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# On the Stability of Trigonometric Functional Equations in Distributions and Hyperfunctions

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We consider the Hyers-Ulam stability for a class of trigonometric functional equations in the spaces of generalized functions such as Schwartz distributions and Gelfand hyperfunctions.

### 1. Introduction

Hyers-Ulam stability problems of functional equations go back to 1940 when Ulam proposed the following question [1].

Let f be a mapping from a group  $G_1$  to a metric group  $G_2$ with metric  $d(\cdot, \cdot)$  such that

$$d\left(f\left(xy\right), f\left(x\right)f\left(y\right)\right) \le \epsilon.$$
(1)

Then does there exist a group homomorphism h and  $\delta_{\epsilon}>0$  such that

$$d(f(x), h(x)) \le \delta_{\epsilon} \tag{2}$$

for all  $x \in G_1$ ?

This problem was solved affirmatively by Hyers [2] under the assumption that  $G_2$  is a Banach space. After the result of Hyers, Aoki [3] and Bourgin [4, 5] treated with this problem; however, there were no other results on this problem until 1978 when Rassias [6] treated again with the inequality of Aoki [3]. Generalizing Hyers' result, he proved that if a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  between two Banach spaces satisfies

$$\left\|f\left(x+y\right) - f\left(x\right) - f\left(y\right)\right\| \le \Phi\left(x,y\right), \quad \text{for } x, y \in X$$
(3)

with  $\Phi(x, y) = \epsilon(||x||^p + ||y||^p)$  ( $\epsilon \ge 0, 0 \le p < 1$ ), then there exists a unique additive function  $A : X \to Y$  such

that  $||f(x) - A(x)|| \le 2\epsilon |x|^p / (2 - 2^p)$  for all  $x \in X$ . In 1951 Bourgin [4, 5] stated that if  $\Phi$  is symmetric in ||x|| and ||y||with  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \Phi(2^j x, 2^j x)/2^j < \infty$  for each  $x \in X$ , then there exists a unique additive function  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $||f(x) - A(x)|| \le \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \Phi(2^j x, 2^j x)/2^j$  for all  $x \in X$ . Unfortunately, there was no use of these results until 1978 when Rassias [7] treated with the inequality of Aoki [3]. Following Rassias' result, a great number of papers on the subject have been published concerning numerous functional equations in various directions [6-10, 10-25]. In 1990 Székelyhidi [24] has developed his idea of using invariant subspaces of functions defined on a group or semigroup in connection with stability questions for the sine and cosine functional equations. We refer the reader to [9, 10, 18, 19, 25] for Hyers-Ulam stability of functional equations of trigonometric type. In this paper, following the method of Székelyhidi [24] we consider a distributional analogue of the Hyers-Ulam stability problem of the trigonometric functional inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} \left| f\left(x-y\right) - f\left(x\right)g\left(y\right) + g\left(x\right)f\left(y\right) \right| &\leq \psi\left(y\right), \\ \left| g\left(x-y\right) - g\left(x\right)g\left(y\right) - f\left(x\right)f\left(y\right) \right| &\leq \psi\left(y\right), \end{aligned}$$
(4)

where  $f, g: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{C}$  and  $\psi: \mathbb{R}^n \to [0, \infty)$  is a continuous function. As a distributional version of the inequalities (4), we

consider the inequalities for the generalized functions  $u, v \in \mathcal{G}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (resp.,  $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ),

$$\left\| u \circ (x - y) - u_x \otimes v_y + v_x \otimes u_y \right\| \le \psi(y),$$

$$\left\| v \circ (x - y) - v_x \otimes v_y - u_x \otimes u_y \right\| \le \psi(y),$$
(5)

where  $\circ$  and  $\otimes$  denote the pullback and the tensor product of generalized functions, respectively, and  $\psi : \mathbb{R}^n \to [0, \infty)$  denotes a continuous infraexponential function of order 2 (resp., a function of polynomial growth). For the proof we employ the tensor product  $E_t(x)E_s(y)$  of *n*-dimensional heat kernel

$$E_t(x) = (4\pi t)^{-n/2} \exp\left(-\frac{|x|^2}{4t}\right), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ t > 0.$$
(6)

For the first step, convolving  $E_t(x)E_s(y)$  in both sides of (5) we convert (5) to the Hyers-Ulam stability problems of *trigonometric-hyperbolic type* functional inequalities, respectively,

$$|U(x - y, t + s) - U(x, t) V(y, s) + V(x, t) U(y, s)|$$

$$\leq \Psi(y, s),$$

$$|V(x - y, t + s) - V(x, t) V(y, s) - U(x, t) U(y, s)|$$

$$\leq \Psi(y, s),$$
(7)

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, t, s > 0$ , where U, V are the Gauss transforms of u, v, respectively, given by

$$U(x,t) = u * E_t(x) = \langle u_y, E_t(x-y) \rangle,$$
 (8)

$$V(x,t) = v * E_t(x),$$
 (9)

which are solutions of the heat equation, and

$$\Psi(y,s) = \int \psi(\eta) E_s(\eta - y) d\eta = (\psi * E_s)(y).$$
(10)

For the second step, using similar idea of Székelyhidi [24] we prove the Hyers-Ulam stabilities of inequalities (7). For the final step, taking initial values as  $t \rightarrow 0^+$  for the results we arrive at our results.

#### 2. Generalized Functions

We first introduce the spaces  $\mathscr{S}'$  of Schwartz tempered distributions and  $\mathscr{G}'$  of Gelfand hyperfunctions (see [26– 29] for more details of these spaces). We use the notations:  $|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n, \alpha! = \alpha_1! \dots \alpha_n!, |x| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2},$  $x^{\alpha} = x_1^{\alpha_1} \dots x_n^{\alpha_n}, \text{ and } \partial^{\alpha} = \partial_1^{\alpha_1} \dots \partial_n^{\alpha_n}, \text{ for } x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n, \alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \mathbb{N}_0^n, \text{ where } \mathbb{N}_0 \text{ is the set of nonnegative integers and } \partial_j = \partial/\partial x_j.$ 

Definition 1 (see [29]). One denotes by S or  $S(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the Schwartz space of all infinitely differentiable functions  $\varphi$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$\left\|\varphi\right\|_{\alpha,\beta} = \sup_{x} \left|x^{\alpha} \partial^{\beta} \varphi(x)\right| < \infty$$
(11)

for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ , equipped with the topology defined by the seminorms  $\|\cdot\|_{\alpha,\beta}$ . The elements of  $\mathcal{S}$  are called rapidly decreasing functions, and the elements of the dual space  $\mathcal{S}'$  are called tempered distributions.

*Definition 2* (see [26]). One denotes by  $\mathscr{G}$  or  $\mathscr{G}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the Gelfand space of all infinitely differentiable functions  $\varphi$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$\|\varphi\|_{h,k} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^n} \frac{\left|x^{\alpha} \partial^{\beta} \varphi\left(x\right)\right|}{h^{|\alpha|} k^{|\beta|} \alpha!^{1/2} \beta!^{1/2}} < \infty$$
(12)

for some h, k > 0. One says that  $\varphi_j \to 0$  as  $j \to \infty$  if  $\|\varphi_j\|_{h,k} \to 0$  as  $j \to \infty$  for some h, k, and one denotes by  $\mathcal{G}'$  the dual space of  $\mathcal{G}$  and calls its elements Gelfand hyperfunctions.

It is well known that the following topological inclusions hold:

$$\mathscr{G} \hookrightarrow \mathscr{S}, \qquad \mathscr{S}' \hookrightarrow \mathscr{G}'.$$
 (13)

It is known that the space  $\mathscr{G}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  consists of all infinitely differentiable functions  $\varphi(x)$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  which can be extended to an entire function on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  satisfying

$$\left|\varphi\left(x+iy\right)\right| \le C \exp\left(-a|x|^2 + b|y|^2\right), \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad (14)$$

for some *a*, *b*, and *C* > 0 (see [26]).

By virtue of Theorem 6.12 of [27, p. 134] we have the following.

Definition 3. Let  $u_j \in \mathcal{G}'(\mathbb{R}^{n_j})$  for j = 1, 2, with  $n_1 \ge n_2$ , and let  $\lambda : \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \to \mathbb{R}^{n_2}$  be a smooth function such that, for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1}$ , the Jacobian matrix  $\nabla \lambda(x)$  of  $\lambda$  at x has rank  $n_2$ . Then there exists a unique continuous linear map  $\lambda^* : \mathcal{G}'(\mathbb{R}^{n_2}) \to \mathcal{G}'(\mathbb{R}^{n_1})$  such that  $\lambda^* u = u \circ \lambda$  when uis a continuous function. One calls  $\lambda^* u$  the pullback of u by  $\lambda$  which is often denoted by  $u \circ \lambda$ .

In particular, let  $\lambda : \mathbb{R}^{2n} \to \mathbb{R}^n$  be defined by  $\lambda(x, y) = x - y, x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then in view of the proof of Theorem 6.12 of [27, p. 134] we have

$$\langle u \circ \lambda, \varphi(x, y) \rangle = \langle u, \int \varphi(x - y, y) \, dy \rangle.$$
 (15)

*Definition 4.* Let  $u_x \in \mathcal{G}'(\mathbb{R}^{n_1})$ ,  $u_y \in \mathcal{G}'(\mathbb{R}^{n_2})$ . Then the tensor product  $u_x \otimes u_y$  of  $u_x$  and  $u_y$ , defined by

$$\langle u_{x} \otimes u_{y}, \varphi(x, y) \rangle = \langle u_{x}, \langle u_{y}, \varphi(x, y) \rangle \rangle$$
(16)

for  $\varphi(x, y) \in \mathscr{G}(\mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2})$ , belongs to  $\mathscr{G}'(\mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2})$ .

For more details of pullback and tensor product of distributions we refer the reader to Chapter V-VI of [27].

#### 3. Main Theorems

Let f be a Lebesgue measurable function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then f is said to be an *infraexponential function of order 2 (resp.*,

*a function of polynomial growth*) if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $C_{\epsilon} > 0$  (resp., there exist positive constants *C*, *N*, and *d*) such that

$$|f(x)| \le C_{\epsilon} e^{\epsilon |x|^2} [\text{resp.} \le C|x|^N + d]$$
 (17)

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . It is easy to see that every infraexponential function f of order 2 (resp., every function of polynomial growth) defines an element of  $\mathscr{C}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (resp.,  $\mathscr{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ) via the correspondence

$$\langle f, \varphi \rangle = \int f(x) \varphi(x) dx$$
 (18)

for  $\varphi \in \mathscr{G}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (resp.  $\mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ).

Let  $u, v \in \mathcal{G}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (resp.,  $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ). We prove the stability of the following functional inequalities:

$$\left\| u \circ (x - y) - u_x \otimes v_y + v_x \otimes u_y \right\| \le \psi(y), \qquad (19)$$

$$\left\| v \circ (x - y) - v_x \otimes v_y - u_x \otimes u_y \right\| \le \psi(y), \qquad (20)$$

where  $\circ$  and  $\otimes$  denote the pullback and the tensor product of generalized functions, respectively,  $\psi : \mathbb{R}^n \to [0, \infty)$ denotes a continuous infraexponential functional of order 2 (resp. a continuous function of polynomial growth) with  $\psi(0) = 0$ , and  $\|\cdot\| \leq \psi$  means that  $|\langle \cdot, \varphi \rangle| \leq \|\psi\varphi\|_{L^1}$  for all  $\varphi \in \mathcal{G}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (resp.,  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ).

In view of (14) it is easy to see that the *n*-dimensional heat kernel

$$E_t(x) = (4\pi t)^{-n/2} \exp\left(-\frac{|x|^2}{4t}\right), \quad t > 0,$$
(21)

belongs to the Gelfand space  $\mathscr{G}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for each t > 0. Thus the convolution  $(u * E_t)(x) := \langle u_y, E_t(x - y) \rangle$  is well defined for all  $u \in \mathscr{G}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . It is well known that  $U(x,t) = (u * E_t)(x)$  is a smooth solution of the heat equation  $(\partial/\partial_t - \Delta)U = 0$  in  $\{(x,t) : x \in \mathbb{R}^n, t > 0\}$  and  $(u * E_t)(x) \rightarrow u$  as  $t \rightarrow 0^+$  in the sense of generalized functions that is, for every  $\varphi \in \mathscr{G}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,

$$\langle u, \varphi \rangle = \lim_{t \to 0^+} \int (u * E_t) (x) \varphi (x) dx.$$
 (22)

We call  $(u * E_t)(x)$  the Gauss transform of u.

A function *A* from a semigroup  $\langle S, + \rangle$  to the field  $\mathbb{C}$  of complex numbers is said to be *an additive function* provided that A(x + y) = A(x) + A(y), and  $m : S \to \mathbb{C}$  is said to be *an exponential function* provided that m(x + y) = m(x)m(y).

For the proof of stabilities of (19) and (20) we need the following.

**Lemma 5** (see [15]). Let *S* be a semigroup and  $\mathbb{C}$  the field of complex numbers. Assume that  $f, g : S \to \mathbb{C}$  satisfy the inequality; for each  $y \in S$  there exists a positive constant  $M_y$  such that

$$\left|f\left(x+y\right) - f\left(x\right)g\left(y\right)\right| \le M_{y} \tag{23}$$

for all  $x \in S$ . Then either f is a bounded function or g is an exponential function.

*Proof.* Suppose that *g* is not exponential. Then there are  $y, z \in S$  such that  $g(y + z) \neq g(y)g(z)$ . Now we have

$$f(x + y + z) - f(x + y) g(z)$$
  
=  $(f(x + y + z) - f(x) g(y + z))$   
 $- g(z) (f(x + y) - f(x) g(y))$   
 $+ f(x) (g(y + z) - g(y) g(z)),$  (24)

and hence

$$f(x) = (g(y+z) - g(y)g(z))^{-1} \times ((f(x+y+z) - f(x+y)g(z)) - (f(x+y+z) - f(x)g(y+z)) + g(z)(f(x+y) - f(x)g(y+z)) + g(z)(f(x+y) - f(x)g(y))).$$
(25)

In view of (23) the right hand side of (25) is bounded as a function of *x*. Consequently, *f* is bounded.  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 6** (see [30, p. 122]). Let f(x, t) be a solution of the heat equation. Then f(x, t) satisfies

$$\left|f\left(x,t\right)\right| \le M, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^{n}, \ t \in (0,1)$$
(26)

for some M > 0, if and only if

$$f(x,t) = (f_0 * E_t)(x) = \int f_0(y) E_t(x-y) dy$$
 (27)

for some bounded measurable function  $f_0$  defined in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . In particular,  $f(x,t) \to f_0(x)$  in  $\mathscr{G}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  as  $t \to 0^+$ .

We discuss the solutions of the corresponding trigonometric functional equations

$$u \circ (x - y) - u_x \otimes v_y + v_x \otimes u_y = 0, \qquad (28)$$

$$v \circ (x - y) - v_x \otimes v_y - u_x \otimes u_y = 0, \tag{29}$$

in the space  $\mathcal{G}'$  of Gelfand hyperfunctions. As a consequence of the results [8, 31, 32] we have the following.

**Lemma 7.** The solutions  $u, v \in \mathcal{G}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  of (28) and (29) are equal, respectively, to the continuous solutions  $f, g : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{C}$  of corresponding classical functional equations

$$f(x - y) - f(x)g(y) + g(x)f(y) = 0,$$
(30)

$$g(x - y) - g(x)g(y) - f(x)f(y) = 0.$$
 (31)

The continuous solutions (f, g) of the functional equation (30) are given by one of the following:

- (i) f = 0 and g is arbitrary,
- (ii)  $f(x) = c_1 \cdot x, g(x) = 1 + c_2 \cdot x$  for some  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ,
- (iii)  $f(x) = \lambda_1 \sin(c \cdot x)$  and  $g(x) = \cos(c \cdot x) + \lambda_2 \sin(c \cdot x)$ for some  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C}, c \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .

Also, the continuous solutions (f, g) of the functional equation (31) are given by one of the following:

(i) 
$$g(x) = \lambda$$
 and  $f(x) = \pm \sqrt{\lambda - \lambda^2}$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

(ii) 
$$g(x) = \cos(c \cdot x)$$
 and  $f(x) = \sin(c \cdot x)$  for some  $c \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .

For the proof of the stability of (19) we need the follow-ings.

**Lemma 8.** Let G be an Abelian group and let  $U, V : G \times (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{C}$  satisfy the inequality; there exists a nonnegative function  $\Psi : G \times (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$|U(x - y, t + s) - U(x, t)V(y, s) + V(x, t)U(y, s)|$$
  

$$\leq \Psi(y, s)$$
(32)

for all  $x, y \in G, t, s > 0$ . Then either there exist  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ , not both are zero, and M > 0 such that

$$\left|\lambda_{1}U\left(x,t\right)-\lambda_{2}V\left(x,t\right)\right| \leq M,\tag{33}$$

or else

$$U(x - y, t + s) - U(x, t) V(y, s) + V(x, t) U(y, s) = 0$$
(34)

for all  $x, y \in G, t, s > 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that inequality (33) holds only when  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$ . Let

$$K(x, y, t, s) = U(x + y, t + s) - U(x, t) V(-y, s) + V(x, t) U(-y, s),$$
(35)

and choose  $y_1$  and  $s_1$  satisfying  $U(-y_1, s_1) \neq 0$ . Now it can be easily calculated that

$$V(x,t) = \lambda_0 U(x,t) + \lambda_1 U(x + y_1, t + s_1) - \lambda_1 K(x, y_1, t, s_1),$$
(36)

where  $\lambda_0 = V(-y_1, s_1)/U(-y_1, s_1)$  and  $\lambda_1 = -1/U(-y_1, s_1)$ . By (35) we have

$$U(x + (y + z), t + (s + r)) = U(x, t) V(-y - z, s + r)$$
  
- V(x, t) U(-y - z, s + r)  
+ K(x, y + z, t, s + r).  
(37)

Also by (35) and (36) we have

$$U((x + y) + z, (t + s) + r)$$

$$= U(x + y, t + s)V(-z, r) - V(x + y, t + s)U(-z, r)$$

$$+ K(x + y, z, t + s, r)$$

$$= (U(x, t)V(-y, s) - V(x, t)U(-y, s)$$

$$+ K(x, y, t, s))V(-z, r)$$

$$- (\lambda_0 U(x + y, t + s) + \lambda_1 U(x + y + y_1, t + s + s_1))$$

$$- \lambda_1 K(x + y, y_1, t + s, s_1))U(-z, r)$$

$$+ K(x + y, z, t + s, r)$$

$$= (U(x, t)V(-y, s) - V(x, t)U(-y, s))$$

$$+ K(x, y, t, s))V(-z, r)$$

$$- \lambda_0 (U(x, t)V(-y, s) - V(x, t)U(-y, s))$$

$$+ K(x, y, t, s))U(-z, r)$$

$$- \lambda_1 (U(x, t)V(-y - y_1, s + s_1))$$

$$- V(x, t)U(-y - y_1, s + s_1))$$

$$+ K(x, y + y_1, t, s + s_1))U(-z, r)$$

$$+ \lambda_1 K(x + y, y_1, t + s, s_1)U(-z, r)$$

$$+ K(x + y, z, t + s, r).$$
(38)

From (37) and (38) we have

$$(V(-y,s)V(-z,r) - \lambda_0V(-y,s)U(-z,r) - \lambda_1V(-y - y_1, s + s_1)U(-z,r) - V(-y - z, s + r))U(x,t) + (-U(-y,s)V(-z,r) + \lambda_0U(-y,s)U(-z,r) + \lambda_1U(-y - y_1, s + s_1)U(-z,r) + U(-y - z, s + r))V(x,t) = -K(x, y, t, s)V(-z,r) + \lambda_0K(x, y, t, s)U(-z,r) + \lambda_1K(x, y + y_1, t, s + s_1)U(-z,r) - \lambda_1K(x + y, y_1, t + s, s_1)U(-z,r) - K(x + y, z, t + s, r) + K(x, y + z, t, s + r).$$
(39)

Since K(x, y, t, s) is bounded by  $\Psi(-y, s)$ , if we fix y, z, r, and s, the right hand side of (39) is bounded by a constant M, where

$$M = \Psi(-y, s) |V(-z, r)| + \Psi(-y, s) |\lambda_0 U(-z, r)| + \Psi(-y - y_1, s + s_1) |\lambda_1 U(-z, r)| + \Psi(-y_1, s_1) |\lambda_1 U(-z, r)| + \Psi(-z, r) + \Psi(-y - z, r + s).$$
(40)

So by our assumption, the left hand side of (39) vanishes, so is the right hand side. Thus we have

$$(-\lambda_{0}K(x, y, t, s) - \lambda_{1}K(x, y + y_{1}, t, s + s_{1}) +\lambda_{1}K(x + y, y_{1}, t + s, s_{1}))U(-z, r) +K(x, y, t, s)V(-z, r) = K(x, y + z, t, s + r) -K(x + y, z, t + s, r).$$
(41)

Now by the definition of *K* we have

$$K (x + y, z, t + s, r) - K (x, y + z, t, s + r)$$
  
=  $U (x + y + z, t + s + r) - U (x + y, t + s) V (-z, r)$   
+  $V (x + y, t + s) U (-z, r) - U (x + y + z, t + s + r)$   
+  $U (x, t) V (-y - z, s + r) - V (x, t) U (-y - z, s + r)$   
=  $U (-y - z - x, s + r + t) - U (-y - z, s + r) V (x, t)$   
+  $V (-y - z, s + r) U (x, t) - U (-z - x - y, r + t + s)$   
+  $U (-z, r) V (x + y, t + s) - V (-z, r) U (x + y, t + s)$   
=  $K (-y - z, -x, s + r, t) - K (-z, -x - y, r, t + s).$  (42)

Hence the left hand side of (41) is bounded by  $\Psi(x, t) + \Psi(x + y, t + s)$ . So if we fix x, y, t, and s in (41), the left hand side of (41) is a bounded function of z and r. Thus  $K(x, y, t, s) \equiv 0$  by our assumption. This completes the proof.

In the following lemma we assume that  $\Psi : \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a continuous function such that

$$\psi(x) \coloneqq \lim_{t \to 0^+} \Psi(x, t) \tag{43}$$

exists and satisfies the conditions  $\psi(0) = 0$  and

$$\Phi_1(x) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{-k} \psi(-2^k x) < \infty$$
(44)

or

$$\Phi_2(x) := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^k \psi(-2^{-k}x) < \infty.$$
(45)

**Lemma 9.** Let  $U, V : \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{C}$  be continuous functions satisfying

$$|U(x - y, t + s) - U(x, t)V(y, s) + V(x, t)U(y, s)|$$

$$\leq \Psi(y, s)$$
(46)

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , t, s > 0, and there exist  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ , not both are zero, and M > 0 such that

$$\left|\lambda_{1}U\left(x,t\right)-\lambda_{2}V\left(x,t\right)\right| \leq M.$$
(47)

Then (U, V) satisfies one of the followings:

- (i) U = 0, V is arbitrary,
- (ii) U and V are bounded functions,
- (iii)  $V(x,t) = \lambda U(x,t) + e^{ic \cdot x bt}$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^n, c(\neq 0) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $b \in \mathbb{C}$ , and  $f(x) := \lim_{t \to 0^+} U(x,t)$  is a continuous function; in particular, there exists  $\delta$  :  $(0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$  with  $\delta(t) \to 0$  as  $t \to 0^+$  such that

$$\left| U(x,t) - f(x) e^{-bt} \right| \le \delta(t) \tag{48}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , t > 0, and satisfies the condition; there exists  $d \ge 0$  satisfying

$$\left|f\left(x\right)\right| \le \psi\left(-x\right) + d \tag{49}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

(iv)  $V(x,t) = \lambda U(x,t) + e^{-bt}$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{C}$ , and  $f(x) := \lim_{t \to 0^+} U(x,t)$  is a continuous function; in particular, there exists  $\delta : (0,\infty) \to [0,\infty)$  with  $\delta(t) \to 0$  as  $t \to 0^+$  such that

$$\left| U(x,t) - f(x) e^{-bt} \right| \le \delta(t)$$
(50)

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , t > 0, and satisfies one of the following conditions; there exists  $a_1 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  such that

$$\left|f\left(x\right) - a_{1} \cdot x\right| \le \Phi_{1}\left(x\right) \tag{51}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , or there exists  $a_2 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  such that

$$\left| f\left(x\right) - a_{2} \cdot x \right| \le \Phi_{2}\left(x\right) \tag{52}$$

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

*Proof.* If U = 0, V is arbitrary which is case (i). If U is a nontrivial bounded function, in view of (46) V is also bounded which gives case (ii). If U is unbounded, it follows from (47) that  $\lambda_2 \neq 0$  and

$$V(x,t) = \lambda U(x,t) + R(x,t)$$
(53)

for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and a bounded function *R*. Putting (53) in (46) we have

$$U(x - y, t + s) - U(x, t) R(y, s) + R(x, t) U(y, s)|$$

$$\leq \Psi(y, s)$$
(54)

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , t, s > 0. Replacing y by -y and using the triangle inequality, we have, for some C > 0,

$$|U(x + y, t + s) - U(x, t) R(-y, s)|$$
  

$$\leq C |U(-y, s)| + \Psi(-y, s)$$
(55)

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , t, s > 0. By Lemma 5, R(-y, s) is an exponential function. If R = 0, putting  $y = 0, s \rightarrow 0^+$  in (54) we have

$$|U(x,t)| \le \psi(0) = 0.$$
(56)

Thus we have  $R \neq 0$  since *U* is unbounded. Given the continuity of *U* and *V* we have

$$R(x,t) = e^{ic \cdot x - bt} \tag{57}$$

for some  $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\Re b \ge 0$ . Putting y = 0 and s = 1 in (54), dividing R(0, 1), and using the triangle inequality we have

$$|U(x,t)| \le |R(0,1)|^{-1} (|U(x,t+1)| + C |U(0,1)| + \Psi(0,1))$$
(58)

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , t > 0.

From (58) and the continuity of U it is easy to see that

$$\limsup_{t \to 0^+} U(x,t) := f(x)$$
(59)

exists. Putting x = y = 0 and replacing *s* and *t* by t/2 in (54) we have

$$|U(0,t)| \le \Psi\left(0,\frac{t}{2}\right) \tag{60}$$

for all t > 0.

Fixing x, putting y = 0 letting  $t \to 0^+$  so that  $U(x,t) \to f(x)$  in (54), and using the triangle inequality and (60) we have

$$\left| U\left(x,s\right) - f\left(x\right)e^{-bs} \right| \le \Psi\left(0,\frac{s}{2}\right) + \Psi\left(0,s\right) := \delta\left(s\right) \quad (61)$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , s > 0. Letting  $s \to 0^+$  in (61) we have

$$\lim_{s \to 0^+} U(x, s) = f(x)$$
(62)

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . From (61) the continuity of f can be checked by a usual calculus. Letting  $t \to 0^+$  in (60) we see that f(0) = 0. Letting  $t, s \to 0^+$  in (54) we have

$$\left|f\left(x-y\right)-f\left(x\right)e^{ic\cdot y}+e^{ic\cdot x}f\left(y\right)\right|\leq\psi\left(y\right)$$
(63)

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Putting x = 0 in (63) and replacing y by -y we have

$$\left|f\left(-y\right) + f\left(y\right)\right| \le \psi\left(-y\right) \tag{64}$$

Replacing *y* by -y and using (64) and the triangle inequality we have

$$\left|f\left(x+y\right)-f\left(x\right)e^{-ic\cdot y}-e^{ic\cdot x}f\left(y\right)\right|\leq 2\psi\left(-y\right)$$
(65)

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Now we divide (65) into two cases: c = 0 and  $c \neq 0$ . First we consider the case  $c \neq 0$ . Replacing x by y and y by x in (65) we have

$$\left|f\left(x+y\right) - f\left(y\right)e^{-ic\cdot x} - e^{ic\cdot y}f\left(x\right)\right| \le 2\psi\left(-x\right) \tag{66}$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . From (65) and (66), using the triangle inequality and dividing  $|e^{ic \cdot y} - e^{-ic \cdot y}|$  we have

$$|f(x)| \le \frac{2(\psi(-x) + \psi(-y) + |f(y)|)}{|e^{ic \cdot y} - e^{-ic \cdot y}|}$$
 (67)

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $c \cdot y \neq 0$ . Choosing  $y_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  so that  $c \cdot y_0 = \pi/2$  and putting  $y = y_0$  in (67) we have

$$\left|f\left(x\right)\right| \le \psi\left(-x\right) + d,\tag{68}$$

where  $d = \psi(\pi/2) + |f(\pi/2)|$ , which gives (iii). Now we consider the case c = 0. It follows from (65) that

$$\left|f\left(x+y\right)-f\left(x\right)-f\left(y\right)\right| \le 2\psi\left(-y\right) \tag{69}$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . By the well-known results in [3], there exists a unique additive function  $A_1(x)$  given by

$$A_{1}(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} 2^{-n} f(2^{n} x)$$
(70)

such that

$$|f(x) - A_1(x)| \le \Phi_1(x)$$
 (71)

if  $\Phi_1(x) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{-k} \psi(-2^k x) < \infty$ , and there exists a unique additive function  $A_2(x)$  given by

$$A_{2}(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} 2^{n} f(2^{-n} x)$$
(72)

such that

$$|f(x) - A_2(x)| \le \Phi_2(x)$$
 (73)

if  $\Phi_2(x) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^k \psi(-2^{-k}x) < \infty$ . Now by the continuity of U and inequality (61), it is easy to see that f is continuous. In view of (70) and (72),  $A_j(x)$ , j = 1, 2, are Lebesgue measurable functions. Thus there exist  $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  such that  $A_1(x) = a_1 \cdot x$  and  $A_2(x) = a_2 \cdot x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , which gives (iv). This completes the proof.

In the following we assume that  $\psi$  satisfies (44) or (45).

**Theorem 10.** Let  $u, v \in \mathcal{G}'$  satisfy (19). Then (u, v) satisfies one of the followings:

- (i) u = 0, and v is arbitrary,
- (ii) u and v are bounded measurable functions,

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for all  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

(iii)  $v(x) = \lambda u(x) + e^{ic \cdot x}$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $c(\neq 0) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , where u is a continuous function satisfying the condition; there exists  $d \ge 0$ 

$$|u(x)| \le \psi(-x) + d \tag{74}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

(iv)  $v(x) = \lambda u(x) + 1$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , where u is a continuous function satisfying one of the following conditions; there exists  $a_1 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  such that

$$\left| u\left( x\right) - a_{1} \cdot x \right| \le \Phi_{1}\left( x\right) \tag{75}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , or there exists  $a_2 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  such that

$$\left|u\left(x\right) - a_{2} \cdot x\right| \le \Phi_{2}\left(x\right) \tag{76}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

(v)  $u = \lambda \sin(c \cdot x), v = \cos(c \cdot x) + \lambda \sin(c \cdot x), \text{ for some } c \in \mathbb{C}^n, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}.$ 

*Proof.* Convolving in (19) the tensor product  $E_t(x)E_s(y)$  of *n*-dimensional heat kernels in both sides of inequality (19) we have

$$[u \circ (\xi - \eta) * (E_t (\xi) E_s (\eta))] (x, y)$$

$$= \left\langle u_{\xi}, \int E_t (x - \xi - \eta) E_s (y - \eta) d\eta \right\rangle$$

$$= \left\langle u_{\xi}, (E_t * E_s) (x - y - \xi) \right\rangle$$

$$= \left\langle u_{\xi}, E_{t+s} (x - y - \xi) \right\rangle$$

$$= U (x - y, t + s).$$
(77)

Similarly we have

$$[(u \otimes v) * (E_t (\xi) E_s (\eta))] (x, y) = U (x, t) V (y, s),$$
  
$$[(v \otimes u) * (E_t (\xi) E_s (\eta))] (x, y) = V (x, t) U (y, s),$$
  
(78)

where *U*, *V* are the Gauss transforms of *u*, *v*, respectively. Thus we have the following inequality:

$$|U(x - y, t + s) - U(x, t) V(y, s) + V(x, t) U(y, s)|$$
  

$$\leq \Psi(y, s)$$
(79)

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , t, s > 0, where

$$\Psi(y,s) = \int \psi(\eta) E_t(x-\xi) E_s(y-\eta) d\xi d\eta$$
  
= 
$$\int \psi(\eta) E_s(\eta-y) d\eta = (\psi * E_s)(y).$$
 (80)

By Lemma 8 there exist  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ , not both are zero, and M > 0 such that

$$\left|\lambda_1 U\left(x,t\right) - \lambda_2 V\left(x,t\right)\right| \le M,\tag{81}$$

or else U, V satisfy

$$U(x - y, t + s) - U(x, t) V(y, s) + V(x, t) U(y, s) = 0$$
(82)

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , t, s > 0. Assume that (81) holds. Applying Lemma 9, case (i) follows from (i) of Lemma 9. Using (ii) of Lemma 9, it follows from Lemma 7 the initial values u, v of U(x,t), V(x,t) as  $t \to 0^+$  are bounded measurable functions, respectively, which gives (ii). For case (iii), it follows from (50) that, for all  $\varphi \in \mathcal{G}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \left\langle u, \varphi \right\rangle - \left\langle f, \varphi \right\rangle \right| \\ &= \left| \lim_{t \to 0^+} \int U\left( x, t \right) \varphi\left( x \right) dx - \int f\left( x \right) \varphi\left( x \right) dx \right| \\ &= \left| \lim_{t \to 0^+} \int \left( U\left( x, t \right) - f\left( x \right) e^{-bt} \right) \varphi\left( x \right) dx \right| \\ &\leq \lim_{t \to 0^+} \int \left| U\left( x, t \right) - f\left( x \right) e^{-bt} \right| \left| \varphi\left( x \right) \right| dx \\ &\leq \lim_{t \to 0^+} \delta\left( t \right) \int \left| \varphi\left( x \right) \right| dx = 0. \end{aligned}$$
(83)

Thus we have u = f in  $\mathscr{G}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Letting  $t \to 0^+$  in (iii) of Lemma 9 we get case (iii). Finally we assume that (82) holds. Letting  $t, s \to 0^+$  in (82) we have

$$u \circ (x - y) - u_x \otimes v_y + v_x \otimes u_y = 0.$$
(84)

By Lemma 6 the solutions of (84) satisfy (i), (iv), or (v). This completes the proof.  $\Box$ 

Let  $\psi(x) = \epsilon |x|^p$ , p > 0. Then  $\psi$  satisfies the conditions assumed in Theorem 10. In view of (44) and (45) we have

$$\Phi_1(x) = \frac{2\epsilon |x|^p}{2 - 2^p} \tag{85}$$

if 0 , and

$$\Phi_2(x) = \frac{2\epsilon |x|^p}{2^p - 2} \tag{86}$$

if p > 1. Thus as a direct consequence of Theorem 10 we have the following.

**Corollary 11.** Let 0 or <math>p > 1. Suppose that  $u, v \in \mathcal{G}'$  satisfy

$$\left\| u \circ (x - y) - u_x \otimes v_y + v_x \otimes u_y \right\| \le \epsilon |y|^p.$$
(87)

Then (u, v) satisfies one of the followings:

- (i) u = 0, and v is arbitrary,
- (ii) u and v are bounded measurable functions,

(iii)  $v(x) = \lambda u(x) + e^{ic \cdot x}$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $c(\neq 0) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , where u is a continuous function satisfying the condition; there exists  $d \ge 0$ 

$$|u(x)| \le \epsilon |x|^p + d \tag{88}$$

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for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

(iv)  $v(x) = \lambda u(x) + 1$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , where u is a continuous function satisfying the conditions; there exists  $a \in \mathbb{C}^n$  such that

$$|u(x) - a \cdot x| \le \frac{2\epsilon |x|^p}{|2^p - 2|} \tag{89}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

(v)  $u = \lambda \sin(c \cdot x), v = \cos(c \cdot x) + \lambda \sin(c \cdot x), \text{ for some } c \in \mathbb{C}^n, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}.$ 

Now we prove the stability of (20). For the proof we need the following.

**Lemma 12.** Let  $U, V : G \times (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{C}$  satisfy the inequality; there exists a  $\Psi : G \times (0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$  such that

$$|V(x - y, t + s) - V(x, t)V(y, s) - U(x, t)U(y, s)|$$
  

$$\leq \Psi(y, s)$$
(90)

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , t, s > 0. Then either there exist  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ , not both are zero, and M > 0 such that

$$\left|\lambda_1 U(x,t) - \lambda_2 V(x,t)\right| \le M,\tag{91}$$

or else

$$V(x - y, t + s) - V(x, t) V(y, s) - U(x, t) U(y, s) = 0$$
(92)

for all  $x, y \in G, t, s > 0$ .

*Proof.* As in Lemma 9, suppose that  $\lambda_1 U(x, t) - \lambda_2 V(x, t)$  is bounded only when  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$ , and let

$$L(x, y, t, s) = V(x + y, t + s) - V(x, t) V(-y, s)$$
  
- U(x, t) U(-y, s). (93)

Since we may assume that *U* is nonconstant, we can choose  $y_1$  and  $s_1$  satisfying  $U(-y_1, s_1) \neq 0$ . Now it can be easily got that

$$U(x,t) = \lambda_0 V(x,t) + \lambda_1 V(x + y_1, t + s_1) - \lambda_1 L(x, y_1, t, s_1),$$
(94)

where  $\lambda_0 = -V(-y_1, s_1)/U(-y_1, s_1)$  and  $\lambda_1 = 1/U(-y_1, s_1)$ . From the definition of *L* and the use of (94), we have the following two equations:

$$((x + y) + z, (t + s) + r)$$

$$= V (x + y, t + s) V (-z, r) + U (x + y, t + s) U (-z, r)$$

$$+ L (x + y, z, t + s, r)$$

$$= (V (x, t) V (-y, s) + U (x, t) U (-y, s)$$

$$+ L (x, y, t, s)) V (-z, r)$$

$$+ (\lambda_0 V (x + y, t + s) + \lambda_1 V (x + y + y_1, t + s + s_1))$$

$$-\lambda_1 L (x + y, y_1, t + s, s_1)) U (-z, r)$$

$$+ L (x + y, z, t + s, r)$$

$$= (V (x, t) V (-y, s) + U (x, t) U (-y, s))$$

$$+ L (x, y, t, s)) V (-z, r)$$

$$+ \lambda_1 (V (x, t) V (-y - y_1, s + s_1))$$

$$+ U (x, t) U (-y, s) + L (x, y + s_1))$$

$$+ L (x, y + y_1, t, s + s_1)) U (-z, r)$$

$$- \lambda_1 L (x + y, y_1, t + s, s_1) U (-z, r)$$

$$+ L (x + y, z, t + s, r),$$
(95)

$$V(x + (y + z), t + (s + r))$$
  
= V(x, t) V(-y - z, s + r) + U(x, t) U(-y - z, s + r)  
+ L(x, y + z, t, s + r).  
(96)

By equating (95) and (96), we have

$$V(x,t) (V(-y,s) V(-z,r) + \lambda_0 V(-y,s) U(-z,r) + \lambda_1 V(-y - y_1, s + s_1) U(-z,r) -V(-y - z, s + r)) + U(x,t) (U(-y,s) V(-z,r) + \lambda_0 U(-y,s) U(-z,r) + \lambda_1 U(-y - y_1, s + s_1) U(-z,r) -U(-y - z, s + r))$$

$$= -L(x, y, t, s) V(-z, r) - \lambda_0 L(x, y, t, s) U(-z, r) - \lambda_1 L(x, y + y_1, t, s + s_1) U(-z, r) + \lambda_1 L(x + y, y_1, t + s, s_1) U(-z, r) - L(x + y, z, t + s, r) + L(x, y + z, t, s + r).$$
(97)

In (97), when y, s, z, and r are fixed, the right hand side is bounded; so by our assumption we have

$$L(x, y, t, s) V(-z, r) + (\lambda_0 L(x, y, t, s) + \lambda_1 L(x, y + y_1, t, s + s_1)) - \lambda_1 L(x + y, y_1, t + s, s_1)) U(-z, r) = L(x, y + z, t, s + r) - L(x + y, z, t + s, r).$$
(98)

Here, we have

$$L(x, y + z, t, s + r) - L(x + y, z, t + s, r)$$
  
=  $V(x + y + z, t + s + r) - V(x, t) V(-y - z, s + r)$   
 $- U(x, t) U(-y - z, s + r) - V(x + y + z, t + s + r)$   
 $+ V(x + y, t + s) V(-z, r) + U(x + y, t + s) U(-z, r)$   
=  $L(-y - z, -x, s + r, t) - L(-z, -x - y, r, t + s)$   
 $\leq \Psi(x, t) + \Psi(x + y, t + s).$  (99)

Considering (98) as a function of *z* and *r* for all fixed *x*, *y*, *t*, and *s* again, we have  $L(x, y, t, s) \equiv 0$ . This completes the proof.

In the following lemma we assume that  $\Psi : \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$  is a continuous function such that

$$\Psi(x) := \lim_{t \to 0^+} \Psi(x, t)$$
(100)

exists and satisfies the condition  $\psi(0) = 0$ .

**Lemma 13.** Let  $U, V : \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{C}$  be continuous functions satisfying

$$|V(x - y, t + s) - V(x, t) V(y, s) - U(x, t) U(y, s)|$$
  

$$\leq \Psi(y, s)$$
(101)

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , t, s > 0, and there exist  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ , not both zero, and M > 0 such that

$$\left|\lambda_1 U\left(x,t\right) - \lambda_2 V\left(x,t\right)\right| \le M. \tag{102}$$

*Then* (*U*, *V*) *satisfies one of the followings:* 

(i) U and V are bounded functions in 
$$\mathbb{R}^n \times (0, 1)$$
,

(ii)  $\pm iU(x,t) = V(x,t) - e^{ia \cdot x - bt}$  for some  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{C}$ , and  $g(x) := \lim_{t \to 0^+} V(x,t)$  is a continuous function; in particular, there exists  $\delta : (0,\infty) \to [0,\infty)$  with  $\delta(t) \to 0$  as  $t \to 0^+$  such that

$$\left|V\left(x,t\right) - g\left(x\right)e^{-bt}\right| \le \delta\left(t\right) \tag{103}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , t > 0, and g satisfies

$$\left|g\left(x\right) - \cos\left(a \cdot x\right)\right| \le \frac{1}{2}\psi\left(x\right) \tag{104}$$

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

*Proof.* If *U* is bounded, then in view of inequality (100), for each *y*, *s*, V(x + y, t + s) - V(x, t)V(-y, s) is also bounded. It follows from Lemma 5 that *V* is (101). If *V* is bounded, case (i) follows. If *V* is a nonzero exponential function, then by the continuity of *V* we have

$$V(x,t) = e^{c \cdot x + bt} \tag{105}$$

for some  $c \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{C}$ . Putting (105) in (101) and using the triangle inequality we have for some  $d \ge 0$ 

$$\left|e^{c \cdot x}e^{b(t+s)}\left(e^{-c \cdot y}-e^{c \cdot y}\right)\right| \le \Psi\left(y,s\right)+d \tag{106}$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , t, s > 0. In view of (106) it is easy to see that  $c = ia, a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Thus V(x, t) is bounded on  $\mathbb{R}^n \times (0, 1)$ . If U is unbounded; then in view of (101) V is also unbounded, hence  $\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \neq 0$  and

$$U(x,t) = \lambda V(x,t) + R(x,t)$$
(107)

for some  $\lambda \neq 0$  and a bounded function *R*. Putting (107) in (101), replacing *y* by -y, and using the triangle inequality we have

$$\left| V\left(x+y,t+s\right) - V\left(x,t\right) \left( \left(\lambda^{2}+1\right) V\left(-y,s\right) + \lambda R\left(-y,s\right) \right) \right| \\ \leq \left| \left(\lambda V\left(-y,s\right) + R\left(-y,s\right)\right) R\left(x,t\right) \right| + \Psi\left(-y,s\right).$$
(108)

From Lemma 5 we have

$$\left(\lambda^{2}+1\right)V\left(y,s\right)+\lambda R\left(y,s\right)=m\left(y,s\right) \tag{109}$$

for some exponential function m. From (107) and (109), m is continuous, and we have

$$m(x,t) = e^{c \cdot x + bt} \tag{110}$$

for some  $c \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{C}$ . If  $\lambda^2 \neq -1$ , we have

$$U = \frac{\lambda m + R}{\lambda^2 + 1}, \qquad V = \frac{m - \lambda R}{\lambda^2 + 1}.$$
 (111)

Putting (111) in (101), multiplying  $|\lambda^2 + 1|$  in the result, and using the triangle inequality we have, for some  $d \ge 0$ ,

$$\left|m\left(x,t\right)\left(m\left(-y,s\right)-m\left(y,s\right)\right)\right| \le \left|\lambda^{2}+1\right|\Psi\left(y,s\right)+d$$
(112)

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , t, s > 0. Since *m* is unbounded, we have

$$m(y,s) = m(-y,s) \tag{113}$$

for all  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  and s > 0. Thus it follows that  $m(x, t) = e^{bt}$  and that U, V are bounded in  $\mathbb{R}^n \times (0, 1)$ . If  $\lambda^2 = -1$ , we have

$$U = \pm i \left( V - m \right), \tag{114}$$

where m is a bounded exponential function. Putting (114) in (101) we have

$$|V(x - y, t + s) - V(x, t) m(y, s) - V(y, s) m(x, t) + m(x, t) m(y, s)| \le \Psi(y, s)$$

$$(115)$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , t, s > 0. Since *m* is a bounded continuous function, we have

$$m(x,t) = e^{ia \cdot x - bt} \tag{116}$$

for some  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\Re b \ge 0$ .

Similarly as in the proof of Lemma 9, by (101) and the continuity of V, it is easy to see that

$$\limsup_{t \to 0^{+}} V(x,t) := g(x)$$
(117)

exists. Putting x = y = 0 in (115), multiplying  $|e^{bt}|$  in both sides of the result, and using the triangle inequality we have

$$\left| V(0,s) - e^{-bs} \right| \le \left| e^{bt} \right| \left( \left| V(0,t+s) - V(0,t) e^{-bs} \right| + \Psi(0,s) \right)$$
(118)

for all t, s > 0. Letting  $s \rightarrow 0^+$  in (118) we have

$$\lim_{t \to 0^+} V(0,t) = 1.$$
(119)

Putting y = 0, fixing x, letting  $t \to 0^+$  in (115) so that  $V(x,t) \to g(x)$ , and using the triangle inequality we have

$$\left| V(x,s) - g(x) e^{-bs} \right| \le \left| V(0,s) - e^{-bs} \right| + \Psi(0,s)$$
 (120)

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , s > 0. Letting  $s \to 0^+$  in (120) we have

$$\lim_{s \to 0^+} V(x, s) = g(x)$$
(121)

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . The continuity of *g* follows from (120). Letting  $t, s \to 0^+$  in (115) we have

$$\left|g\left(x-y\right)-g\left(x\right)e^{ia\cdot y}-g\left(y\right)e^{ia\cdot x}+e^{ia\cdot\left(x+y\right)}\right| \leq \psi\left(y\right)$$
(122)

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Replacing y by x in (122) and dividing the result by  $2e^{ia \cdot x}$  we have

$$\left|g\left(x\right) - \cos\left(a \cdot x\right)\right| \le \frac{1}{2}\psi\left(x\right). \tag{123}$$

From (114), (116), (120) and (123) we get (ii). This completes the proof.  $\hfill \Box$ 

**Theorem 14.** Let  $u, v \in \mathcal{G}'$  satisfy (20). Then (u, v) satisfies one of the followings:

- (i) u and v are bounded measurable functions,
- (ii)  $v(x) = \cos(a \cdot x) + r(x), \pm u(x) = \sin(a \cdot x) + ir(x)$ for some  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , where r(x) is a continuous function satisfying

$$|r(x)| \le \frac{1}{2}\psi(x) \tag{124}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

(iii) 
$$v(x) = \cos(c \cdot x)$$
 and  $u(x) = \sin(c \cdot x)$  for some  $c \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .

*Proof.* Similarly as in the proof of Theorem 10 convolving in (20) the tensor product  $E_t(x)E_s(y)$  we obtain the inequality

$$\frac{V(x-y,t+s)-V(x,t)V(y,s)-U(x,t)U(y,s)}{\leq \Psi(y,s)}$$
(125)

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , t, s > 0, where U, V are the Gauss transforms of u, v, respectively, and

$$\Psi(y,s) = \int \psi(\eta) E_t(x-\xi) E_s(y-\eta) d\xi d\eta$$

$$= \int \psi(\eta) E_s(\eta-y) d\eta = (\psi * E_s)(y).$$
(126)

By Lemma 12 there exist  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ , not both zero, and M > 0 such that

$$\left|\lambda_1 U\left(x,t\right) - \lambda_2 V\left(x,t\right)\right| \le M,\tag{127}$$

or else U, V satisfy

$$V(x - y, t + s) - V(x, t) V(y, s) - U(x, t) U(y, s) = 0$$
(128)

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , t, s > 0.

Firstly we assume that (127) holds. Letting  $t \to 0^+$ in (i) of Lemma 13, by Lemma 6, the initial values u, v of U(x, t), V(x, t) as  $t \to 0^+$  are bounded measurable functions, respectively, which gives case (i). Using the same approach of the proof of case (iii) of Theorem 10, we have v = g in  $\mathscr{G}'$ . It follows from (104) that

$$v(x) = \cos(a \cdot x) + r(x),$$
 (129)

where r(x) is a continuous function satisfying

$$|r(x)| \le \frac{1}{2}\psi(x) \tag{130}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Letting  $t \to 0^+$  in (ii) of Lemma 13 we have

$$\pm iu(x) = v(x) - e^{ia \cdot x}.$$
(131)

Putting (129) in (131) we have

$$\pm u(x) = \sin(a \cdot x) + ir(x). \tag{132}$$

Secondly we assume that (128) holds. Letting  $t, s \rightarrow 0^+$  in (127) we have

$$v \circ (x - y) - v_x \otimes v_y - u_x \otimes u_y = 0.$$
(133)

By Lemma 7 the solution of (133) satisfies (i) or (iii). This completes the proof.  $\hfill \Box$ 

Every infraexponential function f of order 2 defines an element of  $\mathcal{G}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  via the correspondence

$$\langle f, \varphi \rangle = \int f(x) \varphi(x) dx$$
 (134)

for  $\varphi \in \mathcal{G}$ . Thus as a direct consequence of Corollary 11 and Theorem 14 we have the followings.

**Corollary 15.** Let 0 or <math>p > 1. Suppose that f, g are infraexponential functions of order 2 satisfying the inequality

$$\left|f\left(x-y\right)-f\left(x\right)g\left(y\right)+g\left(x\right)f\left(y\right)\right| \le \epsilon|x|^{p} \qquad (135)$$

for almost every  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ . Then (f, g) satisfies one of the following:

- (i) f(x) = 0, almost everywhere  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and g is arbitrary,
- (ii) *f* and *g* are bounded in almost everywhere,
- (iii)  $f(x) = f_0(x), g(x) = \lambda f_0(x) + e^{ic \cdot x}$  for almost everywhere  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , where  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}, c(\neq 0) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $f_0$  is a continuous function satisfying the condition; there exists  $d \ge 0$

$$\left|f_0\left(x\right)\right| \le \epsilon |x|^p + d \tag{136}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

(iv)  $f(x) = f_0(x)$ ,  $g(x) = \lambda f_0(x) + 1$  for a.e.  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , where  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $f_0$  is a continuous function satisfying the condition; there exists  $a \in \mathbb{C}^n$  such that

$$|f_0(x) - a \cdot x| \le \frac{2\epsilon |x|^p}{|2^p - 2|}$$
 (137)

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

(v)  $f(x) = \lambda \sin(c \cdot x), g(x) = \cos(c \cdot x) + \lambda \sin(c \cdot x)$  for a.e.  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , where  $c \in \mathbb{C}^n, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ .

**Corollary 16.** Suppose that f, g are infraexponential functions of order 2 satisfying the inequality

$$\left|g\left(x-y\right)-g\left(x\right)g\left(y\right)-f\left(x\right)f\left(y\right)\right| \le \epsilon \left|y\right|^{p}$$
(138)

for almost every  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ . Then (f, g) satisfies one of the followings:

- (i) *f* and *g* are bounded in almost everywhere,
- (ii) there exists  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$\left|g\left(x\right) - \cos\left(a \cdot x\right)\right| \le \frac{1}{2}\epsilon |x|^{p},\tag{139}$$

$$\left|f\left(x\right) \pm \sin\left(a \cdot x\right)\right| \le \frac{1}{2}\epsilon |x|^{p} \tag{140}$$

for almost every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

(iii)  $g(x) = \cos(c \cdot x)$  and  $f(x) = \sin(c \cdot x)$  for a.e.  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , where  $c \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .

*Remark 17.* Taking the growth of  $u = e^{c \cdot x}$  as  $|x| \to \infty$  into account,  $u \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  only when c = ia for some  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Thus Theorems 10 and 14 are reduced to the following:

**Corollary 18.** Let  $u, v \in S'$  satisfy (19). Then (u, v) satisfies one of the followings:

- (i) u = 0, and v is arbitrary,
- (ii) *u* and *v* are bounded measurable functions,
- (iii)  $v(x) = \lambda u(x) + e^{ic \cdot x}$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $c(\neq 0) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , where u is a continuous function satisfying the condition; there exists  $d \ge 0$

$$|u(x)| \le \psi(-x) + d \tag{141}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

(iv)  $v(x) = \lambda u(x) + 1$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , where u is a continuous function satisfying one of the following conditions; there exists  $a_1 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  such that

$$\left| u\left( x\right) - a_{1} \cdot x \right| \le \Phi_{1}\left( x\right) \tag{142}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , or there exists  $a_2 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  such that

$$\left| u\left( x\right) - a_{2} \cdot x \right| \le \Phi_{2}\left( x\right) \tag{143}$$

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

**Corollary 19.** Let  $u, v \in S'$  satisfy (20). Then (u, v) satisfies one of the followings:

- (i) *u* and *v* are bounded measurable functions,
- (ii)  $v(x) = \cos(a \cdot x) + r(x), \pm u(x) = \sin(a \cdot x) + ir(x)$ for some  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , where r(x) is a continuous function satisfying

$$|r(x)| \le \frac{1}{2}\psi(x) \tag{144}$$

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

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