |-f(xy) - mf(x+y) + f(xy+mx) + f(my) | \\ + | f(xy) + mf(\frac{x}{2}+2y) - f(2my) + mf(\frac{x}{2}+2y+m) - f(xy+mx) - f(2my+m^2) | \\ \leq 3\delta \,. \end{split}$$

Replacing x by x - y in the above inequality, we have

$$\left| mf(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{3y}{2}) + mf(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{3y}{2} + m) - mf(x) - f(2my) - f(2my + m^2) + f(my) \right| \le 3\delta.$$

Letting y by  $\frac{y}{3}$ , we obtain

$$\left| mf(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2}) + mf(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2} + m) - mf(x) - f(\frac{2my}{3}) - f(\frac{2my}{3} + m^2) + f(\frac{my}{3}) \right| \le 3\delta.$$
(3.4)

Next, we let  $g,h:\mathbb{R}\to\mathbb{R}$  define by

$$g(x) = f(\frac{2mx}{3}) + f(\frac{2mx}{3} + m) - f(\frac{mx}{3})$$

$$h(x) = mf(\frac{x}{2}) + mf(\frac{x}{2} + m).$$
(3.5)

From (3.4) and (3.5), we get

$$|h(x+y) - mf(x) - g(y)| \le 3\delta$$
. (3.6)

Replacing y by 0 in (3.6), we obtain

$$|h(x) - mf(x) - g(0)| \le 3\delta$$
. (3.7)

Similarly, we replace x by 0 in (3.6), we have that

$$|h(y) - mf(0) - g(y)| \le 3\delta$$
. (3.8)

Next, we define

$$H(x) = h(x) - mf(0) - g(0).$$
(3.9)

By using (3.6), (3.7), (3.8) and (3.9), we have

$$|H(x+y) - H(x) - H(y)| = |h(x+y) - h(x) - h(y) + mf(0) + g(0)|$$
  

$$\leq |h(x+y) - mf(x) - g(y)| + |mf(x) - h(x) + g(0)| + |g(y) - h(y) + mf(0)|$$
  

$$\leq 9\delta.$$
(3.10)

Now using Hyers theorem [2], we get that

$$|H(x) - A(x)| \le 9\delta, \qquad (3.11)$$

where  $A:\mathbb{R}\to\mathbb{R}$  is a unhage additive function such that  $A(x) = \lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{H(2^n x)}{2^n}$ . By (3.7), (3.9) and (3.10), we have

$$|mf(x) - mf(0) - A(x)| \le |-h(x) + mf(x) + g(0)| + |h(x) - mf(0) - g(0) - A(x)|$$
  
 $\le 12\delta.$ 

Thus, we obtain

$$\left|f(x) - f(0) - \frac{1}{m}A(x)\right| \le \frac{12\delta}{|m|}$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ 

**Theorem 3.2** For a fixed  $m, \delta \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $m \neq 0$  and  $\delta > 0$ . If the function  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  satisfies the inequality

$$|f(xy) + mf(x+y) - f(xy+mx) - mf(y)| \le \delta$$
, (3.12)

then there exists a unique additive function  $A: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$|f(x) - f(0) - A(x)| \le \frac{12\delta}{|m|}$$

for all  $m \in \mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof.* First, we substitute y by y + m in (3.12):

$$|f(xy+mx)+mf(x+y+m)-f(xy+2mx)-mf(y+m)| \le \delta.$$
 (3.13)

By adding (3.12) and (3.13), we get

$$\begin{aligned} |f(xy) + mf(x+y) - mf(y) + mf(x+y+m) - f(xy+2mx) - mf(y+m)| \\ \leq & |f(xy) + mf(x+y) - f(xy+mx) - mf(y)| \\ & + & |f(xy+mx) + mf(x+y+m) - f(xy+2mx) - mf(y+m)| \\ \leq & 2\delta. \end{aligned}$$

Replacing x by  $\frac{x}{2}$  and y by 2y in the above inequality, we get

$$\left| f(xy) + mf(\frac{x}{2} + 2y) - mf(2y) + mf(\frac{x}{2} + 2y + m) - f(xy + mx) - mf(2y + m) \right| \le 2\delta.$$
(3.14)

From (3.12) and (3.14), we have that

$$| mf(\frac{x}{2}+2y) - mf(2y) + mf(\frac{x}{2}+2y+m) - mf(x+y) + mf(y) |$$
  

$$\leq |-f(xy) - mf(x+y) + f(xy+mx) + mf(y) |$$
  

$$+ | f(xy) + mf(\frac{x}{2}+2y) - mf(2y) + mf(\frac{x}{2}+2y+m) - f(xy+mx) - mf(2y+m) |$$
  

$$3\delta.$$

So we get

$$\left| f(\frac{x}{2}+2y) + f(\frac{x}{2}+2y+m) - f(x+y) - f(2y) - f(2y+m) + f(y) \right| \le \frac{3\delta}{|m|}.$$

From the last inequality, we replace x by x - y to get

$$\left|f(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{3y}{2}) + f(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{3y}{2} + m) - f(x) - f(2y) - f(2y + m) + f(y)\right| \le \frac{3\delta}{|m|}$$

And then substitute y by  $\frac{y}{3}$ :

$$\left| f(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2}) + f(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2} + m) - f(x) - f(\frac{2y}{3}) - f(\frac{2y}{3} + m) + f(\frac{y}{3}) \right| \le \frac{3\delta}{|m|}.$$
 (3.15)

Next, we define the function  $g,h:\mathbb{R}\to\mathbb{R}$  by

$$g(x) = f(\frac{2x}{3}) + f(\frac{2x}{3} + m) - f(\frac{x}{3})$$

$$h(x) = f(\frac{x}{2}) + f(\frac{x}{2} + m).$$
(3.16)

From (3.15) and (3.16), we get

$$|h(x+y) - f(x) - g(y)| \le \frac{3\delta}{|m|}.$$
 (3.17)

From (3.17), we substitute y by 0 and x by 0 respectively to get

$$|h(x) - f(x) - g(0)| \le \frac{3\delta}{|m|}$$
 (3.18)

and

$$|h(y) - f(0) - g(y)| \le \frac{3\delta}{|m|}.$$
 (3.19)

Next, we define

$$H(x) = h(x) - f(0) - g(0)$$
(3.20)

Using (3.17), (3.18), (3.19) and (3.20), we obtain

$$|H(x+y) - H(x) - H(y)| = |h(x+y) - h(x) - h(y) + f(0) + g(0)|$$
  

$$\leq |h(x+y) - f(x) - g(y)| + |f(x) - h(x) + g(0)| + |g(y) - h(y) + f(0)|$$
  

$$\leq \frac{9\delta}{|m|}.$$

By Hyers theorem [2], we obtain

$$|H(x) - A(x)| \le \frac{9\delta}{|m|} \tag{3.21}$$

where  $A:\mathbb{R}\to\mathbb{R}$  is a unique additive function such that  $A(x) = \lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{H(2^n x)}{2^n}$ . Now using (3.18), (3.20) and (3.21), we obtain

$$|f(x) - f(0) - A(x)| \leq |f(x) + g(0) - h(x)| + |h(x) - f(0) - g(0) - A(x)|$$
  
$$\leq |h(x) - f(x) - g(0)| + |H(x) - A(x)|$$
  
$$\leq \frac{12\delta}{|m|}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

From Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 3.2, if we let m = 1, then we obtain the result of Jung and Sahoo [2]:

**Corollary 3.3** If the function  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  satisfies the inequality

$$\left|f(xy) + f(x+y) - f(xy+x) - f(y)\right| \le \delta$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , then there exists a unique additive function  $A: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\left| f(x) - f(0) - A(x) \right| \le 12\delta$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

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