

FIXED POINT AND HYERS-ULAM-RASSIAS STABILITY OF A QUADRATIC FUNCTIONAL EQUATION IN BANACH SPACES

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, using the fixed point alternative approach, we prove the Hyers Ulam-Rassias stability of the following quadratic functional equation

$$f(2x + y) + f(x + 2y) = 4f(x + y) + f(y) + f(x)$$

in various spaces.

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1. INTRODUCTION

A classical question in the theory of functional equations is the following: When is it true that a function which approximately satisfies a functional equation D must be close to an exact solution of D ?

If the problem accepts a solution, we say that the equation D is stable. The first stability problem concerning group homomorphisms was raised by Ulam [1] in 1940.

In the next year D.H. Hyres [2], gave a positive answer to the above question for additive groups under the assumption that the groups are Banach spaces.

In 1978, Th. M. Rassias [3] proved a generalization of Hyres's theorem for additive mappings. The result of Th. M. Rassias has influenced the development of what is now called the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability theory for functional equations. In 1994, a generalization of Rassias's theorem was obtained by Gãvruta [4] by replacing the bound $\varepsilon(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p)$ by a general control function $\varphi(x, y)$.

The functional equation $f(x + y) + f(x - y) = 2f(x) + 2f(y)$ is called a *quadratic functional equation*. In particular, every solution of the quadratic functional equation is said to be a *quadratic mapping*. A generalized Hyers-Ulam stability problem for the quadratic functional equation was proved by Skof [5] for mappings $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$, where \mathcal{X} is a normed space and \mathcal{Y} is a Banach space. Cholewa [6] noticed that the theorem of Skof is still true if the relevant domain \mathcal{X} is replaced by an Abelian group. Czerwik [7] proved the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of the quadratic functional equation.

The stability problems of several functional equations have been extensively investigated by a number of authors, and there are many interesting results concerning this problem ([8],[9][12][13],[14]).

Definition 1.1 *Let \mathcal{X} be a set. A function $d : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is called a generalized metric on \mathcal{X} if d satisfies the following conditions:*

- (a) $d(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $x = y$ for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$;
- (b) $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$;
- (c) $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$ for all $x, y, z \in \mathcal{X}$.

Note that the only substantial difference of the generalized metric from the metric is that the range of generalized metric includes the infinity.

Theorem 1.1 [15] *Let (\mathcal{X}, d) be a complete generalized metric space and $\mathcal{J} : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ be a strictly contractive mapping with Lipschitz constant $L < 1$. Then, for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$, either*

$$d(\mathcal{J}^n x, \mathcal{J}^{n+1} x) = \infty \tag{1}$$

for all nonnegative integers n or there exists a positive integer n_0 such that

- (a) $d(\mathcal{J}^n x, \mathcal{J}^{n+1} x) < \infty$ for all $n \geq n_0$;

- (b) the sequence $\{\mathcal{J}^n x\}$ converges to a fixed point y^* of \mathcal{J} ;
- (c) y^* is the unique fixed point of \mathcal{J} in the set $\mathcal{Y} = \{y \in \mathcal{X} : d(\mathcal{J}^{n_0} x, y) < \infty\}$;
- (d) $d(y, y^*) \leq \frac{1}{1-L} d(y, \mathcal{J}y)$ for all $y \in \mathcal{Y}$.

2. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Theorem 2.1 Assume that $\varphi : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a function such that, for which $0 < L < 1$

$$\varphi(x, y) \leq 3^2 L \varphi\left(\frac{x}{3}, \frac{y}{3}\right) \tag{2}$$

and $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ be a mapping with $f(0) = 0$ satisfying

$$\|f(2x + y) + f(x + 2y) - 4f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \varphi(x, y) \tag{3}$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping $Q : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ such that

$$\|f(x) - Q(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{9-9L} \left[\frac{\varphi(x, x)}{2} + 2\varphi(x, 0) \right] \tag{4}$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$.

Proof. It follows from (2)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\varphi(3^n x, 3^n y)}{3^{2n}} = 0 \tag{5}$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. Let consider the set $\Delta := \{h : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y} \mid h(0) = 0\}$ and the mapping d define on $\Delta \times \Delta$ by

$$d(g, h) := \inf \left\{ \varepsilon \in (0, \infty) : \|g(x) - h(x)\| \leq \varepsilon \left(\frac{\varphi(x, x)}{2} + 2\varphi(x, 0) \right), \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{X} \right\}$$

where $\inf \emptyset = +\infty$. It is easy to show that (Δ, d) is a complete metric space (15). Let consider the mapping

$$\mathcal{J} : \Delta \rightarrow \Delta, \quad \mathcal{J}g(x) = 3^{-2} g(3x) \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{X}.$$

Fix a $\varepsilon \in (0, \infty)$ and take $g, h \in \Delta$ such that $d(g, h) < \varepsilon$. By the definitions of d and \mathcal{J} , we have

$$\|3^{-2} g(3x) - 3^{-2} h(3x)\| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{3^2} \left(\frac{\varphi(3x, 3x)}{2} + 2\varphi(3x, 0) \right) \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{X}$$

so by (2), we have

$$\|3^{-2} g(3x) - 3^{-2} h(3x)\| \leq \varepsilon L \left(\frac{\varphi(x, x)}{2} + 2\varphi(x, 0) \right) \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{X}.$$

This implies that

$$d(g, h) < \varepsilon \rightarrow d(\mathcal{J}g, \mathcal{J}h) \leq L\varepsilon d(g, h)$$

for all $g, h \in \Delta$. On the other hand, replacing y by x in (3), we obtain

$$\|f(3x) - 2f(2x) - f(x)\| \leq \frac{\varphi(x, x)}{2}. \tag{6}$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$. Also, replacing y by 0 in ((3)), we have

$$\|f(2x) - 4f(x)\| \leq \varphi(x, 0). \tag{7}$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$. Combining ((6)), ((7)) and using triangular inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(3x) - 3^2 f(x)\| &= \|f(3x) - 2f(2x) - f(x) + 2(f(2x) - 4f(x))\| \\ &\leq \|f(3x) - 2f(2x) - f(x)\| + 2\|f(2x) - 4f(x)\| \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

$$\leq \frac{\varphi(x, x)}{2} + 2\varphi(x, 0)$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$. Therefore

$$\|3^{-2} f(3x) - f(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{9} \left(\frac{\varphi(x, x)}{2} + 2\varphi(x, 0) \right), \tag{9}$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$. This means that

$$d(\mathcal{F}f, f) \leq \frac{1}{9} < \infty.$$

By Theorem 1.1, there exists a mapping $Q: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ satisfying the following:

(1) Q is a fixed point of \mathcal{J} , i.e.,

$$Q(3x) = 3^2 Q(x) \tag{10}$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$. The mapping Q is a unique fixed point of \mathcal{J} in the set $M = \{g \in S : d(h, g) < \infty\}$. This implies that Q is a unique mapping satisfying (10) such that there exists a $\mu \in (0, \infty)$ satisfying

$$\|f(x) - Q(x)\|_{\mathcal{Y}} \leq \mu \left(\frac{\varphi(x, x)}{2} + 2\varphi(x, 0) \right)$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$;

(2) $d(\mathcal{J}^n f, Q) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. This implies the equality

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3^{2n}} f(3^n x) = Q(x) \tag{11}$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$;

(3) $d(f, Q) \leq \frac{1}{1-L} d(f, \mathcal{F}f)$, which implies the inequality

$$d(f, Q) \leq \frac{d(f, \mathcal{F}f)}{1-L} \leq \frac{1}{9-9L}.$$

This implies that the inequalities ((30)) holds. Replacing x, y by $3^n x, 3^n y$ in (3) and applying ((2)) and ((11)), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|Q(2x+y) + Q(x+2y) - 4Q(x+y) - Q(x) - Q(y)\| \tag{12} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\|f(2(3^n x) + 3^n y) + f(3^n x + 2(3^n y)) - 4f(3^n x + 3^n y) - f(3^n x) - f(3^n y)\|}{3^{2n}} \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\varphi(3^n x, 3^n y)}{3^{2n}} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

So $Q(2x+y) + Q(x+2y) = 4Q(x+y) + Q(x) + Q(y)$. Therefore Q is a quadratic mapping, this completes the proof.

Corollary 2.1 Let r, θ be non-negative real numbers such that $r < 2$ and let $f: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ be a mapping with $f(0) = 0$ satisfying

$$\|f(2x+y) + f(x+2y) - 4f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r) \tag{13}$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping $Q: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ such that

$$\|f(x) - Q(x)\| \leq \frac{3\theta \|x\|^r}{3^2 - 3^r},$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$.

Proof. The result follow from Theorem 2.1, when $\varphi(x, y) = \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r)$ for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$ and $L = 3^{r-2}$.

Theorem 2.2 Assume that $\varphi: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a function such that, for which $0 < L < 1$

$$\varphi\left(\frac{x}{3}, \frac{y}{3}\right) \leq \frac{L\varphi(x, y)}{3^2} \tag{14}$$

and $f: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ be a mapping with $f(0) = 0$ satisfying ((3)). Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping $Q: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ such that

$$\|f(x) - Q(x)\| \leq \frac{L}{9-9L} \left[\frac{\varphi(x, x)}{2} + 2\varphi(x, 0) \right] \tag{15}$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$.

Proof. Replacing x by $\frac{x}{3}$ in (8), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| f(x) - 3^2 f\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) \right\| &\leq \frac{1}{2} \varphi\left(\frac{x}{3}, \frac{x}{3}\right) + 2\varphi\left(\frac{x}{3}, 0\right) \\ &\leq \frac{L}{3^2} \left[\frac{\varphi(x, x)}{2} + 2\varphi(x, 0) \right] \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$. Let (Δ, d) be the generalized metric space defined in the proof of Theorem 2.1. Consider a linear mapping $\mathcal{J}: \Delta \rightarrow \Delta$ such that

$$\mathcal{J}h(x) := 3^2 h\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) \tag{17}$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$. Let $g, h \in \Delta$ be such that $d(g, h) = \varepsilon$. Then

$$\|g(x) - h(x)\| \leq \varepsilon \left[\frac{\varphi(x, x)}{2} + 2\varphi(x, 0) \right]$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$ and so

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{J}g(x) - \mathcal{J}h(x)\| &= \left\| 3^2 g\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) - 3^2 h\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) \right\| \leq 3^2 \varepsilon \left[\frac{1}{2} \varphi\left(\frac{x}{3}, \frac{x}{3}\right) + 2\varphi\left(\frac{x}{3}, 0\right) \right] \\ &\leq 3^2 \varepsilon \cdot \frac{L}{3^2} \left[\frac{\varphi(x, x)}{2} + 2\varphi(x, 0) \right] \end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$. Thus $d(g, h) = \varepsilon$ implies that $d(\mathcal{J}g, \mathcal{J}h) \leq L\varepsilon$. This means that $d(\mathcal{J}g, \mathcal{J}h) \leq Ld(g, h)$ for all $g, h \in \Delta$. It follows from ((16)) that

$$d(f, \mathcal{J}f) \leq \frac{L}{9} < +\infty. \tag{18}$$

By Theorem 1.1, there exists a mapping $Q: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ satisfying the following:

(a) Q is a fixed point of \mathcal{J} , that is,

$$Q\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{9} Q(x) \tag{19}$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$. The mapping Q is a unique fixed point of \mathcal{J} in the set $\Omega = \{h \in \mathcal{S} : d(g, h) < \infty\}$. This implies that Q is a unique mapping satisfying ((19)) such that there exists $\mu \in (0, \infty)$ satisfying

$$\| f(x) - Q(x) \| \leq \mu \left[\frac{\varphi(x, x)}{2} + 2\varphi(x, 0) \right]$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$.

(b) $d(\mathcal{J}^n f, Q) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. This implies the equality

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 3^{2n} f\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right) = Q(x) \tag{20}$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$.

(c) $d(f, Q) \leq \frac{d(f, \mathcal{J}f)}{1-L}$ with $f \in \Omega$, which implies the inequality

$$d(f, Q) \leq \frac{L}{9-9L}. \tag{21}$$

The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.1. This completes the proof.

Corollary 2.2 Let r, θ be non-negative real numbers such that $r > 2$ and let $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ be a mapping with $f(0) = 0$ satisfying ((13)). Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping $Q : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ such that

$$\| f(x) - Q(x) \| \leq \frac{3\theta \|x\|^r}{3^r - 3^2},$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$.

Proof. The result follow from Theorem 2.2, when $\varphi(x, y) = \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r)$ for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$ and $L = 3^{2-r}$.

Theorem 2.3 Assume that $\varphi : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a function such that, for which $0 < L < 1$

$$\varphi(x, y) \leq 4L\varphi\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{y}{2}\right) \tag{22}$$

and $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ be a mapping with $f(0) = 0$ satisfying ((3)). Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping $Q^* : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ such that

$$\| f(x) - Q^*(x) \| \leq \frac{\varphi(x, 0)}{4-4L} \tag{23}$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$.

Proof. By the same reasoning as in the proof of Theorem 2.1, we obtain that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\varphi(2^n x, 2^n y)}{4^n} = 0. \quad \forall x, y \in \mathcal{X} \tag{24}$$

Let consider the set $S := \{h : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y} \mid h(0) = 0\}$ and the mapping d define on $S \times S$ by

$$d(g, h) := \inf \{ \varepsilon \in (0, \infty) : \|g(x) - h(x)\| \leq \varepsilon \varphi(x, 0) \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{X} \} \tag{25}$$

where $\inf \emptyset = +\infty$. It is easy to show that (S, d) is a complete metric space. Replacing y by 0 in ((3)), we have

$$\left\| \frac{f(2x)}{4} - f(x) \right\| \leq \frac{\varphi(x, 0)}{4}, \tag{26}$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$. Consider a linear mapping $\mathcal{J} : S \rightarrow S$ such that $\mathcal{J}h(x) := \frac{1}{4}h(2x)$ for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$. Let

$g, h \in S$ be such that $d(g, h) = \varepsilon$. Then $\|g(x) - h(x)\| \leq \varepsilon \varphi(x, 0)$ for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$ and so

$$\| \mathcal{J}g(x) - \mathcal{J}h(x) \| = \left\| \frac{g(2x)}{4} - \frac{h(2x)}{4} \right\| \leq \frac{\varepsilon \varphi(2x, 0)}{4} \leq \frac{4L\varepsilon \varphi(x, 0)}{4} = L\varepsilon \varphi(x, 0)$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$. Thus $d(g, h) = \varepsilon$ implies that $d(\mathcal{J}g, \mathcal{J}h) \leq L\varepsilon$. This means that $d(\mathcal{J}g, \mathcal{J}h) \leq Ld(g, h)$ for all $g, h \in \mathcal{S}$. It follows from ((26)) that

$$d(f, \mathcal{J}f) \leq \frac{1}{4} < +\infty. \quad (27)$$

By Theorem 1.1, there exists a mapping $Q^* : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ satisfying the following:

(a) Q^* is a fixed point of \mathcal{J} , that is,

$$Q^*(2x) = 4Q^*(x) \quad (28)$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$. The mapping Q^* is a unique fixed point of \mathcal{J} in the set $\Omega = \{h \in \mathcal{S} : d(g, h) < \infty\}$. This implies that Q^* is a unique mapping satisfying ((28)) such that there exists $\mu \in (0, \infty)$ satisfying $\|f(x) - Q(x)\| \leq \mu\varphi(x, 0)$ for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$.

(b) $d(\mathcal{J}^n f, Q^*) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. This implies the equality $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(2^n x)}{4^n} = Q^*(x)$ for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$.

(c) $d(f, Q^*) \leq \frac{d(f, \mathcal{J}f)}{1-L}$ with $f \in \Omega$, which implies the inequality $d(f, Q^*) \leq \frac{1}{4-4L}$. The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.1. This completes the proof.

Corollary 2.3 Let r, θ be non-negative real numbers such that $r < 1$ and let $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ be a mapping with $f(0) = 0$ satisfying ((13)). Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping $Q : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ such that

$$\|f(x) - Q^*(x)\| \leq \frac{\theta \|x\|^r}{4-4^r},$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$.

Proof. The result follow from Theorem 2.3, when $\varphi(x, y) = \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r)$ for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$ and $L = 4^{r-1}$. Similarly we have the following and we will omit the proofs.

Theorem 2.4 Assume that $\varphi : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a function such that, for which $0 < L < 1$

$$\varphi\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{y}{2}\right) \leq \frac{L\varphi(x, y)}{4} \quad (29)$$

and $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ be a mapping with $f(0) = 0$ satisfying ((3)). Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping $Q^* : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ such that

$$\|f(x) - Q^*(x)\| \leq \frac{L\varphi(x, 0)}{4-4L} \quad (30)$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$.

Corollary 2.4 Let r, θ be non-negative real numbers such that $r > 1$ and let $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ be a mapping with $f(0) = 0$ satisfying ((13)). Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping $Q^* : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ such that

$$\|f(x) - Q^*(x)\| \leq \frac{\theta \|x\|^r}{4^r - 4},$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$.

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