

## On $p$ and $q$ -Additive Functions

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### 1. Introduction.

Let  $q$  be an integer greater than 1. Let  $a(n)$  be a complex-valued arithmetical function.  $a(n)$  is said to be  $q$ -additive if

$$a(n) = \sum_{i \geq 0} a(b_i q^i)$$

for any positive integer  $n = \sum_{i \geq 0} b_i q^i$  with  $b_i \in \{0, 1, \dots, q-1\}$ , and  $a(0) = 0$ . It follows from the definition that  $a(n)$  is  $q$ -additive if and only if

$$a(nq^k + r) = a(nq^k) + a(r)$$

for any integer  $n \geq 0$  and  $k \geq 0$  with  $0 \leq r < q^k$ .  $a(n)$  is said to be  $q$ -multiplicative if

$$a(n) = \prod_{i \geq 0} a(b_i q^i)$$

for any positive integer  $n$  as above, and  $a(0) = 1$ .  $a(n)$  is a  $q$ -multiplicative function if and only if

$$a(nq^k + r) = a(nq^k)a(r)$$

for any  $n \geq 0$  and  $k \geq 0$  with  $0 \leq r < q^k$ . If  $q$ -additive or  $q$ -multiplicative function  $a(n)$  satisfies

$$a(bq^i) = a(b) \quad (b \in \{0, 1, \dots, q-1\}, i \geq 0), \quad (1)$$

then  $a(n)$  is said to be *strongly  $q$ -additive* or *strongly  $q$ -multiplicative*, respectively. We say  $a(n)$  is  $p$  and  $q$ -additive if it is  $p$ -additive and also  $q$ -additive. Similarly, a  $p$  and  $q$ -multiplicative function is defined. The notion of  $q$ -additive functions and  $q$ -multiplicative functions were introduced by Gel'fond [2] and Delange [1] respectively and has been investigated by many authors (eg. [3], [4], [5]).

If  $a(n)$  is a  $q$ -additive or  $q$ -multiplicative function,  $a(n)$  is  $q^l$ -additive or  $q^l$ -