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Stability of an AQCQ-functional equation in paranormed spaces

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Abstract

Using the fixed point method and direct method, we prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of an additive-quadratic-cubic-quartic functional equation in paranormed spaces.

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1 Introduction and preliminaries

The concept of statistical convergence for sequences of real numbers was introduced by Fast [1] and Steinhaus [2] independently, and since then several generalizations and applications of this notion have been investigated by various authors (see [3–7]). This notion was defined in normed spaces by Kolk [8].

We recall some basic facts concerning Fréchet spaces.

Definition 1.1 [9] Let *X* be a vector space. A paranorm $P: X \to [0, \infty)$ is a function on *X* such that

- (1) P(0) = 0;
- (2) P(-x) = P(x);
- (3) $P(x + y) \le P(x) + P(y)$ (triangle inequality);
- (4) If $\{t_n\}$ is a sequence of scalars with $t_n \to t$ and $\{x_n\} \subset X$ with $P(x_n x) \to 0$, then $P(t_n x_n tx) \to 0$ (continuity of multiplication).

The pair (X, P) is called a *paranormed space* if P is a *paranorm* on X.

The paranorm is called *total* if, in addition, we have

(5) P(x) = 0 implies x = 0.

A Fréchet space is a total and complete paranormed space.

The stability problem of functional equations originated from the question of Ulam [10] concerning the stability of group homomorphisms. Hyers [11] gave the first affirmative partial answer to the question of Ulam for Banach spaces. Hyers' theorem was generalized by Aoki [12] for additive mappings and by Th.M. Rassias [13] for linear mappings by considering an unbounded Cauchy difference. A generalization of the Th.M. Rassias theorem was obtained by Găvruta [14] by replacing the unbounded Cauchy difference by a general control function in the spirit of Th.M. Rassias' approach.

In 1990 during the 27th International Symposium on Functional Equations, Th.M. Rassias [15] asked the question whether such a theorem can also be proved for $p \ge 1$. In 1991,



following the same approach as in Th.M. Rassias [13], Gajda [16] gave an affirmative solution to this question for p > 1. It was shown by Gajda [16], as well as by Th.M. Rassias and Šemrl [17], that one cannot prove a Th.M. Rassias' type theorem when p = 1 (*cf.* the books of P. Czerwik [18], D.H. Hyers, G. Isac and Th.M. Rassias [19]).

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 Hyers-Ulam stability problem for the quadratic functional equation was proved by Skof [20] for mappings $f: X \to Y$, where X is a normed space and Y is a Banach space. Cholewa [21] noticed that the theorem of Skof is still true if the relevant domain X is replaced by an Abelian group. Czerwik [22] proved the 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 (see [23–29]).

In [30], Jun and Kim considered the following cubic functional equation:

$$f(2x+y) + f(2x-y) = 2f(x+y) + 2f(x-y) + 12f(x). \tag{1.1}$$

It is easy to show that the function $f(x) = x^3$ satisfies the functional equation (1.1), which is called a *cubic functional equation*, and every solution of the cubic functional equation is said to be a *cubic mapping*.

In [31], Lee et al. considered the following quartic functional equation:

$$f(2x+y) + f(2x-y) = 4f(x+y) + 4f(x-y) + 24f(x) - 6f(y).$$
(1.2)

It is easy to show that the function $f(x) = x^4$ satisfies the functional equation (1.2), which is called a *quartic functional equation*, and every solution of the quartic functional equation is said to be a *quartic mapping*.

Throughout this paper, assume that (X, P) is a Fréchet space and that $(Y, \|\cdot\|)$ is a Banach space.

In this paper, we prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of the following additive-quadraticcubic-quartic functional equation

$$f(x+2y) + f(x-2y) = 4f(x+y) + 4f(x-y) - 6f(x) + f(2y)$$
$$+ f(-2y) - 4f(y) - 4f(-y)$$
(1.3)

in paranormed spaces by using the fixed point method and direct method.

One can easily show that an odd mapping $f: X \to Y$ satisfies (1.3) if and only if the odd mapping $f: X \to Y$ is an additive-cubic mapping, *i.e.*,

$$f(x+2y) + f(x-2y) = 4f(x+y) + 4f(x-y) - 6f(x).$$

It was shown in [32, Lemma 2.2] that g(x) := f(2x) - 2f(x) and h(x) := f(2x) - 8f(x) are cubic and additive, respectively, and that $f(x) = \frac{1}{6}g(x) - \frac{1}{6}h(x)$.

One can easily show that an even mapping $f: X \to Y$ satisfies (1.3) if and only if the even mapping $f: X \to Y$ is a quadratic-quartic mapping, *i.e.*,

$$f(x + 2y) + f(x - 2y) = 4f(x + y) + 4f(x - y) - 6f(x) + 2f(2y) - 8f(y).$$

It was shown in [33, Lemma 2.1] that g(x) := f(2x) - 4f(x) and h(x) := f(2x) - 16f(x) are quartic and quadratic, respectively, and that $f(x) = \frac{1}{12}g(x) - \frac{1}{12}h(x)$.

2 Hyers-Ulam stability of the functional equation (1.3): an odd mapping case For a given mapping f, we define

$$Df(x,y) := f(x+2y) + f(x-2y) - 4f(x+y) - 4f(x-y) + 6f(x)$$
$$-f(2y) - f(-2y) + 4f(y) + 4f(-y).$$

Using the fixed point method and direct method, we prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of the functional equation Df(x, y) = 0 in paranormed spaces: an odd mapping case.

Let *S* be a set. A function $m: S \times S \to [0, \infty]$ is called a *generalized metric* on *S* if *m* satisfies

- (1) m(x, y) = 0 if and only if x = y;
- (2) m(x, y) = m(y, x) for all $x, y \in S$;
- (3) $m(x,z) \le m(x,y) + m(y,z)$ for all $x,y,z \in S$.

We recall a fundamental result in the fixed point theory.

Theorem 2.1 [34, 35] Let (S, m) be a complete generalized metric space and let $J: S \to S$ be a strictly contractive mapping with Lipschitz constant $\alpha < 1$. Then for each given element $x \in S$, either

$$m(J^n x, J^{n+1} x) = \infty$$

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

- (1) $m(J^n x, J^{n+1} x) < \infty, \forall n \ge n_0;$
- (2) the sequence $\{J^n x\}$ converges to a fixed point y^* of J;
- (3) y^* is the unique fixed point of J in the set $W = \{y \in S \mid m(J^{n_0}x, y) < \infty\}$;
- (4) $m(y, y^*) \leq \frac{1}{1-\alpha} m(y, Jy)$ for all $y \in W$.

In 1996, Isac and Th.M. Rassias [36] were the first to provide applications of stability theory of functional equations for the proof of new fixed point theorems with applications. By using fixed point methods, the stability problems of several functional equations have been extensively investigated by a number of authors (see [37-45]).

Note that $P(2x) \leq 2P(x)$ for all $x \in Y$.

Theorem 2.2 Let $\varphi: X^2 \to [0, \infty)$ be a function such that there exists an $\alpha < 1$ with

$$\varphi(x,y) \le 2\alpha\varphi\left(\frac{x}{2},\frac{y}{2}\right)$$
(2.1)

for all $x, y \in X$. Let $f: X \to Y$ be an odd mapping such that

$$||Df(x,y)|| \le \varphi(x,y) \tag{2.2}$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Then there exists a unique additive mapping $A: X \to Y$ such that

$$||f(2x) - 8f(x) - A(x)|| \le \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \left(2\varphi(x, x) + \frac{1}{2}\varphi(2x, x) \right)$$
 (2.3)

for all $x \in X$.

Proof Letting x = y in (2.2), we get

$$||f(3y) - 4f(2y) + 5f(y)|| \le \varphi(y, y) \tag{2.4}$$

for all $y \in X$.

Replacing x by 2y in (2.2), we get

$$||f(4y) - 4f(3y) + 6f(2y) - 4f(y)|| \le \varphi(2y, y)$$
(2.5)

for all $y \in X$.

By (2.4) and (2.5),

$$||f(4y) - 10f(2y) + 16f(y)||$$

$$\leq ||4(f(3y) - 4f(2y) + 5f(y))|| + ||f(4y) - 4f(3y) + 6f(2y) - 4f(y)||$$

$$\leq 4||f(3y) - 4f(2y) + 5f(y)|| + ||f(4y) - 4f(3y) + 6f(2y) - 4f(y)||$$

$$\leq 4\varphi(y, y) + \varphi(2y, y)$$
(2.6)

for all $y \in X$. Replacing y by x and letting g(x) := f(2x) - 8f(x) in (2.6), we get

$$\left\| g(x) - \frac{1}{2}g(2x) \right\| \le 2\varphi(x,x) + \frac{1}{2}\varphi(2x,x)$$
 (2.7)

for all $x \in X$.

Consider the set

$$S := \{h : X \to Y\}$$

and introduce the generalized metric on *S*:

$$m(k,h) = \inf \left\{ \mu \in \mathbb{R}_+ : \left\| k(x) - h(x) \right\| \leq \mu \left(2\varphi(x,x) + \frac{1}{2}\varphi(2x,x) \right), \forall x \in X \right\},$$

where, as usual, $\inf \phi = +\infty$. It is easy to show that (S, m) is complete (see [44, Lemma 2.1]). Now we consider the linear mapping $J: S \to S$ such that

$$Jh(x) := \frac{1}{2}h(2x)$$

for all $x \in X$.

Let $k, h \in S$ be given such that $m(k, h) = \varepsilon$. Since

$$||Jk(x) - Jh(x)|| = \left\| \frac{1}{2}k(2x) - \frac{1}{2}h(2x) \right\| \le \alpha \left(2\varphi(x,x) + \frac{1}{2}\varphi(2x,x) \right)$$

for all $x \in X$, $m(k, h) = \varepsilon$ implies that $m(Jk, Jh) \le \alpha \varepsilon$. This means that

$$m(Jk, Jh) \leq \alpha m(k, h)$$

for all $k, h \in S$.

It follows from (2.7) that $m(g, Jg) \le 1$.

By Theorem 2.1, there exists a mapping $A: X \to Y$ satisfying the following:

(1) A is a fixed point of J, *i.e.*,

$$A(2x) = 2A(x) \tag{2.8}$$

for all $x \in X$. The mapping A is a unique fixed point of J in the set

$$M = \left\{ k \in S : m(h, k) < \infty \right\}.$$

This implies that A is a unique mapping satisfying (2.8) such that there exists a $\mu \in (0, \infty)$ satisfying

$$\|g(x) - A(x)\| \le \mu \left(2\varphi(x,x) + \frac{1}{2}\varphi(2x,x)\right)$$

for all $x \in X$;

(2) $m(J^n g, A) \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$. This implies the equality

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{1}{2^n}g(2^nx)=A(x)$$

for all $x \in X$;

(3) $m(g,A) \leq \frac{1}{1-\alpha}m(g,Jg)$, which implies the inequality

$$m(g,A) \leq \frac{1}{1-\alpha}$$
.

This implies that the inequality (2.3) holds true.

It follows from (2.1) and (2.2) that

$$||DA(x,y)|| = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} ||Dg(2^n x, 2^n y)||$$

$$\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} (\varphi(2^n \cdot 2x, 2^n \cdot 2y) + 8\varphi(2^n x, 2^n y))$$

$$\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{2^n \alpha^n}{2^n} \varphi(2x, 2y) + 8\frac{2^n \alpha^n}{2^n} \varphi(x, y) \right) = 0$$

for all $x, y \in X$. So DA(x, y) = 0 for all $x, y \in X$. By [32, Lemma 2.2], $A : X \to Y$ is an additive mapping, as desired.

Corollary 2.3 *Let* r *be a positive real number with* r < 1*, and let* $f : X \rightarrow Y$ *be an odd mapping such that*

$$||Df(x,y)|| \le P(x)^r + P(y)^r$$
 (2.9)

for all $x, y \in X$. Then there exists a unique additive mapping $A: X \to Y$ such that

$$||f(2x) - 8f(x) - A(x)|| \le \frac{9 + 2^r}{2 - 2^r} P(x)^r$$
 (2.10)

for all $x \in X$.

Proof Taking $\varphi(x,y) = P(x)^r + P(y)^r$ for all $x,y \in X$ and choosing $\alpha = 2^{r-1}$ in Theorem 2.2, we get the desired result.

Theorem 2.4 Let $\varphi: X^2 \to [0, \infty)$ be a function such that

$$\Phi(x,y) := \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{i}} \varphi(2^{j}x, 2^{j}y) < \infty$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Let $f: X \to Y$ be an odd mapping satisfying (2.2). Then there exists a unique additive mapping $A: X \to Y$ such that

$$||f(2x) - 8f(x) - A(x)|| \le 2\Phi(x, x) + \frac{1}{2}\Phi(2x, x)$$

for all $x \in X$.

Proof The proof is similar to the proof of [45, Theorem 2.2]. \Box

Remark 2.5 Let r < 1. Letting $\varphi(x, y) = P(x)^r + P(y)^r$ for all $x, y \in X$ in Theorem 2.4, we obtain the inequality (2.10). The proof is given in [45, Theorem 2.2].

Theorem 2.6 Let $\varphi: Y^2 \to [0, \infty)$ be a function such that there exists an $\alpha < 1$ with

$$\varphi(x,y) \le \frac{\alpha}{2}\varphi(2x,2y) \tag{2.11}$$

for all $x, y \in Y$. Let $f: Y \to X$ be an odd mapping such that

$$P(Df(x,y)) \le \varphi(x,y) \tag{2.12}$$

for all $x, y \in Y$. Then there exists a unique additive mapping $A: Y \to X$ such that

$$P(f(2x) - 8f(x) - A(x)) \le \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha} \left(2\varphi(x, x) + \frac{1}{2}\varphi(2x, x) \right)$$

$$\tag{2.13}$$

for all $x \in Y$.

Proof Letting x = y in (2.12), we get

$$P(f(3\gamma) - 4f(2\gamma) + 5f(\gamma)) \le \varphi(\gamma, \gamma) \tag{2.14}$$

for all $y \in Y$.

Replacing x by 2y in (2.12), we get

$$P(f(4y) - 4f(3y) + 6f(2y) - 4f(y)) \le \varphi(2y, y)$$
(2.15)

for all $y \in Y$.

By (2.14) and (2.15),

$$P(f(4y) - 10f(2y) + 16f(y))$$

$$\leq P(4(f(3y) - 4f(2y) + 5f(y))) + P(f(4y) - 4f(3y) + 6f(2y) - 4f(y))$$

$$\leq 4P(f(3y) - 4f(2y) + 5f(y)) + P(f(4y) - 4f(3y) + 6f(2y) - 4f(y))$$

$$\leq 4\varphi(y, y) + \varphi(2y, y)$$
(2.16)

for all $y \in X$. Replacing y by $\frac{x}{2}$ and letting g(x) := f(2x) - 8f(x) in (2.16), we get

$$P\left(g(x) - 2g\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\right) \le 4\varphi\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2}\right) + \varphi\left(x, \frac{x}{2}\right) \le \alpha\left(2\varphi(x, x) + \frac{1}{2}\varphi(2x, x)\right) \tag{2.17}$$

for all $x \in Y$.

Consider the set

$$S := \{h : Y \to X\}$$

and introduce the generalized metric on S:

$$m(k,h) = \inf \left\{ \mu \in \mathbb{R}_+ : P(k(x) - h(x)) \le \mu \left(2\varphi(x,x) + \frac{1}{2}\varphi(2x,x) \right), \forall x \in Y \right\},$$

where, as usual, $\inf \phi = +\infty$. It is easy to show that (S, m) is complete (see [44, Lemma 2.1]). Now we consider the linear mapping $J: S \to S$ such that

$$Jh(x) := 2h\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

for all $x \in Y$.

Let $k, h \in S$ be given such that $m(k, h) = \varepsilon$. Since

$$P(Jk(x) - Jh(x)) = P\left(2k\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - 2h\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\right) \le \alpha\left(2\varphi(x, x) + \frac{1}{2}\varphi(2x, x)\right)$$

for all $x \in Y$, $m(k,h) = \varepsilon$ implies that $m(Jk,Jh) \le \alpha \varepsilon$. This means that

$$m(Jk, Jh) \leq \alpha m(k, h)$$

for all $k, h \in S$.

It follows from (2.17) that $m(g, Jg) \le \alpha$.

By Theorem 2.1, there exists a mapping $A: X \to Y$ satisfying the following:

(1) A is a fixed point of J, *i.e.*,

$$A\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}A(x) \tag{2.18}$$

for all $x \in X$. The mapping A is a unique fixed point of J in the set

$$M = \big\{ k \in S : m(h, k) < \infty \big\}.$$

This implies that A is a unique mapping satisfying (2.18) such that there exists a $\mu \in (0, \infty)$ satisfying

$$P(g(x) - A(x)) \le \mu \left(2\varphi(x, x) + \frac{1}{2}\varphi(2x, x)\right)$$

for all $x \in Y$;

(2) $m(J^n g, A) \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$. This implies the equality

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} 2^n g\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) = A(x)$$

for all $x \in Y$:

(3) $m(g,A) \leq \frac{1}{1-\alpha}m(g,Jg)$, which implies the inequality

$$m(g,A) \leq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}$$
.

This implies that the inequality (2.13) holds true.

It follows from (2.11) and (2.12) that

$$P(DA(x,y)) = \lim_{n \to \infty} P\left(2^n \left(Dg\left(\frac{x}{2^n}, \frac{y}{2^n}\right)\right)\right)$$

$$\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} 2^n P\left(Dg\left(\frac{x}{2^n}, \frac{y}{2^n}\right)\right)$$

$$\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} 2^n \left(\varphi\left(\frac{2x}{2^n}, \frac{2y}{2^n}\right) + 8\varphi\left(\frac{x}{2^n}, \frac{y}{2^n}\right)\right)$$

$$\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{2^n \alpha^n}{2^n} \varphi(2x, 2y) + 8\frac{2^n \alpha^n}{2^n} \varphi(x, y)\right) = 0$$

for all $x, y \in Y$. So DA(x, y) = 0 for all $x, y \in Y$. By [32, Lemma 2.2], $A: Y \to X$ is an additive mapping, as desired.

Corollary 2.7 Let r, θ be positive real numbers with r > 1, and let $f : Y \to X$ be an odd mapping such that

$$P(Df(x,y)) \le \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r) \tag{2.19}$$

for all $x, y \in Y$. Then there exists a unique additive mapping $A: Y \to X$ such that

$$P(f(2x) - 8f(x) - A(x)) \le \frac{9 + 2^r}{2^r - 2} \theta \|x\|^r$$
(2.20)

for all $x \in Y$.

Proof Taking $\varphi(x, y) = \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r)$ for all $x, y \in X$ and choosing $\alpha = 2^{1-r}$ in Theorem 2.6, we get the desired result.

Theorem 2.8 Let $\varphi: Y^2 \to [0, \infty)$ be a function such that

$$\Phi(x,y) := \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 2^{j} \varphi\left(\frac{x}{2^{j}}, \frac{y}{2^{j}}\right) < \infty$$

for all $x, y \in Y$. Let $f: Y \to X$ be an odd mapping satisfying (2.12). Then there exists a unique additive mapping $A: Y \to X$ such that

$$P(f(2x) - 8f(x) - A(x)) \le 2\Phi(x, x) + \frac{1}{2}\Phi(2x, x)$$

for all $x \in Y$.

Proof The proof is similar to the proof of [45, Theorem 2.1]. \Box

Remark 2.9 Let r > 1. Letting $\varphi(x, y) = \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r)$ for all $x, y \in X$ in Theorem 2.8, we obtain the inequality (2.20). The proof is given in [45, Theorem 2.1].

Theorem 2.10 Let $\varphi: X^2 \to [0, \infty)$ be a function such that there exists an $\alpha < 1$ with

$$\varphi(x,y) \le 8\alpha \varphi\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{y}{2}\right) \tag{2.21}$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Let $f: X \to Y$ be an odd mapping satisfying (2.2). Then there exists a unique cubic mapping $C: X \to Y$ such that

$$||f(2x) - 2f(x) - C(x)|| \le \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \left(\frac{1}{2}\varphi(x,x) + \frac{1}{8}\varphi(2x,x)\right)$$
 (2.22)

for all $x \in X$.

Proof Replacing *y* by *x* and letting g(x) := f(2x) - 2f(x) in (2.6), we get

$$\left\| g(x) - \frac{1}{8}g(2x) \right\| \le \frac{1}{2}\varphi(x,x) + \frac{1}{8}\varphi(2x,x)$$
 (2.23)

for all $x \in X$.

Consider the set

$$S := \{h : X \to Y\}$$

and introduce the generalized metric on S:

$$m(k,h) = \inf \left\{ \mu \in \mathbb{R}_+ : \left\| k(x) - h(x) \right\| \le \mu \left(\frac{1}{2} \varphi(x,x) + \frac{1}{8} \varphi(2x,x) \right), \forall x \in X \right\},$$

where, as usual, $\inf \phi = +\infty$. It is easy to show that (S, m) is complete (see [44, Lemma 2.1]). Now we consider the linear mapping $J : S \to S$ such that

$$Jh(x) := \frac{1}{8}h(2x)$$

for all $x \in X$.

Let $k, h \in S$ be given such that $m(k, h) = \varepsilon$. Since

$$||Jk(x) - Jh(x)|| = \left\| \frac{1}{8}k(2x) - \frac{1}{8}h(2x) \right\| \le \alpha \left(\frac{1}{2}\varphi(x,x) + \frac{1}{8}\varphi(2x,x) \right)$$

for all $x \in X$, $m(k,h) = \varepsilon$ implies that $m(Jk,Jh) \le \alpha \varepsilon$. This means that

$$m(Jk, Jh) < \alpha m(k, h)$$

for all $k, h \in S$.

It follows from (2.23) that $m(g, Jg) \le 1$.

By Theorem 2.1, there exists a mapping $C: X \to Y$ satisfying the following:

(1) C is a fixed point of J, i.e.,

$$C(2x) = 8C(x) \tag{2.24}$$

for all $x \in X$. The mapping C is a unique fixed point of J in the set

$$M = \big\{ k \in S : m(h, k) < \infty \big\}.$$

This implies that C is a unique mapping satisfying (2.24) such that there exists a $\mu \in (0, \infty)$ satisfying

$$\|g(x) - C(x)\| \le \mu \left(\frac{1}{2}\varphi(x,x) + \frac{1}{8}\varphi(2x,x)\right)$$

for all $x \in X$;

(2) $m(J^n g, C) \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$. This implies the equality

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{1}{8^n}g(2^nx)=C(x)$$

for all $x \in X$;

(3) $m(g, C) \leq \frac{1}{1-\alpha} m(g, Jg)$, which implies the inequality

$$m(g,C) \leq \frac{1}{1-\alpha}$$
.

This implies that the inequality (2.22) holds true.

It follows from (2.2) and (2.21) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|DC(x,y)\| &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{8^n} \|Dg(2^n x, 2^n y)\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{8^n} (\varphi(2^n \cdot 2x, 2^n \cdot 2y) + 2\varphi(2^n x, 2^n y)) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{8^n \alpha^n}{8^n} \varphi(2x, 2y) + 2\frac{8^n \alpha^n}{8^n} \varphi(x, y) \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y \in X$. So DC(x, y) = 0 for all $x, y \in X$. By [32, Lemma 2.2], $C: X \to Y$ is a cubic mapping, as desired.

Corollary 2.11 Let r be a positive real number with r < 3, and let $f : X \to Y$ be an odd mapping satisfying (2.9). Then there exists a unique cubic mapping $C : X \to Y$ such that

$$||f(2x) - 2f(x) - C(x)|| \le \frac{9 + 2^r}{8 - 2^r} P(x)^r$$
 (2.25)

for all $x \in X$.

Proof Taking $\varphi(x,y) = P(x)^r + P(y)^r$ for all $x,y \in X$ and choosing $\alpha = 2^{r-3}$ in Theorem 2.10, we get the desired result.

Theorem 2.12 Let $\varphi: X^2 \to [0, \infty)$ be a function such that

$$\Phi(x,y) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{8^j} \varphi(2^j x, 2^j y) < \infty$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Let $f: X \to Y$ be an odd mapping satisfying (2.2). Then there exists a unique cubic mapping $C: X \to Y$ such that

$$||f(2x) - 2f(x) - C(x)|| \le \frac{1}{2}\Phi(x,x) + \frac{1}{8}\Phi(2x,x)$$

for all $x \in X$.

Proof The proof is similar to the proof of [45, Theorem 2.4].

Remark 2.13 Let r < 3. Letting $\varphi(x, y) = P(x)^r + P(y)^r$ for all $x, y \in X$ in Theorem 2.12, we obtain the inequality (2.25). The proof is given in [45, Theorem 2.4].

Theorem 2.14 Let $\varphi: Y^2 \to [0, \infty)$ be a function such that there exists an $\alpha < 1$ with

$$\varphi(x,y) \le \frac{\alpha}{8}\varphi(2x,2y) \tag{2.26}$$

for all $x, y \in Y$. Let $f: Y \to X$ be an odd mapping satisfying (2.12). Then there exists a unique cubic mapping $C: Y \to X$ such that

$$P(f(2x) - 2f(x) - C(x)) \le \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha} \left(\frac{1}{2}\varphi(x, x) + \frac{1}{8}\varphi(2x, x)\right)$$

$$(2.27)$$

for all $x \in Y$.

Proof Replacing y by $\frac{x}{2}$ and letting g(x) := f(2x) - 2f(x) in (2.16), we get

$$P\left(g(x) - 8g\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\right) \le 4\varphi\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2}\right) + \varphi\left(x, \frac{x}{2}\right) \le \alpha\left(\frac{1}{2}\varphi(x, x) + \frac{1}{8}\varphi(2x, x)\right) \tag{2.28}$$

for all $x \in Y$.

Consider the set

$$S := \{h : Y \to X\}$$

and introduce the generalized metric on *S*:

$$m(k,h) = \inf \left\{ \mu \in \mathbb{R}_+ : P\big(k(x) - h(x)\big) \leq \mu \left(\frac{1}{2}\varphi(x,x) + \frac{1}{8}\varphi(2x,x)\right), \forall x \in Y \right\},$$

where, as usual, $\inf \phi = +\infty$. It is easy to show that (S, m) is complete (see [44, Lemma 2.1]). Now we consider the linear mapping $J: S \to S$ such that

$$Jh(x) := 8h\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

for all $x \in Y$.

Let $k, h \in S$ be given such that $m(k, h) = \varepsilon$. Since

$$P(Jk(x) - Jh(x)) = P\left(8k\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - 8h\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\right) \le \alpha\left(\frac{1}{2}\varphi(x, x) + \frac{1}{8}\varphi(2x, x)\right)$$

for all $x \in Y$, $m(k,h) = \varepsilon$ implies that $m(Jk,Jh) \le \alpha \varepsilon$. This means that

$$m(Jk, Jh) \le \alpha m(k, h)$$

for all $k, h \in S$.

It follows from (2.28) that $m(g, Jg) \le \alpha$.

By Theorem 2.1, there exists a mapping $C: X \to Y$ satisfying the following:

(1) C is a fixed point of *J*, *i.e.*,

$$C\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{8}C(x) \tag{2.29}$$

for all $x \in X$. The mapping C is a unique fixed point of J in the set

$$M = \{k \in S : m(h, k) < \infty\}.$$

This implies that C is a unique mapping satisfying (2.29) such that there exists a $\mu \in (0, \infty)$ satisfying

$$P(g(x) - C(x)) \le \mu \left(\frac{1}{2}\varphi(x, x) + \frac{1}{8}\varphi(2x, x)\right)$$

for all $x \in Y$;

(2) $m(J^n g, C) \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$. This implies the equality

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} 8^n g\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) = C(x)$$

for all $x \in Y$;

(3) $m(g, C) \le \frac{1}{1-\alpha} m(g, Jg)$, which implies the inequality

$$m(g,C) \leq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}$$
.

This implies that the inequality (2.27) holds true.

It follows from (2.12) and (2.26) that

$$P(DC(x,y)) = \lim_{n \to \infty} P\left(8^n \left(Dg\left(\frac{x}{2^n}, \frac{y}{2^n}\right)\right)\right)$$

$$\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} 8^n P\left(Dg\left(\frac{x}{2^n}, \frac{y}{2^n}\right)\right)$$

$$\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} 8^n \left(\varphi\left(\frac{2x}{2^n}, \frac{2y}{2^n}\right) + 2\varphi\left(\frac{x}{2^n}, \frac{y}{2^n}\right)\right)$$

$$\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{8^n \alpha^n}{8^n} \varphi(2x, 2y) + 2\frac{8^n \alpha^n}{8^n} \varphi(x, y)\right) = 0$$

for all $x, y \in Y$. So DC(x, y) = 0 for all $x, y \in Y$. By [32, Lemma 2.2], $C: Y \to X$ is a cubic mapping, as desired.

Corollary 2.15 Let r, θ be positive real numbers with r > 3, and let $f: Y \to X$ be an odd mapping satisfying (2.19). Then there exists a unique cubic mapping $C: Y \to X$ such that

$$P(f(2x) - 2f(x) - C(x)) \le \frac{9 + 2^r}{2^r - 8} \theta \|x\|^r$$
(2.30)

for all $x \in Y$.

Proof Taking $\varphi(x,y) = \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r)$ for all $x,y \in X$ and choosing $\alpha = 2^{3-r}$ in Theorem 2.14, we get the desired result.

Theorem 2.16 Let $\varphi: Y^2 \to [0, \infty)$ be a function such that

$$\Phi(x,y) := \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 8^{j} \varphi\left(\frac{x}{2^{j}}, \frac{y}{2^{j}}\right) < \infty$$

for all $x, y \in Y$. Let $f: Y \to X$ be an odd mapping satisfying (2.12). Then there exists a unique additive mapping $C: Y \to X$ such that

$$P(f(2x) - 2f(x) - C(x)) \le \frac{1}{2}\Phi(x, x) + \frac{1}{8}\Phi(2x, x)$$

for all $x \in Y$.

Proof The proof is similar to the proof of [45, Theorem 2.3].

Remark 2.17 Let r > 3. Letting $\varphi(x, y) = \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r)$ for all $x, y \in X$ in Theorem 2.16, we obtain the inequality (2.30). The proof is given in [45, Theorem 2.3].

3 Hyers-Ulam stability of the functional equation (1.3): an even mapping case

Using the fixed point method and direct method, we prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of the functional equation Df(x, y) = 0 in paranormed spaces: an even mapping case.

Note that $P(2x) \leq 2P(x)$ for all $x \in Y$.

Theorem 3.1 Let $\varphi: X^2 \to [0, \infty)$ be a function such that there exists an $\alpha < 1$ with

$$\varphi(x,y) \le 4\alpha \varphi\left(\frac{x}{2},\frac{y}{2}\right)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Let $f: X \to Y$ be an even mapping satisfying f(0) = 0 and (2.2). Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping $Q_2: X \to Y$ such that

$$||f(2x) - 16f(x) - Q_2(x)|| \le \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \left(\varphi(x,x) + \frac{1}{4}\varphi(2x,x)\right)$$

for all $x \in X$.

Proof Letting x = y in (2.2), we get

$$||f(3y) - 6f(2y) + 15f(y)|| \le \varphi(y, y) \tag{3.1}$$

for all $y \in X$.

Replacing x by 2y in (2.2), we get

$$||f(4y) - 4f(3y) + 4f(2y) + 4f(y)|| \le \varphi(2y, y)$$
(3.2)

for all $y \in X$.

By (3.1) and (3.2),

$$||f(4y) - 20f(2y) + 64f(y)||$$

$$\leq ||4(f(3y) - 6f(2y) + 15f(y))|| + ||f(4y) - 4f(3y) + 4f(2y) + 4f(y)||$$

$$\leq 4||f(3y) - 6f(2y) + 15f(y)|| + ||f(4y) - 4f(3y) + 4f(2y) + 4f(y)||$$

$$\leq 4\varphi(y, y) + \varphi(2y, y)$$
(3.3)

for all $y \in X$. Replacing y by x and g(x) := f(2x) - 16f(x) in (3.3), we get

$$\left\|g(x) - \frac{1}{4}g(2x)\right\| \le \varphi(x,x) + \frac{1}{4}\varphi(2x,x)$$

for all $x \in X$.

The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.2.

Corollary 3.2 Let r be a positive real number with r < 2, and let $f : X \to Y$ be an even mapping satisfying f(0) = 0 and (2.9). Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping $Q_2 : X \to Y$ such that

$$||f(2x) - 16f(x) - Q_2(x)|| \le \frac{9 + 2^r}{4 - 2^r} P(x)^r$$
 (3.4)

for all $x \in X$.

Proof Taking $\varphi(x,y) = P(x)^r + P(y)^r$ for all $x,y \in X$ and choosing $\alpha = 2^{r-2}$ in Theorem 3.1, we get the desired result.

Theorem 3.3 Let $\varphi: X^2 \to [0, \infty)$ be a function such that

$$\Phi(x,y) := \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4^{i}} \varphi(2^{j}x, 2^{j}y) < \infty$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Let $f: X \to Y$ be an even mapping satisfying f(0) = 0 and (2.2). Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping $Q_2: X \to Y$ such that

$$||f(2x) - 16f(x) - Q_2(x)|| \le \Phi(x, x) + \frac{1}{4}\Phi(2x, x)$$

for all $x \in X$.

Proof The proof is similar to the proof of [45, Theorem 3.2]. \Box

Remark 3.4 Let r < 2. Letting $\varphi(x,y) = P(x)^r + P(y)^r$ for all $x,y \in X$ in Theorem 3.3, we obtain the inequality (3.4). The proof is given in [45, Theorem 3.2].

Theorem 3.5 Let $\varphi: Y^2 \to [0, \infty)$ be a function such that there exists an $\alpha < 1$ with

$$\varphi(x,y) \le \frac{\alpha}{4} \varphi(2x,2y)$$

for all $x, y \in Y$. Let $f: Y \to X$ be an even mapping satisfying f(0) = 0 and (2.12). Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping $Q_2: Y \to X$ such that

$$P(f(2x) - 16f(x) - Q_2(x)) \le \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha} \left(\varphi(x, x) + \frac{1}{4} \varphi(2x, x) \right)$$

for all $x \in Y$.

Proof Letting x = y in (2.12), we get

$$P(f(3y) - 6f(2y) + 15f(y)) \le \varphi(y, y) \tag{3.5}$$

for all $y \in Y$.

Replacing x by 2y in (2.12), we get

$$P(f(4y) - 4f(3y) + 4f(2y) + 4f(y)) \le \varphi(2y, y)$$
(3.6)

for all $y \in Y$.

By (3.5) and (3.6),

$$P(f(4y) - 20f(2y) + 64f(y))$$

$$\leq P(4(f(3y) - 6f(2y) + 15f(y))) + P(f(4y) - 4f(3y) + 4f(2y) + 4f(y))$$

$$\leq 4P(f(3y) - 6f(2y) + 15f(y)) + P(f(4y) - 4f(3y) + 4f(2y) + 4f(y))$$

$$\leq 4\varphi(y, y) + \varphi(2y, y)$$
(3.7)

for all $y \in Y$. Replacing y by $\frac{x}{2}$ and g(x) := f(2x) - 16f(x) in (3.7), we get

$$P\bigg(g(x) - 4g\bigg(\frac{x}{2}\bigg)\bigg) \leq 4\varphi\bigg(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2}\bigg) + \varphi\bigg(x, \frac{x}{2}\bigg) \leq \alpha\bigg(\varphi(x, x) + \frac{1}{4}\varphi(2x, x)\bigg)$$

for all $x \in Y$.

The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.6.

Corollary 3.6 Let r, θ be positive real numbers with r > 2, and let $f: Y \to X$ be an even mapping satisfying f(0) = 0 and (2.19). Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping $Q_2: Y \to X$ such that

$$P(f(2x) - 16f(x) - Q_2(x)) \le \frac{9 + 2^r}{2^r - 4}\theta \|x\|^r$$
(3.8)

for all $x \in Y$.

Proof Taking $\varphi(x,y) = \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r)$ for all $x,y \in X$ and choosing $\alpha = 2^{2-r}$ in Theorem 3.5, we get the desired result.

Theorem 3.7 Let $\varphi: Y^2 \to [0, \infty)$ be a function such that

$$\Phi(x,y):=\sum_{i=1}^{\infty}4^{j}\varphi\left(\frac{x}{2^{j}},\frac{y}{2^{j}}\right)<\infty$$

for all $x, y \in Y$. Let $f: Y \to X$ be an even mapping satisfying f(0) = 0 and (2.12). Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping $Q_2: Y \to X$ such that

$$P(f(2x) - 16f(x) - Q_2(x)) \le \Phi(x, x) + \frac{1}{4}\Phi(2x, x)$$

for all $x \in Y$.

Proof The proof is similar to the proof of [45, Theorem 3.1].

Remark 3.8 Let r > 2. Letting $\varphi(x, y) = \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r)$ for all $x, y \in X$ in Theorem 3.7, we obtain the inequality (3.8). The proof is given in [45, Theorem 3.1].

Theorem 3.9 Let $\varphi: X^2 \to [0,\infty)$ be a function such that there exists an $\alpha < 1$ with

$$\varphi(x,y) \le 16\alpha\varphi\left(\frac{x}{2},\frac{y}{2}\right)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Let $f: X \to Y$ be an even mapping satisfying f(0) = 0 and (2.2). Then there exists a unique quartic mapping $Q_4: X \to Y$ such that

$$||f(2x) - 4f(x) - Q_4(x)|| \le \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \left(\frac{1}{4}\varphi(x,x) + \frac{1}{16}\varphi(2x,x)\right)$$

for all $x \in X$.

Proof Replacing *y* by *x* and letting g(x) := f(2x) - 4f(x) in (3.3), we get

$$\left\| g(x) - \frac{1}{16}g(2x) \right\| \le \frac{1}{4}\varphi(x,x) + \frac{1}{16}\varphi(2x,x)$$

for all $x \in X$.

The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.10.

Corollary 3.10 Let r be a positive real number with r < 4, and let $f : X \to Y$ be an even mapping satisfying f(0) = 0 and (2.9). Then there exists a unique quartic mapping $Q_4 : X \to Y$ such that

$$||f(2x) - 4f(x) - Q_4(x)|| \le \frac{9 + 2^r}{16 - 2^r} P(x)^r$$
 (3.9)

for all $x \in X$.

Proof Taking $\varphi(x,y) = P(x)^r + P(y)^r$ for all $x,y \in X$ and choosing $\alpha = 2^{r-4}$ in Theorem 3.9, we get the desired result.

Theorem 3.11 Let $\varphi: X^2 \to [0, \infty)$ be a function such that

$$\Phi(x,y) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{16^j} \varphi(2^j x, 2^j y) < \infty$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Let $f: X \to Y$ be an even mapping satisfying f(0) = 0 and (2.2). Then there exists a unique quartic mapping $Q_4: X \to Y$ such that

$$||f(2x) - 4f(x) - Q_4(x)|| \le \frac{1}{4}\Phi(x, x) + \frac{1}{16}\Phi(2x, x)$$

for all $x \in X$.

Proof The proof is similar to the proof of [45, Theorem 3.4]. \Box

Remark 3.12 Let r < 4. Letting $\varphi(x, y) = P(x)^r + P(y)^r$ for all $x, y \in X$ in Theorem 3.11, we obtain the inequality (3.9). The proof is given in [45, Theorem 3.4].

Theorem 3.13 Let $\varphi: Y^2 \to [0, \infty)$ be a function such that there exists an $\alpha < 1$ with

$$\varphi(x,y) \le \frac{\alpha}{16} \varphi(2x,2y)$$

for all $x, y \in Y$. Let $f: Y \to X$ be an even mapping satisfying f(0) = 0 and (2.12). Then there exists a unique quartic mapping $Q_4: Y \to X$ such that

$$P(f(2x) - 4f(x) - Q_4(x)) \le \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha} \left(\frac{1}{4}\varphi(x, x) + \frac{1}{16}\varphi(2x, x)\right)$$

for all $x \in Y$.

Proof Replacing y by $\frac{x}{2}$ and letting g(x) := f(2x) - 4f(x) in (3.7), we get

$$P\left(g(x) - 16g\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\right) \le 4\varphi\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2}\right) + \varphi\left(x, \frac{x}{2}\right) \le \alpha\left(\frac{1}{4}\varphi(x, x) + \frac{1}{16}\varphi(2x, x)\right)$$

for all $x \in Y$.

The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.14.

Corollary 3.14 Let r, θ be positive real numbers with r > 4, and let $f: Y \to X$ be an even mapping satisfying f(0) = 0 and (2.19). Then there exists a unique quartic mapping $Q_4: Y \to X$ such that

$$P(f(2x) - 4f(x) - Q_4(x)) \le \frac{9 + 2^r}{2^r - 16} \theta \|x\|^r$$
(3.10)

for all $x \in Y$.

Proof Taking $\varphi(x, y) = \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r)$ for all $x, y \in X$ and choosing $\alpha = 2^{4-r}$ in Theorem 3.13, we get the desired result.

Theorem 3.15 Let $\varphi: Y^2 \to [0, \infty)$ be a function such that

$$\Phi(x,y) := \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 16^{j} \varphi\left(\frac{x}{2^{j}}, \frac{y}{2^{j}}\right) < \infty$$

for all $x, y \in Y$. Let $f: Y \to X$ be an even mapping satisfying f(0) = 0 and (2.12). Then there exists a unique quartic mapping $Q_4: Y \to X$ such that

$$P(f(2x) - 4f(x) - Q_4(x)) \le \frac{1}{4}\Phi(x,x) + \frac{1}{16}\Phi(2x,x)$$

for all $x \in Y$.

Proof The proof is similar to the proof of [45, Theorem 3.3]. \Box

Remark 3.16 Let r > 4. Letting $\varphi(x, y) = \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r)$ for all $x, y \in X$ in Theorem 3.15, we obtain the inequality (3.10). The proof is given in [45, Theorem 3.3].

We can summarize the corollaries as follows.

Let $f_o(x) := \frac{f(x) - f(-x)}{2}$ and $f_e(x) := \frac{f(x) + f(-x)}{2}$. Then f_o is odd and f_e is even. f_o , f_e satisfy the functional equation (1.3). Let $g_o(x) := f_o(2x) - 2f_o(x)$ and $h_o(x) := f_o(2x) - 8f_o(x)$. Then $f_o(x) = f_o(2x) - 8f_o(x)$.

$$\frac{1}{6}g_o(x) - \frac{1}{6}h_o(x)$$
. Let $g_e(x) := f_e(2x) - 4f_e(x)$ and $h_e(x) := f_e(2x) - 16f_e(x)$. Then $f_e(x) = \frac{1}{12}g_e(x) - \frac{1}{12}h_e(x)$. Thus

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{6}g_o(x) - \frac{1}{6}h_o(x) + \frac{1}{12}g_e(x) - \frac{1}{12}h_e(x).$$

Theorem 3.17 Let r be a positive real number with r < 1. Let $f : X \to Y$ be a mapping satisfying f(0) = 0 and (2.9). Then there exist an additive mapping $A : X \to Y$, a quadratic mapping $Q_2 : X \to Y$, a cubic mapping $C : X \to Y$ and a quartic mapping $Q_4 : X \to Y$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| 24f(x) - 4A(x) - 2Q_2(x) - 4C(x) - 2Q_4(x) \right\| \\ & \leq \left(\frac{4(2^r + 9)}{2 - 2^r} + \frac{2(2^r + 9)}{4 - 2^r} + \frac{4(2^r + 9)}{8 - 2^r} + \frac{2(2^r + 9)}{16 - 2^r} \right) P(x)^r \end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in X$.

Theorem 3.18 Let r, θ be positive real numbers with r > 4. Let $f: Y \to X$ be a mapping satisfying f(0) = 0 and (2.19). Then there exist an additive mapping $A: Y \to X$, a quadratic mapping $Q_2: Y \to X$, a cubic mapping $C: Y \to X$ and a quartic mapping $Q_4: Y \to X$ such that

$$P(24f(x) - 4A(x) - 2Q_2(x) - 4C(x) - 2Q_4(x))$$

$$\leq \left(\frac{4(2^r + 9)}{2^r - 2} + \frac{2(2^r + 9)}{2^r - 4} + \frac{4(2^r + 9)}{2^r - 8} + \frac{2(2^r + 9)}{2^r - 16}\right)\theta \|x\|^r$$

for all $x \in Y$.

4 Conclusions

Using the fixed point method and direct method, we have proved the Hyers-Ulam stability of an additive-quadratic-cubic-quartic functional equation in paranormed spaces.

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