

## CHARACTERIZATION OF PAIRS OF ADDITIVE FUNCTIONS WITH VALUES IN COMPACT ABELIAN GROUPS

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on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday*

**Abstract.** In this paper we give a complete characterization of those pairs of additive functions with values in compact Abelian groups which satisfy some regularity properties. Our result improves some results of [6] and [8] concerning this problem.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $G$  be an additively written, metrically compact Abelian topological group,  $\mathbb{N}$  be the set of all positive integers. A function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow G$  will be called completely additive, if

$$f(nm) = f(n) + f(m)$$

holds for all  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}_G^*$  denote the class of all completely additive functions  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow G$ .

Let  $A > 0$  and  $B \neq 0$  be fixed integers. We shall say that an infinite sequence  $\{x_\nu\}_{\nu=1}^\infty$  in  $G$  is of property  $D[A, B]$  if for any convergent subsequence  $\{x_{\nu_n}\}_{n=1}^\infty$  the sequence  $\{x_{A\nu_n+B}\}_{n=1}^\infty$  has a limit, too. We say that it has property  $E[A, B]$  if for any convergent subsequence  $\{x_{A\nu_n+B}\}_{n=1}^\infty$  the sequence  $\{x_{\nu_n}\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is convergent. We shall say that an infinite sequence  $\{x_\nu\}_{\nu=1}^\infty$  in  $G$  is of property  $\Delta[A, B]$  if the sequence  $\{x_{A\nu+B} - x_\nu\}_{\nu=1}^\infty$  has a limit.

Let  $\mathcal{A}_G^*(D[A, B])$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_G^*(E[A, B])$  and  $\mathcal{A}_G^*(\Delta[A, B])$  be the classes of those  $f \in \mathcal{A}_G^*$  for which  $\{x_\nu = f(\nu)\}_{\nu=1}^\infty$  is of property  $D[A, B]$ ,  $E[A, B]$  and  $\Delta[A, B]$ , respectively.

It is obvious that

$$\mathcal{A}_G^*(\Delta[A, B]) \subseteq \mathcal{A}_G^*(D[A, B]), \quad \mathcal{A}_G^*(\Delta[A, B]) \subseteq \mathcal{A}_G^*(E[A, B]).$$

Z.Daróczy and I.Kátaí proved in [1] that

$$\mathcal{A}_G^*(\Delta[1, 1]) = \mathcal{A}_G^*(D[1, 1]),$$

and by using the result due to E.Wirsing, in [2] they deduced the following assertion: If  $f \in \mathcal{A}_G^*(D[1, 1])$ , then there exists a continuous homomorphism  $\Phi : R_* \rightarrow G$ , where  $R_*$  denotes the multiplicative group of the positive reals, such that  $f(n) = \Phi(n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

For the case  $A = 2$  and  $B = -1$  the complete characterization of  $\mathcal{A}_G^*(D[2, -1])$  and  $\mathcal{A}_G^*(\Delta[2, -1])$  has been given by Z.Daróczy and I.Kátaí [4], [5]. The basic idea of their proof is to reduce the condition  $f \in \mathcal{A}_G^*(D[2, -1])$  to the relation

$$f(2n+1) - f(2n-1) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

and apply the modification of Wirsing's theorem.

In [7] and [8] we have given a complete determination of  $\mathcal{A}_G^*(E[A, B])$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_G^*(D[A, B])$  and  $\mathcal{A}_G^*(\Delta[A, B])$ . We proved the following results:

**Theorem A.** ([7]) *For any fixed integers  $A > 0$  and  $B \neq 0$ , we have*

$$\mathcal{A}_G^*(E[A, B]) = \mathcal{A}_G^*(\Delta[A, B]).$$

If

$$f \in \mathcal{A}_G^*(E[A, B]) = \mathcal{A}_G^*(\Delta[A, B]),$$

then there exists a continuous homomorphism  $\Phi : R_* \rightarrow G$ ,  $R_*$  denotes the multiplicative group of the positive reals, such that  $f$  is a restriction of  $\Phi$  on the set  $\mathbb{N}$ , i.e.

$$f(n) = \Phi(n)$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Conversely, let  $\Phi : R_* \rightarrow G$  be arbitrary continuous homomorphism. Then the function

$$f(n) := \Phi(n) \quad (\text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N})$$

belongs to  $\mathcal{A}_G^*(E[A, B]) = \mathcal{A}_G^*(\Delta[A, B])$ .

**Theorem B.** ([8]) *Let  $A > 0$  and  $B \neq 0$  be fixed integers for which  $(A, B) = 1$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}_G^*(D[A, B])$ , then there are  $U \in \mathcal{A}_G^*$  and a continuous homomorphism  $\Phi : R_* \rightarrow G$ , where  $R_*$  denotes the multiplicative group of the positive reals, such that*

- (I)  $f(n) = \Phi(n) + U(n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- (II)  $U(n + A) = U(n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(n, A) = 1$ .
- (III) If  $X_1, \Gamma$  denote the set of all limit points of  $\{\Phi(n) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and  $\{U(n) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , respectively, then

$$X_1 \cap \Gamma = \{0\}$$

and  $\Gamma$  is the smallest closed group generated by

$$\{U(m) \mid 1 \leq m \leq A, (m, A) = 1\} \cup \{U(p) \mid p \text{ is prime, } p|A\}.$$

Conversely, let  $\Phi : R_* \rightarrow G$  be an arbitrary continuous homomorphism,  $X_1$  be the smallest compact subgroup generated by  $\{\Phi(n) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Let  $U \in \mathcal{A}_G^*$  be so chosen that  $U(n + A) = U(n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(n, A) = 1$  and the smallest closed group  $\Gamma$  generated by  $U(\mathbb{N})$  has the property  $X_1 \cap \Gamma = \{0\}$ . Then the function

$$f(n) := \Phi(n) + U(n) \quad (n \in \mathbb{N})$$

belongs to  $\mathcal{A}_G^*(D[A, B])$ .

Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be additively written, metrically compact Abelian topological groups. Let  $A > 0$  and  $B \neq 0$  be integers. In the following we shall denote by  $\mathcal{A}_{G_1, G_2}^*(D[A, B])$  the class of all completely additive functions  $\varphi_1 \in \mathcal{A}_{G_1}^*$  and  $\varphi_2 \in \mathcal{A}_{G_2}^*$ , which have the following property:

If

$$\lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_1(n_\nu) = g \quad (g \in G_1),$$

then the following limit exists:

$$\lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_2(An_\nu + B) = h \quad (h \in G_2).$$

In this case we shall write  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2) \in \mathcal{A}_{G_1, G_2}^*(D[A, B])$ . It is obvious that in the case  $G_1 = G_2 = G$  we have

$$(\varphi, \varphi) \in \mathcal{A}_{G, G}^*(D[A, B]) \text{ is equivalent to } \varphi \in \mathcal{A}_G^*(D[A, B]).$$

In [3], [6] Z.Daróczy and I.Kátaí considered some problems concerning characterizations of pairs of additive functions with regularity properties. For

example, under the condition that  $G_1$  is a  $T_0$  group, the class  $\mathcal{A}_{G_1, G_2}^*(D[1, -1])$  was completely characterized in [6].

We can extend Theorem B as follows:

**Theorem.** *Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be additively written, metrically compact Abelian topological groups and let  $A > 0$  and  $B \neq 0$  be fixed integers for which  $(A, B) = 1$ . If*

$$(\varphi_1, \varphi_2) \in \mathcal{A}_{G_1, G_2}^*(D[A, B]) \quad \text{and} \quad (\varphi_2, \varphi_1) \in \mathcal{A}_{G_2, G_1}^*(D[A, B]),$$

*then for each  $i \in \{1, 2\}$  there are  $U_i \in \mathcal{A}_{G_i}^*$  and a continuous homomorphism  $\Phi_i : R_* \rightarrow G_i$ ,  $R_*$  denotes the multiplicative group of the positive reals, such that*

- (a)  $\varphi_i(n) = \Phi_i(n) + U_i(n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- (b)  $U_i(n + A) = U_i(n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(n, A) = 1$ .
- (c) If  $X_i^*$ ,  $\Gamma_i$  denote the set of all limit points of  $\{\Phi_i(n) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and  $\{U_i(n) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , respectively, then

$$X_i^* \cap \Gamma_i = \{0\}$$

*and  $\Gamma_i$  is the smallest closed group generated by*

$$\{U_i(m) \mid 1 \leq m \leq A, (m, A) = 1\} \cup \{U_i(p) \mid p \text{ is prime, } p|A\}.$$

- (d) *There exists a topological isomorphism  $\Psi : X_1^* \rightarrow X_2^*$  such that  $\Psi\Phi_1 = \Phi_2$ .*

*Conversely, for each  $i \in \{1, 2\}$  let  $\Phi_i : R_* \rightarrow G_i$  be an arbitrary continuous homomorphism,  $X_i^*$  be the smallest compact subgroup generated by  $\{\Phi_i(n) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Let  $U_i \in \mathcal{A}_{G_i}^*$  be so chosen that  $U_i(n + A) = U_i(n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(n, A) = 1$  and the smallest closed group  $\Gamma_i$  generated by  $U_i(\mathbb{N})$  has the property  $X_i^* \cap \Gamma_i = \{0\}$ , furthermore let  $\Psi : X_1^* \rightarrow X_2^*$  be a topological isomorphism such that  $\Psi\Phi_1 = \Phi_2$ . Then*

$$\varphi_i(n) := \Phi_i(n) + U_i(n) \quad (n \in \mathbb{N})$$

*satisfy*

$$(\varphi_1, \varphi_2) \in \mathcal{A}_{G_1, G_2}^*(D[A, B]) \quad \text{and} \quad (\varphi_2, \varphi_1) \in \mathcal{A}_{G_2, G_1}^*(D[A, B]).$$

## 2. Proof of the theorem

In the following we assume that  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are additively written, metrically compact Abelian topological groups. Let  $A > 0$  and  $B \neq 0$  be fixed integers for which  $(A, B) = 1$ . Assume that

$$(\varphi_1, \varphi_2) \in \mathcal{A}_{G_1, G_2}^*(D[A, B]) \quad \text{and} \quad (\varphi_2, \varphi_1) \in \mathcal{A}_{G_2, G_1}^*(D[A, B]).$$

It is easy to show that

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} \mathcal{A}_{G_1, G_2}^*(D[A, B]) \subseteq \mathcal{A}_{G_1, G_2}^*(D[A, 1]) \\ \mathcal{A}_{G_2, G_1}^*(D[A, B]) \subseteq \mathcal{A}_{G_2, G_1}^*(D[A, 1]). \end{cases}$$

For each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  we shall denote by  $X_1^k = X_{\varphi_1}^k$  (resp.  $X_2^k = X_{\varphi_2}^k$ ) the set of limit points of  $\{\varphi_1(kn+1) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  (resp.  $\{\varphi_2(kn+1) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ), i.e.  $g \in X_i^k$  if there exists a sequence

$$n_1 < \dots < n_\nu < \dots \quad (n_\nu \in \mathbb{N}),$$

for which

$$\varphi_i(kn_\nu + 1) \rightarrow g \quad \text{as} \quad \nu \rightarrow \infty.$$

By using Theorem (9.16) of [9], it can be proved as in [8] that for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $i \in \{1, 2\}$  the set  $X_i^k$  is a compact subgroup in  $G_i$  and  $\varphi_i(kn+1) \in X_i^k$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

For each  $i \in \{1, 2\}$  let  $X_i := X_i^1$  and  $X_i^* := X_i^A$ . Let  $g \in X_1$  and  $\varphi_1(n_\nu) \rightarrow g$  as  $\nu \rightarrow \infty$ . Then, by using (1), it follows that the sequence  $\{\varphi_2(An_\nu + 1)\}_{\nu=1}^\infty$  is convergent. Let  $\varphi_2(An_\nu + 1) \rightarrow g'$ , ( $g' \in X_2^*$ ). It is easily seen that  $g'$  is determined by  $g$ , and so the correspondence

$$H_1 : g \rightarrow g' \quad (g \in X_1, g' \in X_2^*)$$

is a function. Similarly, if  $h \in X_2$ ,  $\varphi_2(m_\mu) \rightarrow h$  as  $\mu \rightarrow \infty$ , then the following limit exists:

$$\lim_{\mu \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_1(Am_\mu + 1) := h'.$$

The correspondence

$$H_2 : h \rightarrow h' \quad (h \in X_2, h' \in X_1^*)$$

is a function. The following assertion can be proved easily by using the same method as was used in [1].

**Lemma 1.** *The functions  $H_1 : X_1 \rightarrow X_2^*$  and  $H_2 : X_2 \rightarrow X_1^*$  are continuous, furthermore*

$$H_1(X_1) = X_2^* \quad \text{and} \quad H_2(X_2) = X_1^*.$$

For each  $g \in X_1$  we denote by  $X_2(g) \subseteq X_2$  the set of accumulation points of  $\{\varphi_2(n_\nu)\}_{\nu=1}^\infty$ , while  $\varphi_1(n_\nu) \rightarrow g$  as  $\nu \rightarrow \infty$ , i.e.  $h \in X_2(g)$  if there exists a sequence

$$n_{\nu_1} < \dots < n_{\nu_j} < \dots \quad (j \in \mathbb{N})$$

for which

$$\varphi_2(n_{\nu_j}) \rightarrow h \quad \text{as} \quad j \rightarrow \infty.$$

Similarly, we define the set  $X_1(h) \subseteq X_1$  for each  $h \in X_2$  as the set of limit points of  $\{\varphi_1(m_\nu)\}_{\nu=1}^\infty$ , if  $\varphi_2(m_\nu) \rightarrow h$ .

The following lemma is a key of our proof.

**Lemma 2.** *We have*

$$(2) \quad H_1(g + X_1(h) + \varphi_1(A)) + H_1(g) = H_1[g + H_2(h + H_1(g))]$$

and

$$(3) \quad H_2(h + X_2(g) + \varphi_2(A)) + H_2(h) = H_2[h + H_1(g + H_2(h))]$$

for all  $g \in X_1$  and  $h \in X_2$ , where

$$H_1(g + X_1(h) + \varphi_1(A)) := \{H_1(g + g' + \varphi_1(A)) \mid g' \in X_1(h)\},$$

$$H_2(h + X_2(g) + \varphi_2(A)) := \{H_2(h + h' + \varphi_2(A)) \mid h' \in X_2(g)\}.$$

**Proof.** Let  $g \in X_1$  and  $h \in X_2$  be arbitrary elements. Let

$$n_1 < \dots < n_\nu < \dots \quad \text{and} \quad m_1 < \dots < m_\nu < \dots \quad (n_\nu, m_\nu \in \mathbb{N})$$

be such sequences for which  $\varphi_1(n_\nu) \rightarrow g$  and  $\varphi_2(m_\nu) \rightarrow h$  as  $\nu \rightarrow \infty$ .

By applying the following relations

$$(A^2 n_\nu m_\nu + 1)(A n_\nu + 1) = A n_\nu [A m_\nu (A n_\nu + 1) + 1] + 1,$$

$$(A^2 m_\nu n_\nu + 1)(A m_\nu + 1) = A m_\nu [A n_\nu (A m_\nu + 1) + 1] + 1$$

and using the definitions of  $H_1$ ,  $H_2$ ,  $X_1(h)$  and  $X_2(g)$  we get immediately that (2) and (3) hold. The proof of Lemma 2 is finished.

**Lemma 3.** *There are  $g_0 \in X_1$  and  $h_0 \in X_2$  such that*

$$H_1(g_0) = H_2(h_0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad g_0 \in X_1(h_0).$$

**Proof.** Let  $S (\subseteq X_1^*)$  denote the set of all limit points of sequences  $\{\varphi_1(An_\nu + 1)\}_{\nu=1}^\infty$  while  $\varphi_2(An_\nu + 1) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\nu \rightarrow \infty$ . By using Theorem (9.16) of [9], it can be proved as in [8] that  $S$  is a closed semigroup in  $X_1^*$ , consequently  $S$  is a compact group. Therefore  $0 \in S$ , i.e. there is a sequence  $\{N_\nu\}_{\nu=1}^\infty$  such that

$$\varphi_1(AN_{\nu'} + 1) \rightarrow 0, \quad \varphi_2(AN_\nu + 1) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as} \quad \nu', \nu \rightarrow \infty$$

for some subsequence  $\{\nu'\}$  of  $\{\nu\}$ . Let  $\{\nu'''\} \subseteq \{\nu''\} \subseteq \{\nu'\}$  be suitable rarefactions of  $\{\nu'\}$  such that

$$\varphi_1(N_{\nu'''} + 1) \rightarrow g_0 \in X_1, \quad \varphi_2(N_{\nu''} + 1) \rightarrow h_0 \in X_2.$$

Then  $H_1(g_0) = H_2(h_0) = 0$  and  $g_0 \in X_1(h_0)$ . This completes the proof of Lemma 3.

**Lemma 4.** *We have*

$$(4) \quad H_1(-\varphi_1(A)) = H_2(-\varphi_2(A)) = 0.$$

**Proof.** Let  $i \in \{1, 2\}$  be a fixed integer and let

$$E(\varphi_i) := \{\varrho \in X_i \mid H_i(\varrho) = 0\}.$$

Since  $X_i^*$  is a group, therefore  $0 \in X_i^*$ . Thus, it follows from Lemma 1 that there is at least one  $\varrho$  for which  $H_i(\varrho) = 0$ . Then  $E(\varphi_i) \neq \emptyset$ .

First we note from (3) that

$$(5) \quad H_1(\varrho_1 + X_1(\varrho_2) + \varphi_1(A)) = 0 \quad \text{if} \quad H_1(\varrho_1) = H_2(\varrho_2) = 0.$$

Let  $g_0 \in E(\varphi_1)$  and  $h_0 \in E(\varphi_2)$  be the elements determined in Lemma 3. By using (5) and induction on  $k$ , one can deduce that

$$(6) \quad H_1(kg_0 + (k-1)\varphi_1(A)) = 0$$

holds for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , which with the method used in the proof of Lemma 4 in [8] implies that (6) also holds for all integers  $k$ . In the case when  $k = 0$  we have  $H_1(-\varphi_1(A)) = 0$ .

In the same way, we also obtain that  $H_2(-\varphi_2(A)) = 0$ . Lemma 4 is proved.

Now we prove the Theorem.

We apply (3) with  $g = -\varphi_1(A)$  and use Lemma 4, we have

$$H_1[X_1(h)] = H_1[H_2(h) - \varphi_1(A)] \quad \text{for all } h \in X_2.$$

This with the definitions of  $H_1$  and  $X_1(h)$  shows that if  $\varphi_2(m_\nu) \rightarrow h$ , then

$$\varphi_2(Am_\nu + 1) \rightarrow H_1[H_2(h) - \varphi_1(A)],$$

i.e.

$$\varphi_2 \in \mathcal{A}_{G_2}^*(D[A, 1]).$$

Similarly, we have

$$\varphi_1 \in \mathcal{A}_{G_1}^*(D[A, 1]).$$

From Theorem B, for each  $i \in \{1, 2\}$  there is  $U_i \in \mathcal{A}_{G_i}^*$  and a continuous homomorphism  $\Phi_i : R_* \rightarrow G_i$  which satisfy the parts (a), (b) and (c) of our theorem. It is easy to show that the correspondence  $\Phi_1(n) \leftrightarrow \Phi_2(n)$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) generates a topological isomorphism  $\Psi$  between  $X_1^*$  and  $X_2^*$  and  $\Psi\Phi_1 = \Phi_2$ .

The converse assertion is true as well. The proof of the theorem is finished.

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