



**ON HYERS-ULAM STABILITY OF A SPECIAL CASE OF O'CONNOR'S AND  
GAJDA'S FUNCTIONAL EQUATIONS**

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we obtain the Hyers-Ulam stability for the following functional equation

$$\sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K f(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) = |\Phi|a(x)\overline{a(y)}, \quad x, y \in G,$$

where  $G$  is a locally compact group,  $K$  is a compact subgroup of  $G$ ,  $\omega_K$  is the normalized Haar measure of  $K$ ,  $\Phi$  is a finite group of  $K$ -invariant morphisms of  $G$  and  $f, a : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  are continuous complex-valued functions such that  $f$  satisfies the Kannappan type condition

$$(*) \quad \int_K \int_K f(zkxk^{-1}hyh^{-1})d\omega_K(k)d\omega_K(h) = \int_K \int_K f(zkyk^{-1}hxx^{-1})d\omega_K(k)d\omega_K(h),$$

for all  $x, y, z \in G$ .

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $G$  be a locally compact group. Let  $K$  be a compact subgroup of  $G$ . Let  $\omega_K$  be the normalized Haar measure of  $K$ . A mapping  $\varphi : G \rightarrow G$  is a morphism of  $G$  if  $\varphi$  is a homeomorphism of  $G$  onto itself which is either a group-homomorphism, (i.e.  $\varphi(xy) = \varphi(x)\varphi(y)$ ,  $x, y \in G$ ), or a group-antihomomorphism, (i.e.  $\varphi(xy) = \varphi(y)\varphi(x)$ ,  $x, y \in G$ ). We denote by  $Mor(G)$  the group of morphisms of  $G$  and  $\Phi$  a finite subgroup of  $Mor(G)$  which is  $K$ -invariant (i.e.  $\varphi(K) \subset K$ , for all  $\varphi \in \Phi$ ). The number of elements of a finite group  $\Phi$  will be designated by  $|\Phi|$ . The Banach algebra of the complex bounded measures on  $G$  is denoted by  $M(G)$ , it is the topological dual of  $C_0(G)$ : Banach space of continuous functions vanishing at infinity. Finally the Banach space of all complex measurable and essentially bounded functions on  $G$  is denoted by  $L_\infty(G)$  and  $\mathcal{C}(G)$  designates the space of all continuous complex valued functions on  $G$ .

The stability problem for functional equations are strongly related to the question of S.M. Ulam concerning the stability of group homomorphisms [26], [16]. During the last decades, the stability problems of several functional equations have been extensively investigated by a number of mathematicians ([16], [2], [3], [22], [23], [24], [25], [20], ...). The main purpose of this paper is to generalize the Hyers-Ulam stability problem for the following functional equation

$$(1.1) \quad \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K f(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) = |\Phi|a(x)\overline{a(y)}, \quad x, y \in G,$$

where  $G$  is a locally compact group, and  $f, a \in \mathcal{C}(G)$  with the assumption that  $f$  satisfies the Kannappan type condition: (\*)

$$\int_K \int_K f(zkxk^{-1}hyh^{-1})d\omega_K(k)d\omega_K(h) = \int_K \int_K f(zkyk^{-1}hxx^{-1})d\omega_K(k)d\omega_K(h),$$

for all  $x, y, z \in G$ .

In the case where  $G$  is a locally compact abelian group, O'Connor [19], Gajda [14] and Stetkær [21] studied respectively the functional equation

$$(1.2) \quad f(x - y) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i(x)\overline{a_i(y)}, \quad x, y \in G, \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

$$(1.3) \quad f(x + y) + f(x - y) = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n a_i(x)\overline{a_i(y)}, \quad x, y \in G, \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

and

$$(1.4) \quad \int_H f(xh \cdot y)dh = a(x)\overline{a(y)}, \quad x, y \in \tilde{G},$$

where  $\tilde{G}$  is a locally compact group and  $H$  is a compact subgroup of  $Aut(\tilde{G})$ .

In the case  $n = 1$  equations (1.2) and (1.3) are special cases of (1.1). Moreover, taking  $G = \tilde{G} \times_s H$  the semi direct product of  $\tilde{G}$  and  $H$ , and  $K = \{e\} \times H$ , we observe that equation (1.4) is also a special case of (1.1).

This equation may be considered as a common generalization of functional equations

$$(1.5) \quad f(xy^{-1}) = a(x)\overline{a(y)}, \quad x, y \in G,$$

$$(1.6) \quad f(xy) + f(xy^{-1}) = 2a(x)\overline{a(y)}, \quad x, y \in G.$$

It is also a generalization of the equations

$$(1.7) \quad \int_K f(xky^{-1}k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) = a(x)\overline{a(y)}, \quad x, y \in G,$$

$$(1.8) \quad \int_K f(xkyk^{-1})d\omega_K(k) + \int_K f(xky^{-1}k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) = 2a(x)\overline{a(y)}, \quad x, y \in G,$$

$$(1.9) \quad \int_K f(xky^{-1})\overline{\chi}(k)d\omega_K(k) = a(x)\overline{a(y)}, \quad x, y \in G,$$

$$(1.10) \quad \int_K f(xky)\overline{\chi}(k)d\omega_K(k) + \int_K f(xky^{-1})\overline{\chi}(k)d\omega_K(k) = 2a(x)\overline{a(y)}, \quad x, y \in G,$$

$$(1.11) \quad \int_K f(xky^{-1})d\omega_K(k) = a(x)\overline{a(y)}, \quad x, y \in G,$$

$$(1.12) \quad \int_K f(xky)d\omega_K(k) + \int_K f(xk\varphi(y^{-1}))d\omega_K(k) = 2a(x)\overline{a(y)}, \quad x, y \in G, \text{ ([10], [11])}.$$

If  $G$  is a compact group, equation (1.1) may be considered as a generalization of the equations

$$(1.13) \quad \int_G f(xty^{-1}t^{-1})dt = a(x)\overline{a(y)}, \quad x, y \in G,$$

$$(1.14) \quad \int_G f(xtyt^{-1})dt + \int_G f(xty^{-1}t^{-1})dt = 2a(x)\overline{a(y)}, \quad x, y \in G,$$

$$(1.15) \quad \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_G f(xt\varphi(y^{-1})t^{-1})dt = |\Phi|a(x)\overline{a(y)}, \quad x, y \in G.$$

Furthermore the following equations are also a particular case of (1.1).

$$(1.16) \quad \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} f(x\varphi(y^{-1})) = |\Phi|a(x)\overline{a(y)}, \quad x, y \in G,$$

$$(1.17) \quad \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K f(xk\varphi(y^{-1}))d\omega_K(k) = |\Phi|a(x)\overline{a(y)}, \quad x, y \in G,$$

$$(1.18) \quad \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K f(xk\varphi(y^{-1}))\overline{\chi}(k)d\omega_K(k) = |\Phi|a(x)\overline{a(y)}, \quad x, y \in G,$$

where  $\chi$  is a character of  $K$ . For more information about the equations (1.1) – (1.18) (see [1], [4], [6], [7], [11], [12], [14], [15], [19], [21]).

In the next section, we note some results for later use.

## 2. GENERALIZED STABILITY RESULTS OF CAUCHY'S AND WILSON'S EQUATIONS

Let  $G$ ,  $K$  and  $\Phi$  be given as above. One can prove (see [4]) the following two propositions.

**Proposition 2.1.** *For an arbitrary fixed  $\tau \in \Phi$ , the mapping*

$$\Phi \ni \varphi \mapsto \varphi \circ \tau \in \Phi$$

*is a bijection and for all  $x, y \in G$ , we have*

$$\sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K f(xk\varphi(\tau(y))k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) = \sum_{\psi \in \Phi} \int_K f(xk\psi(y)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k).$$

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $\varphi \in \Phi$  and  $f \in \mathcal{C}(G)$ . Then*

i)

$$\int_K f(xk\varphi(hy)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) = \int_K f(xk\varphi(yh)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k), \quad x, y \in G, h \in K.$$

ii) *Moreover, if  $f$  satisfies the Kannappan type condition (\*), then we have*

$$\int_K \int_K f(zh\varphi(ykxk^{-1})h^{-1})d\omega_K(h)d\omega_K(k) = \int_K \int_K f(zh\varphi(xkyk^{-1})h^{-1})d\omega_K(h)d\omega_K(k),$$

*for all  $z, y, x \in G$ .*

The next results extend the ones obtained in [4], [8], [9], [10] and [13].

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $\varepsilon : G \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  be a continuous function. Let  $f, g : G \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be continuous functions such that  $f$  satisfies the Kannappan type condition (\*) and*

$$(2.1) \quad \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K f(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) - |\Phi|f(x)g(y) \right| \leq \varepsilon(y), \quad x, y \in G.$$

*If  $f$  is unbounded, then  $g$  satisfies the functional equation*

$$(2.2) \quad \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K g(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) = |\Phi|g(x)g(y), \quad x, y \in G.$$

*Proof.* Let  $\varepsilon : G \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  be a continuous function, and let  $f, g \in C(G)$  satisfying inequality (2.1). Let  $\Phi = \Phi^+ \cup \Phi^-$ , where  $\Phi^+$  (resp.  $\Phi^-$ ) is a set of group-homomorphisms (resp. of group-antihomomorphisms). By using Propositions 2.1, 2.2 and the fact that  $f$  satisfies the condition (\*), for all  $x, y, z \in G$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & |\Phi||f(z)| \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K g(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) - |\Phi|g(x)g(y) \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K |\Phi|f(z)g(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) - |\Phi|^2f(z)g(x)g(y) \right| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K f(zh\tau(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1})h^{-1})d\omega_K(k)d\omega_K(h) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K |\Phi|f(z)g(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) \right| \\
&+ \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K f(zh\tau(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1})h^{-1})d\omega_K(k)d\omega_K(h) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - |\Phi|g(y) \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K f(zh\tau(x)h^{-1})d\omega_K(h) \right| \\
&+ |\Phi||g(y)| \left| \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K f(zk\tau(x)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) - |\Phi|f(z)g(x) \right| \\
&= \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K f(zh\tau(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1})h^{-1})d\omega_K(k)d\omega_K(h) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K |\Phi|f(z)g(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) \right| \\
&+ \left| \sum_{\psi \in \Phi} \int_K \sum_{\tau \in \Phi^+} \int_K f(zh\tau(x)k\psi(y)k^{-1})h^{-1})d\omega_K(k)d\omega_K(h) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sum_{\psi \in \Phi} \int_K \sum_{\tau \in \Phi^-} \int_K f(zhk^{-1}\psi(y)k\tau(x)h^{-1})d\omega_K(k)d\omega_K(h) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - |\Phi|g(y) \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K f(zh\tau(x)h^{-1})d\omega_K(h) \right| \\
&+ |\Phi||g(y)| \left| \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K f(zk\tau(x)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) - |\Phi|f(z)g(x) \right| \\
&= \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K f(zh\tau(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1})h^{-1})d\omega_K(k)d\omega_K(h) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K |\Phi|f(z)g(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) \right| \\
&+ \left| \sum_{\psi \in \Phi} \int_K \sum_{\tau \in \Phi^+} \int_K f(zh\tau(x)h^{-1}k\psi(y)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k)d\omega_K(h) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sum_{\psi \in \Phi} \int_K \sum_{\tau \in \Phi^-} \int_K f(zh\tau(x)h^{-1}k\psi(y)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k)d\omega_K(h) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - |\Phi|g(y) \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K f(zh\tau(x)h^{-1})d\omega_K(h) \right| \\
&+ |\Phi||g(y)| \left| \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K f(zk\tau(x)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) - |\Phi|f(z)g(x) \right|
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K f(zh\tau(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1})h^{-1})d\omega_K(k)d\omega_K(h) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K |\Phi|f(z)g(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) \right| \\
&+ \left| \sum_{\psi \in \Phi} \int_K \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K f(zh\tau(x)h^{-1}k\psi(y)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k)d\omega_K(h) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - |\Phi|g(y) \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K f(zh\tau(x)h^{-1})d\omega_K(h) \right| \\
&+ |\Phi||g(y)| \left| \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K f(zk\tau(x)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) - |\Phi|f(z)g(x) \right| \\
&\leq \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K \left| \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K f(zh\tau(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1})h^{-1})d\omega_K(h) - |\Phi|f(z)g(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1}) \right| d\omega_K(k) \\
&\quad + \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K \left| \sum_{\psi \in \Phi} \int_K f(zh\tau(x)h^{-1}k\psi(y)k^{-1})d\omega_K(h) - |\Phi|f(zh\tau(x)h^{-1})g(y) \right| d\omega_K(h) \\
&\quad + |\Phi||g(y)| \left| \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K f(zh\tau(x)h^{-1})d\omega_K(h) - |\Phi|f(z)g(x) \right| \\
&\leq \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K \varepsilon(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) + |\Phi|\varepsilon(y) + |\Phi||g(y)|\varepsilon(x).
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $f$  is unbounded, then it follows that  $g$  is a solution of (2.1). This ends the proof of our theorem.  $\square$

The next results extend the ones obtained in [8] and [13].

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $\varepsilon : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ . Let  $f, g : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be continuous functions such that  $f$  satisfies the condition (\*) and*

$$(2.3) \quad \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K f(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) - |\Phi|f(x)g(y) \right| \leq \varepsilon(y), \quad x, y \in G.$$

*Suppose furthermore there exists  $x_0 \in G$  such that  $|g(x_0)| > 1$ . Then there exists exactly one solution  $F \in C(G)$  of the equation*

$$(2.4) \quad \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K F(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) = |\Phi|F(x)g(y), \quad x, y \in G,$$

*such that  $F - f$  is bounded and one has*

$$(2.5) \quad |F(x) - f(x)| \leq \frac{\varepsilon(x_0)}{|\Phi|(|g(x_0)| - 1)}, \quad x \in G.$$

*Proof.* In the proof, we use the ideas and methods that are analogous to the ones used in [8], [13] and [20]. Let  $\beta = |\Phi|g(x_0)$ , for all  $x \in G$ , one has

$$(2.6) \quad \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K f(xk\varphi(x_0)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) - \beta f(x) \right| \leq \varepsilon(x_0), \quad x, y \in G.$$

We define the following functions sequence

$$(2.7) \quad G_1(x) = \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K f(xk\varphi(x_0)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k), \quad x \in G,$$

$$(2.8) \quad G_{n+1}(x) = \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K G_n(xk\varphi(x_0)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k), \quad x \in G \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Next, we will prove the uniform convergence of the function sequence  $(\beta^{-n}G_n)_{n \geq 1}$ , therefore we need to show by induction the following inequalities

$$(2.9) \quad |G_{n+1}(x) - \beta G_n(x)| \leq |\Phi|^n \varepsilon(x_0), \quad x \in G, n \geq 1,$$

$$(2.10) \quad |G_n(x) - \beta^n f(x)| \leq \varepsilon(x_0)(|\Phi|^{n-1} + |\Phi|^{n-2}|\beta| + \dots + |\beta|^{n-1}),$$

and

$$(2.11) \quad |\beta^{-(n+1)}G_{n+1}(x) - \beta^{-n}G_n(x)| \leq |\beta|^{-(n+1)}|\Phi|^n \varepsilon(x_0).$$

In view of (2.5) one has for all  $x \in G$

$$\begin{aligned} & |G_2(x) - \beta G_1(x)| \\ &= \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K G_1(xk\varphi(x_0)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) - \beta \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K f(xk\varphi(x_0)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K f(xk\varphi(x_0)k^{-1}h\tau(x_0)h^{-1})d\omega_K(h)d\omega_K(k) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \beta \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K f(xk\tau(x_0)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K f(xk\tau(x_0)k^{-1}h\varphi(x_0)h^{-1})d\omega_K(h) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \beta f(xk\tau(x_0)k^{-1}) \right| d\omega_K(k) \\ &\leq |\Phi| \varepsilon(x_0). \end{aligned}$$

Assume (2.8) holds for  $n \geq 1$ , then for  $n + 1$ , one has

$$\begin{aligned} |G_{n+2}(x) - \beta G_{n+1}(x)| &= \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K G_{n+1}(xk\varphi(x_0)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \beta \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K G_n(xk\varphi(x_0)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K |G_{n+1}(xk\varphi(x_0)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) \\ &\quad - \beta G_n(xk\varphi(x_0)k^{-1})|d\omega_K(k) \\ &\leq |\Phi|^{n+1}\varepsilon(x_0). \end{aligned}$$

In view of (2.5) we have for all  $x \in G$

$$\begin{aligned} |G_1(x) - \beta f(x)| &= \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K f(xk\varphi(x_0)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) - \beta f(x) \right| \\ &\leq \varepsilon(x_0). \end{aligned}$$

Suppose (2.9) is true for  $n \geq 1$ . For  $n + 1$  one has

$$\begin{aligned} |G_{n+1}(x) - \beta^{n+1}f(x)| &\leq |G_{n+1}(x) - \beta G_n(x)| + |\beta| |G_n(x) - \beta^n f(x)| \\ &\leq |\Phi|^n \varepsilon(x_0) + |\beta| \varepsilon(x_0) (|\Phi|^{n-1} + |\Phi|^{n-2} |\beta| + \dots + |\beta|^{n-1}) \\ &= \varepsilon(x_0) (|\Phi|^n + |\Phi|^{n-1} |\beta| + \dots + |\beta|^n). \end{aligned}$$

For inequality (2.10), using (2.8), for all  $x \in G$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} |\beta^{-(n+1)}G_{n+1}(x) - \beta^{-n}G_n(x)| &= |\beta^{-(n+1)}| |G_{n+1}(x) - \beta G_n(x)| \\ &\leq |\beta|^{-(n+1)} |\Phi|^n \varepsilon(x_0). \end{aligned}$$

So by using inequality (2.10) we deduce the uniform convergence of the sequence  $(\beta^{-n}G_n)_{n \geq 1}$ . Let  $F$  be a continuous function defined by

$$F(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \beta^{-n}G_n(x), \quad x \in G.$$

Since

$$\beta^{-(n+1)}G_{n+1}(x) = \beta^{-1} \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K \beta^{-n}G_n(xk\varphi(x_0)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k),$$

then one has

$$\beta F(x) = \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K F(xk\varphi(x_0)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k), \quad x \in G.$$

In view of (2.9), one has for all  $x \in G$

$$|\beta^{-n}G_n(x) - f(x)| \leq |\beta|^{-n} \varepsilon(x_0) (|\Phi|^{n-1} + |\Phi|^{n-2} |\beta| + \dots + |\beta|^{n-1}),$$

which proves that

$$|F(x) - f(x)| < \frac{\varepsilon(x_0)}{|\Phi|(|g(x_0)| - 1)}, \quad x \in G.$$

Now we are going to show that  $F$  satisfies the equation

$$\sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K F(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) = |\Phi|F(x)g(y), \quad x, y \in G.$$



Thus we need to show by induction the inequality

$$(2.12) \quad \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K \beta^{-n} G_n(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1}) d\omega_K(k) - |\Phi| \beta^{-n} G_n(x)g(y) \right| \leq \frac{\varepsilon(y)}{|g(x_0)|^n}.$$

For  $n = 1$ , one has, by using the fact that  $f$  satisfies the condition (\*)

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\beta} \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K G_1(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1}) d\omega_K(k) - |\Phi| G_1(x)g(y) \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta} \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K f(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1}h\tau(x_0)h^{-1}) d\omega_K(k) d\omega_K(h) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - |\Phi| g(y) \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K f(xk\tau(x_0)k^{-1}) d\omega_K(k) \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta} \left| \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K f(xk\tau(x_0)k^{-1}h\varphi(y)h^{-1}) d\omega_K(k) d\omega_K(h) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - |\Phi| g(y) \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K f(xk\tau(x_0)k^{-1}) d\omega_K(k) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\beta} \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K f(xk\tau(x_0)k^{-1}h\varphi(y)h^{-1}) d\omega_K(h) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - |\Phi| g(y) f(xk\tau(x_0)k^{-1}) g(y) \right| d\omega_K(k) \\ &\leq \frac{|\Phi| \varepsilon(y)}{|\beta|} = \frac{\varepsilon(y)}{|g(x_0)|}. \end{aligned}$$

Assume (2.12) holds for some  $n \geq 1$ . For  $n + 1$ , one has by using the fact that  $f$  satisfies the condition (\*)

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K \beta^{-(n+1)} G_{n+1}(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1}) d\omega_K(k) - |\Phi| \beta^{-(n+1)} G_{n+1}(x)g(y) \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta} \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K \beta^{-n} G_n(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1}h\tau(x_0)h^{-1}) d\omega_K(h) d\omega_K(k) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - |\Phi| g(y) \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K \beta^{-n} G_n(xk\tau(x_0)k^{-1}) d\omega_K(k) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\beta} \sum_{\tau \in \Phi} \int_K \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K \beta^{-n} G_n(xk\tau(x_0)k^{-1}h\varphi(y)h^{-1}) d\omega_K(h) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - |\Phi| g(y) \beta^{-n} G_n(xk\tau(x_0)k^{-1}) \right| d\omega_K(k) \\ &\leq \frac{|\Phi|}{|\beta|} \frac{\varepsilon(y)}{|g(x_0)|^n} = \frac{\varepsilon(y)}{|g(x_0)|^{n+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

□

### 3. THE MAIN RESULTS

In the next proposition, we investigate the stability of the functional equation (1.1).

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $\delta > 0$ . Let  $f, a \in C(G)$  such that*

$$(3.1) \quad \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K f(xk\varphi(y^{-1})k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) - |\Phi|a(x)\bar{a}(y) \right| \leq \delta, \quad x, y \in G.$$

Then

i) *If  $f$  is bounded then  $a$  is bounded and one has,*

$$|a(x)| \leq \sqrt{\sup |f| + \frac{\delta}{|\Phi|}}, \quad x \in G,$$

$$|f(x)| \leq |a(e)| \sqrt{\sup |f| + \frac{\delta}{|\Phi|}} + \frac{\delta}{|\Phi|}, \quad x \in G.$$

ii) *If  $f$  is unbounded then  $a(e) \neq 0$ . Furthermore there exists  $x_0 \in G$  such that  $|a(x_0)| > |a(e)|$ .*

*Proof.* i) Let  $f$  be a continuous bounded solution of (3.1), then by taking  $x = y$  in (3.1) we get

$$|\Phi||a(x)|^2 \leq |\Phi| \sup |f| + \delta, \quad x \in G,$$

i.e.

$$|a(x)| \leq \sqrt{\sup |f| + \frac{\delta}{|\Phi|}}, \quad x \in G.$$

For  $y = e$  in (3.1) we get

$$|f(x)| \leq |a(x)||a(e)| + \frac{\delta}{|\Phi|},$$

i.e.

$$|f(x)| \leq |a(e)| \sqrt{\sup |f| + \frac{\delta}{|\Phi|}} + \frac{\delta}{|\Phi|}, \quad x \in G.$$

We will prove (ii) by contradiction. If  $a(e) = 0$  then  $|f(x)| < \frac{\delta}{|\Phi|}$ .

If  $|a(x)| \leq |a(e)|$ , for all  $x \in G$ , then by taking  $y = e$  in (3.1) one has

$$|f(x)| \leq |a(e)|^2 + \frac{\delta}{|\Phi|}, \quad x \in G,$$

i.e.  $f$  is bounded, which is the desired contradiction. □

The main results are the following theorems.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $\delta > 0$ . Assume that  $f, a \in C(G)$  satisfy inequality (3.1) and  $f$  fulfills (\*). Then*

i)  *$f, a$  are bounded*

*or*

ii)  *$f$  is unbounded and*

$$(3.2) \quad \bar{a}(e) \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K \check{\check{a}}(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) = |\Phi|\check{\check{a}}(x)\check{\check{a}}(y), \quad x, y \in G,$$

where  $\check{\check{a}}(x) = \overline{a(x^{-1})}$ , for  $x \in G$ .

*Proof.* ii) Since  $f$  is unbounded then by Proposition 3.1 we have  $a(e) \neq 0$ . By using the fact that  $f$  and  $a$  satisfy inequality (3.1) one has

$$\sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K f(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) = |\Phi|a(x)\check{\bar{a}}(y) + \theta(x, y), \quad x, y \in G,$$

where  $|\theta(x, y)| < \delta$ . By taking  $y = e$  we get for all  $x \in G$

$$|\Phi|f(x) = |\Phi|a(x)\bar{a}(e) + \theta(x, e),$$

so

$$(f(x) - a(x)\bar{a}(e)) = \frac{1}{|\Phi|}\theta(x, e),$$

then we get

$$\left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K f(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) - |\Phi|f(x)g(y) \right| < \varepsilon(y), \quad x, y \in G,$$

where

$$g(y) = \frac{\check{\bar{a}}(y)}{\bar{a}(e)}, \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon(y) = \delta(1 + |g(y)|).$$

In view of Theorem 2.3, we deduce that

$$\bar{a}(e) \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K \check{\bar{a}}(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) = |\Phi|\check{\bar{a}}(x)\check{\bar{a}}(y), \quad x, y \in G.$$

The cases of  $f$  bounded follows from Proposition 3.1. □

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $\delta > 0$ . Assume that  $f, a \in C(G)$  satisfy inequality (3.1) and  $f$  fulfills (\*). Then either

$$(3.3) \quad |a(x)| \leq \sqrt{\sup |f| + \frac{\delta}{|\Phi|}}, \quad x \in G,$$

$$(3.4) \quad |f(x)| \leq |a(e)|\sqrt{\sup |f| + \frac{\delta}{|\Phi|}} + \frac{\delta}{|\Phi|}, \quad x \in G,$$

or there exist  $x_0 \in G$  such that  $|a(x_0)| > |a(e)|$  and a unique continuous function  $F : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that

a)

$$\bar{a}(e) \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K F(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) = |\Phi|F(x)\check{\bar{a}}(y), \quad x, y \in G,$$

b)  $F - f$  is bounded and one has

$$|F(x) - f(x)| \leq \frac{\delta(|a(e)| + |a(x_0)|)}{|\Phi|(|a(x_0)| - |a(e)|)}, \quad x \in G.$$

*Proof.* If  $f$  is bounded, by using Theorem 3.2 and Proposition 3.1, we obtain the first case of the theorem.

Now, let  $f$  be unbounded. Since  $a(e) \neq 0$  it follows that

$$\left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K f(xk\varphi(y)k^{-1})d\omega_K(k) - |\Phi|f(x)g(y) \right| < \varepsilon(y), \quad x, y \in G,$$

where

$$g(y) = \frac{\check{\bar{a}}(y)}{a(e)}, \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon(y) = \delta(1 + |g(y)|).$$

Finally, by using Proposition 3.1 and Theorem 2.4 we get the rest of the proof.  $\square$

#### 4. APPLICATIONS

The following theorems are a particular case of Theorem 3.3.

If  $K \subset Z(G)$ , then we have

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $\delta > 0$ . Let  $f, a$  be a complex-valued functions on  $G$  such that  $f$  satisfies the Kannappan condition (see [18])*

$$(4.1) \quad f(zxy) = f(zyx), \quad x, y \in G$$

and the functional inequality

$$(4.2) \quad \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} f(x\varphi(y)) - |\Phi|a(x)\bar{a}(y) \right| \leq \delta, \quad x, y \in G.$$

Then either

$$(4.3) \quad |a(x)| \leq \sqrt{\sup |f| + \frac{\delta}{|\Phi|}}, \quad x \in G,$$

$$(4.4) \quad |f(x)| \leq |a(e)|\sqrt{\sup |f| + \frac{\delta}{|\Phi|}} + \frac{\delta}{|\Phi|}, \quad x \in G,$$

or there exist  $x_0 \in G$  such that  $|a(x_0)| > |a(e)|$  and a unique function  $F : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that

a)

$$\bar{a}(e) \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} F(x\varphi(y)) = |\Phi|F(x)\check{\bar{a}}(y), \quad x, y \in G,$$

b)  $F - f$  is bounded and one has

$$|F(x) - f(x)| \leq \frac{\delta(|a(e)| + |a(x_0)|)}{|\Phi|(|a(x_0)| - |a(e)|)}, \quad x \in G.$$

If  $G$  is abelian then condition (4.1) holds. By taking  $\Phi = \{I\}$  (resp.  $\Phi = \{I, -I\}$ ), we get the following corollaries.

**Corollary 4.2.** *Let  $\delta > 0$ . Let  $f, a$  be complex-valued functions on  $G$  such that*

$$(4.5) \quad |f(x - y) - a(x)\bar{a}(y)| \leq \delta, \quad x, y \in G.$$

Then either

$$(4.6) \quad |a(x)| \leq \sqrt{\sup |f| + \delta}, \quad x \in G,$$

$$(4.7) \quad |f(x)| \leq |a(e)|\sqrt{\sup |f| + \delta} + \delta, \quad x \in G,$$

or there exist  $x_0 \in G$  such that  $|a(x_0)| > |a(e)|$  and a unique function  $F : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that

a)

$$\bar{a}(e)F(x + y) = F(x)\check{\bar{a}}(y), \quad x, y \in G,$$

b)  $F - f$  is bounded and one has

$$|F(x) - f(x)| \leq \frac{\delta(|a(e)| + |a(x_0)|)}{(|a(x_0)| - |a(e)|)}, \quad x \in G.$$

**Corollary 4.3.** Let  $\delta > 0$ . Let  $f, a$  be a complex-valued functions on  $G$  such that

$$(4.8) \quad |f(x + y) + f(x - y) - 2a(x)\bar{a}(y)| \leq \delta, \quad x, y \in G.$$

Then either

$$(4.9) \quad |a(x)| \leq \sqrt{\sup |f| + \frac{\delta}{2}}, \quad x \in G,$$

$$|f(x)| \leq |a(e)|\sqrt{\sup |f| + \frac{\delta}{2}} + \frac{\delta}{2}, \quad x \in G,$$

or there exist  $x_0 \in G$  such that  $|a(x_0)| > |a(e)|$  and a unique function  $F : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that

a)

$$\bar{a}(e)F(x + y) + \bar{a}(e)F(x - y) = 2F(x)\check{\bar{a}}(y), \quad x, y \in G,$$

b)  $F - f$  is bounded and one has

$$|F(x) - f(x)| \leq \frac{\delta(|a(e)| + |a(x_0)|)}{2(|a(x_0)| - |a(e)|)}, \quad x \in G.$$

If  $f(kxh) = \chi(k)f(x)\chi(h)$ ,  $k, h \in K$  and  $x \in G$ , where  $\chi$  is a character of  $K$ , then we have

**Theorem 4.4.** Let  $\delta > 0$  and let  $\chi$  be a character of  $K$ . Assume that  $(f, a) \in \mathcal{C}(G)$  satisfy  $f(kxh) = \chi(k)f(x)\chi(h)$ ,  $k, h \in K$ ,  $x \in G$ ,

$$(4.10) \quad \int_K \int_K f(zkxhy)\bar{\chi}(k)\bar{\chi}(h)d\omega_K(k)d\omega_K(h) = \int_K \int_K f(zkyhx)\bar{\chi}(k)\bar{\chi}(h)d\omega_K(k)d\omega_K(h)$$

and

$$(4.11) \quad \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K f(xk\varphi(y^{-1}))\bar{\chi}(k)d\omega_K(k) - |\Phi|a(x)\bar{a}(y) \right| \leq \delta, \quad x, y \in G.$$

Then either

$$(4.12) \quad |a(x)| \leq \sqrt{\sup |f| + \frac{\delta}{|\Phi|}}, \quad x \in G,$$

$$(4.13) \quad |f(x)| \leq |a(e)|\sqrt{\sup |f| + \frac{\delta}{|\Phi|}} + \frac{\delta}{|\Phi|}, \quad x \in G,$$

or there exist  $x_0 \in G$  such that  $|a(x_0)| > |a(e)|$  and a unique continuous function  $F : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that

a)

$$\bar{a}(e) \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K F(xk\varphi(y))\bar{\chi}(k)d\omega_K(k) = |\Phi|F(x)\check{\bar{a}}(y), \quad x, y \in G,$$

b)  $F - f$  is bounded and one has

$$|F(x) - f(x)| \leq \frac{\delta(|a(e)| + |a(x_0)|)}{|\Phi|(|a(x_0)| - |a(e)|)}, \quad x \in G.$$

**Corollary 4.5.** Let  $\delta > 0$  and let  $\chi$  be a character of  $K$ . Assume that  $(f, a) \in \mathcal{C}(G)$  satisfy  $f(kxh) = \chi(k)f(x)\chi(h)$ ,  $k, h \in K$ ,  $x \in G$ ,

$$\int_K \int_K f(zkxhy)\bar{\chi}(k)\bar{\chi}(h)d\omega_K(k)d\omega_K(h) = \int_K \int_K f(zkyhx)\bar{\chi}(k)\bar{\chi}(h)d\omega_K(k)d\omega_K(h)$$

and

$$(4.14) \quad \left| \int_K f(xky)\bar{\chi}(k)d\omega_K(k) + \int_K f(xky^{-1})\bar{\chi}(k)d\omega_K(k) - 2a(x)\bar{a}(y) \right| \leq \delta, \quad x, y \in G.$$

Then either

$$(4.15) \quad |a(x)| \leq \sqrt{\sup |f| + \frac{\delta}{2}}, \quad x \in G,$$

$$(4.16) \quad |f(x)| \leq |a(e)|\sqrt{\sup |f| + \frac{\delta}{2}} + \frac{\delta}{2}, \quad x \in G,$$

or there exist  $x_0 \in G$  such that  $|a(x_0)| > |a(e)|$  and a unique continuous function  $F : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that

a)

$$\bar{a}(e) \int_K F(xky)\bar{\chi}(k)d\omega_K(k) + \bar{a}(e) \int_K F(xky^{-1})\bar{\chi}(k)d\omega_K(k) = 2F(x)\bar{\check{a}}(y), \quad x, y \in G,$$

b)  $F - f$  is bounded and one has

$$|F(x) - f(x)| \leq \frac{\delta(|a(e)| + |a(x_0)|)}{2(|a(x_0)| - |a(e)|)}, \quad x \in G.$$

**Corollary 4.6.** Let  $\delta > 0$  and let  $\chi$  be a character of  $K$ . Assume that  $(f, a) \in \mathcal{C}(G)$  satisfy  $f(kxh) = \chi(k)f(x)\chi(h)$ ,  $k, h \in K$ ,  $x \in G$ , and

$$(4.17) \quad \left| \int_K f(xky^{-1})\bar{\chi}(k)d\omega_K(k) - a(x)\bar{a}(y) \right| \leq \delta, \quad x, y \in G.$$

Then either

$$(4.18) \quad |a(x)| \leq \sqrt{\sup |f| + \delta}, \quad x \in G,$$

$$|f(x)| \leq |a(e)|\sqrt{\sup |f| + \delta} + \delta, \quad x \in G,$$

or there exist  $x_0 \in G$  such that  $|a(x_0)| > |a(e)|$  and a unique continuous function  $F : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that

a)

$$\bar{a}(e) \int_K F(xky)\bar{\chi}(k)d\omega_K(k) = F(x)\bar{\check{a}}(y), \quad x, y \in G,$$

b)  $F - f$  is bounded and one has

$$|F(x) - f(x)| \leq \frac{\delta(|a(e)| + |a(x_0)|)}{(|a(x_0)| - |a(e)|)}, \quad x \in G.$$

**Remark 4.7.** If the algebra  $\bar{\chi}\omega_K * M(G) * \bar{\chi}\omega_K$  is commutative then the condition (\*) holds [4]. Furthermore in the case where  $\Phi = \{I\}$ , we do not need the condition (\*).

In the next theorem we assume that  $f$  is bi- $K$ -invariant (i.e.  $f(hxk) = f(x)$ ,  $h, k \in K$ ,  $x \in G$ ), then we have

**Theorem 4.8.** Let  $\delta > 0$  and assume that  $(f, a) \in \mathcal{C}(G)$  satisfy  $f(kxh) = f(x)$ ,  $k, h \in K$ ,  $x \in G$ ,

$$(4.19) \quad \int_K \int_K f(zkxhy) d\omega_K(k) d\omega_K(h) = \int_K \int_K f(zkyhx) d\omega_K(k) d\omega_K(h)$$

and

$$(4.20) \quad \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K f(xk\varphi(y^{-1})) d\omega_K(k) - |\Phi| a(x) \bar{a}(y) \right| \leq \delta, \quad x, y \in G.$$

Then either

$$(4.21) \quad |a(x)| \leq \sqrt{\sup |f| + \frac{\delta}{|\Phi|}}, \quad x \in G,$$

$$(4.22) \quad |f(x)| \leq |a(e)| \sqrt{\sup |f| + \frac{\delta}{|\Phi|}} + \frac{\delta}{|\Phi|}, \quad x \in G,$$

or there exist  $x_0 \in G$  such that  $|a(x_0)| > |a(e)|$  and a unique continuous function  $F : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that

a)

$$\bar{a}(e) \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_K F(xk\varphi(y)) d\omega_K(k) = |\Phi| F(x) \check{\bar{a}}(y), \quad x, y \in G,$$

b)  $F - f$  is bounded and one has

$$|F(x) - f(x)| \leq \frac{\delta(|a(e)| + |a(x_0)|)}{|\Phi|(|a(x_0)| - |a(e)|)}, \quad x \in G.$$

**Corollary 4.9.** Let  $\delta > 0$  and assume that  $(f, a) \in \mathcal{C}(G)$  satisfy  $f(kxh) = f(x)$ ,  $k, h \in K$ ,  $x \in G$ ,

$$\int_K \int_K f(zkxhy) d\omega_K(k) d\omega_K(h) = \int_K \int_K f(zkyhx) d\omega_K(k) d\omega_K(h)$$

and

$$(4.23) \quad \left| \int_K f(xky) d\omega_K(k) + \int_K f(xky^{-1}) d\omega_K(k) - 2a(x) \bar{a}(y) \right| \leq \delta, \quad x, y \in G.$$

Then either

$$(4.24) \quad |a(x)| \leq \sqrt{\sup |f| + \frac{\delta}{2}}, \quad x \in G,$$

$$|f(x)| \leq |a(e)| \sqrt{\sup |f| + \frac{\delta}{2}} + \frac{\delta}{2}, \quad x \in G,$$

or there exist  $x_0 \in G$  such that  $|a(x_0)| > |a(e)|$  and a unique continuous function  $F : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that

a)

$$\bar{a}(e) \int_K F(xky) d\omega_K(k) + \bar{a}(e) \int_K F(xky^{-1}) d\omega_K(k) = 2F(x) \check{\bar{a}}(y), \quad x, y \in G,$$

b)  $F - f$  is bounded and one has

$$|F(x) - f(x)| \leq \frac{\delta(|a(e)| + |a(x_0)|)}{2(|a(x_0)| - |a(e)|)}, \quad x \in G.$$

**Corollary 4.10.** Let  $\delta > 0$  and assume that  $(f, a) \in \mathcal{C}(G)$  satisfy  $f(kxh) = f(x)$ ,  $k, h \in K$ ,  $x \in G$ , and

$$(4.25) \quad \left| \int_K f(xky^{-1})d\omega_K(k) - a(x)\bar{a}(y) \right| \leq \delta, \quad x, y \in G.$$

Then either

$$(4.26) \quad |a(x)| \leq \sqrt{\sup |f| + \delta}, \quad x \in G,$$

$$|f(x)| \leq |a(e)|\sqrt{\sup |f| + \delta} + \delta, \quad x \in G,$$

or there exist  $x_0 \in G$  such that  $|a(x_0)| > |a(e)|$  and a unique continuous function  $F : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that

a)

$$\bar{a}(e) \int_K F(xky)d\omega_K(k) = F(x)\bar{a}(y), \quad x, y \in G,$$

b)  $F - f$  is bounded and one has

$$|F(x) - f(x)| \leq \frac{\delta(|a(e)| + |a(x_0)|)}{(|a(x_0)| - |a(e)|)}, \quad x \in G.$$

**Remark 4.11.** If the algebra  $\omega_K * M(G) * \omega_K$  is commutative then the condition (\*) holds [4].

In the next corollary, we assume that  $G = K$  is a compact group.

**Theorem 4.12.** Let  $\delta > 0$  and let  $f, a$  be complex measurable and essentially bounded functions on  $G$  such that  $f$  is a central function and  $(f, a)$  satisfy the inequality

$$(4.27) \quad \left| \sum_{\varphi \in \Phi} \int_G f(xt\varphi(y)t^{-1})dt - |\Phi|a(x)\bar{a}(y) \right| \leq \delta, \quad x, y \in G.$$

Then

$$(4.28) \quad |a(x)| \leq \sqrt{\sup |f| + \frac{\delta}{|\Phi|}},$$

and

$$|f(x)| \leq |a(e)|\sqrt{\sup |f| + \frac{\delta}{|\Phi|}} + \frac{\delta}{|\Phi|},$$

for all  $x \in G$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f, a \in L^\infty(G)$ . Since  $f$  is central, then it satisfies the condition (\*) ([4], [6]). If  $f$  is unbounded then  $a$  is a solution of the functional equation (3.2). In view of [15], we get the fact that  $a$  is continuous. Since  $G$  is compact then  $a$  is bounded. Consequently  $f$  is bounded, which is the desired property.  $\square$

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