

**FUNCTIONAL EQUATIONS IN BANACH MODULES  
AND APPROXIMATE ALGEBRA HOMOMORPHISMS  
IN BANACH ALGEBRAS**

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ABSTRACT. We prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of partitioned functional equations in Banach modules over a unital  $C^*$ -algebra. It is applied to show the stability of algebra homomorphisms in Banach algebras associated with partitioned functional equations in Banach algebras.

**1. Introduction and preliminaries**

Recently, T. Trif [9, Theorem 2.1] proved that, for vector spaces  $V$  and  $W$ , a mapping  $f : V \rightarrow W$  with  $f(0) = 0$  satisfies the functional equation

$$\begin{aligned} n \sum_{k=2}^n C_{k-2} f\left(\frac{x_1 + \cdots + x_n}{n}\right) + \sum_{i=1}^n C_{k-1} f(x_i) \\ = k \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \cdots < i_k \leq n} f\left(\frac{x_{i_1} + \cdots + x_{i_k}}{k}\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in V$  if and only if the mapping  $f : V \rightarrow W$  satisfies the additive Cauchy equation  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in V$ .

In [6], Park conjectured the following, and gave a partial answer for the conjecture.

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**Conjecture.** A mapping  $f : V \rightarrow W$  with  $f(0) = 0$  satisfies the functional equation

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{aligned} p^n f\left(\frac{x_1 + \cdots + x_{p^n}}{p^n}\right) &+ (pk - p) \sum_{i=1}^{p^{n-1}} f\left(\frac{x_{pi-p+1} + \cdots + x_{pi}}{p}\right) \\ &= k \sum_{i=1}^{p^n} f\left(\frac{x_i + \cdots + x_{i+k-1}}{k}\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x_1 = x_{p^{n+1}}, \dots, x_{k-1} = x_{p^n+k-1}, x_k, \dots, x_{p^n} \in V$  if and only if the mapping  $f : V \rightarrow W$  satisfies the additive Cauchy equation  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in V$ .

Throughout this paper, let  $A$  be a unital  $C^*$ -algebra with norm  $|\cdot|$  and  $U(A)$  the unitary group of  $A$ . Let  ${}_A B$  and  ${}_A C$  be left Banach  $A$ -modules with norms  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $\|\cdot\|$ , respectively. Let  $d, r$  and  $p$  be positive integers.

The following is useful to prove the stability of linear functional equations in Banach modules over a unital  $C^*$ -algebra.

LEMMA 1.1. ([5, Theorem 1]) *Let  $a \in A$  and  $|a| < 1 - \frac{2}{m}$  for some integer  $m$  greater than 2. Then there are  $m$  elements  $u_1, \dots, u_m \in U(A)$  such that  $ma = u_1 + \cdots + u_m$ .*

The main purpose of this paper is to prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of the functional equation (1.1) in Banach modules over a unital  $C^*$ -algebra for a special case, and to prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of algebra homomorphisms in Banach algebras.

## 2. Partitioned functional equations

In this section, we solve the conjecture for a special case.

THEOREM 2.1. *Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces. A mapping  $f : V \rightarrow W$  with  $f(0) = 0$  satisfies the functional equation*

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} (4p)^n f\left(\frac{x_1 + \cdots + x_{(4p)^n}}{(4p)^n}\right) &+ 4p \sum_{i=1}^{(4p)^{n-1}} f\left(\frac{x_{4pi-4p+1} + \cdots + x_{4pi}}{4p}\right) \\ &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^{(4p)^n} f\left(\frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x_1 = x_{(4p)^{n+1}}, x_2, \dots, x_{(4p)^n} \in V$  if and only if the mapping  $f : V \rightarrow W$  satisfies the additive Cauchy equation  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in V$ .

*Proof.* Assume that a mapping  $f : V \rightarrow W$  satisfies (2.1). Put  $x_{4i-3} = x, x_{4i-2} = y, x_{4i-1} = z$  and  $x_{4i} = -z$  in (2.1) for all  $i = 1, \dots, p(4p)^{n-1}$ . Then

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} & (4p)^n f\left(\frac{x+y}{4}\right) + (4p)^n f\left(\frac{x+y}{4}\right) \\ & = 2(4p)^{n-1} \left( pf\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) + pf\left(\frac{y+z}{2}\right) + pf\left(\frac{-z+x}{2}\right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in V$ . Put  $x = y$  and  $z = x$  in (2.2). Then we get

$$2 (4p)^n f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = 4p (4p)^{n-1} f(x)$$

for all  $x \in V$ . So we have

$$(2.3) \quad f\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right) = \frac{1}{2}f(x)$$

for all  $x \in V$ . Put  $z = 0$  in (2.2). By (2.3), we get

$$2p (4p)^{n-1} f(x+y) = (4p)^{n-1} (pf(x+y) + pf(y) + pf(x))$$

for all  $x, y \in V$ . So the mapping  $f : V \rightarrow W$  satisfies the additive Cauchy equation  $f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in V$ .

The converse is obvious.  $\square$

**THEOREM 2.2.** *Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces. A mapping  $f : V \rightarrow W$  with  $f(0) = 0$  satisfies the functional equation*

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} & (4p)^n f\left(\frac{x_1 + \dots + x_{(4p)^n}}{(4p)^n}\right) + 8p \sum_{i=1}^{(4p)^{n-1}} f\left(\frac{x_{4pi-4p+1} + \dots + x_{4pi}}{4p}\right) \\ & = 3 \sum_{i=1}^{(4p)^n} f\left(\frac{x_i + x_{i+1} + x_{i+2}}{3}\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x_1 = x_{(4p)^{n+1}}, x_2 = x_{(4p)^{n+2}}, x_3, \dots, x_{(4p)^n} \in V$  if and only if the mapping  $f : V \rightarrow W$  satisfies the additive Cauchy equation  $f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in V$ .

*Proof.* Assume that a mapping  $f : V \rightarrow W$  satisfies (2.4). Put  $x_{4i-3} = x_{4i-1} = x$  and  $x_{4i-2} = x_{4i} = y$  in (2.4) for all  $i = 1, \dots, p(4p)^{n-1}$ . Then

$$(2.5) \quad (4p)^n f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) + 2(4p)^n f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \\ = 6p(4p)^{n-1} \left( f\left(\frac{2x+y}{3}\right) + f\left(\frac{x+2y}{3}\right) \right)$$

for all  $x, y \in V$ . Replacing  $x$  and  $y$  by  $2x$  and  $-x$  in (2.5), respectively, we get

$$3(4p)^n f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = 6p(4p)^{n-1} f(x)$$

for all  $x \in V$ . So

$$(2.6) \quad f\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right) = \frac{1}{2}f(x)$$

for all  $x \in V$ . Put  $x_{4i-3} = x$ ,  $x_{4i-2} = y$ ,  $x_{4i-1} = z$  and  $x_{4i} = -z$  in (2.4) for all  $i = 1, \dots, p(4p)^{n-1}$ . Then

$$(2.7) \quad (4p)^n f\left(\frac{x+y}{4}\right) + 2(4p)^n f\left(\frac{x+y}{4}\right) = 3(4p)^{n-1} \left( pf\left(\frac{x+y+z}{3}\right) + pf\left(\frac{y}{3}\right) \right) \\ + pf\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) + pf\left(\frac{x+y-z}{3}\right)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in V$ . Put  $x = y$  and  $z = x$  in (2.7). Then we get

$$3(4p)^n f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = 3p(4p)^{n-1} \left( f(x) + 3f\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) \right)$$

for all  $x \in V$ . By (2.6), we get

$$6p(4p)^{n-1} f(x) = 3p(4p)^{n-1} \left( f(x) + 3f\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) \right)$$

for all  $x \in V$ . So we have

$$(2.8) \quad f\left(\frac{1}{3}x\right) = \frac{1}{3}f(x)$$

for all  $x \in V$ . Put  $z = 0$  in (2.7). By (2.6) and (2.8), we get

$$3p(4p)^{n-1} f(x+y) = (4p)^{n-1} \left( pf(x+y) + pf(y) + pf(x) + pf(x+y) \right)$$

for all  $x, y \in V$ . So the mapping  $f : V \rightarrow W$  satisfies the additive Cauchy equation  $f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in V$ .

The converse is obvious.  $\square$

### 3. Stability of partitioned functional equations in Banach modules over a $C^*$ -algebra associated with its unitary group

We prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of the functional equation (1.1) in Banach modules over a unital  $C^*$ -algebra associated with its unitary group for a special case.

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $f : {}_A B \rightarrow {}_A C$  be a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  for which there exists a function  $\varphi : {}_A B^{(4p)^n} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that*

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} & \tilde{\varphi}(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n}) : \\ & = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{d}{(4p)^{nr}}\right)^j \varphi\left(\left(\frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d}\right)^j x_1, \dots, \left(\frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d}\right)^j x_{(4p)^n}\right) < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \|D_u f(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n})\| &= \left\| \frac{d}{r} u f\left(\frac{rx_1 + \dots + rx_{(4p)^n}}{d}\right) \right. \\ &+ 4p \sum_{i=1}^{(4p)^{n-1}} u f\left(\frac{x_{4pi-4p+1} + \dots + x_{4pi}}{4p}\right) \\ &\left. - 2 \sum_{i=1}^{(4p)^n} f\left(\frac{ux_i + ux_{i+1}}{2}\right) \right\| \leq \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n}) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u \in U(A)$  and all  $x_1 = x_{(4p)^{n+1}}, x_2, \dots, x_{(4p)^n} \in {}_A B$ . Then there exists a unique  $A$ -linear mapping  $T : {}_A B \rightarrow {}_A C$  such that

$$(3.3) \quad \|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{(4p)^n} \tilde{\varphi}(x, \dots, x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ .

*Proof.* Put  $u = 1 \in U(A)$ . Let  $x_1 = \dots = x_{(4p)^n} = x$  in (3.2). Then we get

$$\left\| \frac{d}{r} f\left(\frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d} x\right) + (4p)^n f(x) - 2(4p)^n f(x) \right\| \leq \varphi(x, \dots, x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . So one can obtain that

$$\left\| f(x) - \frac{d}{(4p)^{nr}} f\left(\frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d} x\right) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{(4p)^n} \varphi(x, \dots, x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . We prove by induction on  $j$  that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \left( \frac{d}{(4p)^{n_r}} \right)^j f \left( \left( \frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d} \right)^j x \right) - \left( \frac{d}{(4p)^{n_r}} \right)^{j+1} f \left( \left( \frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d} \right)^{j+1} x \right) \right\| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(4p)^n} \left( \frac{d}{(4p)^{n_r}} \right)^j \varphi \left( \left( \frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d} \right)^j x, \dots, \left( \frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d} \right)^j x \right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . So we get

$$\begin{aligned} (3.4) \quad & \left\| f(x) - \left( \frac{d}{(4p)^{n_r}} \right)^j f \left( \left( \frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d} \right)^j x \right) \right\| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(4p)^n} \sum_{m=0}^{j-1} \left( \frac{d}{(4p)^{n_r}} \right)^m \varphi \left( \left( \frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d} \right)^m x, \dots, \left( \frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d} \right)^m x \right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ .

Let  $x$  be an element in  ${}_A B$ . For positive integers  $l$  and  $m$  with  $l > m$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \left( \frac{d}{(4p)^{n_r}} \right)^l f \left( \left( \frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d} \right)^l x \right) - \left( \frac{d}{(4p)^{n_r}} \right)^m f \left( \left( \frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d} \right)^m x \right) \right\| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(4p)^n} \sum_{j=m}^{l-1} \left( \frac{d}{(4p)^{n_r}} \right)^j \varphi \left( \left( \frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d} \right)^j x, \dots, \left( \frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d} \right)^j x \right), \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  by (3.1). So  $\left\{ \left( \frac{d}{(4p)^{n_r}} \right)^j f \left( \left( \frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d} \right)^j x \right) \right\}$  is a Cauchy sequence for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . Since  ${}_A C$  is complete, the sequence  $\left\{ \left( \frac{d}{(4p)^{n_r}} \right)^j f \left( \left( \frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d} \right)^j x \right) \right\}$  converges for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . We can define a mapping  $T : {}_A B \rightarrow {}_A C$  by

$$(3.5) \quad T(x) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{d}{(4p)^{n_r}} \right)^j f \left( \left( \frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d} \right)^j x \right)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ .

By (3.1) and (3.5), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \|D_1 T(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n})\| \\ & = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{d}{(4p)^{n_r}} \right)^j \|D_1 f \left( \left( \frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d} \right)^j x_1, \dots, \left( \frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d} \right)^j x_{(4p)^n} \right)\| \\ & \leq \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{d}{(4p)^{n_r}} \right)^j \varphi \left( \left( \frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d} \right)^j x_1, \dots, \left( \frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d} \right)^j x_{(4p)^n} \right) \\ & = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n} \in {}_A B$ . Hence  $D_1 T(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n}) = 0$  for all  $x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n} \in {}_A B$ . Put  $x_1 = \dots = x_{(4p)^n} = x$  in  $D_1 T(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n}) = 0$ . Then

$$\frac{d}{r} T\left(\frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d} x\right) + (4p)^n T(x) - 2(4p)^n T(x) = 0$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . So

$$T\left(\frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d} x\right) = \frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d} T(x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{r} T\left(\frac{rx_1 + \dots + rx_{(4p)^n}}{d}\right) &= \frac{d}{r} T\left(\frac{(4p)^{nr}(x_1 + \dots + x_{(4p)^n})}{(4p)^n d}\right) \\ &= \frac{d}{r} \frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d} T\left(\frac{x_1 + \dots + x_{(4p)^n}}{(4p)^n}\right) \\ &= (4p)^n T\left(\frac{x_1 + \dots + x_{(4p)^n}}{(4p)^n}\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n} \in {}_A B$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (4p)^n T\left(\frac{x_1 + \dots + x_{(4p)^n}}{(4p)^n}\right) &+ 4p \sum_{i=1}^{(4p)^{n-1}} T\left(\frac{x_{4pi-4p+1} + \dots + x_{4pi}}{4p}\right) \\ &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^{(4p)^n} T\left(\frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x_1 = x_{(4p)^{n+1}}, x_2, \dots, x_{(4p)^n} \in {}_A B$ . By Theorem 2.1,  $T$  is additive. Moreover, by passing to the limit in (3.4) as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ , we get the inequality (3.3).

Now let  $L : {}_A B \rightarrow {}_A C$  be another additive mapping satisfying

$$\|f(x) - L(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{(4p)^n} \tilde{\varphi}(x, \dots, x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\|T(x) - L(x)\| &= \left(\frac{d}{(4p)^{n_r}}\right)^j \|T\left(\left(\frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d}\right)^j x\right) - L\left(\left(\frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d}\right)^j x\right)\| \\
&\leq \left(\frac{d}{(4p)^{n_r}}\right)^j \|T\left(\left(\frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d}\right)^j x\right) - f\left(\left(\frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d}\right)^j x\right)\| \\
&\quad + \left(\frac{d}{(4p)^{n_r}}\right)^j \|f\left(\left(\frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d}\right)^j x\right) - L\left(\left(\frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d}\right)^j x\right)\| \\
&\leq \frac{2}{(4p)^n} \left(\frac{d}{(4p)^{n_r}}\right)^j \tilde{\varphi}\left(\left(\frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d}\right)^j x, \dots, \left(\frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d}\right)^j x\right),
\end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as  $j \rightarrow \infty$  by (3.1). Thus  $T(x) = L(x)$  for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . This proves the uniqueness of  $T$ .

By the assumption, for each  $u \in U(A)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\frac{d}{(4p)^{n_r}}\right)^j \|D_u f\left(\left(\frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d}\right)^j x, \dots, \left(\frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d}\right)^j x\right)\| \\
\leq \left(\frac{d}{(4p)^{n_r}}\right)^j \varphi\left(\left(\frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d}\right)^j x, \dots, \left(\frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d}\right)^j x\right)
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ , and

$$\left(\frac{d}{(4p)^{n_r}}\right)^j \|D_u f\left(\left(\frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d}\right)^j x, \dots, \left(\frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d}\right)^j x\right)\| \rightarrow 0$$

as  $j \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . So

$$D_u T(x, \dots, x) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{d}{(4p)^{n_r}}\right)^j D_u f\left(\left(\frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d}\right)^j x, \dots, \left(\frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d}\right)^j x\right) = 0$$

for all  $u \in U(A)$  and all  $x \in {}_A B$ . Hence

$$D_u T(x, \dots, x) = \frac{d}{r} uT\left(\frac{(4p)^{n_r}}{d}x\right) + (4p)^n uT(x) - 2(4p)^n T(ux) = 0$$

for all  $u \in U(A)$  and all  $x \in {}_A B$ . So

$$uT(x) = T(ux)$$

for all  $u \in U(A)$  and all  $x \in {}_A B$ .

Now let  $a \in A$  ( $a \neq 0$ ) and  $M$  an integer greater than  $4|a|$ . Then

$$\left|\frac{a}{M}\right| = \frac{1}{M}|a| < \frac{|a|}{4|a|} = \frac{1}{4} < 1 - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3}.$$



By Lemma 1.1, there exist three elements  $u_1, u_2, u_3 \in U(A)$  such that  $3\frac{a}{M} = u_1 + u_2 + u_3$ . And  $T(x) = T(3 \cdot \frac{1}{3}x) = 3T(\frac{1}{3}x)$  for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . So  $T(\frac{1}{3}x) = \frac{1}{3}T(x)$  for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} T(ax) &= T\left(\frac{M}{3} \cdot 3\frac{a}{M}x\right) = M \cdot T\left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot 3\frac{a}{M}x\right) = \frac{M}{3}T\left(3\frac{a}{M}x\right) \\ &= \frac{M}{3}T(u_1x + u_2x + u_3x) = \frac{M}{3}(T(u_1x) + T(u_2x) + T(u_3x)) \\ &= \frac{M}{3}(u_1 + u_2 + u_3)T(x) = \frac{M}{3} \cdot 3\frac{a}{M}T(x) \\ &= aT(x) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . Obviously,  $T(0x) = 0T(x)$  for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . Hence

$$T(ax + by) = T(ax) + T(by) = aT(x) + bT(y)$$

for all  $a, b \in A$  and all  $x, y \in {}_A B$ . So the unique additive mapping  $T : {}_A B \rightarrow {}_A C$  is an  $A$ -linear mapping, as desired.  $\square$

Applying the unital  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathbb{C}$  to Theorem 3.1, one can obtain the following.

**COROLLARY 3.2.** *Let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  be complex Banach spaces with norms  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $\|\cdot\|$ , respectively. Let  $f : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  be a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  for which there exists a function  $\varphi : E_1^{(4p)^n} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} &\tilde{\varphi}(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n}) : \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{d}{(4p)^{nr}}\right)^j \varphi\left(\left(\frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d}\right)^j x_1, \dots, \left(\frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d}\right)^j x_{(4p)^n}\right) \\ &< \infty, \\ &\|D_\lambda f(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n})\| \leq \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n}) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{T}^1 := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| = 1\}$  and all  $x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n} \in E_1$ . Then there exists a unique  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear mapping  $T : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  such that

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{(4p)^n} \tilde{\varphi}(x, \dots, x)$$

for all  $x \in E_1$ .

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Let  $f : {}_A B \rightarrow {}_A C$  be a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  for which there exists a function  $\varphi : {}_A B^{(4p)^n} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that*

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{aligned} & \tilde{\varphi}(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n}) : \\ & = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{d}{2r}\right)^j \varphi\left(\left(\frac{2r}{d}\right)^j x_1, \dots, \left(\frac{2r}{d}\right)^j x_{(4p)^n}\right) < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.7) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|D_u f(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n})\| \\ & = \|(4p)^n u f\left(\frac{x_1 + \dots + x_{(4p)^n}}{(4p)^n}\right) + 4p \sum_{i=1}^{(4p)^{n-1}} u f\left(\frac{x_{4pi-4p+1} + \dots + x_{4pi}}{4p}\right) \\ & \quad - \sum_{i=1}^{(4p)^n} \frac{d}{r} f\left(\frac{urx_i + urx_{i+1}}{d}\right)\| \leq \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n}) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u \in U(A)$  and all  $x_1 = x_{(4p)^{n+1}}, x_2, \dots, x_{(4p)^n} \in {}_A B$ . Then there exists a unique  $A$ -linear mapping  $T : {}_A B \rightarrow {}_A C$  such that

$$(3.8) \quad \|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{2(4p)^n} \tilde{\varphi}(x, \dots, x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ .

*Proof.* Put  $u = 1 \in U(A)$ . Let  $x_1 = \dots = x_{(4p)^n} = x$  in (3.7). Then we get

$$\|(4p)^n f(x) + (4p)^n f(x) - \frac{(4p)^n d}{r} f\left(\frac{2r}{d}x\right)\| \leq \varphi(x, \dots, x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . So one can obtain that

$$\|f(x) - \frac{d}{2r} f\left(\frac{2r}{d}x\right)\| \leq \frac{1}{2(4p)^n} \varphi(x, \dots, x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . We prove by induction on  $j$  that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \left(\frac{d}{2r}\right)^j f\left(\left(\frac{2r}{d}\right)^j x\right) - \left(\frac{d}{2r}\right)^{j+1} f\left(\left(\frac{2r}{d}\right)^{j+1} x\right) \right\| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2(4p)^n} \left(\frac{d}{2r}\right)^j \varphi\left(\left(\frac{2r}{d}\right)^j x, \dots, \left(\frac{2r}{d}\right)^j x\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . So we get

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|f(x) - (\frac{d}{2r})^j f((\frac{2r}{d})^j x)\| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2(4p)^n} \sum_{m=0}^{j-1} (\frac{d}{2r})^m \varphi((\frac{2r}{d})^m x, \dots, (\frac{2r}{d})^m x) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ .

Let  $x$  be an element in  ${}_A B$ . For positive integers  $l$  and  $m$  with  $l > m$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(\frac{d}{2r})^l f((\frac{2r}{d})^l x) - (\frac{d}{2r})^m f((\frac{2r}{d})^m x)\| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2(4p)^n} \sum_{j=m}^{l-1} (\frac{d}{2r})^j \varphi((\frac{2r}{d})^j x, \dots, (\frac{2r}{d})^j x), \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  by (3.6). So  $\{(\frac{d}{2r})^j f((\frac{2r}{d})^j x)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . Since the space  ${}_A C$  is complete, the sequence  $\{(\frac{d}{2r})^j f((\frac{2r}{d})^j x)\}$  converges for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . We can define a mapping  $T : {}_A B \rightarrow {}_A C$  by

$$(3.10) \quad T(x) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{d}{2r})^j f((\frac{2r}{d})^j x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ .

By (3.6) and (3.10), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|D_1 T(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n})\| &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{d}{2r})^j \|D_1 f((\frac{2r}{d})^j x_1, \dots, (\frac{2r}{d})^j x_{(4p)^n})\| \\ &\leq \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{d}{2r})^j \varphi((\frac{2r}{d})^j x_1, \dots, (\frac{2r}{d})^j x_{(4p)^n}) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n} \in {}_A B$ . Hence  $D_1 T(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n}) = 0$  for all  $x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n} \in {}_A B$ . Put  $x_1 = \dots = x_{(4p)^n} = x$  in  $D_1 T(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n}) = 0$ . Then

$$(4p)^n T(x) + (4p)^n T(x) - \frac{(4p)^n d}{r} T(\frac{2r}{d} x) = 0$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . So

$$T(\frac{2r}{d} x) = \frac{2r}{d} T(x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . Since

$$\frac{d}{r} T(\frac{rx_i + rx_{i+1}}{d}) = \frac{d}{r} T(\frac{2r(x_i + x_{i+1})}{2d}) = \frac{d}{r} \frac{2r}{d} T(\frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{2}) = 2T(\frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{2})$$

for all  $x_i, x_{i+1} \in {}_A B$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (4p)^n T\left(\frac{x_1 + \cdots + x_{(4p)^n}}{(4p)^n}\right) &+ 4p \sum_{i=1}^{(4p)^{n-1}} T\left(\frac{x_{4pi-4p+1} + \cdots + x_{4pi}}{4p}\right) \\ &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^{(4p)^n} T\left(\frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x_1 = x_{(4p)^{n+1}}, x_2, \dots, x_{(4p)^n} \in {}_A B$ . By Theorem 2.1,  $T$  is additive. Moreover, by passing to the limit in (3.9) as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ , we get the inequality (3.8).

The rest of the proof is the same as the proof of Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.4.** *Let  $f : {}_A B \rightarrow {}_A C$  be a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  for which there exists a function  $\varphi : {}_A B^{(4p)^n} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} (3.11) \quad &\tilde{\varphi}(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n}) : \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2^j \varphi\left(-\frac{1}{2^j}x_1, \frac{1}{2^j}x_2, \frac{1}{2^j}x_3, \dots, \right. \\ &\quad \left. -\frac{1}{2^j}x_{(4p)^n-4p+1}, \frac{1}{2^j}x_{(4p)^n-4p+2}, \dots, \frac{1}{2^j}x_{(4p)^n}\right) < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (3.12) \quad &\|D_u f(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n})\| = \|(4p)^n u f\left(\frac{x_1 + \cdots + x_{(4p)^n}}{(4p)^n}\right) \\ &+ 4p \sum_{i=1}^{(4p)^{n-1}} u f\left(\frac{x_{4pi-4p+1} + \cdots + x_{4pi}}{4p}\right) \\ &\quad - 2 \sum_{i=1}^{(4p)^n} f\left(\frac{ux_i + ux_{i+1}}{2}\right)\| \\ &\leq \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n}) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u \in U(A)$  and all  $x_1 = x_{(4p)^{n+1}}, x_2, \dots, x_{(4p)^n} \in {}_A B$ . Then there exists a unique  $A$ -linear mapping  $T : {}_A B \rightarrow {}_A C$  such that

$$(3.13) \quad \|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{(4p)^n} \tilde{\varphi}(x, \dots, x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ .

*Proof.* Put  $u = 1 \in U(A)$ . Let  $x_{4i-3} = x$  and  $x_{4i-2} = x_{4i-1} = x_{4i} = y$  in (3.12) for all  $i = 1, \dots, p(4p)^{n-1}$ . Then we get

$$(3.14) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|(4p)^n f\left(\frac{x+3y}{4}\right) + (4p)^n f\left(\frac{x+3y}{4}\right) \\ & \quad - 4p (4p)^{n-1} f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) - 4p (4p)^{n-1} f(y)\| \\ & \leq \varphi(x, y, y, y, \dots, x, y, y, y) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in {}_A B$ . Replacing  $x$  and  $y$  by  $-x$  and  $x$  in (3.14), respectively, we get

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

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . So one can obtain that

$$\|f(x) - 2f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\| \leq \frac{1}{(4p)^n} \varphi(-x, x, x, x, \dots, -x, x, x, x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . We prove by induction on  $j$  that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|2^j f\left(\frac{1}{2^j}x\right) - 2^{j+1} f\left(\frac{1}{2^{j+1}}x\right)\| \\ & \leq \frac{2^j}{(4p)^n} \varphi\left(-\frac{1}{2^j}x, \frac{1}{2^j}x, \frac{1}{2^j}x, \frac{1}{2^j}x, \dots, -\frac{1}{2^j}x, \frac{1}{2^j}x, \frac{1}{2^j}x, \frac{1}{2^j}x\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . So we get

$$(3.15) \quad \begin{aligned} \|f(x) - 2^j f\left(\frac{1}{2^j}x\right)\| & \leq \frac{1}{(4p)^n} \sum_{m=0}^{j-1} 2^m \varphi\left(-\frac{1}{2^m}x, \frac{1}{2^m}x, \frac{1}{2^m}x, \frac{1}{2^m}x, \dots, \right. \\ & \quad \left. -\frac{1}{2^m}x, \frac{1}{2^m}x, \frac{1}{2^m}x, \frac{1}{2^m}x\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ .

Let  $x$  be an element in  ${}_A B$ . For positive integers  $l$  and  $m$  with  $l > m$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|2^l f\left(\frac{1}{2^l}x\right) - 2^m f\left(\frac{1}{2^m}x\right)\| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(4p)^n} \sum_{j=m}^{l-1} 2^j \varphi\left(-\frac{1}{2^j}x, \frac{1}{2^j}x, \frac{1}{2^j}x, \frac{1}{2^j}x, \dots, -\frac{1}{2^j}x, \frac{1}{2^j}x, \frac{1}{2^j}x, \frac{1}{2^j}x\right), \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  by (3.11). So  $\{2^j f(\frac{1}{2^j}x)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . Since  ${}_A C$  is complete, the sequence  $\{2^j f(\frac{1}{2^j}x)\}$

converges for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . We can define a mapping  $T : {}_A B \rightarrow {}_A C$  by

$$(3.16) \quad T(x) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} 2^j f\left(\frac{1}{2^j}x\right)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ .

By (3.11) and (3.16), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|D_1 T(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n})\| &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} 2^j \|D_1 f\left(\frac{1}{2^j}x_1, \dots, \frac{1}{2^j}x_{(4p)^n}\right)\| \\ &\leq \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} 2^j \varphi\left(\frac{1}{2^j}x_1, \dots, \frac{1}{2^j}x_{(4p)^n}\right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n} \in {}_A B$ . Hence  $D_1 T(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n}) = 0$  for all  $x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n} \in {}_A B$ . By Theorem 2.1,  $T$  is additive. Moreover, by passing to the limit in (3.15) as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ , we get the inequality (3.13).

The rest of the proof is the same as the proof of Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.5.** *Let  $f : {}_A B \rightarrow {}_A C$  be a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  for which there exists a function  $\varphi : {}_A B^{(4p)^n} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} &\tilde{\varphi}(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n}) : \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{d}{(4p)^{nr}}\right)^j \varphi\left(\left(\frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d}\right)^j x_1, \dots, \left(\frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d}\right)^j x_{(4p)^n}\right) < \infty, \\ &\left\| \frac{d}{r} u f\left(\frac{rx_1 + \dots + rx_{(4p)^n}}{d}\right) + 8p \sum_{i=1}^{(4p)^{n-1}} u f\left(\frac{x_{4pi-4p+1} + \dots + x_{4pi}}{4p}\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 3 \sum_{i=1}^{(4p)^n} f\left(\frac{ux_i + ux_{i+1} + ux_{i+2}}{3}\right) \right\| \leq \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n}) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u \in U(A)$  and all  $x_1 = x_{(4p)^{n+1}}, x_2 = x_{(4p)^{n+2}}, x_3, \dots, x_{(4p)^n} \in {}_A B$ . Then there exists a unique  $A$ -linear mapping  $T : {}_A B \rightarrow {}_A C$  such that

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{(4p)^n} \tilde{\varphi}(x, \dots, x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ .

*Proof.* The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.6.** *Let  $f : {}_A B \rightarrow {}_A C$  be a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  for which there exists a function  $\varphi : {}_A B^{(4p)^n} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\varphi}(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n}) &:= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{d}{3r}\right)^j \varphi\left(\left(\frac{3r}{d}\right)^j x_1, \dots, \left(\frac{3r}{d}\right)^j x_{(4p)^n}\right) < \infty, \\ \|(4p)^n u f\left(\frac{x_1 + \dots + x_{(4p)^n}}{(4p)^n}\right) + 8p \sum_{i=1}^{(4p)^{n-1}} u f\left(\frac{x_{4pi-4p+1} + \dots + x_{4pi}}{4p}\right) \\ - \frac{d}{r} \sum_{i=1}^{(4p)^n} f\left(\frac{rux_i + rux_{i+1} + rux_{i+2}}{d}\right)\| &\leq \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n}) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u \in U(A)$  and all  $x_1 = x_{(4p)^{n+1}}, x_2 = x_{(4p)^{n+2}}, x_3, \dots, x_{(4p)^n} \in {}_A B$ . Then there exists a unique  $A$ -linear mapping  $T : {}_A B \rightarrow {}_A C$  such that

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{(4p)^n} \tilde{\varphi}(x, \dots, x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ .

*Proof.* The proof is similar to the proofs of Theorems 3.1 and 3.3.  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.7.** *Let  $f : {}_A B \rightarrow {}_A C$  be a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  for which there exists a function  $\varphi : {}_A B^{(4p)^n} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that*

$$(3.17) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{\varphi}(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n}) : \\ \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 4^j \varphi\left(-\frac{2}{4^j} x_1, \frac{1}{4^j} x_2, \frac{1}{4^j} x_3, \dots, \right. \\ \left. -\frac{2}{4^j} x_{(4p)^{n-4p+1}}, \frac{1}{4^j} x_{(4p)^{n-4p+2}}, \dots, \frac{1}{4^j} x_{(4p)^n}\right) < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.18) \quad \begin{aligned} \|D_u f(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n})\| &= \|(4p)^n u f\left(\frac{x_1 + \dots + x_{(4p)^n}}{(4p)^n}\right) \\ &+ 8p \sum_{i=1}^{(4p)^{n-1}} u f\left(\frac{x_{4pi-4p+1} + \dots + x_{4pi}}{4p}\right) \\ &- 3 \sum_{i=1}^{(4p)^n} f\left(\frac{ux_i + ux_{i+1} + ux_{i+2}}{3}\right)\| \\ &\leq \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n}) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u \in U(A)$  and all  $x_1 = x_{(4p)^{n+1}}, x_2 = x_{(4p)^{n+2}}, x_3, \dots, x_{(4p)^n} \in {}_A B$ . Then there exists a unique  $A$ -linear mapping  $T : {}_A B \rightarrow {}_A C$  such that

$$(3.19) \quad \|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{3p \cdot (4p)^{n-1}} \tilde{\varphi}(x, \dots, x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ .

*Proof.* Put  $u = 1 \in U(A)$ . Let  $x_{4i-3} = x$  and  $x_{4i-2} = x_{4i-1} = x_{4i} = y$  in (3.18) for all  $i = 1, \dots, p(4p)^{n-1}$ . Then we get

$$(3.20) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|(4p)^n f\left(\frac{x+3y}{4}\right) + 2(4p)^n f\left(\frac{x+3y}{4}\right) \\ & \quad - 9p(4p)^{n-1} f\left(\frac{x+2y}{3}\right) - 3p(4p)^{n-1} f(y)\| \\ & \leq \varphi(x, y, y, y, \dots, x, y, y, y) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in {}_A B$ . Replacing  $x$  and  $y$  by  $-2x$  and  $x$  in (3.20), respectively, we get

$$\|3(4p)^n f\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) - 3p(4p)^{n-1} f(x)\| \leq \varphi(-2x, x, x, x, \dots, -2x, x, x, x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . So one can obtain that

$$\|f(x) - 4f\left(\frac{x}{4}\right)\| \leq \frac{1}{3p(4p)^{n-1}} \varphi(-2x, x, x, x, \dots, -2x, x, x, x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . We prove by induction on  $j$  that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|4^j f\left(\frac{1}{4^j}x\right) - 4^{j+1} f\left(\frac{1}{4^{j+1}}x\right)\| \\ & \leq \frac{4^j}{3p(4p)^{n-1}} \varphi\left(-\frac{2}{4^j}x, \frac{1}{4^j}x, \frac{1}{4^j}x, \frac{1}{4^j}x, \dots, -\frac{2}{4^j}x, \frac{1}{4^j}x, \frac{1}{4^j}x, \frac{1}{4^j}x\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . So we get

$$(3.21) \quad \begin{aligned} \|f(x) - 4^j f\left(\frac{1}{4^j}x\right)\| & \leq \frac{1}{3p(4p)^{n-1}} \sum_{m=0}^{j-1} 4^m \varphi\left(-\frac{2}{4^m}x, \frac{1}{4^m}x, \frac{1}{4^m}x, \frac{1}{4^m}x, \dots, \right. \\ & \quad \left. -\frac{2}{4^m}x, \frac{1}{4^m}x, \frac{1}{4^m}x, \frac{1}{4^m}x\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ .



Let  $x$  be an element in  ${}_A B$ . For positive integers  $l$  and  $m$  with  $l > m$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|4^l f\left(\frac{1}{4^l}x\right) - 4^m f\left(\frac{1}{4^m}x\right)\| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{3p(4p)^{n-1}} \sum_{j=m}^{l-1} 4^j \varphi\left(-\frac{2}{4^j}x, \frac{1}{4^j}x, \frac{1}{4^j}x, \frac{1}{4^j}x, \dots, -\frac{2}{4^j}x, \frac{1}{4^j}x, \frac{1}{4^j}x, \frac{1}{4^j}x\right), \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  by (3.17). So  $\{4^j f(\frac{1}{4^j}x)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . Since  ${}_A C$  is complete, the sequence  $\{4^j f(\frac{1}{4^j}x)\}$  converges for all  $x \in {}_A B$ . We can define a mapping  $T : {}_A B \rightarrow {}_A C$  by

$$(3.22) \quad T(x) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} 4^j f\left(\frac{1}{4^j}x\right)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A B$ .

By (3.17) and (3.22), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|D_1 T(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n})\| &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} 4^j \|D_1 f\left(\frac{1}{4^j}x_1, \dots, \frac{1}{4^j}x_{(4p)^n}\right)\| \\ &\leq \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} 4^j \varphi\left(\frac{1}{4^j}x_1, \dots, \frac{1}{4^j}x_{(4p)^n}\right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n} \in {}_A B$ . Hence  $D_1 T(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n}) = 0$  for all  $x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n} \in {}_A B$ . By Theorem 2.2,  $T$  is additive. Moreover, by passing to the limit in (3.21) as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ , we get the inequality (3.19).

The rest of the proof is the same as the proof of Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

#### 4. Stability of partitioned functional equations in Banach algebras and approximate algebra homomorphisms

In this section, let  $A$  and  $B$  be Banach algebras with norms  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $\|\cdot\|$ , respectively.

D.G. Bourgin [2] proved the stability of ring homomorphisms between Banach algebras. In [1], R. Badora generalized the Bourgin's result.

We prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of algebra homomorphisms in Banach algebras associated with the functional equation (1.1).

**THEOREM 4.1.** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be complex Banach algebras. Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  for which there exists a function*

$\psi : A \times A \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that

$$(4.1) \quad \tilde{\psi}(x, y) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{d}{(4p)^{nr}}\right)^j \psi\left(\left(\frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d}\right)^j x, y\right) < \infty,$$

$$(4.2) \quad \|D_\lambda f(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n})\| \leq \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n}),$$

$$(4.3) \quad \|f(x \cdot y) - f(x)f(y)\| \leq \psi(x, y)$$

for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{T}^1$  and all  $x, y, x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n} \in A$ , where  $\varphi$  and  $D_\lambda f$  satisfy the conditions given in the statement of Theorem 3.1. Then there exists a unique algebra homomorphism  $T : A \rightarrow B$  satisfying (3.3).

*Proof.* Under the assumption (4.2), in Corollary 3.2, we showed that there exists a unique  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear mapping  $T : A \rightarrow B$  satisfying (3.3). The  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear mapping  $T : A \rightarrow B$  was given by

$$T(x) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{d}{(4p)^{nr}}\right)^j f\left(\left(\frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d}\right)^j x\right)$$

for all  $x \in A$ . Let

$$R(x, y) = f(x \cdot y) - f(x)f(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in A$ . By (4.1), we get

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{d}{(4p)^{nr}}\right)^j R\left(\left(\frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d}\right)^j x, y\right) = 0$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} T(x \cdot y) &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{d}{(4p)^{nr}}\right)^j f\left(\left(\frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d}\right)^j (x \cdot y)\right) \\ (4.4) \quad &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{d}{(4p)^{nr}}\right)^j f\left(\left(\frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d}\right)^j x\right) f(y) \\ &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{d}{(4p)^{nr}}\right)^j \left(f\left(\left(\frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d}\right)^j x\right) f(y) + R\left(\left(\frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d}\right)^j x, y\right)\right) \\ &= T(x)f(y) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in A$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} T(x)f\left(\left(\frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d}\right)^j y\right) &= T\left(x\left(\left(\frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d}\right)^j y\right)\right) = T\left(\left(\left(\frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d}\right)^j x\right)y\right) \\ &= T\left(\left(\frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d}\right)^j x\right)f(y) = \left(\frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d}\right)^j T(x)f(y) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in A$ . Hence

$$(4.5) \quad T(x) \left( \frac{d}{(4p)^{nr}} \right)^j f \left( \left( \frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d} \right)^j y \right) = T(x) f(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in A$ . Taking the limit in (4.5) as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain

$$T(x)T(y) = T(x)f(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in A$ . Therefore,

$$T(x \cdot y) = T(x)T(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in A$ . So  $T : A \rightarrow B$  is an algebra homomorphism.  $\square$

**THEOREM 4.2.** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be complex Banach  $*$ -algebras. Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  for which there exists a function  $\psi : A \times A \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfying (4.1) and (4.3) such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \|D_\lambda f(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n})\| &\leq \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n}), \\ \|f(x^*) - f(x)^*\| &\leq \varphi(x, \dots, x) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{T}^1$  and all  $x, x_1, \dots, x_{(4p)^n} \in A$ , where  $\varphi$  and  $D_\lambda f$  satisfy the conditions given in the statement of Theorem 3.1. Then there exists a unique  $*$ -algebra homomorphism  $T : A \rightarrow B$  satisfying (3.3).

*Proof.* By the same reasoning as the proof of Theorem 4.1, there exists a unique  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear mapping  $T : A \rightarrow B$  satisfying (3.3).

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{d}{(4p)^{nr}} \right)^j \|f \left( \left( \frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d} \right)^j x^* \right) - f \left( \left( \frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d} \right)^j x \right)^*\| \\ \leq \left( \frac{d}{(4p)^{nr}} \right)^j \varphi \left( \left( \frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d} \right)^j x, \dots, \left( \frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d} \right)^j x \right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in A$ . Thus

$$\left( \frac{d}{(4p)^{nr}} \right)^j \|f \left( \left( \frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d} \right)^j x^* \right) - f \left( \left( \frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d} \right)^j x \right)^*\| \rightarrow 0$$

as  $j \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $x \in A$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} T(x^*) &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{d}{(4p)^{nr}} \right)^j f \left( \left( \frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d} \right)^j x^* \right) \\ &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{d}{(4p)^{nr}} \right)^j f \left( \left( \frac{(4p)^{nr}}{d} \right)^j x \right)^* = T(x)^* \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in A$ .

The rest of the proof is the same as the proof of Theorem 4.1.  $\square$

Similarly, for the other cases given in Section 3, one can obtain similar results to the theorems given above.

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