

ON PEXIDER ADDITIVE FUNCTIONAL EQUATIONS

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Absztrakt

Legyen $Y(+)$ egy Abel csoport, $D \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^2$ ($\mathbb{Z}(+, \leq)$ jelöli az egész számok rendezett csoportját). $D_x := \{u \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \text{létezik } v \in X; (u, v) \in D\}$, $D_y := \{v \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \text{létezik } u \in X; (u, v) \in D\}$, $D_{x+y} := \{z \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \text{létezik } (u, v) \in D; z = u + v\}$. A cikk célja megadni azokat a $D \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^2$ halmazokat, melyekre az általános megoldása az $f(x+y) = g(x) + h(y)$ ($(x, y) \in D$) függvényegyenletnek $f: D_{x+y} \rightarrow Y$, $g: D_x \rightarrow Y$; $h: D_y \rightarrow Y$ ismeretlen függvényekkel $f(u) = a(u) + C_1 + C_2$ ($u \in D_{x+y}$), $g(v) = a(v) + C_1$ ($v \in D_x$); $h(z) = a(z) + C_2$ ($z \in D_y$) alakúak, ahol $a: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow Y$ egy additív függvény $C_1, C_2 \in Y$ konstansokkal).

Kulcsszavak: additív függvények, additív függvényegyenlet, Pexider additív függvényegyenletek, korlátozott Pexider additív függvényegyenletek, archimédészien rendezett Abel-csoportok, rendezett sűrű csoportok, függvényegyenletek általános megoldása, diszkrét halmazok

Abstract

Let $Y(+)$ egy Abelian group, $D \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^2$ ($\mathbb{Z}(+, \leq)$ denotes the ordered group of the integers). $D_x := \{u \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \text{exists } v \in X; (u, v) \in D\}$, $D_y := \{v \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \text{exists } u \in X; (u, v) \in D\}$, $D_{x+y} := \{z \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \text{exists } (u, v) \in D; z = u + v\}$. The aim of the article is to find sets $D \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^2$ that the general solution of the functional equation $f(x+y) = g(x) + h(y)$ ($(x, y) \in D$) with unknown functions $f: D_{x+y} \rightarrow Y$, $g: D_x \rightarrow Y$; $h: D_y \rightarrow Y$ is in the form of $f(u) = a(u) + C_1 + C_2$ ($u \in D_{x+y}$), $g(v) = a(v) + C_1$ ($v \in D_x$); $h(z) = a(z) + C_2$ ($z \in D_y$) where $a: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow Y$ is an additive function, $C_1, C_2 \in Y$ are constants).

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1. Introduction

The main purpose of this article is to find nonempty sets $D \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^2$ such that the general solution of the functional equation

$$f(x + y) = g(x) + h(y) \quad (x, y \in D) \quad (\text{PexAdd})$$

with unknown functions $f: D_{x+y} \rightarrow Y$, $g: D_x \rightarrow Y$, $h: D_y \rightarrow Y$, where $Y(+)$ is an Abelian group, the sets D_x, D_y, D_{x+y} are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} D_x &:= \{u \in X \mid \exists v \in \mathbb{G}: (u, v) \in D\}, \\ D_y &:= \{v \in Y \mid \exists u \in \mathbb{G}: (u, v) \in D\}, \\ D_{x+y} &:= \{z \in X \mid \exists (u, v) \in D: z = u + v\}, \end{aligned}$$

is in the form of

$$\begin{aligned} f(u) &= a(u) + C_1 + C_2 & u &\in D_{x+y}, & (\text{PexAddMo}) \\ g(v) &= a(v) + C_1 & v &\in D_x, \\ h(z) &= a(z) + C_2 & z &\in D_y, \end{aligned}$$

where $a: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow Y$ is an additive function, $C_1, C_2 \in Y$ are constants.

Definition 1.1. The nonempty set $D \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^2$ is said to be suitable if (preserved the notation above) the general solution of functional equation (PexAdd) is in the form of (PexAddMo).

- If $X(+)$ and $Y(+)$ are structures, $a: X \rightarrow Y$ is a function such that $a(x + y) = a(x) + a(y)$ for all $x, y \in X$, the function a is said to be **additive function** (Aczél et al., 1965), (Aczél, 1966), (Aczél et al., 1989) and (Kuczma, 2009).
- If $X(+)=Y(+)=\mathbb{R}(+)$, and function $a: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is an additive function, then function a is said to be **Cauchy additive function** (Cauchy, 1821), see also (Legendre, 1791; Gauss, 1809).
- It is worth mentioning that A. L. Cauchy was the first who proved that the continuous additive function $a: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is in the form $a(x) = cx$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ where $c \in \mathbb{R}$ is a constant. It is well-known that if a Cauchy additive function a is not continuous, then the graph of a is dense in \mathbb{R}^2 which can be easily show by Hamel bases.
- If $X(+)$, and $Y(+)$ are structures, $D \subseteq X^2$, and the unknown functions $f: D_{x+y} \rightarrow Y$, $g: D_x \rightarrow Y$, $h: D_y \rightarrow Y$ satisfy the functional equation (PexAdd), then the equation (PexAdd) is said to be **restricted Pexider additive functional equation** (Kuczma, 2009; Rimán, 1976; Glavosits, 2023).
- The results concerning to the restricted additive (but not Pexider additive) functional equations, where $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{2N}$ is a nonempty connected open set, $Y(+)=\mathbb{R}^n(+)$ can be found in the book (Kuczma, 2009). In the paper (Radó et al., 1987) can be found a Pexider additive functional equation with similar settings and similar general solution to the previous one.
- Worth mentioning the articles (Rimán, 1976) which deal with a Pexider-additive functional equation. This equation is fulfilled on a nonempty connected open set $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$, the codomain of the unknown functions are an Abelian group $E(+)$. In (Glavosits, 2023) the author deals with both restricted additive functional equations, and restricted Pexider additive functional equations with more abstract algebraic settings.
- An $X(\leq)$ **structure is said to be ordered set**, if the relation \leq is reflexive, anti-symmetric, transitive, and linear (i. e. $x \leq y$, or $y \leq x$ is fulfilled for all $x, y \in X$).
- If $X(\leq)$ is an ordered set, $a, b \in X$ such that $a < b$, then the set $]a, b[:= \{x \in X \mid a < x < b\}$ is said to be **open interval** (in X). (There are no any other sets which is said to be open interval.) Similarly $[a, b] := \{x \in X \mid a \leq x \leq b\}$.
- **An ordered set $X(\leq)$ is said to be dense** (in itself), if $]a, b[\neq \emptyset$ for all $a, b \in X$ with $a < b$.
- **An ordered group $\mathbb{G}(+, \leq)$ is said to be Archimedean ordered**, if for all $x, y \in \mathbb{G}_+ := \{x \in \mathbb{G} \mid x > 0\}$ there exists an $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ such that $y < nx := x + \dots + x$.

2. Some properties of \mathbb{Z}

Theorem 2.1. *If $X(+, \leq)$ is an Archimedean ordered Abelian group which is not dense, then the group X is isomorphic to the ordered group $\mathbb{Z}(+)$.*

Since the topology on \mathbb{Z} generated by the open intervals results discrete topology thus we have to break with the usual terminology, according to which we interpret the Pexider additive functional equation on well-chained open sets (Glavosits et al., 2023). For this purpose we introduce a new notation

$$[a, b] := \{a, a + 1, \dots, b\}$$

for all $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $a \leq b$, allowing that $[a, b]$ is a singleton whenever $a = b$.

Proposition 2.1. *If $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $a \leq b$, and $c \leq d$, then*

$$[a, b] + [c, d] = [a + c, b + d].$$

3. Additive functions on \mathbb{Z}

If $Y(+)$ is an arbitrary group, $\in Y$ $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, then the element $cx \in Y$ is defined by

$$cx := \begin{cases} c + \dots + c, & \text{if } x > 0; \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 0; \\ (-c) + \dots + (-c) & \text{if } x < 0. \end{cases}$$

Theorem 3.1. *If $Y(+)$ is an Abelian group, $a: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow Y$ is an additive function, then there exists an element $c \in Y$ such that $a(x) = cx$ for all $x \in \mathbb{Z}$.*

Example 3.1. Let $a: \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow Y$ be an additive function and let $Y(+)$ be an Abelian group, then by the \mathbb{Q} homogeneity of additive functions (Kuczma, 2009) there exists a constant $c \in Y$ such that

$$a(x) = cx \quad (x \in \mathbb{Q})$$

where $c = a(1)$.

Conversely, if $c \in Y$, and the function $a: \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow Y$ is defined by $a(x) := cx$ for all $x \in \mathbb{Q}$, then the function a is additive.

This Examples shows an interesting analogy to the Theorem 3.1.

Theorem 3.2. *If $Y(+)$ is an Abelian group, $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ is a fixed constant, $I := [-n, n]$, the function $f: [-2n, 2n] \rightarrow Y$ satisfies the functional equation $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$ for all $x, y \in [-n, n]$, then there exists an additive function $a: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow Y$ such that $a(x) = f(x)$ for all $(x \in I)$ (i.e. there exists an additive extension of the function f from the set I^2 to the set \mathbb{Z}^2).*

In the sequel we shall use the well-known concept of neighbourhood.



The numbers $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$. is said to be neighbour, if $|x-y|=1$.

Every integers have two neighbours.

Figure 1

Theorem 3.3. *If $Y(+)$ is an Abelian group, $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $a < b$, $I := [a, b] \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$, $c_i, C_i \in Y$ ($i = 1, 2$), and $f: I \rightarrow Y$ is a function such that*

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= c_1x + C_1 & (x \in I), \\ f(x) &= c_2x + C_2 & (x \in I), \end{aligned}$$

then $c_1 = c_2$, and $C_1 = C_2$.

The above Theorem 3.2. and the Theorem 3.3. shows a close analogy to the adequate Theorems in (Glavosits et al., 2023b) concerning Archimedean ordered dense Abelian groups.

4. Some examples

We shall use the following notations in the sequel.

- $B(x_0, n) := [x_0 - n, x_n + n]$ for all $x_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$, and $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ \cup \{0\}$.
- $B((x_0, y_0), n, m) := B(x_0, n) \times B(y_0, m)$, and $B((x_0, y_0), n) := B((x_0, y_0), n, n)$.
- A subset $R \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^2$ is said to be $m \times n$ type rectangular if there exists $(x_0, y_0) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ such that $R := [x_0, x_0 + n] \times [y_0, y_0 + m]$. (Imagine the points of the rectangular arranged in rows and columns, similarly to matrices.)

If $D := B((x_0, y_0), m, n) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^2$, then $D_x = B(x_0, m)$, $D_y = B(y_0, n)$, and by Proposition 2.1 $D_{x+y} = D_x + D_y = B(x_0 + y_0, m + n)$.

Theorem 4.1. *Let $n \geq 1$, and $D := B((x_0, y_0), n)$. If the functions $f: D_{x+y} \rightarrow Y$, $g: D_x \rightarrow Y$, $h: D_y \rightarrow Y$ satisfy the functional equation (PexAdd) then it is in the form of (PexAddMo) i.e. there exist constants $c, C_1, C_2 \in Y$ such that*

$$\begin{aligned} f(u) &= cu + C_1 + C_2 & (u \in D_{x+y}), \\ g(v) &= cv + C_1 & (v \in D_x), \\ h(z) &= cz + C_2 & (z \in D_y), \end{aligned}$$

in other words the 3×3 type rectangles are suitable sets for all $n \geq 3$.

Theorem 4.2.

1. *If the set $D \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^2$ is suitable, then the sets*

$$D + (x, y) := \{(u + x, v + y) \mid (u, v) \in D\}$$

are also suitable for all $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$.

2. *If the sets $D^1, D^2 \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^2$ are suitable, moreover, the set $D^1_{x+y} \cap D^2_{x+y}$ contain two neighbour elements, $D^1_x \cap D^2_x \neq \emptyset$, and $D^1_y \cap D^2_y \neq \emptyset$, then the set $D^1 \cup D^2$ is also suitable.*

Theorem 4.3. *Let $Y = Y(+)$ be an Abelian group, and the set $D := [a, b] \times [c, d] \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^2$ be an $m \times n$ type rectangular such that $m \geq 1$, and $n \geq 2$. Consider the functional equation (PexAdd) with unknown functions $f: D_{x+y} \rightarrow Y$, $g: D_x \rightarrow Y$, $h: D_y \rightarrow Y$.*

1. If $m = 1$, then the general solution of equation (PexAdd) is in the form

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_k + y_1) &= \alpha_k + \beta_k \\ g(x_k) &= \alpha_k \\ h(y_1) &= \beta_k; \end{aligned} \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots, m),$$

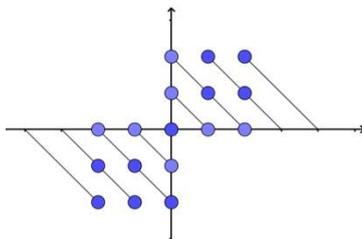
where (α_k) , and (β_k) are arbitrary sequences, thus the set \mathbf{D} is not suitable.

2. If $m \geq 2$, then the general solution of equation (PexAdd) is in the form of (PexAddMo), where \mathbf{c} , $\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2 \in \mathbf{Y}$ are constants, i. e. \mathbf{D} is suitable.

(The case $m \leq n$ can be discussed in an analogous way.)

5. Additional examples

Example 5.1. Let $D^1 := \{0,1,2\}^2, D^2 := \{-2, -1, 0\}^2, D := D^1 \cup D^2$.

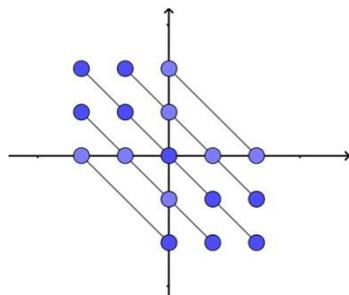


$$\begin{aligned} D_x^1 &= D_y^1 = \{0,1,2\}, \\ D_{x+y}^1 &= \{0,1,2,3,4\}, \\ D_x^2 &= \{-2, -1, 0\}, \\ D_{x+y}^2 &= \{-4, -3, -2, -1, 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

Figure 2

It is easy to see that the set D is not suitable.

Example 5.2. Let $D^1 := \{-2, -1, 0\} \times \{0,1,2\}, D^2 := \{0,1,2\} \times \{-2, -1, 0\}$, and $D := D^1 \cup D^2$.



$$\begin{aligned} D_x^1 &= D_y^2 = \{0,1,2\}, \\ D_y^1 &= D_x^2 = \{-2, -1, 0\}, \\ D_{x+y}^1 &= D_{x+y}^2 = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}. \end{aligned}$$

Figure 3

It is easy to see that the set D is suitable.

6. Summary. Define the family $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^2$ by

1. The 2×2 type rectangles are elements of the family \mathcal{D} ;
2. If $\mathbf{D} \in \mathcal{D}$, and $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$, then $\mathbf{D} + (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in \mathcal{D}$.
3. If $\mathbf{D}^1, \mathbf{D}^2 \in \mathcal{D}$, $\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{y}}^1 \cap \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{y}}^2$ contains two neighbour elements, $\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{x}}^1 \cap \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{x}}^2 \neq \emptyset$, and $\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{y}}^1 \cap \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{y}}^2 \neq \emptyset$, then the set $\mathbf{D}^1 \cup \mathbf{D}^2$ is also element of the family \mathcal{D} .

It is clear that the set family \mathcal{D} does not contain all suitable sets.

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