

## Stability of Additive - Quadratic Functional Equations in Several Variables

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### Abstract

In this paper, we prove the Hyers–Ulam – Rassias stability of generalized n-variable mixed type of additive and quadratic functional equations in Banach spaces by direct method.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

In 1940, Ulam asked the following stability problem: “Let  $G$  be a group and  $H$  be a group with metric  $d(., .)$ . Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , does there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that if a mapping  $f : G \rightarrow H$  satisfies  $d(f(xy), f(x)f(y)) < \varepsilon$  for all  $x, y \in G$ , then there exists a homomorphism  $a : G \rightarrow H$  with  $d(f(x), a(x)) < \varepsilon$  for all  $x \in G$ ?”

In 1941, Hyers [6] answered it. Later, it was developed as Hyers – Ulam stability by Rassias [11], Rassias [10] and Gavruta [5].

M. Ramdoss, D. Pachaiyappan, C. Park and J. R. Lee [13] introduced a new generalized n-variable mixed type functional equation of the form

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1, j=i+1}^{n-1} \left( f(kx_i + x_j) \right) + f(kx_n + x_1) \\
& - k \left[ \sum_{i=1, j=i+1}^{n-1} \left( f(x_i + x_j) \right) + f(x_n + x_1) \right] \\
& = \frac{(1-k)^2}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (f(x_i) + f(-x_i)) \\
& - \frac{1-k}{k^2-k} \sum_{i=1}^n (k^2 f(x_i) - f(kx_i)) \tag{1.1}
\end{aligned}$$

for positive integer  $n$ ,  $k \geq 2$  and proved its Hyers – Ulam stability in Fuzzy Modular spaces.

The functional equations

$$f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y) \text{ and } f(x+y) + f(x-y) = 2f(x) + 2f(y)$$

are called the additive and quadratic functional equations respectively. Every solution of additive and quadratic functional equations is said to be additive mapping and quadratic mapping respectively. In this paper, we will obtain Hyers–Ulam – Rassias stability of generalized  $n$ -variable mixed type of additive and quadratic functional equations in Banach spaces.

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Lemma 2.1[13].** Let a mapping  $f : U \rightarrow V$  satisfy functional equation (1.1). If  $f$  is an even mapping, then  $f$  is quadratic and if  $f$  is an odd mapping, then  $f$  is additive.

Denote by

$$\begin{aligned}
S(f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)) &= \sum_{i=1, j=i+1}^{n-1} \left( f(kx_i + x_j) \right) + f(kx_n + x_1) \\
&- k \left[ \sum_{i=1, j=i+1}^{n-1} \left( f(x_i + x_j) \right) + f(x_n + x_1) \right] \\
&- \frac{(1-k)^2}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (f(x_i) + f(-x_i)) \\
&- \frac{1-k}{k^2-k} \sum_{i=1}^n (k^2 f(x_i) - f(kx_i)), \tag{2.1}
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $n \in N$ ,  $k \geq 2$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $X$  be a vector space and  $Y$  be a Banach space and  $\phi : X^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  be a function such that

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{2i}} \phi(k^i x, 0, 0, \dots, 0) \text{ converges} \tag{2.2}$$

$$\text{and } \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k^{2m}} \phi(k^m x_1, k^m x_2, \dots, k^m x_n) = 0, \quad (2.3)$$

for all  $x_i \in X, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Suppose that  $f$  is an even mapping and satisfies

$$\| Sf(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \| \leq \phi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \quad (2.4)$$

for all  $x_i \in X, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying (1.1) and the inequality

$$\| f(x) - Q(x) \| \leq \frac{1}{k^2 - k} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{2i}} \phi(k^i x, 0, 0, \dots, 0) \quad (2.5)$$

and function  $Q$  is given by

$$Q(x) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} k^{-2m} f(k^m x) \text{ for all } x \in X. \quad (2.6)$$

**Proof:** Letting  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  by  $(x, 0, \dots, 0)$  in (2.4).

$$\Rightarrow \| f(kx) + f(x) - k[2f(x)] - \frac{(1-k)^2}{2} (2f(x)) - \frac{1-k}{k^2-k} [k^2 f(x) - f(kx)] \| \leq \phi(x, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \| f(kx) + f(x) - 2kf(x) - (1-k)^2(f(x)) - \frac{1-k}{k^2-k} k^2 f(x) + \frac{1-k}{k^2-k} f(kx) \|$$

$$\leq \phi(x, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \| (1 + \frac{1-k}{k^2-k})f(kx) + (1 - 2k - (1-k)^2 - \frac{1-k}{k^2-k} k^2)f(x) \| \leq \phi(x, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \| (\frac{k^2-2k+1}{k^2-k})f(kx) + \frac{1}{k^2-k} (k^2 - k - 2k(k^2 - k) - (k^2 - k)(1-k)^2 - (1-k)k^2)f(x) \|$$

$$\leq \phi(x, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \| (\frac{k^2-2k+1}{k^2-k})f(kx) + (\frac{2k^3-k^2-k^4}{k^2-k})f(x) \| \leq \phi(x, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \| (\frac{k^2-2k+1}{k^2-k})[f(kx) - k^2 f(x)] \| \leq \phi(x, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \| (\frac{(k-1)^2}{k(k-1)})[f(kx) - k^2 f(x)] \| \leq \phi(x, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \| f(kx) - k^2 f(x) \| \leq \frac{k}{k-1} \phi(x, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \| f(x) - k^{-2} f(kx) \| \leq (\frac{k}{k-1}) \frac{1}{k^2} \phi(x, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \| f(x) - \frac{1}{k^2} f(kx) \| \leq (\frac{k}{k-1}) \frac{1}{k^2} \phi(x, 0, 0, \dots, 0) \quad (2.7)$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $kx$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \|f(kx) - \frac{1}{k^2}f(k^2x)\| &\leq \left(\frac{k}{k-1}\right) \frac{1}{k^2} \phi(kx, 0, 0, \dots, 0) \\ \Rightarrow \left\| \frac{1}{k^2}f(kx) - \frac{1}{k^4}f(k^2x) \right\| &\leq \left(\frac{k}{k-1}\right) \frac{1}{k^{2+2}} \phi(kx, 0, 0, \dots, 0) \end{aligned}$$

Again replacing  $x$  with  $k^2x$  in (2.7), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \|f(k^2x) - \frac{1}{k^2}f(k^3x)\| &\leq \left(\frac{k}{k-1}\right) \frac{1}{k^2} \phi(k^2x, 0, 0, \dots, 0) \\ \Rightarrow \left\| \frac{1}{k^4}f(k^2x) - \frac{1}{k^6}f(k^3x) \right\| &\leq \left(\frac{k}{k-1}\right) \frac{1}{k^{2+4}} \phi(k^2x, 0, 0, \dots, 0) \end{aligned}$$

Generalizing the above inequality, we obtain

$$\left\| \frac{1}{k^{2l}}f(k^lx) - \frac{1}{k^{2m}}f(k^mx) \right\| \leq \sum_{j=l}^m \left(\frac{k}{k-1}\right) \frac{1}{k^{2j+2}} \phi(k^jx, 0, 0, \dots, 0), \quad (2.8)$$

for all non-negative integers  $m$  and  $l$  with  $m > l$  and for all  $x \in X$ . It follows from (2.8) that the sequence  $\left\{ \frac{f(k^mx)}{k^{2m}} \right\}$  is a Cauchy sequence for all  $x \in X$ . Since  $Y$  is complete, the sequence  $\left\{ \frac{f(k^mx)}{k^{2m}} \right\}$  converges.

So define a function  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  by

$$Q(x) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{f(k^mx)}{k^{2m}} \right\}, \quad (2.9)$$

and for all  $x \in X$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \|SQ(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\| &= \left\| \sum_{i=1, j=i+1}^{n-1} \left( Q(kx_i + x_j) \right) + Q(kx_n + x_1) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - k \left[ \sum_{i=1, j=i+1}^{n-1} \left( Q(x_i + x_j) \right) + Q(x_n + x_1) \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{(1-k)^2}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (Q(x_i) + Q(-x_i)) - \frac{1-k}{k^2-k} \sum_{i=1}^n [k^2 Q(x_i) - Q(kx_i)] \right\| \\ &= \left\| \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \sum_{i=1, j=i+1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k^{2m}} f(k^m(kx_i + x_j)) + \frac{1}{k^{2m}} f(k^m(kx_n + x_1)) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - k \left[ \sum_{i=1, j=i+1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k^{2m}} f(k^m(x_i + x_j)) + \frac{1}{k^{2m}} f(k^m(x_n + x_1)) \right] \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - \frac{(1-k)^2}{2} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{2}{k^{2m}} f(k^m(x_i)) \right] \frac{1}{k^{2m}} \left( \frac{1-k}{k^2-k} \right) \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (f(k^m x_i) - f(k^m x_1)) \right] \right] \right\| \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k^{2m}} \|Sf(k^m x_1, k^m x_2, \dots, k^m x_n)\| \\ &\leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k^{2m}} \|\phi(k^m x_1, k^m x_2, \dots, k^m x_n)\| = 0, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x_i \in X, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

So  $SQ(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0$ .

Hence the mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  is quadratic.

Moreover, letting  $l = 0$  and limit as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.8), we have (2.5).

Now, let  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  another quadratic mapping satisfying (2.4) and (1.1).

$$\begin{aligned} \|Q(x) - T(x)\| &= \frac{1}{k^{2m}} \|Q(k^m x) - T(k^m x)\| \\ \Rightarrow \|Q(x) - T(x)\| &\leq \frac{1}{k^{2m}} [\|Q(k^m x) - f(k^m x)\| + \|T(k^m x) - f(k^m x)\|], \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $x \in X$ . This proves uniqueness of  $Q$ . So there exists a unique quadratic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying (2.5).

**Corollary 2.3.** Let  $p < 2$  and  $\theta$  be positive real numbers and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping such that

$$\|Sf(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\| \leq \theta (\|x_1\|^p + \|x_2\|^p + \dots + \|x_n\|^p)$$

for all  $x_i \in X, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\|f(x) - Q(x)\| \leq \left( \frac{k}{(k-1)(k^2-k^p)} \right) \theta (\|x\|^p)$$

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $X$  be a vector space and  $Y$  be a Banach space and  $\phi : X^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  be a function such that

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^i} \phi(k^i x, 0, 0, \dots, 0) \text{ converges} \quad (2.10)$$

$$\text{and } \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k^{2m}} \phi(k^m x_1, k^m x_2, \dots, k^m x_n) = 0, \quad (2.11)$$

for all  $x_i \in X, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Suppose that  $f$  is an odd function and satisfies

$$\|Sf(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\| \leq \phi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), \quad (2.12)$$

for all  $x_i \in X, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{i=1, j=i+1}^{n-1} (f(kx_i + x_j)) + f(kx_n + x_1) \\ &\quad - k \left[ \sum_{i=1, j=i+1}^{n-1} (f(x_i + x_j)) + f(x_n + x_1) \right] \\ &= \frac{1-k}{k^2-k} \sum_{i=1}^n k^2 f(x_i) - f(kx_i), \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and the inequality

$$\|f(x) - Q(x)\| \leq \frac{k}{k-1} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^i} \phi(k^i x, 0, 0, \dots, 0). \quad (2.14)$$

The function  $Q$  is given by

$$Q(x) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} k^{-m} f(k^m x) \text{ for all } x \in X.$$

**Proof:** Replacing  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  by  $(x, 0, \dots, 0)$  in (2.12), we obtain

$$\| f(kx) + f(x) - k(f(x) + f(x)) - \frac{1-k}{k^2-k} [k^2 f(x) - f(kx)] \| \leq \phi(x, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \| f(kx) + f(x) - 2kf(x) - \frac{1-k}{k^2-k} k^2 f(x) + \frac{1-k}{k^2-k} f(kx) \| \leq \phi(x, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \| \left(1 + \frac{1-k}{k^2-k}\right) f(kx) + \left(1 - 2k - \frac{1-k}{k^2-k} k^2\right) f(x) \| \leq \phi(x, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \| \left(\frac{k^2-2k+1}{k^2-k}\right) f(kx) + \frac{1}{k^2-k} (k^2 - k - 2k(k^2 - k) - (1-k)k^2) f(x) \|$$

$$\leq \phi(x, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \| \left(\frac{k^2-2k+1}{k^2-k}\right) f(kx) - \left(\frac{k(k^2-2k+1)}{k^2-k}\right) f(x) \| \leq \phi(x, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \| \left(\frac{(k-1)^2}{k(k-1)}\right) [f(kx) - kf(x)] \| \leq \phi(x, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \| f(kx) - kf(x) \| \leq \frac{k}{k-1} \phi(x, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \| f(x) - \frac{1}{k} f(kx) \| \leq \left(\frac{k}{k-1}\right) \frac{1}{k} \phi(x, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $kx$ , we obtain

$$\| f(kx) - \frac{1}{k} f(k^2 x) \| \leq \left(\frac{k}{k-1}\right) \frac{1}{k} \phi(kx, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \| \frac{1}{k} f(kx) - \frac{1}{k^2} f(k^2 x) \| \leq \left(\frac{k}{k-1}\right) \frac{1}{k^{l+1}} \phi(kx, 0, 0, \dots, 0).$$

Again replacing  $x$  with  $k^2 x$ , we obtain

$$\| f(k^2 x) - \frac{1}{k} f(k^3 x) \| \leq \left(\frac{k}{k-1}\right) \frac{1}{k} \phi(k^2 x, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \| \frac{1}{k^2} f(k^2 x) - \frac{1}{k^3} f(k^3 x) \| \leq \left(\frac{k}{k-1}\right) \frac{1}{k^{2+1}} \phi(k^2 x, 0, 0, \dots, 0).$$

Generalizing the above inequality, we obtain

$$\| \frac{1}{k^l} f(k^l x) - \frac{1}{k^m} f(k^m x) \| \leq \sum_{j=l}^m \left(\frac{k}{k-1}\right) \frac{1}{k^{j+1}} \phi(k^j x, 0, 0, \dots, 0), \quad (2.15)$$

for all non-negative integers  $m$  and  $l$  with  $m > l$  and for all  $x \in X$ . It follows (2.15) that the sequence  $\left\{\frac{f(k^m x)}{k^m}\right\}$  is a Cauchy sequence for all  $x \in X$ . Since  $Y$  is complete, the sequence  $\left\{\frac{f(k^m x)}{k^m}\right\}$  converges.

So define a function  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  by

$$Q(x) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{f(k^m x)}{k^m} \right\}, \quad (2.16)$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\|SQ(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\| &= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{n-l} \left( Q(kx_i + x_j) \right) + Q(kx_n + x_l) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - k \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-l} \left( Q(x_i + x_1) \right) + Q(x_n + x_l) \right] \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{l-k}{k^2-k} \sum_{i=1}^n (k^2 Q(x_i) - Q(kx_i)) \right\| \\
&= \left\| \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k^m} f(k^m(kx_i + x_j)) + \frac{1}{k^m} f(k^m(x_i + x_l)) \right] \right. \\
&\quad \left. - k \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k^m} f(k^m(x_i + x_1)) + \frac{1}{k^m} f(k^m(kx_n + x_l)) \right] \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{1}{k^m} \left( \frac{1-k}{k^2-k} \right) \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (k^2 f(k^m x_i) - f(k^m(kx_i))) \right] \right\| \\
&= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k^m} \|Sf(k^m x_1, k^m x_2, \dots, k^m x_n)\| \\
&\leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k^m} \|\phi(k^m x_1, k^m x_2, \dots, k^m x_n)\| = 0,
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $x_i \in X, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

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Now, let  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  another additive mapping satisfying (2.14) and (2.13)

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\|Q(x) - T(x)\| &= \frac{1}{k^m} \|Q(k^m x) - T(k^m x)\| \\
\|Q(x) - T(x)\| &\leq \frac{1}{k^m} [\|Q(k^m x) - f(k^m x)\| + \|T(k^m x) - f(k^m x)\|],
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**Corollary 2.5.** Let  $p < 1$  and  $\theta$  be positive real numbers and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping such that

$$\|Sf(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)\| \leq \theta (\|x_1\|^p + \|x_2\|^p + \dots + \|x_n\|^p),$$

for all  $x_i \in X, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\|f(x) - Q(x)\| \leq \left( \frac{k}{(k-1)(k-k^p)} \right) \theta (\|x\|^p).$$

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