

## HYERS-ULAM STABILITY OF A CLOSED OPERATOR IN A HILBERT SPACE

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*Dedicated to Professor Sin-Ei Takahasi on his 60th birthday (Kanreki)*

ABSTRACT. We give some necessary and sufficient conditions in order that a closed operator in a Hilbert space into another have the Hyers-Ulam stability. Moreover, we prove the existence of the stability constant for a closed operator. We also determine the stability constant in terms of the lower bound.

### 1. Introduction

It seems that S. M. Ulam [16, Chapter VI] first raised the stability problem of functional equations: “For what metric groups  $G$  is it true that an  $\varepsilon$ -automorphism of  $G$  is necessarily near to a strict automorphism?” An answer has been given in the following way. Let  $E_1, E_2$  be two real Banach spaces and  $f: E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  be a mapping such that  $f(tx)$  is continuous in  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , the set of all real numbers, for each fixed  $x \in E_1$ . In 1941, D. H. Hyers [3] gave an answer to the problem above as follows. If there exists an  $\varepsilon \geq 0$  such that

$$\|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \varepsilon$$

for all  $x, y \in E_1$ , then there exists a unique linear mapping  $T: E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  such that  $\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \varepsilon$  for every  $x \in E_1$ . This result is called the *Hyers-Ulam stability* of the additive Cauchy equation  $g(x+y) = g(x) + g(y)$ .

In 1978, Th. M. Rassias [9] introduced the new functional inequality and succeeded to extend the result of Hyers' by weakening the condition for the Cauchy difference to be unbounded: If there exist an  $\varepsilon \geq 0$  and

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$0 \leq p < 1$  such that

$$\|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \varepsilon(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p)$$

for all  $x, y \in E_1$ , then there exists a unique linear mapping  $T: E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  such that

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{2\theta}{|2 - 2^p|} \|x\|^p$$

for every  $x \in E_1$ . Since then several mathematicians were attracted to this result of Rassias and investigated a number of stability problems of functional equations. This stability phenomenon that was introduced and proved by Th. M. Rassias in his 1978 paper is called the *Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability*. In 1991, Z. Gajda [1] solved the problem for  $1 < p$ , which was raised by Th. M. Rassias: In fact, the result of Rassias is valid for  $1 < p$ ; Moreover, Z. Gajda gave an example that a similar stability result does not hold for  $p = 1$ . Another example was given by Th. M. Rassias and P. Šemrl [13, Theorem 2].

The second author, S. Miyajima and S. -E. Takahasi [7] introduced the notion of the Hyers-Ulam stability of a mapping between two normed linear spaces as follows:

**DEFINITION 1.1.** Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$  and  $(Y, \|\cdot\|_Y)$  be normed linear spaces and  $f$  be a (not necessarily linear) mapping from  $X$  into  $Y$ . We say that  $f$  has the Hyers-Ulam stability if there exists a constant  $K \geq 0$  with the following property:

For any  $v \in f(X)$ , the range of  $f$ ,  $\varepsilon \geq 0$  and  $u \in X$  with  $\|f(u) - v\|_Y \leq \varepsilon$ , there exists a  $u_0 \in X$  such that  $f(u_0) = v$  and  $\|u - u_0\|_X \leq K\varepsilon$ .

We call such  $K \geq 0$  a HUS constant for  $f$ , and denote by  $K_f$  the infimum of all HUS constants for  $f$ . If, in addition,  $K_f$  becomes a HUS constant for  $f$ , then we call it the HUS constant for  $f$ .

Roughly speaking, if  $f$  has the Hyers-Ulam stability, then to each “ $\varepsilon$ -approximate solution”  $u$  of the equation  $f(x) = v$  there corresponds an exact solution  $u_0$  of the equation in a  $K\varepsilon$ -neighborhood of  $u$ .

In [7, 8], the second author, S. Miyajima and S. -E. Takahasi obtained some stability results for particular linear differential operators  $D$ : the  $n$ -th order linear differential operator with constant coefficients and the first order linear differential operator with a continuous function as coefficient. In fact, they gave a characterization in order that  $D$  have the Hyers-Ulam stability. Among other things, for the first order linear differential operator  $D$ , the three authors above with H. Takagi

[8, 15] proved that the infimum  $K_D$  becomes the minimum of all HUS constants: Moreover, they described  $K_D$  completely.

H. Takagi, the second author and S. -E. Takahasi [14] considered a bounded linear operator  $T$  from a Banach space  $X$  into another Banach space  $Y$ . To display their result, we need some terminology. Let  $\ker T$  be the kernel of  $T$ . Define the induced one-to-one linear operator  $\widehat{T}$  from the quotient Banach space  $X/\ker T$  into  $Y$  by

$$\widehat{T}(u + \ker T) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} Tu \quad \forall u \in X.$$

Now, their result reads as follows:

**THEOREM A** ([14, Theorem 2]). *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two Banach spaces and  $T$  be a bounded linear operator from  $X$  into  $Y$ . Then the following statements are equivalent :*

- (i)  $T$  has the Hyers-Ulam stability.
- (ii)  $T$  has closed range.
- (iii)  $\widehat{T}^{-1}$  from  $T(X)$  onto  $X/\ker T$  is bounded.

Moreover, if one of (hence all of) the conditions (i), (ii), and (iii) is true, then  $K_T = \|\widehat{T}^{-1}\|$ .

Theorem A states that  $K_T = \|\widehat{T}^{-1}\|$  is valid whenever  $T$  has the Hyers-Ulam stability. However, the equality only means that the *infimum* of all HUS constants for  $T$  is  $\|\widehat{T}^{-1}\|$ . In other words, even if we restrict ourselves to a bounded linear operator  $T$  between two Banach spaces, we do not know whether the *minimum* of all HUS constants for  $T$  exists or not. O. Hatori, K. Kobayashi, H. Takagi and S. -E. Takahasi with the second author [2, Example] proved that the infimum of all HUS constants for a bounded linear operator between two Banach spaces need not be a HUS constant: That is, the minimum of all HUS constants does not exist in general.

In this paper, we are concerned with a closed operator  $T$  defined on a linear subspace  $\mathcal{D}(T)$  of a Hilbert space  $G$  into a Hilbert space  $H$ . We first give some necessary and sufficient conditions in order that  $T$  have the Hyers-Ulam stability: In fact, Theorem A is valid for a closed operator  $T$  from  $\mathcal{D}(T) \subset G$  into  $H$ . Moreover, we prove that  $T$  has the Hyers-Ulam stability if and only if  $T$  is lower semibounded. Among other things, we show that the infimum of all HUS constants for  $T$  is also a HUS constant: Namely, the minimum of all HUS constants do exist. We also describe the HUS constant  $K_T$  for  $T$  in terms of the lower bound of  $T$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

From now on, by an operator we shall mean a *non-zero* linear operator. Let  $G$  and  $H$  be Hilbert spaces with the norm  $\|\cdot\|_G$  and  $\|\cdot\|_H$ , respectively. An operator  $T$  with a domain  $\mathcal{D}(T) \subset G$  into  $H$  is said to be *closed* if its graph  $\{(u, Tu) : u \in \mathcal{D}(T)\}$  is a closed subspace in the product Hilbert space  $G \times H$ . In other words, if  $u_n \in \mathcal{D}(T)$  and  $Tu_n \in H$  converge to  $u_0 \in G$  and  $v_0 \in H$ , respectively, then  $u_0 \in \mathcal{D}(T)$  and  $v_0 = Tu_0$  holds. We remark that a bounded operator  $T$  from  $\mathcal{D}(T) = G$  into  $H$  is a closed operator.

First, we note the notion of the Hyers-Ulam stability of a closed operator  $T$ . Indeed, the linearity of  $T$  can make the condition simple.

REMARK 2.1. Let  $T$  be a closed operator from  $\mathcal{D}(T) \subset G$  into  $H$ . Recall that  $T$  is said to have the Hyers-Ulam stability if and only if there exists a constant  $K > 0$  with the following property:

- (a) For any  $v \in T(\mathcal{D}(T))$ ,  $\varepsilon \geq 0$  and  $u \in \mathcal{D}(T)$  with  $\|Tu - v\|_H \leq \varepsilon$  there exists a  $u_0 \in \mathcal{D}(T)$  such that  $Tu_0 = v$  and  $\|u - u_0\|_G \leq K\varepsilon$ .

We excluded the case where  $K = 0$ . In fact, if the condition (a) were true for  $K = 0$ , then taking  $v = 0$ , we would have  $Tu = 0$  for every  $u \in \mathcal{D}(T)$ : This contradicts the hypothesis that an operator means *non-zero*. Now the linearity of  $T$  implies that the condition (a) is equivalent to

- (b) For any  $\varepsilon \geq 0$  and  $u \in \mathcal{D}(T)$  with  $\|Tu\|_H \leq \varepsilon$  there exists a  $u_0 \in \mathcal{D}(T)$  such that  $Tu_0 = 0$  and  $\|u - u_0\|_G \leq K\varepsilon$ .

Put  $\ker T \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{u \in \mathcal{D}(T) : Tu = 0\}$ . The condition (b) is equivalent to

- (c) For any  $u \in \mathcal{D}(T)$  there exists a  $u_0 \in \ker T$  such that  $\|u - u_0\|_G \leq K\|Tu\|_H$ .

Next, we define a lower semiboundedness of a closed operator.

DEFINITION 2.1. Let  $T$  be a closed operator from  $\mathcal{D}(T) \subset G$  into  $H$ . We say that  $T$  is lower semibounded if there exists a positive constant  $\gamma > 0$  such that

$$(2.1) \quad \|Tv\|_H \geq \gamma\|v\|_G \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{D}(T) \cap (\ker T)^\perp.$$

Here,  $(\ker T)^\perp$  stands for the orthogonal complement of the kernel  $\ker T$  of  $T$ : More precisely,  $(\ker T)^\perp$  is the set of all  $x \in G$  which are orthogonal

to every  $u \in \ker T$ . We put

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(T) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sup\{\gamma > 0 : \|Tv\|_H \geq \gamma\|v\|_G, \forall v \in \mathcal{D}(T) \cap (\ker T)^\perp\} \\ (2.2) \quad &= \inf\{\|Tv\|_H/\|v\|_G : v \in \mathcal{D}(T) \cap (\ker T)^\perp, v \neq 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

We call  $\gamma(T)$  the lower bound of  $T$ .

If  $T$  is a closed operator from  $\mathcal{D}(T) \subset G$  into  $H$ , then it is easy to see that  $\ker T$  is a closed subspace of  $G$  since  $T$  is a closed operator. In particular, if  $P$  is the orthogonal projection from  $G$  onto  $\ker T$ , then  $x - Px \in (\ker T)^\perp$  for every  $x \in G$ .

LEMMA 2.1. *Let  $T$  be a closed operator from  $\mathcal{D}(T) \subset G$  into  $H$ . If  $T$  is lower semibounded, then  $T$  has the Hyers-Ulam stability with a HUS constant  $\gamma(T)^{-1}$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $T$  is lower semibounded with the lower bound  $\gamma(T) > 0$ . By definition, we have

$$(2.3) \quad \|Tv\|_H \geq \gamma(T)\|v\|_G \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{D}(T) \cap (\ker T)^\perp.$$

Let  $P$  be the orthogonal projection from  $G$  onto  $\ker T$ . Fix  $u \in \mathcal{D}(T)$  arbitrarily, and put  $u_0 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} Pu \in \ker T$ . Since  $u - u_0 \in \mathcal{D}(T) \cap (\ker T)^\perp$ , we have from (2.3) that

$$\|u - u_0\|_G \leq \gamma(T)^{-1}\|T(u - u_0)\|_H = \gamma(T)^{-1}\|Tu\|_H.$$

By Remark 2.1, this implies that  $T$  has the Hyers-Ulam stability with a HUS constant  $\gamma(T)^{-1}$ .  $\square$

DEFINITION 2.2. Let  $T$  be a closed operator from  $\mathcal{D}(T) \subset G$  into  $H$ . We define the induced one-to-one operator  $\tilde{T}$  from  $\mathcal{D}(T) \cap (\ker T)^\perp \subset G$  into  $H$  by

$$\tilde{T}v \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} Tv \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{D}(T) \cap (\ker T)^\perp.$$

Since  $T$  is closed, so is  $\tilde{T}$ .

REMARK 2.2. Suppose that  $T$  is a closed operator from  $\mathcal{D}(T) \subset G$  into  $H$ . The induced operator  $\tilde{T}$  as in Definition 2.2 is corresponding to  $\hat{T}$  as in (iii) of Theorem A.

To see this, we remark that the orthogonal complement  $(\ker T)^\perp$  of  $\ker T$  is isometrically isomorphic to the quotient Banach space  $G/\ker T$  with the quotient norm  $\|\cdot\|_q$ : Indeed,  $x + \ker T \mapsto Qx$  ( $x \in G$ ) gives a

one-to-one onto correspondence between  $G/\ker T$  and  $(\ker T)^\perp$ , where  $Q$  denotes the orthogonal projection from  $G$  onto  $(\ker T)^\perp$ ; Since

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \|x + \ker T\|_q &= \inf\{\|x + y\|_G : y \in \ker T\} \\ &= \|Qx\|_G \quad \forall x \in G, \end{aligned}$$

$G/\ker T$  is isometrically isomorphic to  $(\ker T)^\perp$  as a Banach space. If, in addition, we define an *inner product*  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  on  $G/\ker T$  by

$$(2.5) \quad \langle x + \ker T, y + \ker T \rangle \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle Qx, Qy \rangle_G \quad \forall x, y \in G,$$

then  $G/\ker T$  becomes an inner product space. Here,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_G$  denotes the inner product on the Hilbert space  $G$ . It follows from (2.4) and (2.5) that

$$\langle x + \ker T, x + \ker T \rangle = \langle Qx, Qx \rangle_G = \|x + \ker T\|_q^2$$

for every  $x \in G$ . Consequently,  $G/\ker T$  is isomorphic to  $(\ker T)^\perp$  as a Hilbert space.

**LEMMA 2.2.** *Let  $T$  be a closed operator from  $\mathcal{D}(T) \subset G$  into  $H$ ,  $\tilde{T}$  be the induced operator as in Definition 2.2. Each of the following two statements implies the other:*

- (i)  $\tilde{T}^{-1}$  is bounded.
- (ii)  $T$  is lower semibounded.

*If, in addition, one of the conditions (i) and (ii) is true, then we have  $\|\tilde{T}^{-1}\| = \gamma(T)^{-1}$ .*

*Proof.* Put  $\tilde{H} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{Tv \in H : v \in \mathcal{D}(T) \cap (\ker T)^\perp\}$ . Note that the inverse operator  $\tilde{T}^{-1}$  from  $\tilde{H}$  into  $G$  is well-defined since  $\tilde{T}$  is an injection. If we assume that  $1/0$  means  $\infty$ , then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{w \in \tilde{H} \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\|\tilde{T}^{-1}w\|}{\|w\|} \\ &= \sup \left\{ \frac{\|v\|_G}{\|Tv\|_H} : v \in \mathcal{D}(T) \cap (\ker T)^\perp, v \neq 0 \right\} \\ &= \left[ \inf \left\{ \frac{\|Tv\|_H}{\|v\|_G} : v \in \mathcal{D}(T) \cap (\ker T)^\perp, v \neq 0 \right\} \right]^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $\tilde{T}^{-1}$  is bounded if and only if  $T$  is lower semibounded. In this case, the identity above with (2.2) shows that  $\|\tilde{T}^{-1}\| = \gamma(T)^{-1}$ .  $\square$

### 3. Main results

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $T$  be a closed operator from  $\mathcal{D}(T) \subset G$  into  $H$ ,  $\tilde{T}$  be the induced operator as in Definition 2.2. The following assertions are equivalent :*

- (i)  $T$  has the Hyers-Ulam stability.
- (ii)  $T$  has closed range.
- (iii)  $\tilde{T}^{-1}$  is bounded.
- (iv)  $T$  is lower semibounded.

Moreover, if one of the conditions above is true, then  $K_T = \|\tilde{T}^{-1}\| = \gamma(T)^{-1}$ .

*Proof.* We shall prove that (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iv)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii).

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv). Suppose that  $T$  has the Hyers-Ulam stability. By (c) of Remark 2.1, there exists a constant  $K > 0$  with the following property: For any  $u \in \mathcal{D}(T)$  there exists a  $u_0 \in \ker T$  such that  $\|u - u_0\|_G \leq K\|Tu\|_H$ . Pick  $u \in \mathcal{D}(T) \cap (\ker T)^\perp$  arbitrarily. By hypothesis, there exists a  $u_0 \in \ker T$  such that  $\|u - u_0\|_G \leq K\|Tu\|_H$ . Since  $u \in (\ker T)^\perp$  and since  $u_0 \in \ker T$ , we get

$$\|u\|_G^2 \leq \|u\|_G^2 + \|u_0\|_G^2 = \|u - u_0\|_G^2.$$

Since  $u$  was arbitrary, we thus obtain

$$(3.6) \quad \|Tu\|_H \geq K^{-1}\|u\|_G \quad \forall u \in \mathcal{D}(T) \cap (\ker T)^\perp.$$

This implies that  $T$  is lower semibounded.

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) and (iv)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii). These are direct consequences of Lemma 2.1 and 2.2, respectively.

Although the equivalence of (iii) and (ii) is well-known, here we give a proof.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). Suppose  $\tilde{T}^{-1}$  is bounded. We shall show that if  $Tu_n$  ( $u_n \in \mathcal{D}(T)$ ) converges to an element, say  $w \in H$ , then  $w = Tu_0$  for some  $u_0 \in \mathcal{D}(T)$ . Let  $Q$  be the orthogonal projection from  $G$  onto  $(\ker T)^\perp$ . Since  $\tilde{T}^{-1}$  is bounded,

$$(3.7) \quad \|v\|_G \leq \|\tilde{T}^{-1}\| \|Tv\|_H \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{D}(T) \cap (\ker T)^\perp.$$

Note that  $Qu_n \in \mathcal{D}(T)$  since  $\mathcal{D}(T)$  is a linear space, which contains  $\ker T$ . It follows from (3.7) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|Qu_n - Qu_m\|_G &\leq \|\tilde{T}^{-1}\| \|TQ(u_n - u_m)\|_H \\ &= \|\tilde{T}^{-1}\| \|Tu_n - Tu_m\|_H, \end{aligned}$$

and hence  $\{Qu_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence of  $(\ker T)^\perp$ . Since  $(\ker T)^\perp$  is closed,  $Qu_n$  converges to an element, say  $v_0 \in (\ker T)^\perp$ . Because  $T$  is a closed operator, we get  $v_0 \in \mathcal{D}(T)$  and  $w = Tv_0$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii). Suppose that  $T$  has closed range. That is, the range

$$\tilde{H} = \{Tv \in H : v \in \mathcal{D}(T) \cap (\ker T)^\perp\}$$

of  $T$  is a closed subspace of  $H$ . Since  $\tilde{T}^{-1}$  is a closed operator from the Hilbert space  $\tilde{H}$  into  $G$ , it follows from the closed graph theorem that  $\tilde{T}^{-1}$  is bounded.

Now, suppose that one of the conditions (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) is true. We show that the infimum  $K_T$  of all HUS constants for  $T$  satisfies  $K_T = \|\tilde{T}^{-1}\| = \gamma(T)^{-1}$ : By Lemma 2.2, it is enough to prove that  $K_T = \gamma(T)^{-1}$ . To do this, fix a HUS constant  $K_0$  for  $T$  arbitrarily. A quite similar argument to (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) shows that  $\|Tu\|_H \geq K_0^{-1}\|u\|_G$  for every  $u \in \mathcal{D}(T) \cap (\ker T)^\perp$ . By the definition of the lower bound, we get  $\gamma(T) \geq K_0^{-1}$ . Since  $K_0$  was arbitrary, we obtain  $\gamma(T)^{-1} \leq K_T$ . Recall that  $\gamma(T)^{-1}$  is a HUS constant for  $T$ , by Lemma 2.1, and hence  $K_T \leq \gamma(T)^{-1}$ . We now obtain  $K_T = \gamma(T)^{-1}$ , and the proof is complete.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 3.2.** *Let  $T$  be a closed operator from  $\mathcal{D}(T) \subset G$  into  $H$ . If  $T$  has the Hyers-Ulam stability, then  $K_T$  is the HUS constant for  $T$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.1, we see that  $K_T = \gamma(T)^{-1}$ . Since  $\gamma(T)^{-1}$  is a HUS constant for  $T$ , by Lemma 2.1, we conclude that  $K_T$  is the HUS constant for  $T$ .  $\square$

The authors believe that Corollary 3.2 is interesting since the infimum  $K_S$  of all HUS constants for a *bounded* operator  $S$  between two Banach spaces need not be a HUS constant (cf. [2, Example]): In other words, although the infimum  $K_S$  exists,  $K_S$  is not necessarily the minimum.

We recall that every closed operator  $T$  from  $\mathcal{D}(T) \subset G$  into  $H$  can be regarded as a *bounded* operator from a Hilbert space into  $H$ . In fact, put  $G_0 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{D}(T)$  as a set. We define

$$(3.8) \quad \langle u, v \rangle_{G_0} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle u, v \rangle_G + \langle Tu, Tv \rangle_H \quad \forall u, v \in G_0,$$

which becomes an inner product on  $G_0$ . Here  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_G$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_H$  denote the inner product on  $G$  and  $H$ , respectively. Since  $T$  is a closed operator, we see that  $G_0$  is complete with respect to the induced norm  $\|u\|_{G_0} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sqrt{\langle u, u \rangle_{G_0}}$  for every  $u \in G_0$ . Hence  $G_0$  is a Hilbert space. We now consider the operator  $T_0$  from  $G_0$  into  $H$  defined by

$$(3.9) \quad T_0u \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} Tu \quad \forall u \in G_0.$$



Then  $T_0$  is a well-defined bounded operator since

$$\|T_0u\|_H^2 \leq \|u\|_G^2 + \|T_0u\|_H^2 = \|u\|_{G_0}^2 \quad \forall u \in G_0$$

by (3.8) and (3.9).

Next, we are concerned with the Hyers-Ulam stability of  $T_0$ . Moreover, we describe the HUS constant  $K_{T_0}$ .

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Let  $T$  be a closed operator from  $\mathcal{D}(T) \subset G$  into  $H$ . Let  $T_0$  be a bounded operator from  $G_0$  into  $H$  defined by (3.9). The following assertions are equivalent :*

- (i)  $T$  has the Hyers-Ulam stability.
- (ii)  $T_0$  has the Hyers-Ulam stability.

Moreover, if one of the conditions (i) and (ii) is true, then the HUS constants  $K_T$ ,  $K_{T_0}$  and the lower bounds  $\gamma(T)$ ,  $\gamma(T_0)$  are connected with the following relations:

$$(3.10) \quad K_T = \gamma(T)^{-1}, \quad K_{T_0} = \gamma(T_0)^{-1} \quad \text{and}$$

$$(3.11) \quad K_{T_0}^2 = K_T^2 + 1.$$

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). Suppose that  $T$  has the Hyers-Ulam stability with a HUS constant  $K$ . We prove that for any  $u \in G_0$  there exists a  $u_0 \in \ker T_0$  such that  $\|u - u_0\|_{G_0} \leq \sqrt{K^2 + 1} \|Tu\|_H$ . To do this, pick  $u \in G_0$  arbitrarily. Recall that  $G_0 = \mathcal{D}(T)$ , by definition, and that  $\ker T = \ker T_0$ . Since  $T$  is assumed to have the Hyers-Ulam stability, there exists a  $u_0 \in \ker T_0$  such that  $\|u - u_0\|_G \leq K \|Tu\|_H$ . Adding the term  $\|Tu\|_H^2 = \|Tu - Tu_0\|_H^2$  to the both sides of the last inequality, we obtain

$$\|u - u_0\|_G^2 + \|Tu - Tu_0\|_H^2 \leq (K^2 + 1) \|Tu\|_H^2.$$

It follows from (3.8) and (3.9) that  $\|u - u_0\|_{G_0} \leq \sqrt{K^2 + 1} \|T_0u\|_H$ , which implies that  $T_0$  has the Hyers-Ulam stability with a HUS constant  $\sqrt{K^2 + 1}$ . In particular,  $K_{T_0} \leq \sqrt{K^2 + 1}$ , and so  $K_{T_0} \leq \sqrt{K_T^2 + 1}$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). If  $T_0$  has the Hyers-Ulam stability with a HUS constant  $K_0$ , then to each  $u \in G_0$  there corresponds a  $u_0 \in \ker T_0$  such that

$$\sqrt{\|u - u_0\|_G^2 + \|T_0u\|_H^2} = \|u - u_0\|_{G_0} \leq K_0 \|T_0u\|_H,$$

which implies that

$$(3.12) \quad \|u - u_0\|_G \leq \sqrt{K_0^2 - 1} \|Tu\|_H.$$

Hence  $T$  has the Hyers-Ulam stability with a HUS constant  $\sqrt{K_0^2 - 1}$ . We especially obtain  $K_T \leq \sqrt{K_0^2 - 1}$ , and hence  $K_T \leq \sqrt{K_{T_0}^2 - 1}$ .

Suppose one of (hence both of) the conditions (i) and (ii) is true. By Theorem 3.1 and Corollary 3.2, we see that  $K_T = \gamma(T)^{-1}$  and  $K_{T_0} = \gamma(T_0)^{-1}$  are the HUS constants for  $T$  and  $T_0$ , respectively. As proved above,  $K_{T_0} \leq \sqrt{K_T^2 + 1}$  and  $K_T \leq \sqrt{K_{T_0}^2 - 1}$ . Consequently,

$$K_{T_0}^2 \leq K_T^2 + 1 \leq (K_{T_0}^2 - 1) + 1 = K_{T_0}^2,$$

and hence  $K_{T_0}^2 = K_T^2 + 1$ . □

REMARK 3.1. If we apply Theorem 3.1, then we obtain other equivalent conditions in order that  $T_0$  have the Hyers-Ulam stability: More over,  $K_{T_0}$  can be described by the induced operator  $\tilde{T}_0$ .

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