



## THE GENERALIZED HYERS-ULAM STABILITY OF ADDITIVE FUNCTIONAL INEQUALITIES IN NON-ARCHIMEDEAN SPACE

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### Abstract

In this paper, we investigate the following additive functional inequality

$$\|f(x) + f(y) + f(2z)\| \leq \|f(x+y) - f(-2z)\|$$

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### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

The stability problems concerning group homomorphisms were raised by Ulam [11] in 1940 and affirmatively answered for Banach spaces by Hyers [7] in the next year. Hyers theorem was generalized by Aoki [1] for additive mappings and by Rassias [10] for linear mappings by considering an unbounded Cauchy difference. A generalization of the Rassias theorem was obtained by Găvruta [3] by replacing the unbounded Cauchy difference by a general control function in the spirit of Rassias approach.

The functional equation

$$f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y) \quad (1.1)$$

is called the *Cauchy additive functional equation*. In particular, every solution of the Cauchy additive functional equation is said to be an *additive mapping*.

In [4], Gilányi showed that if a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies the following functional inequality

$$\| 2f(x) + 2f(y) - f(xy^{-1}) \| \leq \| f(xy) \|, \quad (1.2)$$

then  $f$  satisfies the Jordan-Von Neumann functional equation

$$2f(x) + 2f(y) - f(xy^{-1}) = f(xy).$$

Gilányi [5] and Fechner [2] proved the Hyers-Ulam stability of (1.2). Park et al. [9] proved the Hyers-Ulam stability of the following functional inequalities:

$$\| f(x) + f(y) + f(z) \| \leq \| f(x + y + z) \|. \quad (1.3)$$

Hensel [6] has introduced a normed space which does not have the Archimedean property. During the last three decades, the theory of non-Archimedean spaces has gained the interest of physicists for their research in particular in problems coming from quantum physics,  $p$ -adic strings and superstrings [8].

A *valuation* is a function  $|\cdot|$  from a field  $K$  to  $[0, \infty)$  such that for all  $r, s \in K$ , the following conditions hold: (i)  $|r| = 0$  if and only if  $r = 0$ , (ii)  $|rs| = |r||s|$ , (iii)  $|r + s| \leq |r| + |s|$ .

A field  $K$  is called a *valuation field* if  $K$  carries a valuation. A valuation  $|\cdot|$  is called a *non-Archimedean valuation* if  $|x + y| \leq \max\{|x|, |y|\}$  for all  $x, y \in K$ . A field  $K$  with a non-Archimedean valuation is called a *non-Archimedean field*. Clearly,  $|-1| = |1| = 1$  and  $|n| \leq 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in a non-Archimedean space  $X$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  is called a *Cauchy sequence* if, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a positive integer  $k$  such that  $\|x_n - x_m\| \leq \varepsilon$  for all  $m, n \geq k$  and all  $z \in X$  and  $\{x_n\}$  is called *convergent* to  $x$ , denoted by  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ , if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a positive integer  $k$  such that  $\|x_n - x\| \leq \varepsilon$  for all  $n \geq k$ . Hence by the definition of non-Archimedean normed space (see [6] and [8]), we have

$$\|x_n - x_m\| \leq \max\{\|x_{j+1} - x_j\| \mid m \leq j \leq n-1\} \quad (n > m),$$

a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy in a non-Archimedean space  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  if and only if  $\{x_{n+1} - x_n\}$  converges to zero in  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ . A non-Archimedean space in which every Cauchy sequence is a convergent sequence is called a *non-Archimedean Banach space*.

In this paper, we investigate the following functional inequality

$$\|f(x) + f(y) + f(2z)\| \leq \|f(x+y) - f(-2z)\| \quad (1.4)$$

and prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of it in non-Archimedean spaces.

## 2. Solutions and Stability of (1.4)

In this section, let  $X$  be a non-Archimedean space and  $Y$  be a non-Archimedean Banach space. We start with the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.1.** *A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies (1.4) if and only if  $f$  is additive.*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $f$  satisfies (1.4). Setting  $x = y = z = 0$  in (1.4), we have  $\|3f(0)\| \leq \|0\|$  for all  $w \in X$  and so we have

$$f(0) = 0. \quad (2.1)$$

Putting  $y = -x$  and  $z = 0$  in (1.4), we have  $\|f(x) + f(-x)\| \leq \|0\|$  for all  $w \in X$  and so  $\|f(x) + f(-x)\| \leq 0$  for all  $w \in X$ . Hence we have

$$f(-x) = -f(x) \quad (2.2)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Replacing  $x, y, z$  by  $-2x - 2y, 2x, 2y$ , respectively, in (1.4), by (2.2), we have

$$\|f(-2x - 2y) + f(2x) + f(2y)\| \leq \|f(-2y) - f(-2y)\| = 0 \quad (2.3)$$

for all  $x, y, w \in X$ . Hence  $\|f(-2x - 2y) + f(2x) + f(2y)\| = 0$  for all  $w \in X$ , and by (2.2), we have

$$f(2x + 2y) = f(2x) + f(2y) \quad (2.4)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Replacing  $2x$  and  $2y$  by  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively, in (2.4), we can show that  $f$  is additive. The converse is trivial.  $\square$

Now, we will prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of (1.4) in non-Archimedean spaces.

**Theorem 2.2.** Assume that  $\phi : X^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a function such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi((-2)^n x, (-2)^n x, (-2)^n x)}{|2|^n} = 0 \quad (2.5)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and for any  $x \in X$ , the limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max \left\{ \frac{\phi((-2)^k x, (-2)^k x, -(-2)^k x)}{|2|^{k-1}} \mid 0 \leq k \leq n-1 \right\} \quad (2.6)$$

exists. Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping such that

$$\|f(x) + f(y) + f(2z)\| \leq \|f(x + y) - f(-2z)\| + \phi(x, y, z) \quad (2.7)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Then there exists an additive mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $A$  satisfies (1.4) and

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(x) - A(x)\| \\ & \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max \left\{ \frac{\phi((-2)^k x, (-2)^k x, -(-2)^k x)}{|2|^{k-1}} \mid 0 \leq k \leq n-1 \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Moreover, if  $\phi : X^4 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfies

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max \left\{ \frac{\phi((-2)^i x, (-2)^i x, (-2)^i x)}{|2|^i} \mid k \leq i \leq n-1 \right\} = 0, \quad (2.9)$$

then  $A$  is a unique additive mapping satisfying (2.8).

**Proof.** Replacing  $x, y, z$  by  $(-2)^n x, (-2)^n x, -(-2)^n x$  in (2.7), respectively, and dividing (2.7) by  $|2|^{n+1}$ , since  $f(0) = 0$ , we have

$$\left\| \frac{f((-2)^n x)}{(-2)^n} - \frac{f((-2)^{n+1} x)}{(-2)^{n+1}} \right\| \leq \frac{\phi((-2)^n x, (-2)^n x, -(-2)^n x)}{|2|^{n+1}}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . By (2.5),  $\left\{ \frac{f((-2)^n x)}{(-2)^n} \right\}$  is a Cauchy sequence

in  $Y$  for all  $x \in X$  and since  $Y$  is a non-Archimedean Banach space, there is

a function  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $A(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f((-2)^n x)}{(-2)^n}$  for all  $x \in X$ .

Moreover, for  $0 \leq m < n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \frac{f((-2)^n x)}{(-2)^n} - \frac{f((-2)^m x)}{(-2)^m} \right\| \\ & \leq \max \left\{ \frac{\phi((-2)^k x, (-2)^k y, (-2)^k z)}{|2|^{k+1}} \mid m \leq k \leq n-1 \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Replacing  $x, y, z$  by  $(-2)^n x, (-2)^n y, (-2)^n z$  in (1.4), respectively, and dividing (1.4) by  $|2|^n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \frac{f((-2)^n x)}{(-2)^n} + \frac{f((-2)^n y)}{(-2)^n} + \frac{f((-2)^n 2z)}{(-2)^n} \right\| \\ & \leq \frac{\|f((-2)^n(x-y)) - f((-2)^{n+1}2z)\|}{|2|^n} + \frac{\phi((-2)^n x, (-2)^n y, (-2)^n z)}{|2|^n} \\ & \leq \left\| \frac{f((-2)^n(x-y))}{(-2)^n} - \frac{f((-2)^{n+1}2z)}{(-2)^n} \right\| + \frac{\phi((-2)^n x, (-2)^n y, (-2)^n z)}{|2|^n} \quad (2.11) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.11), by (2.5), we have

$$\|A(x) + A(y) + A(2z)\| \leq \|A(x-y) - A(2z)\|$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . By Theorem 2.1,  $A$  is additive and by (2.6) and (2.10), we have (2.8).

Now, we show the uniqueness of  $A$ . Suppose that (2.5) holds and  $A_0$  is an additive mapping with (2.8). Then for any positive integer  $n$ ,  $2^n A(x) = A(2^n x)$  and  $2^n A_0(x) = A_0(2^n x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . Hence by (2.8), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|A(x) - A_0(x)\| \\ & \leq \frac{\|A((-2)^k x) - f((-2)^k x)\|}{|2|^k} + \frac{\|A_0((-2)^k x) - f((-2)^k x)\|}{|2|^k} \\ & \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max \left\{ \frac{\phi((-2)^{i+k} x, (-2)^{i+k} x, -(-2)^{i+k} x)}{|2|^{i+k}} \mid 0 \leq i \leq n-1 \right\} \\ & \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max \left\{ \frac{\phi((-2)^i x, (-2)^i x, -(-2)^i x)}{|2|^i} \mid k \leq i \leq n-1 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence, letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality, by (2.5), we have  $A(x) = A_0(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .  $\square$

Related with Theorem 2.2, we can also have the following theorem. And the proof is similar to that of Theorem 2.2.

**Theorem 2.3.** Assume that  $\phi : X^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a function such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |2|^n \phi \left( \frac{x}{(-2)^n}, \frac{x}{(-2)^n}, \frac{x}{(-2)^n} \right) = 0 \quad (2.12)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and for any  $x \in X$ , the limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max \left\{ |2|^{k-1} \phi \left( \frac{x}{(-2)^k}, \frac{x}{(-2)^k}, \frac{-x}{(-2)^{k+2}} \right) \mid 0 \leq k \leq n-1 \right\} \quad (2.13)$$

exists. Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping satisfying (2.7). Then there exists an additive mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $A$  satisfies (1.4) and

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(x) - A(x)\| \\ & \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max \left\{ |2|^{k-1} \phi \left( \frac{x}{(-2)^k}, \frac{x}{(-2)^k}, \frac{-x}{(-2)^k} \right) \mid 0 \leq k \leq n-1 \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Moreover, if  $\phi : X^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfies

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max \left\{ |2|^i \phi \left( \frac{x}{(-2)^i}, \frac{x}{(-2)^i}, \frac{x}{(-2)^i} \right) \mid k \leq i \leq n-1 \right\} = 0, \quad (2.15)$$

then  $A$  is a unique additive mapping satisfying (2.8).

As an example of  $\phi(x, y)$  in Theorem 2.2 and Theorem 2.3, we can take  $\phi(x, y, z) = \varepsilon(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p + \|z\|^p)$ . Then we can formulate the following corollary:

**Corollary 2.4.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping such that

$$\|f(x) + f(y) + f(2z)\| \leq \|f(x+y) - f(-2z)\| + \phi(x, y, z) \quad (2.16)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Suppose that  $|2| < 1$ . Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $A$  satisfies (1.4) and

$$\|A(x) - f(x)\| \leq \begin{cases} \|2^{1-p}(2\|x\|^p + 1)\|x\|^p, & \text{if } 1 < p, \\ \|2^{-1-p}(2\|x\|^p + 1)\|x\|^p, & \text{if } 0 < p < 1 \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

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