

GENERALIZED STABILITIES OF CAUCHY'S GAMMA-BETA FUNCTIONAL EQUATION

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Abstract. We obtain generalized super stability of Cauchy's gamma-beta functional equation

$$B(x, y)f(x + y) = f(x)f(y),$$

where $B(x, y)$ is the beta function and also generalize the stability in the sense of R. Ger of this equation in the following setting :

$$\left| \frac{B(x, y)f(x + y)}{f(x)f(y)} - 1 \right| < H(x, y),$$

where $H(x, y)$ is a homogeneous function of degree p ($0 \leq p < 1$).

1. Introduction

In 1940, S. M. Ulam gave a wide ranging talk before the Mathematical Club of the University of Wisconsin in which he discussed a number of important unsolved problems (ref. [22]). Among those was the question concerning the stability of homomorphisms : Let G_1 be a group and let G_2 be a metric group with a metric $d(\cdot, \cdot)$. Given $\epsilon > 0$, does there exist a $\delta > 0$ such that if a mapping $h : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ satisfies the inequality $d(h(xy), h(x)h(y)) < \delta$ for all $x, y \in G_1$, then there exists a homomorphism $H : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ with $d(h(x), H(x)) < \epsilon$ for all $x \in G_1$? In the next year, D. H. Hyers [5] answered the question of Ulam for the case where G_1 and G_2 are Banach spaces. Furthermore, the result of Hyers has been generalized by Th. M. Rassias [15]. Since then, the stability problems of various functional equations has been investigated by many authors (see [1-22]).

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Note that the gamma function $\Gamma(x)$ is defined by

$$\Gamma(x) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{x-1} dt \quad (x > 0)$$

and the equation $f(x+1) = xf(x)$ is called the gamma functional equation. Also the beta function $B(x, y)$ is defined by

$$B(x, y) = \int_0^1 t^{x-1} (1-t)^{y-1} dt$$

and the equation

$$B(x+1, y+1) = \frac{xy}{(x+y)(x+y+1)} B(x, y)$$

is called the beta functional equation. S.-M. Jung [9] obtained stability theorems of the gamma functional equation and K. W. Jun, G. H. Kim and Y.W. Lee [8, 11] proved the stability of the beta functional equation.

In particular, Y.W. Lee and B. M. Choi [14] proved the super stability of Cauchy's gamma-beta functional equation

$$(1) \quad B(x, y)f(x+y) = f(x)f(y)$$

where $B(x, y)$ is the beta function and they obtain a stability in the sense of R. Ger of this equation in the following setting :

$$\left| \frac{B(x, y)f(x+y)}{f(x)f(y)} - 1 \right| < \delta.$$

In this paper, we generalize these two results as follows; If a function f is unbounded and

$$|B(x, y)f(x+y) - f(x)f(y)| < \varphi(x, y)$$

where $B(x, y)$ is the beta function, then f satisfies the Cauchy's gamma-beta functional equation. And if a function f satisfies the condition

$$\left| \frac{B(x, y)f(x+y)}{f(x)f(y)} - 1 \right| < H(x, y).$$

where $H(x, y)$ is a homogeneous function of degree p ($0 < p < 1$), that is, $H(tx, ty) = t^p H(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in (0, \infty)$, then f has a stability.

2. Generalized Super stability of the equation (1)

J. Baker, J. Lawrence and F. Zorzitto [2] proved the Hyers-Ulam stability of Cauchy's exponential equation

$$f(x + y) = f(x)f(y).$$

That is, if the Cauchy difference $f(x + y) - f(x)f(y)$ of a real-valued function f defined on a real vector space is bounded for all x, y , then f is either bounded or exponential. Their result was generalized by J. Baker [1] : let S be a semi-group and let $f : S \rightarrow E$ be a mapping where E is a normed algebra in which the norm is multiplicative. If f satisfies the functional inequality

$$\| f(xy) - f(x)f(y) \| < \delta$$

for all $x, y \in S$, then f is either bounded or multiplicative. In particular, such a phenomenon for some functional equation is called super stability. First we discuss solutions of the functional equation (1). Secondly a generalized super stability problem for the equation (1) shall be investigated.

Proposition 2.1. *If f is a continuous solution with $f(1) = a > 0$ of the equation (1), then $f(x) = a^x\Gamma(x)$ for all $x > 0$. That is, $f(x) = a^x\Gamma(x)$ is the unique continuous solution of Cauchy's gamma-beta functional equation with $f(1) = a$ [See, 14].*

Proof. Clearly, $f(x) = a^x\Gamma(x)$ is a continuous solution with $f(1) = a$. Suppose that g is an another continuous solution of the gamma-beta functional equation (1) with $g(1) = a$. Since $\Gamma(1) = 1$, $g(1) = a\Gamma(1)$. Then $g(2) = g(1)g(1)/B(1, 1) = a^2\Gamma(2)$. If $g(n) = a^n\Gamma(n)$ for some positive integer n , then

$$g(n + 1) = \frac{g(n)g(1)}{B(n + 1, 1)} = \frac{a^n\Gamma(n)a\Gamma(1)}{B(n + 1, 1)} = a^{n+1}\Gamma(n + 1).$$

An induction argument implies that $g(n) = a^n\Gamma(n)$ for every positive integer n . Also we have

$$g\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = g(1)B\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = a\Gamma(1)B\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = a\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2.$$

Thus $g\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = a^{\frac{1}{2}}\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$. If $g\left(\frac{1}{2^n}\right) = a^{\frac{1}{2^n}}\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2^n}\right)$ for some positive integer n , then

$$\begin{aligned}
g\left(\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}\right)^2 &= g\left(\frac{1}{2^n}\right)B\left(\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}, \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}\right) \\
&= a^{\frac{1}{2^n}}\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2^n}\right)B\left(\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}, \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}\right) \\
&= \left(a^{\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}}\right)^2\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}\right)^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Also an induction argument implies that $g\left(\frac{1}{2^n}\right) = a^{\frac{1}{2^n}}\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2^n}\right)$ for all positive integer n . Note that for every positive integer m , $m = a_02^0 + a_12^1 + \cdots + a_k2^k$ where $a_i = 0$ or 1 for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$. We may assume that $a_i = 1$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$. Then for any positive integer n ,

$$\begin{aligned}
g\left(\frac{m}{2^n}\right) &= g\left(\frac{1 + 2^1 + \cdots + 2^k}{2^n}\right) \\
&= \frac{g\left(\frac{1}{2^n}\right)g\left(\frac{2^1 + 2^2 + \cdots + 2^k}{2^n}\right)}{B\left(\frac{1}{2^n}, \frac{2^1 + 2^2 + \cdots + 2^k}{2^n}\right)} \\
&= \frac{g\left(\frac{1}{2^n}\right)g\left(\frac{2^1}{2^n}\right) \cdots g\left(\frac{2^k}{2^n}\right)}{\prod_{i=0}^{k-1} B\left(\frac{2^i}{2^n}, \frac{\sum_{j=i+1}^k 2^j}{2^n}\right)} \\
&= a^{\frac{m}{2^n}}\Gamma\left(\frac{m}{2^n}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

Now let r be any positive real number. For each $\epsilon > 0$ we can choose an integer n with $1/2\epsilon < 2^n$ and also choose an integer m such that $m < 2^n(r + \epsilon) \leq m + 1$. Then

$$r - \epsilon = r + \epsilon - 2\epsilon < \frac{m + 1}{2^n} - \frac{1}{2^n} = \frac{m}{2^n} < r + \epsilon.$$

Thus, for any real number $r > 0$, there are positive integers n, m such that

$$\left| \frac{m}{2^n} - r \right| < \epsilon.$$

By the continuity of f we have

$$g(r) = a^r\Gamma(r)$$

for every positive real number r . Thus $f(x) = g(x)$ for all $x > 0$. \square

Theorem 2.2. Let a function $\varphi : (0, \infty) \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ be given with $\varphi(x, y) = \varphi(y, x)$ for all $x, y \in (0, \infty)$ and $\varphi(x, y) \leq \varphi(x, x)$ for $0 < x \leq y$. Suppose that $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ be a function with $f(m) \geq \max(2, 2\sqrt{\varphi(m, m)})$ for some positive integer m such that

$$(2) \quad |B(x, y)f(x + y) - f(x)f(y)| < \varphi(x, y)$$

for all $x, y \in (0, \infty)$. Then

$$B(x, y)f(x + y) = f(x)f(y)$$

for all $x, y \in (0, \infty)$ (Compare, Theorem 2.2 in [14]).

Proof. If we replace x by m and also y by m in (2), respectively, we get

$$|B(m, m)f(2m) - f(m)^2| < \varphi(m, m).$$

An induction argument implies that for all n

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} & |f(nm) \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} B(im, m) - f(m)^n| \\ & \leq f(m)^{n-2}\varphi(m, m) + f(m)^{n-3}B(m, m)\varphi(2m, m) \\ & \quad + f(m)^{n-4}B(2m, m)B(m, m)\varphi(3m, m) + \dots \\ & \quad + B((n-2)m, m)B((n-3)m, m) \dots B(m, m)\varphi((n-1)m, m). \end{aligned}$$

Indeed, if the inequality (3) holds, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |f((n+1)m) \prod_{i=1}^n B(im, m) - f(m)^{n+1}| \\ & \leq |B(nm, m)f((n+1)m) - f(nm)f(m)| \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} B(im, m) \\ & \quad + f(m) |f(nm) \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} B(im, m) - f(m)^n| \\ & \leq f(m)^{n-1}\varphi(m, m) + f(m)^{n-2}B(m, m)\varphi(2m, m) \\ & \quad + f(m)^{n-3}B(2m, m)B(m, m)\varphi(3m, m) \\ & \quad + \dots + \varphi(nm, m) \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} B(im, m). \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\varphi(nm, m) = \varphi(m, m)$ for all $n \in N^+$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} B(im, m) &= \frac{\Gamma(m)\Gamma(m)}{\Gamma(2m)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(2m)\Gamma(m)}{\Gamma(3m)} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{\Gamma((n-1)m)\Gamma(m)}{\Gamma(nm)} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(m)^n}{\Gamma(nm)} \\ &= \frac{[(m-1)!]^n}{(nm-1)!} \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Also $B(im, m) = (im)!m!/((i+1)m)! < 1$ for all positive integer i . By (3), we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \frac{f(nm) \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} B(im, m)}{f(m)^n} - 1 \right| \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{f(m)^2} + \frac{1}{f(m)^3} + \dots + \frac{1}{f(m)^n} \right) \delta \\ &< \frac{1}{f(m)^2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots \right) \varphi(m, m) = \frac{2\varphi(m, m)}{f(m)^2} \leq \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

for all positive integer n . Thus we can easily show that

$$(4) \quad f(nm) \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Since

$$\frac{B(x, y)B(nm, x+y)}{B(x, y+nm)B(y, nm)} = 1,$$

$$\begin{aligned} (5) \quad &|f(nm)| |B(x, y)f(x+y) - f(x)f(y)| \\ &\leq |B(x, y)| |f(nm)f(x+y) - B(nm, x+y)f(nm+x+y)| \\ &\quad + |B(y, nm)| |B(x, y+nm)f(x+y+nm) - f(x)f(y+nm)| \\ &\quad + |B(y, nm)f(y+nm) - f(y)f(nm)| |f(x)| \\ &\leq |B(x, y)|\varphi(nm, x+y) + |B(y, nm)|\varphi(x, y+nm) \\ &\quad + |f(x)|\varphi(y, nm) \\ &\leq |B(x, y)|\varphi(x+y, x+y) + |B(y, y)|\varphi(x, x) + |f(x)|\varphi(y, y) < \infty \end{aligned}$$

for all sufficiently large n and $x, y \in (0, \infty)$. Since

$$\begin{aligned} B(y, nm) &= \frac{\Gamma(nm)\Gamma(y)}{\Gamma(y+nm)} \\ &= \frac{(nm-1)!}{(y+nm-1)(y+nm-2)\dots(y+1)y} < \frac{1}{y}, \end{aligned}$$

it follows from (4) and (5) that

$$B(x, y)f(x + y) = f(x)f(y)$$

for all $x, y \in (0, \infty)$. □

Corollary 2.3. *Let $\varphi(x, y) = \delta, \frac{1}{xy}$, or $\frac{1}{a^{xy}}$ for all $x, y \in (0, \infty)$. Suppose that $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ be a function with $f(m) \geq \max(2, 2\sqrt{\varphi(m, m)})$ for some positive integer m such that*

$$(6) \quad | B(x, y)f(x + y) - f(x)f(y) | < \varphi(x, y)$$

for all $x, y \in (0, \infty)$. Then

$$B(x, y)f(x + y) = f(x)f(y)$$

for all $x, y \in (0, \infty)$.

3. Generalized stability in the sense of R. Ger of the equation (1)

R. Ger [4] suggested a new type of stability for the exponential equation

$$\left| \frac{f(x + y)}{f(x)f(y)} - 1 \right| \leq \delta.$$

Also Y.W.Lee and B.M. Choi [14] proved the stability of Cauchy’s gamma-beta functional equation as following setting:

$$\left| \frac{B(x, y)f(x + y)}{f(x)f(y)} - 1 \right| \leq \delta.$$

In the following theorem, a generalized stability problem in the sense of R. Ger for the functional equation (1) shall be investigated. Throughout this section, we denote $H : (0, \infty) \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ a homogeneous function with degree p ($0 \leq p < 1$).

Theorem 3.1. *If a function $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ satisfies the inequality*

$$(7) \quad \left| \frac{B(x, y)f(x + y)}{f(x)f(y)} - 1 \right| \leq H(x, y)$$

for all $x, y \in (0, \infty)$, then there exists a unique function $F : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ such that

$$B(x, y)F(x + y) = F(x)F(y)$$

for all $x, y \in (0, \infty)$ and

$$e^{-(1+\frac{H(x,x)}{2-2^p})} \leq \frac{F(x)}{f(x)} \leq e^{(1+\frac{H(x,x)}{2-2^p})}$$

for all $x \in (0, \infty)$ (Compare, Theorem 3.1 in [14]).

Proof. If we define functions $G : D \rightarrow R$ by $G(x) = \ln f(x)$ for all $x \in D$, then the inequality (7) may be transformed into

$$(8) \quad |G(x+y) + \ln B(x,y) - G(x) - G(y)| \leq \ln(1 + H(x,y)).$$

Let $u(x) := \ln(1 + H(x,x))$. For $x = y$ the inequality (8) implies

$$(9) \quad |G(2x) + \ln B(x,x) - 2G(x)| \leq u(x)$$

for all $x \in D$. That is,

$$(10) \quad \left| \frac{G(2x)}{2} + \ln B(x,x)^{\frac{1}{2}} - G(x) \right| \leq \frac{1}{2}u(x)$$

for all $x \in D$. We use induction on n to prove

$$(11) \quad \left| \frac{G(2^n x)}{2^n} + \ln \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} B(2^i x, 2^i x)^{\frac{1}{2^{i+1}}} - G(x) \right| \leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{2^{i+1}} \ln(1 + H(2^i x, 2^i x))$$

for all $x \in D$. Indeed, on account of (10) the inequality (11) holds true for $n = 1$. Suppose that inequality (11) holds true for some $n > 1$. Then (10) and (11) imply

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{G(2^{n+1}x)}{2^{n+1}} + \ln \prod_{i=0}^n B(2^i x, 2^i x)^{\frac{1}{2^{i+1}}} - G(x) \right| \\ & \leq \left| \frac{G(2^{n+1}x)}{2^{n+1}} + \ln \prod_{i=1}^n B(2^i x, 2^i x)^{\frac{1}{2^{i+1}}} - \frac{G(2x)}{2} \right| \\ & \quad + \left| \frac{G(2x)}{2} + \ln B(x,x)^{\frac{1}{2}} - G(x) \right| \\ & \leq \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{\ln(1 + H(2^i x, 2^i x))}{2^{i+1}}, \end{aligned}$$

which ends the proof of (11). Note that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(1 + H(2^i x, 2^i x))}{2^{i+1}} \\ & \leq \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{i+1}} + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} 2^{i(p-1)} H(x, y) \\ & \leq 1 + \frac{H(x, y)}{2 - 2^p}. \end{aligned}$$

For any $x \in D$ and for every positive integer n we define

$$P_n(x) := \frac{G(2^n x)}{2^n} + \ln \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} B(2^i x, 2^i x)^{\frac{1}{2^{i+1}}}.$$

Let $m, n > 0$ be integers with $n > m$. By (11), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |P_n(x) - P_m(x)| \\ & = \frac{1}{2^m} \left| \frac{G(2^{n-m}(2^m x))}{2^{n-m}} + \ln \prod_{i=m}^{n-1} B(2^i x, 2^i x)^{\frac{1}{2^{i-m+1}}} - G(2^m x) \right| \\ & = \frac{1}{2^m} \left| \frac{G(2^{n-m}(2^m x))}{2^{n-m}} + \ln \prod_{i=0}^{n-m-1} B(2^i(2^m x), 2^i(2^m x))^{\frac{1}{2^{i+1}}} - G(2^m x) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2^m} \sum_{i=0}^{n-m-1} \frac{u(2^i(2^m x))}{2^{i+1}} = \sum_{i=m}^{n-1} \frac{u(2^i x)}{2^{i+1}} \\ & \leq \sum_{i=m}^{\infty} \frac{\ln(1 + H(2^i x, 2^i x))}{2^{i+1}} \end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in D$. Taking the limit as $m \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} |P_n(x) - P_m(x)| = 0$$

for all $x \in D$. Therefore, the sequence $\{P_n(x)\}$ is a Cauchy sequence, and we may define a function

$$L(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_n(x).$$

Note that

$$B(x + y, x + y) = \frac{B(x, x + y)B(y, y + 2x)}{B(x, y)} = \frac{B(x, x)B(y, y)B(2x, 2y)}{B(x, y)^2}$$

for all $x, y \in D$. Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (12) \quad & \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \left[\frac{B(2^i(x+y), 2^i(x+y))}{B(2^i x, 2^i x)B(2^i y, 2^i y)} \right]^{\frac{1}{2^{i+1}}} = \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \left[\frac{B(2^{i+1}x, 2^{i+1}y)}{B(2^i x, 2^i y)^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2^{i+1}}} \\
 & = \left[\frac{B(2x, 2y)}{B(x, y)^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \left[\frac{B(2^2x, 2^2y)}{B(2x, 2y)^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2^2}} \cdots \left[\frac{B(2^n x, 2^n y)}{B(2^{n-1}x, 2^{n-1}y)^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2^n}} \\
 & = \frac{B(2^n x, 2^n y)^{\frac{1}{2^n}}}{B(x, y)}
 \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y > 0$. Then we arrive at for all $(x, y) \in D \times D$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (13) \quad & |L(x+y) + \ln B(x, y) - L(x) - L(y)| \\
 & = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{G(2^n x + 2^n y)}{2^n} + \ln \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} B(2^i x + 2^i y, 2^i x + 2^i y)^{\frac{1}{2^{i+1}}} \right. \\
 & \quad - \left(\frac{G(2^n x)}{2^n} + \ln \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} B(2^i x, 2^i x)^{\frac{1}{2^{i+1}}} \right) \\
 & \quad - \left(\frac{G(2^n y)}{2^n} + \ln \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} B(2^i y, 2^i y)^{\frac{1}{2^{i+1}}} \right) \\
 & \quad \left. + \ln \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \left[\frac{B(2^i x, 2^i x)B(2^i y, 2^i y)}{B(2^i x + 2^i y, 2^i x + 2^i y)} \right]^{\frac{1}{2^{i+1}}} \cdot B(2^n x, 2^n y)^{\frac{1}{2^n}} \right| \\
 & = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{G(2^n x + 2^n y)}{2^n} + \ln B(2^n x, 2^n y)^{\frac{1}{2^n}} - \frac{G(2^n x)}{2^n} - \frac{G(2^n y)}{2^n} \right| \\
 & \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(1 + H(2^n x, 2^n y))}{2^n} = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Let $F(x) := e^{L(x)}$ for all $x \in D$. Then by (13), we have

$$B(x, y)F(x+y) = F(x)F(y)$$

for all $x, y \in D$. Taking the limit in (13) as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$|L(x) - F(x)| \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{\ln(1 + H(2^i x, 2^i y))}{2^{i+1}} \leq 1 + \frac{H(x, x)}{2 - 2^p}$$

for all $x \in D$. That is,

$$\left| \ln \frac{F(x)}{f(x)} \right| \leq \varepsilon(x, x)$$

for all $x \in D$. Thus we have

$$e^{-(1+\frac{H(x,x)}{2-2^p})} \leq \frac{F(x)}{f(x)} \leq e^{(1+\frac{H(x,x)}{2-2^p})}$$

for all $x \in D$. It remains to show that F is unique. Suppose that $W : D \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ is another such function with

$$B(x, y)W(x + y) = W(x)W(y)$$

and

$$e^{-(1+\frac{H(x,x)}{2-2^p})} \leq \frac{W(x)}{f(x)} \leq e^{(1+\frac{H(x,x)}{2-2^p})}$$

for all $x, y \in D$. Note that for all $x \in D$

$$\frac{F(2x)}{W(2x)} = \frac{F(x)^2}{W(x)^2}, \dots, \frac{F(2^n x)}{W(2^n x)} = \frac{F(x)^{2^n}}{W(x)^{2^n}}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1 + \frac{H(x,y)}{2-2^p}}{2^{n-1}} &= \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 + H(2^{n+i}x, 2^{n+i}x))}{2^{i+1}} \\ &= \sum_{i=n}^{\infty} \frac{(1 + H(2^i x, 2^i x))}{2^{i+1}} \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Thus we have

$$e^{\frac{-(1+H(2^n x, 2^n x))}{2^{n-1}}} \leq \frac{F(x)}{W(x)} = \left(\frac{F(2^n x)}{f(2^n x)} \frac{f(2^n x)}{W(2^n x)} \right)^{\frac{1}{2^n}} \leq e^{\frac{1+H(2^n x, 2^n x)}{2^{n-1}}}$$

for all $n \geq 1$, and so $F(x) = W(x)$ for all $x \in D$. □

Corollary 3.2. *If a function $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ satisfies the inequality*

$$(14) \quad \left| \frac{B(x, y)f(x + y)}{f(x)f(y)} - 1 \right| \leq \|x\|^p + \|y\|^p$$

for all $x, y \in (0, \infty)$, then there exists a unique function $F : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ such that

$$B(x, y)F(x + y) = F(x)F(y)$$

for all $x, y \in (0, \infty)$ and

$$e^{-(1+\frac{\|x\|^p}{2-2^p})} \leq \frac{F(x)}{f(x)} \leq e^{(1+\frac{\|x\|^p}{2-2^p})}$$

for all $x \in (0, \infty)$.

Corollary 3.3. *If a function $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ satisfies the inequality*

$$(15) \quad \left| \frac{B(x, y)f(x+y)}{f(x)f(y)} - 1 \right| \leq \delta$$

for all $x, y \in (0, \infty)$, then there exists a unique function $F : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ such that

$$B(x, y)F(x+y) = F(x)F(y)$$

for all $x, y \in (0, \infty)$ and

$$e^{-(1+\delta)} \leq \frac{F(x)}{f(x)} \leq e^{(1+\delta)}$$

for all $x \in (0, \infty)$.

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