

Hyers-Ulam-Rassias Stability of the Quadratic Functional Equation

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Abstract-- In this paper, we prove the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of the quadratic functional equation $f(lx+y)+f(lx-y)=f(x+y)+f(x-y)+2l^2f(x)-2f(x)$ for fixed natural number l in the Banach space.

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INTRODUCTION

A question in the theory of functional equations is the following “When is it true that a function which approximately satisfies a functional equation $\in$ must be close to an exact solution $\in$?” If the problem accepts a solution, we say that the equation $\in$ is stable.

In 1940, S.M.Ulam [12] gave a wide ranging talk before the Mathematics Club of the University of Wisconsin in which he discussed a number of important unsolved problems. Among those was the following question concerning the stability of homomorphism:

Let $(G_1, *)$ be a group and $(G_2, \circ, d)$ be a metric group with the metric d . Given $\epsilon > 0$, does there exist a $\delta_\epsilon > 0$ such that if a mapping

$h: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ satisfies the inequality

$$d(h(x*y), h(x) \circ h(y)) < \delta_\epsilon \quad \forall x, y \in G_1,$$

then there is a mapping $H: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ such that for each $x, y \in G_1$ $H(x*y) = H(x) \circ H(y)$ and $d(h(x), H(x)) < \epsilon$?

In the next year, D.H.Hyers [5], gave answer to the above question for additive groups under the assumption that groups are Banach spaces. In 1978, T.M.Rassias [11] proved a generalization of Hyers’ theorem for additive mapping as a special case in the form of following result.

Suppose that E and F are real normed spaces with F a complete normed space, $f: E \rightarrow F$ is a mapping such that for each fixed $x \in E$ the mapping $t \rightarrow f(tx)$ is continuous on $\mathbb{R}$, and let there exist $\epsilon \geq 0$ and $p \in [0, 1)$ s.t

$$\|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \epsilon(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p) \quad x, y \in E.$$

Then there exists a unique linear mapping $T: E \rightarrow F$

$$\text{s.t } \|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \epsilon \frac{\|x\|^p}{(1 - 2^{p-1})}, \quad x \in E.$$

Quadratic functional equation was used to characterize inner product spaces. Several other functional equation were also to characterize inner product spaces. A square norm on an inner product space satisfies the important parallelogram equality

$$\|x+y\|^2 + \|x-y\|^2 = 2(\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2).$$

The functional equation $f(x+y)+f(x-y)=2f(x)+2f(y)$

Is related to a symmetric bi-additive. It is natural that each equation is called a quadratic functional equation. Every solution of the quadratic function equation is called a quadratic function.

Now, we introduce the following new quadratic functional equation

$$f(lx+y)+f(lx-y)=f(x+y)+f(x-y)+2l^2f(x)-2f(x). \quad (1.1)$$

It is easy to see that $f(x)=ax^2$ is a solution of the equation. The main purpose of this paper is to establish the generalized Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of the equation (1.1).

In this section, let X be a real vector space and let Y be a Banach space. We will investigate the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias Stability problem for functional equation (1.1). Thus we find the condition that there exists a quadratic function near a approximately quadratic function.

Theorem 2.1. Let $\phi: X^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ be a function such that $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(l^i x, 0)}{l^{2(i+1)}}$ converges and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi(l^n x, l^n y)}{l^{2i}} = 0$

and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi(l^n x, l^n y)}{l^{2n}} = 0$ for all $x, y \in X$. Suppose that a function

$f: X \rightarrow Y$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(lx+y)+f(lx-y)-f(x+y)-f(x-y)-2l^2f(x)+2f(x)\| \\ & \leq \phi(x,y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Then there exists a quadratic function $Q: X \rightarrow Y$ which satisfies (1.1) and the inequality

$$\|f(x)-Q(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(l^i x, 0)}{l^{2(i+1)}} \quad (2.2)$$

for all $x \in X$. The function Q is given by

$$Q(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(l^n x)}{l^{2n}}, \text{ for all } x \in X. \quad (2.3)$$

Proof. Putting $y=0$ in (2.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \|2f(lx)-2l^2 f(x)\| \leq \phi(x,0) \\ & \left\| \frac{f(lx)}{l^2} - f(x) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{\phi(x,0)}{l^2} \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

Replace x by lx , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \frac{f(l^2 x)}{l^4} - \frac{f(lx)}{l^2} \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{\phi(lx,0)}{l^4} \\ & \left\| \frac{f(l^2 x)}{l^4} - f(x) \right\| \\ & = \left\| \frac{f(l^2 x)}{l^4} - f(x) + \frac{f(lx)}{l^2} - \frac{f(lx)}{l^2} \right\| \quad (2.5) \\ & \leq \frac{\phi(lx,0)}{2l^4} + \frac{\phi(x,0)}{2l^2} \end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in X$. Using induction on n , we obtain that

$$\left\| \frac{f(l^n x)}{l^{2n}} - f(x) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{\phi(l^i x)}{l^{2(i+1)}} \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(l^i x)}{l^{2(i+1)}} \quad (2.6)$$

for all $x \in X$. In order to prove convergence of sequence $\{f(l^n x)/l^{2n}\}$, we show that sequence $\{f(l^n x)/l^{2n}\}$ is a Cauchy sequence, we replace x by $l^n x$ in (2.6)

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \frac{f(l^{n+m} x)}{l^{2(n+m)}} - \frac{f(l^m x)}{l^{2m}} \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2l^{2m}} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{\phi(l^i x)}{l^{2(i+1)}} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(l^i x)}{l^{2(m+i+1)}} \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

Since the right-hand side of the inequality tends to 0 as m tends to infinity, so the sequence $\{f(l^n x)/l^{2n}\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Therefore, we may define

$Q(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} l^{-2n} f(l^n x)$ for all $x \in X$. To show that Q satisfies (1.1), replace x, y by $l^n x, l^n y$, respectively in (2.1), then it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & l^{-2n} \|f(l^n(lx+y))+f(l^n(lx-y))-f(l^n(x+y))- \\ & f(l^n(x-y))-2l^2f(l^n(x))+2f(l^n(x))\| \leq l^{-2n} \phi(l^n x, l^n y) \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we get,

$$Q(lx+y)+Q(lx-y)-Q(x+y)-Q(x-y)-2l^2Q(x)+2Q(x)=0$$

Thus Q satisfies (1.1) for all $x, y \in X$.

To prove uniqueness of the quadratic function Q subject to (2.2), let us assume that there exists a quadratic function $D: X \rightarrow Y$ which satisfies (1.1) and the (2.2). Hence it follows from (2.2) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|Q(x)-D(x)\| = l^{-2n} \|Q(l^n x)-D(l^n x)\| \\ & \leq l^{-2n} (\|Q(l^n x)-f(l^n x)\| + \|f(l^n x)-D(l^n x)\|) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(l^i 3^n x, 0)}{l^{2(n+i+1)}} \end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in X$. By taking $n \rightarrow \infty$, We get $Q(x)=D(x)$.

Corollary 2.2. Let X and Y be a real normed space and a Banach space, respectively, and let ε, p, q be real numbers such that $\varepsilon \geq 0, q > 0$ and either $p, q < 3$. Suppose that a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(lx+y)+f(lx-y)-f(x+y)-f(x-y)-2l^2f(x)+2f(x)\| \\ & \leq \varepsilon (\|x\|^p + \|y\|^q) \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Then there exists a unique function

$Q: X \rightarrow Y$ which

satisfies eq. (1.1) and the inequality

$$\|f(x) - Q(x)\| \leq \varepsilon \frac{\|x\|^p}{2(27 - 3^p)}$$

for all $x \in X$ and for all $x \in X - \{0\}$ if $p < 0$. The function Q is given by

$$Q(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(l^n x)}{l^{2n}} \quad \text{if } p, q < 3$$

for all $x \in X$.

The proof of the corollary goes through if $\phi(x, y) = \mathcal{E}(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^q)$ in the above theorem.

Corollary 2.3. Let X and Y be a real normed space and a Banach space, respectively, and let $\varepsilon \geq 0$ be real numbers. Suppose that a function

$f: X \rightarrow Y$ satisfies

$$\|f(lx+ly)+f(lx-ly)-f(x+y)-f(x-y)-2l^2 f(x)+2f(x)\| \leq \varepsilon \quad (2.9)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Then there exists a unique function

$Q: X \rightarrow Y$ which

satisfies Eq. (1.1) and the inequality

$$\|f(x)-Q(x)\| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{48}$$

for all $x \in X$. The function Q is given by

$$Q(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(l^n x)}{l^{2n}} \quad \text{for all } x \in X.$$

The corollary is an immediate consequence of Theorem 2.1. if $\phi(x, y) = \varepsilon$.

Corollary 2.4. Let E_1 and E_2 be Banach spaces over the complex field $\mathbb{C}$, and let

$\varepsilon \geq 0$ be a real number. Suppose that a function

$f: E_1 \rightarrow E_2$ satisfies

$$\|f(l\alpha x + \alpha y) + f(l\alpha x - \alpha y) - f(\alpha x + \alpha y) - f(\alpha x - \alpha y) - 2l^2 f(\alpha x) + 2f(\alpha x)\| \leq \varepsilon$$

for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ ($|\alpha| = 1$) and for all $x, y \in E_1$, and f is continuous in $t \in \mathbb{R}$

for each fixed $x \in E_1$. Then there exists a unique Quadratic function $Q: E_1 \rightarrow E_2$

which satisfies Eq. (1.1) and the inequality

$$\|f(x)-Q(x)\| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{48}, \quad \text{for all } x \in E_1.$$

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