

A GENERALIZED ADDITIVE-QUARTIC FUNCTIONAL EQUATION AND ITS STABILITY

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ABSTRACT. We determine the general solution of the generalized additive-quartic functional equation $f(x + 3y) + f(x - 3y) + f(x + 2y) + f(x - 2y) + 22f(x) - 13[f(x + y) + f(x - y)] + 24f(y) - 12f(2y) = 0$ without assuming any regularity conditions on the unknown function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and its stability is investigated.

1. Introduction

A function $A : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be *additive* [1], if $A(x + y) = A(x) + A(y)$ ($x, y \in \mathbb{R}$). For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, a function $A_n : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that is additive in each of its variable is called *n-additive*. If

$$A_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = A_n(x_{\pi(1)}, x_{\pi(2)}, \dots, x_{\pi(n)})$$

for every permutation $\{\pi(1), \pi(2), \dots, \pi(n)\}$ of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ where n is a positive number, then a function A_n is called *symmetric*. Denote the diagonal element $A_n(x, x, \dots, x)$ by $A^n(x)$ if $A_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ is *n-additive symmetric* function and denote the resulting function obtained by putting $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_\ell = x$ and $x_{\ell+1} = x_{\ell+2} = \dots = x_n = y$ in $A_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ by $A^{\ell, n-\ell}(x, y)$. For $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, the difference operator Δ_h with $h \in \mathbb{R}$ is defined by

$$\Delta_h f(x) = f(x + h) - f(x).$$

Higher order differences are defined in the usual manner, namely,

$$\Delta_h^0 f(x) = f(x), \Delta_h^1 f(x) = \Delta_h f(x), \Delta_h^{n+1} f(x) = \Delta_h \circ \Delta_h^n f(x) \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}, h \in \mathbb{R}),$$

where $\Delta_h \circ \Delta_h^n$ denotes operator composition. The superposition of difference operators is defined by

$$(1.1) \quad \Delta_{h_1, \dots, h_n} f = \Delta_{h_1} \Delta_{h_2} \cdots \Delta_{h_n} f, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

For any given $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, if f satisfies the functional equation

$$(1.2) \quad \Delta_h^{n+1} f(x) = 0, \quad x, h \in \mathbb{R},$$

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then f is called a *polynomial function of order n* . In explicit form (1.2) can be written as

$$(1.3) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{n+1} (-1)^{n+1-k} \binom{n+1}{k} f(x+kh) = 0.$$

It is known (see [8]) that for functions defined over \mathbb{R} the equation (1.3) is equivalent to the Fréchet functional equation

$$(1.4) \quad \Delta_{h_1, \dots, h_{n+1}} f(x) = 0,$$

where $x, h_1, \dots, h_{n+1} \in \mathbb{R}$.

The following theorem is needed in our proof (see [3, pp. 71–77]).

Theorem 1.1. *The function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a polynomial function of order n if and only if there exist k -additive symmetric functions $A_k : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ($k = 0, 1, \dots, n$) such that the equation*

$$(1.5) \quad f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n A^k(x) \quad (x \in \mathbb{R}) \text{ holds,}$$

where A^k are the diagonalizations of A_k ($k = 0, 1, \dots, n$).

In 2003, Chung and Sahoo [2] considered the functional equation

$$(1.6) \quad f(x+2y) + f(x-2y) + 6f(x) = 4[f(x+y) + f(x-y) + 6f(y)] \quad (x, y \in \mathbb{R}).$$

It is easy to see that the function $f(x) = x^4$ is a solution of (1.6). The equation (1.6) is called a *quartic functional equation* and every solution of (1.6) is called a *quartic function*. Chung and Sahoo's results are:

Theorem 1.2. *If $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies the functional equation (1.6), then f is a solution of the Fréchet functional equation $\Delta_{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5} f(x_0) = 0$ for all $x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5 \in \mathbb{R}$.*

Theorem 1.3. *The function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies the functional equation (1.6) if and only if f is of the form $f(x) = A^4(x)$, where $A^4(x)$ is the diagonal of 4-additive symmetric function $A_4 : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.*

Next, in 2004, Sahoo [10] solved the functional equation

$$(1.7) \quad f(x+2y) + f(x-2y) + 6f(x) = 4[f(x+y) + f(x-y)] \quad (x, y \in \mathbb{R})$$

by finding its general solution to be of the form $f(x) = A^0 + A^1(x) + A^2(x) + A^3(x)$, where $A^n(x)$ is the diagonal of n -additive symmetric function $A_n : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ($n = 1, 2, 3$) and A^0 is an arbitrary constant. In the next year, he generalized (1.7) to

$$(1.8) \quad f_1(2x+y) + f_2(2x-y) = f_3(x+y) + f_4(x-y) + f_5(x),$$

and proved that the functions $f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfy the functional equation (1.8) for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ if and only if

$$f_1(x) = A^3(x) + A^2(x) + A^1(x) + A^0 + B^2(x) + B^1(x) + B^0,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_2(x) &= A^3(x) + A^2(x) + A^1(x) + A^0 - B^2(x) - B^1(x) - B^0, \\
 f_3(x) &= 2A^3(x) + A^2(x) + A^1(x) + \frac{1}{2}A^0 + C^1(x) + C^0 \\
 &\quad + 2B^2(x) + B^1(x) + B^0 + D^0, \\
 f_4(x) &= 2A^3(x) + A^2(x) + A^1(x) + \frac{1}{2}A^0 + C^1(x) + C^0 \\
 &\quad - 2B^2(x) - B^1(x) - B^0 - D^0, \\
 f_5(x) &= 12A^3(x) + 6A^2(x) + 2A^1(x) + A^0 - 2C^1(x) - 2C^0,
 \end{aligned}$$

where A^0, B^0, C^0, D^0 are arbitrary constants, $A^n(x), B^n(x), C^n(x)$ are the diagonals of n -additive symmetric functions $A_n, B_n, C_n : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ($n = 1, 2, 3$), respectively.

In 2010, Gordji [4] obtained the functional equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(2x + y) + f(2x - y) &= 4[f(x + y) + f(x - y)] - \frac{3}{7}[f(2y) - 2f(y)] \\
 (1.9) \qquad \qquad \qquad &\quad + 2f(2x) - 8f(x).
 \end{aligned}$$

He proved that the function f satisfies (1.9) if and only if there exist a unique symmetric multiadditive function $B : X \times X \times X \times X \rightarrow Y$ and a unique additive function $A : X \rightarrow Y$ such that $f(x) = B(x, x, x, x) + A(x)$ for all $x \in X$.

In 2013, we (see [6]) considered the following functional equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x + 3y) + f(x - 3y) + f(x + 2y) + f(x - 2y) + 22f(x) \\
 (1.10) \qquad \qquad \qquad &= 13[f(x + y) + f(x - y)] + 168f(y)
 \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and we solved that the function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies (1.10) if and only if it is of the form $f(x) = A^4(x)$, where $A^4(x)$ is the diagonal of 4-additive symmetric function $A_4 : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Next, Recognizing the identity

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x + 3y)^4 + (x - 3y)^4 + (x + 2y)^4 + (x - 2y)^4 + 22x^4 \\
 (1.11) \qquad \qquad \qquad &- 13[(x + y)^4 + (x - y)^4] + 24y^4 - 12(2y)^4 = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x + 3y) + (x - 3y) + (x + 2y) + (x - 2y) + 22x \\
 (1.12) \qquad \qquad \qquad &- 13[(x + y) + (x - y)] + 24y - 12(2y) = 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

which renders a solution $f(x) = x^4 + x$ to the functional equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x + 3y) + f(x - 3y) + f(x + 2y) + f(x - 2y) + 22f(x) \\
 (1.13) \qquad \qquad \qquad &- 13[f(x + y) + f(x - y)] + 24f(y) - 12f(2y) = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

The aim of the present work is to find a general solution of the functional equation (1.13) without assuming any regularity condition and its stability. Our main result is:

Theorem 1.4. *The function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies the functional equation (1.13) for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ if and only if it is of the form*

$$(1.14) \quad f(x) = A^4(x) + A(x) \quad (x \in \mathbb{R}),$$

where $A^n(x)$ is the diagonal of a n -additive symmetric function $A_n : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ($n = 1, 4$).

2. Preliminary result

The following auxiliary lemma is shown in [6, Lemma 2.1].

Lemma 2.1. *If the function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies the functional equation*

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} & f(x + 4y) - 14f(x + 2y) + 35f(x + y) - 35f(x) \\ & + 14f(x - y) - f(x - 3y) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, then f is a solution of the Fréchet functional equation

$$\Delta_{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5} f(x_0) = 0$$

for all $x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5 \in \mathbb{R}$.

Theorem 2.2. *If $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies the functional equation (1.13), then the following assertions hold.*

- a) *If f is an even function, then f is a quartic function.*
- b) *If f is an odd function, then f is an additive function.*

Proof. To prove a), letting $x = y = 0$ in (1.13), we have $f(0) = 0$. Replacing x by $x + y$ in (1.13), we have

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} & f(x + 4y) + f(x - 2y) + f(x + 3y) + f(x - y) + 22f(x + y) \\ & - 13[f(x + 2y) + f(x)] + 24f(y) - 12f(2y) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Subtracting (1.13) from (2.2), we obtain

$$f(x + 4y) - 14f(x + 2y) + 35f(x + y) - 35f(x) + 14f(x - y) - f(x - 3y) = 0.$$

By Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\Delta_{x_1, \dots, x_5} f(x_0) = 0$$

for all $x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5 \in \mathbb{R}$. Thus from Theorem 1.1 we have

$$(2.3) \quad f(x) = A^4(x) + A^3(x) + A^2(x) + A^1(x) + A^0 \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R},$$

where $A^n(x)$ is the diagonal of n -additive symmetric function $A_n : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for $n = 1, \dots, 4$ and A^0 is an arbitrary constant. Since $f(0) = 0$, we have $A^0 \equiv 0$ and f is even, then $A^3(x)$ and $A^1(x)$ must be vanish. Hence, from (2.3) we have

$$(2.4) \quad f(x) = A^4(x) + A^2(x).$$

Letting (2.4) into (1.13), we have

$$A^4(x + 3y) + A^2(x + 3y) + A^4(x - 3y) + A^2(x - 3y)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ A^4(x + 2y) + A^2(x + 2y) + A^4(x - 2y) + A^2(x - 2y) + 22[A^4(x) + A^2(x)] \\
 &- 13[A^4(x + y) + A^2(x + y)] - 13[A^4(x - y) + A^2(x - y)] + 24[A^4(y) + A^2(y)] \\
 &- 12[A^4(2y) + A^2(2y)] = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 &A^4(x + 3y) + A^4(x - 3y) + A^2(x + 3y) + A^2(x - 3y) \\
 &+ A^4(x + 2y) + A^4(x - 2y) + A^2(x + 2y) + A^2(x - 2y) + 22[A^4(x) + A^2(x)] \\
 &- 13[A^4(x + y) + A^4(x - y)] - 13[A^2(x + y) + A^2(x - y)] + 24[A^4(y) + A^2(y)] \\
 &- 12[A^4(2y) + A^2(2y)] = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Noting that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &A^4(x + y) + A^4(x - y) = 2A^4(x) + 12A^{2,2}(x, y) + 2A^4(y), \\
 &A^2(x + y) + A^2(x - y) = 2A^2(x) + 2A^2(y), \\
 &A^{2,2}(x, 3y) = 9A^{2,2}(x, y), \quad A^{2,2}(x, 2y) = 4A^{2,2}(x, y), \\
 &A^4(3y) = 81A^4(y), \quad A^2(3y) = 9A^2(y), \quad A^4(2y) = 16A^4(y), \quad A^2(2y) = 4A^2(y),
 \end{aligned}$$

then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 &2A^4(x) + 12A^{2,2}(x, 3y) + 2A^4(3y) + 2A^2(x) + 2A^2(3y) \\
 &+ 2A^4(x) + 12A^{2,2}(x, 2y) + 2A^4(2y) + 2A^2(x) + 2A^2(2y) + 22[A^4(x) + A^2(x)] \\
 &- 13[2A^4(x) + 12A^{2,2}(x, y) + 2A^4(y)] - 13[2A^2(x) + 2A^2(y)] + 24[A^4(y) + A^2(y)] \\
 &- 12[A^4(2y) + A^2(2y)] = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &2A^4(x) + 108A^{2,2}(x, y) + 162A^4(y) + 2A^2(x) + 18A^2(y) \\
 &+ 2A^4(x) + 48A^{2,2}(x, y) + 32A^4(y) + 2A^2(x) + 8A^2(y) + 22[A^4(x) + A^2(x)] \\
 &- 13[2A^4(x) + 12A^{2,2}(x, y) + 2A^4(y)] - 13[2A^2(x) + 2A^2(y)] + 24[A^4(y) + A^2(y)] \\
 &- 12[16A^4(y) + 4A^2(y)] = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we obtain $A^2(y) = 0$ and from (2.4) we have $f(x) = A^4(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Hence f is a quartic function.

To prove b), letting $x = y = 0$ in (1.13), we have $f(0) = 0$. Replacing x by $x + y$ in (1.13), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &f(x + 4y) + f(x - 2y) + f(x + 3y) + f(x - y) + 22f(x + y) \\
 (2.5) \quad &- 13[f(x + 2y) + f(x)] + 24f(y) - 12f(2y) = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Subtracting (1.13) from (2.5), we obtain

$$f(x + 4y) - 14f(x + 2y) + 35f(x + y) - 35f(x) + 14f(x - y) - f(x - 3y) = 0.$$

By Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\Delta_{x_1, \dots, x_5} f(x_0) = 0$$

for all $x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5 \in \mathbb{R}$. Thus from Theorem 1.1 we have

$$(2.6) \quad f(x) = A^4(x) + A^3(x) + A^2(x) + A^1(x) + A^0 \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R},$$

where $A^n(x)$ is the diagonal of n -additive symmetric function $A_n : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for $n = 1, \dots, 4$ and A^0 is an arbitrary constant. Since $f(0) = 0$, we have $A^0 \equiv 0$ and f is odd, then $A^4(x)$ and $A^2(x)$ must be vanish. Hence, from (2.6) we have

$$(2.7) \quad f(x) = A^3(x) + A^1(x).$$

Letting (2.7) into (1.13), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & A^3(x+3y) + A^1(x+3y) + A^3(x-3y) + A^1(x-3y) \\ & + A^3(x+2y) + A^1(x+2y) + A^3(x-2y) + A^1(x-2y) + 22[A^3(x) + A^1(x)] \\ & - 13[A^3(x+y) + A^1(x+y)] - 13[A^3(x-y) + A^1(x-y)] + 24[A^3(y) + A^1(y)] \\ & - 12[A^3(2y) + A^1(2y)] = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & A^3(x+3y) + A^3(x-3y) + A^3(x+2y) + A^3(x-2y) + 22A^3(x) \\ & - 13[A^3(x+y) + A^3(x-y)] + 24A^3(y) - 12A^3(2y) \\ & + A^1(x+3y) + A^1(x-3y) + A^1(x+2y) + A^1(x-2y) + 22A^1(x) \\ & - 13[A^1(x+y) + A^1(x-y)] + 24A^1(y) - 12A^1(2y) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Noting that

$$\begin{aligned} A^3(x+y) + A^3(x-y) &= 2A^3(x) + 6A^{1,2}(x,y), \\ A^1(x+y) &= A^1(x) + A^1(y), \\ A^{1,2}(x,3y) &= 9A^{1,2}(x,y), \quad A^3(3y) = 27A^3(y), \\ A^{1,2}(x,2y) &= 4A^{1,2}(x,y), \quad A^3(2y) = 8A^3(y), \\ A^1(2y) &= 2A^1(y), \quad A^1(3y) = 3A^1(y) \quad \text{and} \quad A^1(-y) = -A^1(y), \end{aligned}$$

then we get

$$\begin{aligned} & 2A^3(x) + 54A^{1,2}(x,y) + 2A^3(x) + 24A^{1,2}(x,y) + 22A^3(x) \\ & - 13[2A^3(x) + 6A^{1,2}(x,y)] + 24A^3(y) - 96A^3(y) \\ & + A^1(x) + A^1(3y) + A^1(x) - A^1(3y) + A^1(x) + A^1(2y) + A^1(x) - A^1(2y) \\ & + 22A^1(x) - 13[A^1(x) + A^1(y) + A^1(x) - A^1(y)] + 24A^1(y) - 24A^1(y) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we obtain $A^3(y) = 0$ and from (2.7) we have $f(x) = A^1(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Hence f is additive, which completes the proof. \square

3. Proof of Theorem 1.4

From

$$(1.13) \quad \begin{aligned} & f(x + 3y) + f(x - 3y) + f(x + 2y) + f(x - 2y) + 22f(x) \\ & - 13[f(x + y) + f(x - y)] + 24f(y) - 12f(2y) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

we define $f_e(x) = \frac{1}{2}[f(x) + f(-x)]$ and $f_o(x) = \frac{1}{2}[f(x) - f(-x)]$ are even and odd parts, respectively. Thus,

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} & f_e(x + 3y) + f_e(x - 3y) + f_e(x + 2y) + f_e(x - 2y) + 22f_e(x) \\ & - 13[f_e(x + y) + f_e(x - y)] + 24f_e(y) - 12f_e(2y) \\ = & \frac{1}{2} \{ f(x + 3y) + f(x - 3y) + f(x + 2y) + f(x - 2y) + 22f(x) \\ & - 13[f(x + y) + f(x - y)] + 24f(y) - 12f(2y) \\ & + f(-(x + 3y)) + f(-(x - 3y)) + f(-(x + 2y)) + f(-(x - 2y)) \\ & + 22f(-x) - 13[f(-(x + y)) + f(-(x - y))] \\ & + 24f(-y) - 12f(-2y) \} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that f_e satisfies (1.13). Since f_e is even, from Theorem 2.2, we have

$$(3.2) \quad f_e(x) = A^4(x),$$

where $A^4(x)$ is the diagonal of 4-additive symmetric function $A_4 : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Consider the functional equation

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} & f_o(x + 3y) + f_o(x - 3y) + f_o(x + 2y) + f_o(x - 2y) + 22f_o(x) \\ & - 13[f_o(x + y) + f_o(x - y)] + 24f_o(y) - 12f_o(2y) \\ = & \frac{1}{2} [f(x + 3y) + f(x - 3y) + f(x + 2y) + f(x - 2y) + 22f(x) \\ & - 13[f(x + y) + f(x - y)] + 24f(y) - 12f(2y) \\ & - [f(-(x + 3y)) + f(-(x - 3y)) + f(-(x + 2y)) + f(-(x - 2y)) \\ & + 22f(-x) - 13[f(-(x + y)) + f(-(x - y))]] \\ & + 24f(-y) - 12f(-2y)] = 0. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that f_o satisfies (1.13). Since f_o is odd, from Theorem 2.2, we have

$$(3.4) \quad f_o(x) = A^1(x),$$

where A_1 is additive. Hence, from (3.2) and (3.4), we obtain

$$f(x) = A^4(x) + A^1(x),$$

where $A^n(x)$ is the diagonal of n -additive symmetric function $A_n : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for $n = 1, 4$.

Conversely, assume that $f(x) = A^4(x) + A^1(x)$.

Noting that

$$\begin{aligned} A^4(x+y) + A^4(x-y) &= 2A^4(x) + 12A^{2,2}(x,y) + 2A^4(y), \\ A^4(3y) &= 81A^4(y), \quad A^{2,2}(x,3y) = 9A^{2,2}(x,y), \quad A^{2,2}(x,2y) = 4A^{2,2}(x,y), \\ A^4(2y) &= 16A^4(y), \quad A^1(x+y) = A^1(x) + A^1(y), \\ A^3(2y) &= 8A^3(y), \quad A^1(2y) = 2A^1(y), \end{aligned}$$

then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & [f(x+3y) + f(x-3y)] + [f(x+2y) + f(x-2y)] + 22f(x) \\ &= A^4(x+3y) + A^1(x+3y) + A^4(x-3y) + A^1(x-3y) \\ & \quad + A^4(x+2y) + A^1(x+2y) + A^4(x-2y) + A^1(x-2y) \\ & \quad + 22[A^4(x) + A^1(x)] \\ &= 2A^4(x) + 108A^{2,2}(x,y) + 162A^4(y) + 2A^4(x) + 48A^{2,2}(x,y) \\ & \quad + 32A^4(y) + 22A^4(x) + 26A^1(x) \\ &= 13[2A^4(x) + 12A^{2,2}(x,y) + 2A^4(y) + 2A^1(x)] - 24[A^4(y) + A^1(y)] \\ & \quad + 12[A^4(2y) + A^1(2y)] \\ &= 13[A^4(x+y) + A^1(x+y) + A^4(x-y) + A^1(x-y)] - 24[A^4(y) + A^1(y)] \\ & \quad + 12[A^4(2y) + A^1(2y)] \\ &= 13[f(x+y) + f(x-y)] - 24f(y) + 12f(2y). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the result.

4. Stability

In this section, we consider a *stability problem* which is proposed by Ulam [12] in 1940: Let f be a mapping from a group $(G_1, +)$ to a metric group $(G_2, +)$ with metric $d(\cdot, \cdot)$ such that

$$d(f(x+y), f(x) + f(y)) \leq \epsilon.$$

Do there exist a group homomorphism $L : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ and a constant $\delta_\epsilon > 0$ such that

$$d(f(x), L(y)) \leq \delta_\epsilon$$

for all $x \in G_1$? This problem was solved one year later by Hyers [7] under the assumption that G_2 is a Banach space with $\|\cdot\|$. A generalized version of Hyers's result was proved by Th. M. Rassias [9] for linear mappings by considering an unbounded Cauchy difference in Banach spaces. In 1994, a generalized of Rassias's theorem was obtained by Gavruta [5] by replacing the unbounded Cauchy difference by a general control function in the spirit of Rassias approach. 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 (see [2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12]).

The aim of this section is to investigate the stability of the generalized additive-quartic functional equation (1.13). Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function. Then we define

$$D_f(x, y) := f(x + 3y) + f(x - 3y) + f(x + 2y) + f(x - 2y) + 22f(x) - 13f(x + y) - 13f(x - y) + 24f(y) - 12f(2y)$$

for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$.

Theorem 4.1. *Let $\phi : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a function such that*

$$(4.1) \quad \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(2^i x, 2^i y)}{2^i} \text{ converges}$$

for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. If the function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is an odd function which satisfies

$$(4.2) \quad |D_f(x, y)| \leq \phi(x, y)$$

for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, then there exists a unique additive function $A : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ which satisfies the equation (1.13) and the inequality

$$(4.3) \quad |f(y) - A(y)| \leq \frac{1}{24} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(0, 2^i y)}{2^i}$$

for all $y \in \mathbb{R}$, where the function A is defined by

$$(4.4) \quad A(y) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(2^n y)}{2^n}$$

for all $y \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. Putting $x = 0$ in (4.2), we have

$$(4.5) \quad |f(3y) + f(-3y) + f(2y) + f(-2y) + 22f(0) - 13f(y) - 13f(-y) + 24f(y) - 12f(2y)| \leq \phi(0, y).$$

Since f is odd and $f(0) = 0$, we obtain

$$|24f(y) - 12f(2y)| \leq \phi(0, y).$$

That is,

$$(4.6) \quad |12f(2y) - 24f(y)| \leq \phi(0, y).$$

Dividing (4.6) by 24, we have

$$(4.7) \quad \left| \frac{f(2y)}{2} - f(y) \right| \leq \frac{1}{24} \phi(0, y).$$

Replacing y by $2y$ in (4.7) and dividing this by 2, we obtain

$$(4.8) \quad \left| \frac{f(2^2 y)}{2^2} - \frac{f(2y)}{2} \right| \leq \frac{1}{24} \left[\frac{\phi(0, 2y)}{2} \right].$$

From (4.7) and (4.8), we have

$$(4.9) \quad \left| \frac{f(2^2 y)}{2^2} - f(y) \right| \leq \frac{1}{24} \left[\frac{\phi(0, 2y)}{2} + \phi(0, y) \right].$$

Using the mathematical induction, we can extend (4.9) to

$$(4.10) \quad \left| \frac{f(2^n y)}{2^n} - f(y) \right| \leq \frac{1}{24} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{\phi(0, 2^i y)}{2^i} \leq \frac{1}{24} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(0, 2^i y)}{2^i}$$

for all $y \in \mathbb{R}$ and for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Next, we will show that $\{\frac{f(2^n y)}{2^n}\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. For integers $m, n > 0$, we have

$$(4.11) \quad \begin{aligned} \left| \frac{f(2^{n+m} y)}{2^{n+m}} - \frac{f(2^m y)}{2^m} \right| &= \frac{1}{2^m} \left| \frac{f(2^n 2^m y)}{2^n} - f(2^m y) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2^m} \cdot \frac{1}{24} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(0, 2^i 2^m y)}{2^i} \\ &= \frac{1}{24} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(0, 2^{i+m} y)}{2^{i+m}} \\ &= \frac{1}{24} \sum_{j=m}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(0, 2^j y)}{2^j}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus this is the tail of the infinite series of (4.1), which converges (for any fixed y) to zero as $m \rightarrow \infty$. This implies that the sequence $\{\frac{f(2^n y)}{2^n}\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Since \mathbb{R} is complete, there exists a function $A : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$A(y) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(2^n y)}{2^n}$$

for all $y \in \mathbb{R}$. By letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (4.10), we obtain

$$\left| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(2^n y)}{2^n} - f(y) \right| \leq \frac{1}{24} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(0, 2^i y)}{2^i}.$$

That is,

$$|A(y) - f(y)| \leq \frac{1}{24} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(0, 2^i y)}{2^i}.$$

This implies that

$$|f(y) - A(y)| \leq \frac{1}{24} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(0, 2^i y)}{2^i},$$

so we arrive at the formula (4.3) for all $y \in \mathbb{R}$.

To show that A satisfies the equation (1.13), consider

$$\begin{aligned} &A(x+3y) + A(x-3y) + A(x+2y) + A(x-2y) + 22A(x) \\ &- 13A(x+y) - 13A(x-y) + 24A(y) - 12A(2y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} [f(2^n(x+3y)) + f(2^n(x-3y)) + f(2^n(x+2y)) + f(2^n(x-2y)) \\
 &\quad + 22f(2^n x) - 13f(2^n(x+y)) - 13f(2^n(x-y)) + 24f(2^n y) - 12f(2^{2n}y)] \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{D_f(2^n x, 2^n y)}{2^n}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by (4.2), we obtain

$$(4.12) \quad |D_A(x, y)| \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi(2^n x, 2^n y)}{2^n}.$$

Using (4.1), we have $D_A(x, y) = 0$. Hence A satisfies the equation (1.13). Since A is odd and by Theorem 2.2, we have A is additive.

To prove the uniqueness of A , suppose that there exists a function $S : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ which satisfies (1.13) and (4.3) with A replaced by S . Note that Theorem 1.4 gives us $A(2^n y) = 2^n A(y)$ and $S(2^n y) = 2^n S(y)$ for all $y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |A(y) - S(y)| &= \left| \frac{A(2^n y)}{2^n} - \frac{S(2^n y)}{2^n} \right| = \frac{1}{2^n} |A(2^n y) - S(2^n y)| \\
 &= \frac{1}{2^n} |A(2^n y) - f(2^n y) + f(2^n y) - S(2^n y)| \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2^n} |A(2^n y) - f(2^n y)| + \frac{1}{2^n} |f(2^n y) - S(2^n y)| \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2^n} \cdot \frac{1}{24} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(0, 2^i 2^n y)}{2^i} + \frac{1}{2^n} \cdot \frac{1}{24} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(0, 2^i 2^n y)}{2^i} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2^n} \cdot \frac{2}{24} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(0, 2^i 2^n y)}{2^i} \\
 &= \frac{1}{12} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(0, 2^{i+n} y)}{2^{i+n}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{12} \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(0, 2^j y)}{2^j}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus this is the tail of the infinite series of (4.1), which converges (for any fixed y) to zero as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Thus we immediately find the uniqueness of A . This completes the proof of the theorem. \square

Theorem 4.2. Let $\phi : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a function such that

$$(4.13) \quad \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(2^i x, 2^i y)}{16^i} \text{ converges}$$

for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. If the function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is an even function which satisfies

$$(4.14) \quad |D_f(x, y)| \leq \phi(x, y) \quad (x, y \in \mathbb{R}),$$

and $f(0) = 0$, then there exists a unique function $Q : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying the equation (1.13) and the inequality

$$(4.15) \quad |f(y) - Q(y)| \leq \frac{1}{960} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{2\phi(3(2^i y), 2^i y) + 2\phi(2(2^i y), 2^i y) + \phi(0, 2(2^i y)) + 18\phi(2^i y, 2^i y) + 44\phi(0, 2^i y)}{16^i}$$

for all $y \in \mathbb{R}$, where the function Q is defined by

$$(4.16) \quad Q(y) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(2^n y)}{16^n}$$

for all $y \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. Putting $x = 3y$ in (4.14) and using $f(0) = 0$, we have

$$(4.17) \quad |f(6y) + f(5y) - 13f(4y) + 22f(3y) - 25f(2y) + 25f(y)| \leq \phi(3y, y).$$

Putting $x = 2y$ in (4.14). Since $f(0) = 0$ and f is even, we have

$$(4.18) \quad |f(5y) + f(4y) - 13f(3y) + 10f(2y) + 12f(y)| \leq \phi(2y, y).$$

From (4.17) and (4.18), we obtain

$$(4.19) \quad |f(6y) - 14f(4y) + 35f(3y) - 35f(2y) + 13f(y)| \leq \phi(3y, y) + \phi(2y, y).$$

Putting $x = 0$ in (4.14). By using $f(0) = 0$ and f is even, we have

$$(4.20) \quad |2f(3y) - 10f(2y) - 2f(y)| \leq \phi(0, y).$$

That is,

$$(4.21) \quad |f(3y) - 5f(2y) - f(y)| \leq \frac{\phi(0, y)}{2}.$$

Replacing y by $2y$ in (4.21), we obtain

$$(4.22) \quad |f(6y) - 5f(4y) - f(2y)| \leq \frac{\phi(0, 2y)}{2}.$$

From (4.19) and (4.22), we obtain

$$(4.23) \quad \begin{aligned} & |-9f(4y) + 35f(3y) - 34f(2y) + 13f(y)| \\ & \leq \phi(3y, y) + \phi(2y, y) + \frac{\phi(0, 2y)}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Putting $x = y$ in (4.14). By using $f(0) = 0$ and f is even, we have

$$(4.24) \quad |f(4y) + f(3y) - 24f(2y) + 47f(y)| \leq \phi(y, y).$$

Thus,

$$(4.25) \quad |9f(4y) + 9f(3y) - 216f(2y) + 423f(y)| \leq 9\phi(y, y).$$

From (4.23) and (4.25), we obtain

$$(4.26) \quad \begin{aligned} & |44f(3y) - 250f(2y) + 436f(y)| \\ & \leq \phi(3y, y) + \phi(2y, y) + \frac{\phi(0, 2y)}{2} + 9\phi(y, y). \end{aligned}$$

From (4.21), we have

$$(4.27) \quad |44f(3y) - 220f(2y) - 44f(y)| \leq 22\phi(0, y).$$

From (4.26) and (4.27), we obtain

$$(4.28) \quad \begin{aligned} & | -30f(2y) + 480f(y) | \\ & \leq \phi(3y, y) + \phi(2y, y) + \frac{\phi(0, 2y)}{2} + 9\phi(y, y) + 22\phi(0, y). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$(4.29) \quad \begin{aligned} & |f(2y) - 16f(y)| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{30} [\phi(3y, y) + \phi(2y, y) + \frac{\phi(0, 2y)}{2} + 9\phi(y, y) + 22\phi(0, y)]. \end{aligned}$$

Dividing by 16 in (4.29), we have

$$(4.30) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(2y)}{16} - f(y) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{960} [2\phi(3y, y) + 2\phi(2y, y) + \phi(0, 2y) + 18\phi(y, y) + 44\phi(0, y)]. \end{aligned}$$

Replacing y by $2y$ in (4.30) and dividing this by 16, we obtain

$$(4.31) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(2^2y)}{(16)^2} - \frac{f(2y)}{16} \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{960} \left[\frac{2\phi(3(2y), 2y) + 2\phi(2(2y), 2y) + \phi(0, 2(2y)) + 18\phi(2y, 2y) + 44\phi(0, 2y)}{16} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

From the equations (4.30) and (4.31), we have

$$(4.32) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(2^2y)}{(16)^2} - f(y) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{960} \left[\frac{2\phi(3(2y), 2y) + 2\phi(2(2y), 2y) + \phi(0, 2(2y)) + 18\phi(2y, 2y) + 44\phi(0, 2y)}{16} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + 2\phi(3y, y) + 2\phi(2y, y) + \phi(0, 2y) + 18\phi(y, y) + 44\phi(0, y) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Using the mathematical induction, we can extend (4.32) to

$$(4.33) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(2^n y)}{16^n} - f(y) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{960} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{2\phi(3(2^i y), 2^i y) + 2\phi(2(2^i y), 2^i y) + \phi(0, 2(2^i y)) + 18\phi(2^i y, 2^i y) + 44\phi(0, 2^i y)}{16^i} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{960} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{2\phi(3(2^i y), 2^i y) + 2\phi(2(2^i y), 2^i y) + \phi(0, 2(2^i y)) + 18\phi(2^i y, 2^i y) + 44\phi(0, 2^i y)}{16^i} \end{aligned}$$

for all $y \in \mathbb{R}$ and for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Next, we will show that $\{\frac{f(2^n y)}{16^n}\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. For integers $m, n > 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| \frac{f(2^{n+m}y)}{16^{n+m}} - \frac{f(2^m y)}{16^m} \right| = \frac{1}{16^m} \left| \frac{1(2^n 2^m y)}{16^n} - f(2^m y) \right| \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{16^m} \cdot \frac{1}{960} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{16^i} [2\phi(3(2^i 2^m y), 2^i 2^m y) + 2\phi(2(2^i 2^m y), 2^i 2^m y) \\
 & \quad + \phi(0, 2(2^i 2^m y)) + 18\phi(2^i 2^m y, 2^i 2^m y) + 44\phi(0, 2^i 2^m y)]. \\
 & = \frac{1}{960} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{16^{i+m}} [2\phi(3(2^{i+m} y), 2^{i+m} y) + 2\phi(2(2^{i+m} y), 2^{i+m} y) \\
 (4.34) \quad & + \phi(0, 2(2^{i+m} y)) + 18\phi(2^{i+m} y, 2^{i+m} y) + 44\phi(0, 2^{i+m} y)].
 \end{aligned}$$

Since the right-hand side of (4.34) converges (for any fixed y) to 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$, then the sequence $\{\frac{f(2^n y)}{16^n}\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Since \mathbb{R} is complete, there exists a function $Q : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$Q(y) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(2^n y)}{16^n}$$

for all $y \in \mathbb{R}$. From (4.33), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(2^n y)}{16^n} - f(y) \right| \\
 (4.35) \quad & \leq \frac{1}{960} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{2\phi(3(2^i y), 2^i y) + 2\phi(2(2^i y), 2^i y) + \phi(0, 2(2^i y)) + 18\phi(2^i y, 2^i y) + 44\phi(0, 2^i y)}{16^i}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |f(y) - Q(y)| \\
 (4.36) \quad & \leq \frac{1}{960} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{2\phi(3(2^i y), 2^i y) + 2\phi(2(2^i y), 2^i y) + \phi(0, 2(2^i y)) + 18\phi(2^i y, 2^i y) + 44\phi(0, 2^i y)}{16^i}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Next, we claim that Q satisfies the equation (1.13). Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 & D_Q(x, y) \\
 & = Q(x + 3y) + Q(x - 3y) + Q(x + 2y) + Q(x - 2y) + 22Q(x) \\
 & \quad - 13Q(x + y) - 13Q(x - y) + 24Q(y) - 12Q(2y) \\
 & = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{16^n} [f(2^n(x + 3y)) + f(2^n(x - 3y)) + f(2^n(x + 2y)) + f(2^n(x - 2y)) \\
 & \quad + 22f(2^n x) - 13f(2^n(x + y)) - 13f(2^n(x - y)) + 24f(2^n y) - 12f(2^n y)] \\
 & = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{D_f(2^n x, 2^n y)}{16^n}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we obtain

$$|D_Q(x, y)| \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{16^n} |D_f(2^n x, 2^n y)| \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi(2^n x, 2^n y)}{16^n} = 0$$

for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. This means that Q satisfies (1.13).

To prove the uniqueness of Q , suppose that there exists a function $S : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying (1.13) and (4.15). Note that Theorem 1.4 gives us $Q(2^n y) = 16^n Q(y)$ and $S(2^n y) = 16^n S(y)$ for all $y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} |Q(y) - S(y)| &= \left| \frac{Q(2^n y)}{16^n} - \frac{S(2^n y)}{16^n} \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{16^n} |Q(2^n y) - S(2^n y)| \\ &= \frac{1}{16^n} |Q(2^n y) - f(2^n y) + f(2^n y) - S(2^n y)| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{16^n} |Q(2^n y) - f(2^n y)| + \frac{1}{16^n} |f(2^n y) - S(2^n y)| \\ &\leq \frac{2}{16^n} \cdot \frac{1}{960} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{16^i} [2\phi(3(2^i 2^n y), 2^i 2^n y) + 2\phi(2(2^i 2^n y), 2^i 2^n y) \\ &\quad + \phi(0, 2(2^i 2^n y)) + 18\phi(2^i 2^n y, 2^i 2^n y) + 44\phi(0, 2^i 2^n y)] \\ &\leq \frac{2}{960} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{16^{i+n}} [2\phi(3(2^{i+n} y), 2^{i+n} y) + 2\phi(2(2^{i+n} y), 2^{i+n} y) \\ &\quad + \phi(0, 2(2^{i+n} y)) + 18\phi(2^{i+n} y, 2^{i+n} y) + 44\phi(0, 2^{i+n} y)] \end{aligned} \tag{4.37}$$

for all $y \in \mathbb{R}$. Since the right-hand side of (4.37) converges to 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$, this completes the proof. \square

Theorem 4.3. Let $\phi : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a function such that

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(2^i x, 2^i y)}{2^i} \text{ converges} \tag{4.38}$$

for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. If the function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies

$$|D_f(x, y)| \leq \phi(x, y) \tag{4.39}$$

for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $f(0) = 0$, then there exists a unique additive function $A : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and a unique quartic function $Q : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ which satisfies the equation (1.13) and the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} &|f(y) - A(y) - Q(y)| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{48} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{\phi(0, 2^i y) + \phi(0, -2^i y)}{2^i} + \frac{1}{40 \times 16^i} [2\phi(3(2^i y), 2^i y) \right. \\ &\quad + 2\phi(3(-2^i y), -2^i y) + 2\phi(2(2^i y), 2^i y) + 2\phi(2(-2^i y), -2^i y) \\ &\quad \left. + \phi(0, 2(2^i y)) + \phi(0, 2(-2^i y)) + 18\phi(2^i y, 2^i y) + 18\phi(-2^i y, -2^i y) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$(4.40) \quad + 44\phi(0, 2^i y) + 44\phi(0, -2^i y)]$$

for all $y \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. Since

$$\begin{aligned} & f_o(x+3y) + f_o(x-3y) + f_o(x+2y) + f_o(x-2y) + 22f_o(x) \\ & \quad - 13[f_o(x+y) + f_o(x-y)] + 24f_o(y) - 12f_o(2y) \\ = & \frac{1}{2}[f(x+3y) + f(x-3y) + f(x+2y) + f(x-2y) + 22f(x) \\ & \quad - 13[f(x+y) + f(x-y)] + 24f(y) - 12f(2y) \\ & \quad - [f(-(x+3y)) + f(-(x-3y)) + f(-(x+2y)) + f(-(x-2y))] \\ & \quad + 22f(-x) - 13[f(-(x+y)) + f(-(x-y))] \\ (4.41) \quad & + 24f(-y) - 12f(-2y)]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |D_{f_o}(x, y)| &= \frac{1}{2} [|D_f(x, y) - D_f(-x, -y)|] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} [|D_f(x, y)| + |D_f(-x, -y)|] \\ (4.42) \quad &\leq \frac{1}{2} [\phi(x, y) + \phi(-x, -y)]. \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$(4.43) \quad |D_{f_o}(x, y)| \leq \frac{1}{2} [\phi(x, y) + \phi(-x, -y)]$$

for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. Since f_o is odd, then by Theorem 4.1, there exists a unique additive function $A : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying

$$(4.44) \quad |f_o(y) - A(y)| \leq \frac{1}{24} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(0, 2^i y) + \phi(0, -2^i y)}{2 \times 2^i}$$

for all $y \in \mathbb{R}$. Since

$$\begin{aligned} & f_e(x+3y) + f_e(x-3y) + f_e(x+2y) + f_e(x-2y) + 22f_e(x) \\ & \quad - 13[f_e(x+y) + f_e(x-y)] + 24f_e(y) - 12f_e(2y) \\ = & \frac{1}{2}[f(x+3y) + f(x-3y) + f(x+2y) + f(x-2y) + 22f(x) \\ & \quad - 13[f(x+y) + f(x-y)] + 24f(y) - 12f(2y) \\ & \quad + f(-(x+3y)) + f(-(x-3y)) + f(-(x+2y)) + f(-(x-2y))] \\ & \quad + 22f(-x) - 13[f(-(x+y)) + f(-(x-y))] \\ (4.45) \quad & + 24f(-y) - 12f(-2y)] = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we obtain

$$|D_{f_e}(x, y)| = \frac{1}{2} [|D_f(x, y) + D_f(-x, -y)|]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \frac{1}{2}[|D_f(x, y)| + |D_f(-x, -y)|] \\
 (4.46) \quad &\leq \frac{1}{2}[\phi(x, y) + \phi(-x, -y)].
 \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$(4.47) \quad |D_{f_e}(x, y)| \leq \frac{1}{2}[\phi(x, y) + \phi(-x, -y)]$$

for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. Since f_e is even and $f(0) = 0$, then by Theorem 4.2, there exists a unique quartic function $Q : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying

$$\begin{aligned}
 &|f_e(y) - Q(y)| \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{960} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2 \times 16^i} [2\phi(3(2^i y), 2^i y) + 2\phi(2(2^i y), 2^i y) + \phi(0, 2(2^i y)) \\
 &\quad + 18\phi(2^i y, 2^i y) + 44\phi(0, 2^i y) + 2\phi(3(-2^i y), -2^i y) + 2\phi(2(-2^i y), -2^i y) \\
 (4.48) \quad &+ \phi(0, 2(-2^i y)) + 18\phi(-2^i y, -2^i y) + 44\phi(0, -2^i y)]
 \end{aligned}$$

for all $y \in \mathbb{R}$. Combining (4.44) and (4.48), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 &|f_o(y) - A(y)| + |f_e(y) - Q(y)| \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{24} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(0, 2^i y) + \phi(0, -2^i y)}{2 \times 2^i} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{960} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2 \times 16^i} [2\phi(3(2^i y), 2^i y) + 2\phi(2(2^i y), 2^i y) \\
 &\quad + \phi(0, 2(2^i y)) + 18\phi(2^i y, 2^i y) + 44\phi(0, 2^i y) + 2\phi(3(-2^i y), -2^i y) \\
 (4.49) \quad &+ 2\phi(2(-2^i y), -2^i y) + \phi(0, 2(-2^i y)) + 18\phi(-2^i y, -2^i y) + 44\phi(0, -2^i y)].
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &|f_o(y) - A(y) + f_e(y) - Q(y)| \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{48} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{\phi(0, 2^i y) + \phi(0, -2^i y)}{2^i} + \frac{1}{40} \cdot \frac{1}{16^i} [2\phi(3(2^i y), 2^i y) \right. \\
 &\quad + 2\phi(2(2^i y), 2^i y) + \phi(0, 2(2^i y)) + 18\phi(2^i y, 2^i y) + 44\phi(0, 2^i y) \\
 &\quad + 2\phi(3(-2^i y), -2^i y) + 2\phi(2(-2^i y), -2^i y) + \phi(0, 2(-2^i y)) \\
 (4.50) \quad &\left. + 18\phi(-2^i y, -2^i y) + 44\phi(0, -2^i y)] \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &|f(y) - A(y) - Q(y)| \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{48} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{\phi(0, 2^i y) + \phi(0, -2^i y)}{2^i} + \frac{1}{40 \times 16^i} [2\phi(3(2^i y), 2^i y) \right. \\
 &\quad + 2\phi(3(-2^i y), -2^i y) + 2\phi(2(2^i y), 2^i y) + 2\phi(2(-2^i y), -2^i y)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(4.51) \quad + \phi(0, 2(2^i y)) + \phi(0, 2(-2^i y)) + 18\phi(2^i y, 2^i y) + 18\phi(-2^i y, -2^i y) \\ + 44\phi(0, 2^i y) + 44\phi(0, -2^i y)].$$

This completes the proof of the theorem. \square

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