

CONDITIONAL EQUATIONS RELATED TO DRYGAS FUNCTIONAL EQUATIONS

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Abstract. We determine the solutions of the conditional Drygas equation for functions f_1 and f_2 that satisfy $(y^2 + y)f_1(x) = (x^2 + x)f_2(y)$ for all $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ under the additional conditions $y = x^2$, or $y = \log(x), x > 0$ or $y = \exp(x)$.

1. Preliminaries

Recall that a function $A: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is additive if the equation $A(x + y) = A(x) + A(y)$ holds for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$.

Kuczma [13] proved that any additive function $A: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is \mathbb{Q} -homogeneous, that is,

$$A(sx) = sA(x),$$

for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $s \in \mathbb{Q}$. A function $h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called quadratic if the equation

$$h(x + y) + h(x - y) = 2h(x) + 2h(y)$$

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

For instance, consider the additive functions $A_1, A_2: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. It is easy to see that $A_1(x)A_2(x)$ and $A_1(x^2)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$, are quadratic.

A function $B: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is named symmetric biadditive if B is additive in each variable and satisfies $B(x, y) = B(y, x)$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$.

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In 1965, Aczél [1] showed that a quadratic function $h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ can be associated with a symmetric biadditive function $B: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by the following formula

$$(1.1) \quad B(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}[h(x + y) - h(x) - h(y)], \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Aczél and Dhombres [2] proved that the function $h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is quadratic if and only if, there is a symmetric biadditive function $B: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $h(x) = B(x, x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. This B is unique (see [2]). Moreover, the \mathbb{Q} -homogeneity of biadditive functions yields

$$B(rx, sy) = rsB(x, y), \quad h(rx) = B(rx, rx) = r^2h(x),$$

for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $r, s \in \mathbb{Q}$. By using (1.1) and induction on n , one can show that

$$h\left(\sum_{i=0}^n \omega_i\right) = \sum_{i=0}^n h(\omega_i) + 2 \sum_{0 \leq j < k \leq n} B(\omega_j, \omega_k),$$

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\omega_0, \dots, \omega_n \in \mathbb{R}$.

Some mathematicians have investigated additive functions A that satisfy the conditional equation $yA(x) = xA(y)$ for the pairs $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ under the condition $P(x, y) = 0$ for some fixed polynomial P of two variables. For some special polynomials P this assumption implies that A is continuous (see for example [4, 12, 14, 15]).

Recently, Z. Boros and E. Garda-Mátyás [5] and [6], E. Garda-Mátyás [11] studied quadratic functions $h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that satisfy the additional condition

$$y^2h(x) = x^2h(y),$$

where (x, y) are arbitrary points on a specified curve.

J. Brzdęk and A. Mureńko [7] established the Gołąb-Schinzel equation under certain additional conditions.

The functional equation

$$(1.2) \quad f(x + y) + f(x - y) = 2f(x) + f(y) + f(-y),$$

which was considered by Drygas [9] is known as the Drygas equation and its solutions as Drygas functions. It is a generalization of the quadratic functional equation. In [10], Ebanks et al. obtained the general solution of the Drygas functional equation as

$$(1.3) \quad f(x) = A(x) + B(x, x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

where $A: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is an additive function and $B: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a symmetric biadditive function. The continuous solutions of functional equation (1.2) on \mathbb{R} are of the form $f(x) = \alpha x + \beta x^2$, where $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ are constants (see [16]).

Consider the sets

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_0 &= \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x > 0 \text{ and } y = x^n\}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}, |n| \geq 2, \\ \Delta_1 &= \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y = x^2\}, \\ \Delta_2 &= \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x > 0 \text{ and } y = \log(x)\}, \\ \Delta_3 &= \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y = \exp(x)\}.\end{aligned}$$

Motivated by the results of [5], this paper is devoted to finding Drygas functions $f_1, f_2: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying the equation

$$(1.4) \quad (y^2 + y)f_1(x) = (x^2 + x)f_2(y),$$

for the pairs $(x, y) \in \Delta_j$, where $j = 0, 1, 2, 3$.

M. Dehghanian et al. [8] investigated Drygas functions $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that satisfy the conditional equation (1.4) on the graph of a power function.

LEMMA 1.1. [5] *Let $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and \mathbb{F} be a field. Suppose that Ω is a set, $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{F}$ contains at least $m + 1$ elements, and the functions $\Lambda_j: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ ($j = 0, 1, \dots, m$) satisfy*

$$\sum_{j=0}^m \Lambda_j(x)s^j = 0,$$

for all $x \in \Omega$ and $s \in \Gamma$. Then $\Lambda_j(x) = 0$ for all $x \in \Omega$ and $0 \leq j \leq m$.

This paper contains results for the Drygas functions that satisfy the equation (1.4) for $(x, y) \in \Delta_j$, where $j = 0, 1, 2, 3$.

2. Main results

In the following theorem, we apply Lemma 1.1 with $\Omega = \mathbb{R}_+$, $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$ and $\Gamma = \mathbb{Q}_+$, where \mathbb{R}_+ and \mathbb{Q}_+ are the sets of positive real and positive rational numbers, respectively.

THEOREM 2.1. *Suppose that $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a Drygas function. Then f fulfills the conditional equation*

$$(2.1) \quad (x^2 + x)f(y) = (y^2 + y)f(x),$$

for $(x, y) \in \Delta_0$ if and only if

$$f(x) = \alpha(x + x^2), \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

where α is a real constant.

PROOF. First, assume that f fulfills (2.1), $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$ and $n \geq 2$. In this case, the equation (2.1) becomes

$$(2.2) \quad (x + 1)f(x^n) = (x^{2n-1} + x^{n-1})f(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}_+.$$

Substituting $x + s$, $s \in \mathbb{Q}_+$, for x in (2.2), we get

$$(x + s + 1)f((x + s)^n) = ((x + s)^{2n-1} + (x + s)^{n-1})f(x + s), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}_+.$$

By expanding the binomial terms, we obtain

$$(2.3) \quad (x + s + 1)f\left(\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} x^m s^{n-m}\right) \\ = \left[\sum_{l=0}^{2n-1} \binom{2n-1}{l} x^l s^{2n-l-1} + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{k} x^k s^{n-k-1}\right]f(x + s).$$

By (1.3), there exist an additive function $A: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and a symmetric biadditive function $B: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(x) = A(x) + B(x, x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Thus, the equation (2.3) takes the form

$$(2.4) \quad (x + s + 1) \left[\sum_{m=0}^n \left(\binom{n}{m} s^{n-m} A(x^m) + \binom{n}{m}^2 s^{2n-2m} B(x^m, x^m) \right) \right. \\ \left. + 2 \sum_{0 \leq i < j \leq n} \binom{n}{i} \binom{n}{j} s^{2n-i-j} B(x^i, x^j) \right] \\ - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{k} x^k s^{n-k-1} (f(x) + sA(1) + s^2B(1, 1) + 2sB(x, 1)) \\ - \sum_{l=0}^{2n-1} \binom{2n-1}{l} x^l s^{2n-l-1} (f(x) + sA(1) + s^2B(1, 1) + 2sB(x, 1)) = 0.$$

Hence, for any fixed $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$, we obtain the polynomial (2.4) of degree at most $2n + 1$ in \mathbb{R}_+ which is equal to zero for all $s \in \mathbb{Q}_+$. By Lemma 1.1, every coefficient of (2.4) has to be equal to zero. Since the coefficient of s^{2n+1} is $B(1, 1) - B(1, 1) = 0$, then the degree of the polynomial (2.4) is less than $2n + 1$. Furthermore, from the coefficient of s^{2n} , we deduce that

$$A(1) + 2B(x, 1) + (2n - 1)x B(1, 1) - x B(1, 1) - B(1, 1) - 2nB(x, 1) = 0,$$

for all $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$. Put $x = 1$ in the above equality, we have $A(1) = B(1, 1) = \frac{f(1)}{2}$. Therefore, as $|n| \geq 2$, we get

$$(2.5) \quad B(x, 1) = xB(1, 1), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}_+.$$

From the coefficient of s^{2n-1} , we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= f(x) + (2n-1)x[A(1) + 2B(x, 1)] + \binom{2n-1}{2}x^2B(1, 1) \\ &\quad - \binom{n}{1}^2 B(x, x) - 2n(x+1)B(x, 1) - 2\binom{n}{2}B(x^2, 1) \\ &= f(x) + (2n-1)(1+2x)xB(1, 1) + (2n-1)(n-1)x^2B(1, 1) \\ &\quad - n^2B(x, x) - 2nx^2(x+1)B(1, 1) - n(n-1)x^2B(1, 1). \end{aligned}$$

Now with $A(1) = B(1, 1)$, and (2.5), we obtain

$$(2.6) \quad f(x) = (x^2 + x)B(1, 1) + n^2B(x, x) - n^2x^2B(1, 1),$$

for all $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$. Thus,

$$B(x, x) = \frac{f(x) + f(-x)}{2} = x^2B(1, 1) + n^2 [B(x, x) - x^2B(1, 1)], \quad x \in \mathbb{R}_+.$$

As $n \geq 2$,

$$(2.7) \quad B(x, x) = x^2B(1, 1) = \frac{f(1)}{2}x^2, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}_+.$$

By equations (2.6) and (2.7), we conclude that

$$f(x) = \frac{f(1)}{2}(x + x^2), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}_+.$$

Hence, $A(x) = f(x) - B(x, x) = \frac{f(1)}{2}x$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$. Also, for $x = 0$ above equation holds, because $f(0) = 0$.

Now, for $x = -u < 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= A(-u) + B(-u, -u) = -A(u) + (-1)^2B(u, u) \\ &= \frac{f(1)}{2}(-u + (-u)^2) = \frac{f(1)}{2}(x + x^2). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$f(x) = \alpha(x + x^2), \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

where $\alpha = \frac{f(1)}{2}$.

Finally, for the case $n \leq -2$, take $p = -n \geq 2$ in (2.2) to obtain

$$(2.8) \quad (x+1)f\left(\frac{1}{x^p}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{x^{2p+1}} + \frac{1}{x^{p+1}}\right)f(x) = \left(\frac{1+x^p}{x^{2p+1}}\right)f(x),$$

for $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$. Substitute x^{-p} for x in (2.8) to gain

$$\left(\frac{1}{x^p} + 1\right) f\left(x^{p^2}\right) = \left(x^{2p^2+p} + x^{p^2+p}\right) f\left(\frac{1}{x^p}\right).$$

By (2.8), we obtain

$$\frac{1+x^p}{x^p} f\left(x^{p^2}\right) = \frac{x^{2p^2+p} + x^{p^2+p}}{x+1} \left(\frac{1+x^p}{x^{2p+1}}\right) f(x),$$

or

$$(2.9) \quad (x+1)f\left(x^{p^2}\right) = \left(x^{2p^2-1} + x^{p^2-1}\right) f(x).$$

In (2.9), set $p^2 = k \in \mathbb{N}$, and use a similar proof as in the previous case.

Obviously, the converse holds. □

The additive function $\theta: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is named a derivation if $\theta(xy) = x\theta(y) + y\theta(x)$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. Thus, every derivation θ satisfies $\theta(x^2) = 2x\theta(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Moreover, there exist nontrivial derivations on \mathbb{R} (see [13, Theorem 14.2.2]). Also, $\theta(x^2)$ and $(\theta(x))^2$ are quadratic functions (see [3]).

A functional $\mathcal{H}: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is named a bi-derivation if the mappings

$$s \mapsto \mathcal{H}(s, x) \quad \text{and} \quad s \mapsto \mathcal{H}(x, s), \quad s \in \mathbb{R},$$

are derivations for every $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

The set of derivations of order 2, denoted by $\mathfrak{D}_2(\mathbb{R})$, is the set of the additive functions $\theta: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that can be written as

$$\theta(xy) - x\theta(y) - \theta(x)y = \mathcal{H}(x, y),$$

for some bi-derivation \mathcal{H} on \mathbb{R}^2 .

In the case $n = 1$, condition (2.1) has the form

$$(x+x^2)f(x) = (x+x^2)f(x),$$

whence f can be discontinuous as well.

Equation (2.1) for pairs of $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ that fulfill condition $xy = 1$ is as follows

$$(2.10) \quad f(x) = x^3 f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right), \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}.$$

Now, by giving a counterexample, we show that there exists a discontinuous Drygas function that satisfies condition (2.10).

Assume that $\theta: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a nontrivial derivation. Then

$$\theta\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = -\frac{1}{x^2}\theta(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}.$$

Therefore, $f(x) = -\theta(x) + \frac{1}{2}\theta(x^2)$ is a discontinuous Drygas function that fulfills (2.10) for every $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

LEMMA 2.2 ([5]). *Assume that $\delta: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is an additive function. Then $\delta \in \mathfrak{D}_2(\mathbb{R})$ if and only if*

$$\delta(x^4) = 6x^2\delta(x^2) - 8x^3\delta(x),$$

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

THEOREM 2.3. *Drygas functions $f_1, f_2: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ fulfill the condition (1.4) for $(x, y) \in \Delta_1$ if and only if there exists an additive function $\delta: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(x^4) &= 6x^2\delta(x^2) - 8x^3\delta(x) + 3x^4\delta(1), \\ f_1(x) &= (x+1)[2\delta(x) - x\delta(1)], \\ \begin{cases} f_2(x) = \frac{1}{4}(x+1)\left[6\delta(x) - \frac{1}{x}\delta(x^2) - x\delta(1)\right], & x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \\ f_2(0) = 0. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

In particular, $f_1(1) = 0$ if and only if $\delta \in \mathfrak{D}_2(\mathbb{R})$.

PROOF. Since $f_1, f_2: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are Drygas functions, by (1.3), there exist additive functions $A_1, A_2: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and symmetric biadditive functions $B_1, B_2: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$f_1(x) = A_1(x) + B_1(x, x) \quad \text{and} \quad f_2(x) = A_2(x) + B_2(x, x),$$

for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Put $y = x^2$ in (1.4), to obtain

$$(x^2 + x^4) f_1(x) = (x + x^2) f_2(x^2), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

By dividing both sides by $x \neq 0$ (since $f_1(0) = f_2(0) = 0$), we have

$$(2.11) \quad (x+1)f_2(x^2) = (x^3+x)f_1(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Set $x = -1$ in (2.11), then $f_1(-1) = -A_1(1) + B_1(1, 1) = 0$. Thus,

$$A_1(1) = B_1(1, 1) = \frac{f_1(1)}{2}.$$

Let $s \in \mathbb{Q}$. Substituting $x + s$ for x in (2.11), we get

$$(2.12) \quad (x + s + 1)f_2((x + s)^2) = ((x + s)^3 + x + s)f_1(x + s), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

By expanding the powers of sums on both side of this equation and by the \mathbb{Q} -homogeneity of A_1, A_2, B_1 and B_2 , equation (2.12) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & xA_2(x^2) + sA_2(x^2) + A_2(x^2) + 2sxA_2(x) + 2s^2A_2(x) + 2sA_2(x) \\ & + s^2xA_2(1) + s^3A_2(1) + s^2A_2(1) + xB_2(x^2, x^2) + sB_2(x^2, x^2) \\ & + B_2(x^2, x^2) + 4s^2xB_2(x, x) + 4s^3B_2(x, x) + 4s^2B_2(x, x) + s^4xB_2(1, 1) \\ & + s^5B_2(1, 1) + s^4B_2(1, 1) + 4sxB_2(x^2, x) + 4s^2B_2(x^2, x) + 4sB_2(x^2, x) \\ & + 2s^2xB_2(x^2, 1) + 2s^3B_2(x^2, 1) + 2s^2B_2(x^2, 1) + 4s^3xB_2(x, 1) \\ & + 4s^4B_2(x, 1) + 4s^3B_2(x, 1) \\ = & x^3A_1(x) + 3sx^2A_1(x) + 3s^2xA_1(x) + s^3A_1(x) + xA_1(x) + sA_1(x) \\ & + sx^3A_1(1) + 3s^2x^2A_1(1) + 3s^3xA_1(1) + s^4A_1(1) + sxA_1(1) + s^2A_1(1) \\ & + x^3B_1(x, x) + 3sx^2B_1(x, x) + 3s^2xB_1(x, x) + s^3B_1(x, x) + xB_1(x, x) \\ & + sB_1(x, x) + s^2x^3B_1(1, 1) + 3s^3x^2B_1(1, 1) + 3s^4xB_1(1, 1) + s^5B_1(1, 1) \\ & + s^2xB_1(1, 1) + s^3B_1(1, 1) + 2sx^3B_1(x, 1) + 6s^2x^2B_1(x, 1) + 6s^3xB_1(x, 1) \\ & + 2s^4B_1(x, 1) + 2sxB_1(x, 1) + 2s^2B_1(x, 1), \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = & [B_1(1, 1) - B_2(1, 1)]s^5 \\ & + [A_1(1) + 3xB_1(1, 1) + 2B_1(x, 1) - xB_2(1, 1) + -4B_2(x, 1) - B_2(1, 1)]s^4 \\ & + [f_1(x) + 3xA_1(1) + 6xB_1(x, 1) + B_1(1, 1) + 3x^2B_1(1, 1) \\ & - 4xB_2(x, 1) - A_2(1) - 4B_2(x, x) - 2B_2(x^2, 1) - 4B_2(x, 1)]s^3 \\ & + [3xf_1(x) + 3x^2A_1(1) + A_1(1) + x^3B_1(1, 1) + xB_1(1, 1) \\ & + 6x^2B_1(x, 1) + 2B_1(x, 1) - A_2(1) - 2A_2(x) - xA_2(1) \\ & - 4xB_2(x, x) - 4B_2(x, x) - 4B_2(x^2, x) - 2xB_2(x^2, 1) - 2B_2(x^2, 1)]s^2 \\ & + [3x^2f_1(x) + f_1(x) + x^3A_1(1) + xA_1(1) + 2x^3B_1(x, 1) + 2xB_1(x, 1) \\ & - f_2(x^2) - 2xA_2(x) - 2A_2(x) - 4xB_2(x^2, x) - 4B_2(x^2, x)]s \\ & + [x^3f_1(x) + xf_1(x) - xf_2(x^2) - f_2(x^2)]. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 1.1, the coefficients of s^n for $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ are equal to zero. The coefficient of s^5 implies $B_1(1, 1) = B_2(1, 1)$. So, by taking $x = 1$ in (2.11), we obtain

$$A_1(1) = B_1(1, 1) = A_2(1) = B_2(1, 1) = \frac{f_1(1)}{2}.$$

According to the coefficient of s^4 we see that

$$(2.13) \quad 2B_2(x, 1) = xB_1(1, 1) + B_1(x, 1), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

From the coefficient of s^3 and (2.13), we conclude that

$$(2.14) \quad f_1(x) = 2B_1(x, 1) - xB_1(1, 1) - 4xB_1(x, 1) + B_1(x^2, 1) + 4B_2(x, x),$$

for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Hence, by (2.14),

$$(2.15) \quad A_1(x) = \frac{f_1(x) - f_1(-x)}{2} = 2B_1(x, 1) - xB_1(1, 1),$$

and

$$(2.16) \quad B_1(x, x) = \frac{f_1(x) + f_1(-x)}{2} = 4B_2(x, x) + B_1(x^2, 1) - 4xB_1(x, 1),$$

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

Replacing x with $-x$ in (2.11) yields

$$(2.17) \quad (-x + 1)f_2(x^2) = -(x^3 + x)f_1(-x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Adding both sides of (2.11) and (2.17) gives us

$$f_2(x^2) = (x^3 + x)A_1(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

and hence,

$$(2.18) \quad f_1(x) = (x + 1)A_1(x) = A_1(x) + B_1(x, x), \quad B_1(x, x) = xA_1(x),$$

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

$$(2.19) \quad f_2(x^2) = (x^2 + 1)B_1(x, x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

From (2.15) and (2.18), we have

$$(2.20) \quad B_1(x, x) = 2xB_1(x, 1) - x^2B_1(1, 1), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Combining (2.16) and (2.20) yields

$$(2.21) \quad B_2(x, x) = \frac{3}{2}xB_1(x, 1) - \frac{1}{4}B_1(x^2, 1) - \frac{1}{4}x^2B_1(1, 1),$$

for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. For $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $s \in \mathbb{Q}$, if we write sx instead of x in equation (2.19), then

$$f_2(s^2x^2) = (s^2x^2 + 1)B_1(sx, sx), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Thus,

$$[A_2(x^2) - B_1(x, x)]s^2 + [B_2(x^2, x^2) - x^2B_1(x, x)]s^4 = 0.$$

From Lemma 1.1 we have

$$A_2(x^2) = B_1(x, x), \quad B_2(x^2, x^2) = x^2 B_1(x, x).$$

So, $B_2(x^2, x^2) = x^2 A_2(x^2)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Setting $x^2 = t$, we have $t > 0$ and $B_2(t, t) = t A_2(t)$. It follows that $B_2(x, x) = x A_2(x)$ for all $x > 0$.

Now, for $x = -t < 0$,

$$B_2(x, x) = B_2(-t, -t) = B_2(t, t) = t A_2(t) = -t A_2(-t) = x A_2(x).$$

Therefore, $A_2(x) = \frac{1}{x} B_2(x, x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$.

From the above equality and (2.21), we obtain

$$A_2(x) = \frac{3}{2} B_1(x, 1) - \frac{1}{4x} B_1(x^2, 1) - \frac{1}{4} x B_1(1, 1).$$

Define the additive function $\delta: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$\delta(x) = B_1(x, 1), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Therefore,

$$f_1(x) = (x + 1) [2\delta(x) - x\delta(1)],$$

and

$$f_2(x) = \frac{1}{4}(x + 1) \left[6\delta(x) - \frac{1}{x} \delta(x^2) - x\delta(1) \right],$$

for all $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$.

Next, $f_1(1) = 0$ if and only if $\delta(1) = 0$, or equivalently, if and only if

$$\delta(x^4) = 6x^2\delta(x^2) - 8x^3\delta(x),$$

for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. By Lemma 2.2, this is equivalent to $\delta \in \mathfrak{D}_2(\mathbb{R})$.

The only if part is trivial. □

In Theorem 2.3, if we suppose that δ is a derivation, then $f_1(x) = 2f_2(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

EXAMPLE 2.4. Let $0 \neq a \in \mathbb{R}$. Define $f_1, f_2: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$f_1(x) = 2a(x + 1)\theta(x), \quad f_2(x) = a(x + 1)\theta(x),$$

for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, where $\theta: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a nontrivial derivation. Then f_1, f_2 are discontinuous Drygas functions and satisfy the conditions of Theorem 2.3 with $\delta(x) = a\theta(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

THEOREM 2.5. *Drygas functions $f_1, f_2: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfy the conditional equation (1.4) on \mathbb{R}_+ for $(x, y) \in \Delta_2$ and $f_1(x) = x^3 f_1\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$ if and only if*

$$(2.22) \quad f_1(x) = f_2(x) = \alpha(x + x^2), \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

where α is a real constant.

PROOF. The conditional equation (1.4) for $y = \log(x)$ is

$$(2.23) \quad \left[(\log(x))^2 + \log(x) \right] f_1(x) = (x^2 + x) f_2(\log(x)), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}_+.$$

Replacing x with $\frac{1}{x}$ in (2.23), we arrive, by using the fact that $f_1(x) = x^3 f_1\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$, at

$$(2.24) \quad \left[(\log(x))^2 - \log(x) \right] f_1(x) = (x^2 + x) f_2(-\log(x)), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}_+.$$

Substituting x^2 for x in (2.23) and applying properties of logarithmic and Drygas functions, we see that

$$(2.25) \quad \begin{aligned} \left[4(\log(x))^2 + 2\log(x) \right] f_1(x^2) &= (x^4 + x^2) f_2(2\log(x)) \\ &= (x^4 + x^2) [3f_2(\log(x)) + f_2(-\log(x))], \end{aligned}$$

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

From (2.23), (2.24) and (2.25) we deduce that

$$\left[4(\log(x))^2 + 2\log(x) \right] f_1(x^2) = \frac{x^4 + x^2}{x^2 + x} \left[4(\log(x))^2 + 2\log(x) \right] f_1(x),$$

which implies

$$(2.26) \quad (x + 1) f_1(x^2) = (x^3 + x) f_1(x),$$

for all $x \in \mathbb{R}_+ \setminus \{1, \exp(-\frac{1}{2})\}$.

Obviously, (2.26) holds for $x = 1$.

Putting $x = \exp(1)$ in (2.24), we have $f_2(-1) = 0$. So, $A_2(1) = B_2(1, 1)$, where $A_2: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is an additive function and $B_2: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a symmetric biadditive function and $f_2(x) = A_2(x) + B_2(x, x)$.

Taking $x = \exp(-\frac{1}{2})$ in (2.24), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3}{4} f_1\left(\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\right) &= \left(\exp(-1) + \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\right) f_2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &= \left(\exp(-1) + \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\right) \left[A_2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + B_2\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)\right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{3}{4} \left(\exp(-1) + \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \right) A_2(1) \\ &= \frac{3}{4} \left(\exp(-1) + \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \right) \frac{f_2(1)}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$(2.27) \quad f_2(1) = \frac{2}{\left(\exp(-1) + \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\right)} f_1\left(\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\right).$$

Setting $x = \exp(-1)$ in (2.24), we obtain

$$(2.28) \quad 2f_1(\exp(-1)) = (\exp(-2) + \exp(-1))f_2(1).$$

It follows from (2.27) and (2.28) that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + 1\right) f_1(\exp(-1)) \\ &= \left(\exp\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) + \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\right) f_1\left(\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$(x + 1)f_1(x^2) = (x^3 + x) f_1(x),$$

for all $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$. By Theorem 2.1,

$$f_1(x) = \alpha (x + x^2), \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

where $\alpha = \frac{f_1(1)}{2}$. By replacing $f_1(x)$ in (2.23), we have

$$f_2(\log(x)) = \alpha \left[(\log(x))^2 + \log(x) \right], \quad x \in \mathbb{R}_+,$$

where $\alpha = \frac{f_1(1)}{2}$. Consequently

$$f_2(x) = \alpha (x + x^2) = f_1(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

where $\alpha = \frac{f_1(1)}{2}$.

One can easily verify the sufficiency of (2.22). □

As a consequence, Theorem 2.5 can be generalized to the case of exponential functions, that is $(x, y) \in \Delta_3$, because the logarithmic and exponential functions of the same basis are inverses of each other.

COROLLARY 2.6. Drygas functions $f_1, f_2: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfy the conditional equation (1.4) for $(x, y) \in \Delta_3$ and $f_2(x) = x^3 f_2(\frac{1}{x})$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$ if and only if

$$f_1(x) = f_2(x) = \alpha(x + x^2), \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

where α is a real constant.

REMARK 1. Theorem 2.5 and Corollary 2.6 also hold if $y = \log_a(x)$ or $y = a^x$ for $a \in \mathbb{R}_+ \setminus \{1\}$.

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