

## ON THE QUADRATIC MAPPING IN GENERALIZED QUASI-BANACH SPACES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we prove the Hyers–Ulam–Rassias stability of the quadratic mapping in generalized quasi-Banach spaces, and of the quadratic mapping in generalized  $p$ -Banach spaces.

### 1. Introduction and preliminaries

We recall some basic facts concerning quasi-Banach spaces and some preliminary results.

DEFINITION 1.1. ([1, 25]) Let  $X$  be a linear space. A *quasi-norm* is a real-valued function on  $X$  satisfying the following:

- (1)  $\|x\| \geq 0$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $\|x\| = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ .
- (2)  $\|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \cdot \|x\|$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and all  $x \in X$ .
- (3) There is a constant  $K \geq 1$  such that  $\|x + y\| \leq K(\|x\| + \|y\|)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

The pair  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is called a *quasi-normed space* if  $\|\cdot\|$  is a quasi-norm on  $X$ .

A *quasi-Banach space* is a complete quasi-normed space.

A quasi-norm  $\|\cdot\|$  is called a  *$p$ -norm* ( $0 < p \leq 1$ ) if

$$\|x + y\|^p \leq \|x\|^p + \|y\|^p$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . In this case, a quasi-Banach space is called a  *$p$ -Banach space*.

Given a  $p$ -norm, the formula  $d(x, y) := \|x - y\|^p$  gives us a translation invariant metric on  $X$ . By the Aoki–Rolewicz theorem [25] (see also [1]), each quasi-norm is equivalent to some  $p$ -norm. Since it is much

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easier to work with  $p$ -norms than quasi-norms, henceforth we restrict our attention mainly to  $p$ -norms.

In [16], the author generalized the concept of quasi-normed spaces.

DEFINITION 1.2. Let  $X$  be a linear space. A *generalized quasi-norm* is a real-valued function on  $X$  satisfying the following:

(1)  $\|x\| \geq 0$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $\|x\| = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ .

(2)  $\|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \cdot \|x\|$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and all  $x \in X$ .

(3) There is a constant  $K \geq 1$  such that  $\|\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} x_j\| \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} K\|x_j\|$  for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots \in X$  with  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} x_j \in X$ .

The pair  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is called a *generalized quasi-normed space* if  $\|\cdot\|$  is a generalized quasi-norm on  $X$ . The smallest possible  $K$  is called the *modulus of concavity* of  $\|\cdot\|$ .

A *generalized quasi-Banach space* is a complete generalized quasi-normed space.

A generalized quasi-norm  $\|\cdot\|$  is called a  $p$ -norm ( $0 < p \leq 1$ ) if

$$\|x + y\|^p \leq \|x\|^p + \|y\|^p$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . In this case, a generalized quasi-Banach space is called a *generalized  $p$ -Banach space*.

The stability problem of functional equations originated from a question of S.M. Ulam [29] concerning the stability of group homomorphisms: Let  $(G_1, *)$  be a group and let  $(G_2, \diamond, d)$  be a metric group with the metric  $d(\cdot, \cdot)$ . Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , does there exist a  $\delta(\epsilon) > 0$  such that if a mapping  $h : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  satisfies the inequality

$$d(h(x * y), h(x) \diamond h(y)) < \delta$$

for all  $x, y \in G_1$ , then there is a homomorphism  $H : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  with

$$d(h(x), H(x)) < \epsilon$$

for all  $x \in G_1$ ? If the answer is affirmative, we would say that the equation of homomorphism  $H(x * y) = H(x) \diamond H(y)$  is stable. The concept of stability for a functional equation arises when we replace the functional equation by an inequality which acts as a perturbation of the equation. Thus the stability question of functional equations is that how do the solutions of the inequality differ from those of the given functional equation?

D.H. Hyers [9] gave a first affirmative answer to the question of Ulam for Banach spaces. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces. Assume that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies

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

for all  $x, y \in X$  and some  $\varepsilon \geq 0$ . Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \varepsilon$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces with norms  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $\|\cdot\|$ , respectively. Consider  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  to be a mapping such that  $f(tx)$  is continuous in  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  for each fixed  $x \in X$ . Th.M. Rassias [17] introduced the following inequality, that we call *Cauchy–Rassias inequality*: Assume that there exist constants  $\theta \geq 0$  and  $p \in [0, 1)$  such that

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

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Th.M. Rassias [17] showed that there exists a unique  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear mapping  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

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

for all  $x \in X$ . The above inequality has provided a lot of influence in the development of what we now call *Hyers–Ulam–Rassias stability* of functional equations. Beginning around the year 1980 the topic of approximate homomorphisms, or the stability of the equation of homomorphism, was studied by a number of mathematicians. Găvruta [8] generalized the Rassias’ result.

A square norm on an inner product space satisfies the important parallelogram equality

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

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–Rassias stability problem for the quadratic functional equation was proved by Skof [27] for mappings  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , where  $X$  is a normed space and  $Y$  is a Banach space. Cholewa [3] noticed that the theorem of Skof is still true if the relevant domain  $X$  is replaced by an Abelian group. In [4], Czerwik proved the Hyers–Ulam–Rassias stability of the quadratic functional equation. C. Borelli and G.L. Forti [2] generalized the stability result as follows: Let  $G$  be an abelian group,  $E$  a Banach space. Assume that a mapping  $f : G \rightarrow E$  satisfies the functional inequality

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

for all  $x, y \in G$ , and  $\varphi : G \times G \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a function such that

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

for all  $x, y \in G$ . Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping  $Q : G \rightarrow E$  with the properties

$$\|f(x) - Q(x)\| \leq \Phi(x, x)$$

for all  $x \in G$ . 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. A large list of references can be found, for example, in the papers [5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 28].

In this paper, we prove the Hyers–Ulam–Rassias stability of the quadratic mapping in generalized quasi-Banach spaces, and prove the Hyers–Ulam–Rassias stability of the quadratic mapping in generalized  $p$ -Banach spaces.

## 2. Stability of the quadratic mapping in generalized quasi-Banach spaces

Throughout this section, assume that  $X$  is a generalized quasi-normed vector space with generalized quasi-norm  $\|\cdot\|$  and that  $Y$  is a generalized quasi-Banach space with generalized quasi-norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . Let  $K$  be the modulus of concavity of  $\|\cdot\|$ .

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping satisfying  $f(0) = 0$  for which there exists a function  $\varphi : X^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that*

$$(2.1) \quad \tilde{\varphi}(x, y) := \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 4^j \varphi\left(\frac{x}{2^j}, \frac{y}{2^j}\right) < \infty,$$

$$(2.2) \quad \|f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)\| \leq \varphi(x, y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$(2.3) \quad \|f(x) - Q(x)\| \leq \frac{K}{4} \tilde{\varphi}(x, x)$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

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

$$(2.4) \quad \|f(2x) - 4f(x)\| \leq \varphi(x, x)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . So

$$\|f(x) - 4f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\| \leq \varphi\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2}\right)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Hence

$$(2.5) \quad \|4^l f\left(\frac{x}{2^l}\right) - 4^m f\left(\frac{x}{2^m}\right)\| \leq K \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} 4^j \varphi\left(\frac{x}{2^{j+1}}, \frac{x}{2^{j+1}}\right)$$

for all nonnegative integers  $m$  and  $l$  with  $m > l$  and all  $x \in X$ . It follows from (2.1) and (2.5) that the sequence  $\{4^n f(\frac{x}{2^n})\}$  is a Cauchy sequence for all  $x \in X$ . Since  $Y$  is complete, the sequence  $\{4^n f(\frac{x}{2^n})\}$  converges. So one can define the mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  by

$$Q(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 4^n f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

By (2.2) and (2.1),

$$\begin{aligned} & \|Q(x+y) + Q(x-y) - 2Q(x) - 2Q(y)\| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 4^n \|f\left(\frac{x+y}{2^n}\right) + f\left(\frac{x-y}{2^n}\right) - 2f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) - 2f\left(\frac{y}{2^n}\right)\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 4^n \varphi\left(\frac{x}{2^n}, \frac{y}{2^n}\right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . So

$$Q(x+y) + Q(x-y) = 2Q(x) + 2Q(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Moreover, letting  $l = 0$  and passing the limit  $m \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.5), we get (2.3).

Now, let  $Q' : X \rightarrow Y$  be another quadratic mapping satisfying (2.3). Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Q(x) - Q'(x)\| &= 4^n \|Q\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) - Q'\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)\| \\ &\leq 4^n K (\|Q\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) - f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)\| + \|Q'\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) - f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)\|) \\ &\leq \frac{2K}{4} \cdot 4^n \tilde{\varphi}\left(\frac{x}{2^n}, \frac{x}{2^n}\right), \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $x \in X$ . So we can conclude that  $Q(x) = Q'(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . This proves the uniqueness of  $Q$ .  $\square$

COROLLARY 2.2. Let  $r > 2$  and  $\theta$  be positive real numbers, and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping such that

$$\|f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)\| \leq \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\|f(x) - Q(x)\| \leq \frac{2K\theta}{2^r - 4}\|x\|^r$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* Define  $\varphi(x, y) = \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r)$ , and apply Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

THEOREM 2.3. Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping satisfying  $f(0) = 0$  for which there exists a function  $\varphi : X^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that

$$(2.6) \quad \tilde{\varphi}(x, y) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4^j} \varphi(2^j x, 2^j y) < \infty,$$

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

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$(2.8) \quad \|f(x) - Q(x)\| \leq \frac{K}{4} \tilde{\varphi}(x, x)$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* It follows from (2.4) that

$$\|f(x) - \frac{1}{4}f(2x)\| \leq \frac{1}{4}\varphi(x, x)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Hence

$$(2.9) \quad \left\| \frac{1}{4^l} f(2^l x) - \frac{1}{4^m} f(2^m x) \right\| \leq K \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \frac{1}{4^{j+1}} \varphi(2^j x, 2^j x)$$

for all nonnegative integers  $m$  and  $l$  with  $m > l$  and all  $x \in X$ . It follows from (2.6) and (2.9) that the sequence  $\{\frac{1}{4^n} f(2^n x)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence for all  $x \in X$ . Since  $Y$  is complete, the sequence  $\{\frac{1}{4^n} f(2^n x)\}$  converges. So one can define the mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  by

$$Q(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{4^n} f(2^n x)$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

By (2.7) and (2.6),

$$\begin{aligned} & \|Q(x + y) + Q(x - y) - 2Q(x) - 2Q(y)\| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{4^n} \|f(2^n(x + y)) + f(2^n(x - y)) - 2f(2^n x) - 2f(2^n y)\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{4^n} \varphi(2^n x, 2^n y) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . So

$$Q(x + y) + Q(x - y) = 2Q(x) + 2Q(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Moreover, letting  $l = 0$  and passing the limit  $m \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.9), we get (2.8).

The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 2.4.** *Let  $r < 2$  and  $\theta$  be positive real numbers, and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping such that*

$$\|f(x + y) + f(x - y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)\| \leq \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\|f(x) - Q(x)\| \leq \frac{2K\theta}{4 - 2^r} \|x\|^r$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* Define  $\varphi(x, y) = \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r)$ , and apply Theorem 2.3.  $\square$

### 3. Stability of the quadratic mapping in generalized $p$ -Banach spaces

Throughout this section, assume that  $X$  is a generalized quasi-normed vector space with generalized quasi-norm  $\|\cdot\|$  and that  $Y$  is a generalized  $p$ -Banach space with generalized quasi-norm  $\|\cdot\|$ .

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $r > 2$  and  $\theta$  be positive real numbers, and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping such that*

$$(3.1) \quad \|f(x + y) + f(x - y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)\| \leq \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$(3.2) \quad \|f(x) - Q(x)\| \leq \frac{2\theta}{(2^{pr} - 4^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}} \|x\|^r$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* Letting  $y = x$  in (3.1), we get

$$(3.3) \quad \|f(2x) - 4f(x)\| \leq 2\theta\|x\|^r$$

for all  $x \in X$ . So

$$\|f(x) - 4f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\| \leq \frac{2}{2^r}\theta\|x\|^r$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Since  $Y$  is a generalized  $p$ -Banach space,

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \|4^l f\left(\frac{x}{2^l}\right) - 4^m f\left(\frac{x}{2^m}\right)\|^p &\leq \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \|4^j f\left(\frac{x}{2^j}\right) - 4^{j+1} f\left(\frac{x}{2^{j+1}}\right)\|^p \\ &\leq \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \frac{4^{pj}}{2^{prj}} \cdot \frac{2^p}{2^{pr}} \theta^p \|x\|^{pr} \end{aligned}$$

for all nonnegative integers  $m$  and  $l$  with  $m > l$  and all  $x \in X$ . So the sequence  $\{4^n f(\frac{x}{2^n})\}$  is a Cauchy sequence for all  $x \in X$ . Since  $Y$  is complete, the sequence  $\{4^n f(\frac{x}{2^n})\}$  converges. So one can define the mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  by

$$Q(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 4^n f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

By (3.1),

$$\begin{aligned} &\|Q(x+y) + Q(x-y) - 2Q(x) - 2Q(y)\| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 4^n \|f\left(\frac{x+y}{2^n}\right) + f\left(\frac{x-y}{2^n}\right) - 2f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) - 2f\left(\frac{y}{2^n}\right)\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4^n}{2^{rn}} \theta (\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . So

$$Q(x+y) + Q(x-y) = 2Q(x) + 2Q(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Moreover, letting  $l = 0$  and passing the limit  $m \rightarrow \infty$  in (3.4), we get (3.2).

Now, let  $Q' : X \rightarrow Y$  be another quadratic mapping satisfying (3.2). Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Q(x) - Q'(x)\|^p &= 4^{pn} \|Q\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) - Q'\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)\|^p \\ &\leq 4^{pn} (\|Q\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) - f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)\|^p + \|Q'\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) - f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)\|^p) \\ &\leq 2 \cdot \frac{4^{pn}}{2^{prn}} \cdot \frac{2^p \theta^p}{2^{pr} - 4^p} \|x\|^{pr}, \end{aligned}$$



which tends to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $x \in X$ . So we can conclude that  $Q(x) = Q'(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . This proves the uniqueness of  $Q$ .  $\square$

REMARK 3.1. The result for the case  $K = 1$  in Corollary 2.2 is the same as the result for the case  $p = 1$  in Theorem 3.1.

THEOREM 3.2. Let  $r < 2$  and  $\theta$  be positive real numbers, and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping such that

$$(3.5) \quad \|f(x + y) + f(x - y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)\| \leq \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$(3.6) \quad \|f(x) - Q(x)\| \leq \frac{2\theta}{(4^p - 2^{pr})^{\frac{1}{p}}} \|x\|^r$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* Letting  $y = x$  in (3.5), we get

$$(3.7) \quad \|f(2x) - 4f(x)\| \leq 2\theta\|x\|^r$$

for all  $x \in X$ . So

$$\|f(x) - \frac{1}{4}f(2x)\| \leq \frac{1}{2}\theta\|x\|^r$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Since  $Y$  is a generalized  $p$ -Banach space,

$$(3.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{1}{4^l}f(2^l x) - \frac{1}{4^m}f(2^m x) \right\|^p &\leq \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \left\| \frac{1}{4^j}f(2^j x) - \frac{1}{4^{j+1}}f(2^{j+1} x) \right\|^p \\ &\leq \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \frac{2^{prj}}{4^{pj}} \cdot \frac{\theta^p}{2^p} \|x\|^{pr} \end{aligned}$$

for all nonnegative integers  $m$  and  $l$  with  $m > l$  and all  $x \in X$ . So the sequence  $\{\frac{1}{4^n}f(2^n x)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence for all  $x \in X$ . Since  $Y$  is complete, the sequence  $\{\frac{1}{4^n}f(2^n x)\}$  converges. So one can define the mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  by

$$Q(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{4^n}f(2^n x)$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

By (3.5),

$$\begin{aligned} & \|Q(x+y) + Q(x-y) - 2Q(x) - 2Q(y)\| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{4^n} \|f(2^n(x+y)) + f(2^n(x-y)) - 2f(2^n x) - 2f(2^n y)\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{rn}}{4^n} \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . So

$$Q(x+y) + Q(x-y) = 2Q(x) + 2Q(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Moreover, letting  $l = 0$  and passing the limit  $m \rightarrow \infty$  in (3.8), we get (3.6).

Now, let  $Q' : X \rightarrow Y$  be another quadratic mapping satisfying (3.6). Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Q(x) - Q'(x)\|^p &= \frac{1}{4^{pn}} \|Q(2^n x) - Q'(2^n x)\|^p \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4^{pn}} (\|Q(2^n x) - f(2^n x)\|^p + \|Q'(2^n x) - f(2^n x)\|^p) \\ &\leq 2 \cdot \frac{2^{prn}}{4^{pn}} \cdot \frac{2^p \theta^p}{4^p - 2^{pr}} \|x\|^{pr}, \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $x \in X$ . So we can conclude that  $Q(x) = Q'(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . This proves the uniqueness of  $Q$ .  $\square$

REMARK 3.2. The result for the case  $K = 1$  in Corollary 2.4 is the same as the result for the case  $p = 1$  in Theorem 3.3.

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