# ORTHOGONAL STABILITY OF AN EULER-LAGRANGE-JENSEN $(a, b)$-CUBIC FUNCTIONAL EQUATION 

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we introduce a new generalized ( $a, b$ )-cubic Euler-LagrangeJensen functional equation and obtain its general solution. Furthermore, we prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of the new generalized $(a, b)$-cubic Euler-Lagrange-Jensen functional equation in orthogonality normed spaces.


## 1. Introduction

The following question concerning the stability of homomorphisms was raised by Ulam [20].

Let $G$ be a group and $G^{\prime}$ be a metric group with metric $\rho(.$, .). Given $\epsilon>0$ does there exist a $\delta>0$ such that if a function $f: G \rightarrow G^{\prime}$ satisfies the inequality $\rho(f(x y), f(x) f(y))<\delta$ for all $x, y \in G$, then there exists a homomorphism $h: G \rightarrow$ $G^{\prime}$ exists with $\rho(f(x), h(x))<\epsilon$ for all $x \in G$ ?

In 1941, Hyers [8] proved the following celebrated theorem as a partial solution to Ulam's question.

Theorem 1 ([8]). Assume that $E_{1}$ and $E_{2}$ are Banach spaces. If a mapping $f$ : $E_{1} \rightarrow E_{2}$ satisfies the inequality

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

for some $\epsilon \geq 0$ and for all $x, y \in E_{1}$, then the limit

$$
a(x)=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{-n} f\left(2^{n} x\right)
$$

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exists for each $x$ in $E_{1}$ and $a: E_{1} \rightarrow E_{2}$ is the unique additive mapping such that

$$
\|f(x)-a(x)\| \leq \epsilon
$$

for all $x \in E_{1}$.
In 1978, Th. M. Rassias [16] provided a generalized solution to Ulam's problem where he used the controlled function as the sum of powers of norms. In 1982, J. M. Rassias [13] generalized the Hyers stability result by presenting a weaker condition controlled by a product of different powers of norms. Later, J. M. Rassias et al. [17] discussed the stability of quadratic functional equation by using the mixed powers of norms. See $[1,2,5,7,10,11,12,19]$ for more information on functional equations and functional inequalities and their stability.

Ger and Sikorska discussed the orthogonal stability of the Cauchy functional equation in [6]. The orthogonally quadratic functional equation was generalized by Drljevic [3], Fochi [4] and Szabo [18].

Definition 1. A vector space $X$ is called an orthogonality vector space if there is a relation $x \perp y$ on $X$ such that
(i) totality of $\perp$ for zero: $x \perp 0,0 \perp x$ for all $x \in X$;
(ii) independence: if $x \perp y$ and $x, y \neq 0$, then $x, y$ are linearly independent;
(iii) homogeneity: if $x \perp y$, then $a x \perp$ by for all $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$;
(iv) the Thalesian property: if $P$ is a two-dimensional subspace of $X$, then
(a) for every $x \in P$ there exists $0 \neq y \in P$ such that $x \perp y$;
(b) there exist vectors $x, y \neq 0$ such that $x \perp y$ and $x+y \perp x-y$.

Any vector space can be made into an orthogonality vector space if we define $x \perp$ $0,0 \perp x$ for all $x$ and for nonzero vector $x, y$ define $x \perp y$ if and only if $x, y$ are linearly independent. The relation $\perp$ is called symmetric if $x \perp y$ implies that $y \perp x$ for all $x, y \in X$.

Definition 2. The pair $(x, \perp)$ is called an orthogonality space. It becomes orthogonality normed space when the orthogonality space is equipped with a norm.
J. M. Rassias $[14,15]$ investigated the stability of Euler-Lagrange type quadratic functional equation

$$
f(r x+s y)+f(s x-r y)=\left(r^{2}+s^{2}\right)[f(x)+f(y)]
$$

for fixed real numbers $r, s$ with $r \neq 0, s \neq 0$.

In 2007, Jun and Kim [9] introduced the following generalized Euler-Lagrange type cubic functional equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
f(a x+b y)+f(b x+a y)=(a+b)(a-b)^{2}[f(x)+f(y)]+a b(a+b) f(x+y) \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

for fixed integers $a, b$ with $a \neq 0, b \neq 0, a \pm b \neq 0$.
In this paper, we investigate the various stabilities related to Ulam problem of the following $(a, b)$-cubic Euler-Lagrange-Jensen functional equation

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{a^{3}}{a+b} f\left(x+\frac{b}{a} y\right)+\frac{b^{3}}{a+b} f\left(x+\frac{a}{b} y\right)  \tag{1.2}\\
& \quad=(a-b)^{2}(f(x)+f(y))+\frac{a b}{8} f(2 x+2 y)
\end{align*}
$$

for integers $a=2^{p}$ or $a=3^{p}$ and $b=2^{q}$ or $b=3^{q}$ with $a \neq b$ and $a+b \neq 1$ for integers $p, q$ in the concept of orthogonality normed spaces.

Definition 3. A mapping $f: A \rightarrow B$ is called orthogonal Euler-Lagrange-Jensen type cubic if it satisfies the functional equation (1.2) for all $x, y \in A$ with $x \perp y$ where $A$ is an orthogonality space and $B$ is a real Banach space.

Throughout this paper, let $(A, \perp)$ denote an orthogonality normed space with norm $\|\cdot\|_{A}$ and $\left(B,\|\cdot\|_{B}\right)$ be a Banach space. We define

$$
\begin{gathered}
E_{f}(x, y)=\frac{a^{3}}{a+b} f\left(x+\frac{b}{a} y\right)+\frac{b^{3}}{a+b} f\left(x+\frac{a}{b} y\right) \\
-(a-b)^{2}(f(x)+f(y))-\frac{a b}{8} f(2 x+2 y)
\end{gathered}
$$

for all $x, y \in A$ with $x \perp y$. Assume that $a=2^{p}$ or $a=3^{p}$ and $b=2^{q}$ or $b=3^{q}$ with $a \neq b$ and $a+b \neq 1$ for integers $p, q$.

## 2. General Solution of $(a, b)$-Cubic Euler-Lagrange-Jensen Functional Equation

Theorem 2. Let $X$ and $Y$ be real vector spaces. An odd mapping $f: X \rightarrow Y$ satisfies the ( $a, b$ )-cubic Euler-Lagrange-Jensen functional equation (1.2) if and only if it satisfies the functional equation (1.1).

Proof. Suppose that a mapping $f: X \rightarrow Y$ satisfies (1.2). Putting $x=y=0$ in (1.2), we get $f(0)=0$. Let $y=0$ in (1.2), we obtain

$$
\frac{a^{3}}{a+b} f(x)+\frac{b^{3}}{a+b} f(x)=(a-b)^{2} f(x)+\frac{a b}{8} f(2 x)
$$

and so

$$
\begin{equation*}
f(2 x)=8 f(x) \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $x \in X$. Replacing $x$ by $2 x$ in (2.1) and again using (2.1), we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
f(4 x)=64 f(x) \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $x \in X$. It follows from (2.1) and (2.2) that

$$
\begin{equation*}
f\left(2^{p} x\right)=2^{3 p} f(x) \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $x \in X$ and all integers $p$. Replacing $x$ by $3 x$ in (2.1) and using (2.3), we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
f(3 x)=27 f(x) \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $x \in X$. It follows from (2.4) that

$$
f\left(3^{p} x\right)=3^{3 p} f(x)
$$

for all $x \in X$ and all integers $p$. So we conclude that

$$
f(a x)=a^{3} f(x)
$$

for all $x \in X$ and all $a=2^{p}$ or $a=3^{p}$.
Similarly, we can obtain that

$$
f(b x)=b^{3} f(x)
$$

for all $x \in X$ and all $b=2^{q}$ or $b=3^{q}$. Replacing $y$ by $a b y$ in (1.2) and in the resultant again replacing $x$ by $y$ and $y$ by $x$, we have

$$
\begin{align*}
& a^{3} f\left(b^{2} x+y\right)+b^{3} f\left(a^{2} x+y\right)  \tag{2.5}\\
& \quad=(a+b)(a-b)^{2}(f(a b x)+f(y))+\frac{a b(a+b)}{8} f(2 a b x+2 y)
\end{align*}
$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Replacing $y$ by $-y$ and using the oddness of $f$, we obtain

$$
\begin{align*}
& a^{3} f\left(b^{2} x-y\right)+b^{3} f\left(a^{2} x-y\right)  \tag{2.6}\\
& \quad=(a+b)(a-b)^{2}(f(a b x)-f(y))+\frac{a b(a+b)}{8} f(2 a b x-2 y)
\end{align*}
$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Adding (2.5) and (2.6), we get

$$
\begin{align*}
& a^{3}\left(f\left(b^{2} x+y\right)+f\left(b^{2} x-y\right)\right)+b^{3}\left(f\left(a^{2} x+y\right)+f\left(a^{2} x-y\right)\right)  \tag{2.7}\\
& \quad=2(a+b)(a-b)^{2} f(a b x)+\frac{a b(a+b)}{8}(f(2 a b x+2 y)+f(2 a b x-2 y))
\end{align*}
$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Replacing $y$ by aby in (2.7), we get

$$
\begin{align*}
& f(a x+b y)+f(a x-b y)+f(b x+a y)+f(b x-a y)  \tag{2.8}\\
& \quad=2(a+b)(a-b)^{2} f(x)+a b(a+b)[f(x+y)+f(x-y)]
\end{align*}
$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Replacing $x$ by $y$ and $y$ by $x$ in (2.8) and again adding the resultant with (2.8) and using the oddness of $f$, we obtain (1.1).

Conversely, assume $f$ satisfies the functional equation (1.1). Letting $y=0$ in (1.1), we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
f(a x)=a^{3} f(x) \text { if and only if } f(b x)=b^{3} f(x) \tag{2.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $x \in X$. Using (2.9) and (1.1), we have

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{a^{3}}{a+b} f\left(x+\frac{b}{a} y\right)+\frac{b^{3}}{a+b} f\left(x+\frac{a}{b} y\right)  \tag{2.10}\\
& \quad=(a-b)^{2}(f(x)+f(y))+a b f(x+y)
\end{align*}
$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Replacing $(x, y)$ by $(2 x, 2 y)$ in (2.10) and using (2.9), we obtain (1.2).

## 3. Hyers-Ulam Stability of $(a, b)$-Cubic Euler-Lagrange-Jensen Functional Equation

Theorem 3. Let $\mu$ and $s(s<3)$ be nonnegative real numbers. Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be a mapping fulfilling

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|E_{f}(x, y)\right\|_{B} \leq \mu\left\{\|x\|_{A}^{s}+\|y\|_{A}^{s}\right\} \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $x, y \in A$ with $x \perp y$. Then there exists a unique orthogonally Euler-LagrangeJensen type cubic mapping $C: A \rightarrow B$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|f(x)-C(x)\|_{B} \leq \frac{8 \mu}{a b\left(8-2^{s}\right)}\|x\|_{A}^{s} \tag{3.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $x \in A$. The mapping $C(x)$ is defined by

$$
C(x)=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f\left(2^{n} x\right)}{8^{n}}
$$

for all $x \in A$.
Proof. Letting $x=y=0$ in (3.1), we get $f(0)=0$. Setting $y=0$ in (3.1), we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|a b\left(\frac{f(2 x)}{8}-f(x)\right)\right\|_{B} \leq \mu\left(\|x\|_{A}^{s}\right) \tag{3.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $x \in A$. Since $x \perp 0$, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|\frac{f(2 x)}{8}-f(x)\right\|_{B} \leq \frac{\mu}{a b}\|x\|_{A}^{S} \tag{3.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $x \in A$. Now replacing $x$ by $2 x$ and dividing by 8 in (3.4) and summing the resulting inequality with (3.4), we obtain

$$
\left\|\frac{f\left(2^{2} x\right)}{8^{2}}-f(x)\right\|_{B} \leq \frac{\mu}{a b}\left\{1+\frac{2^{s}}{8}\right\}\|x\|_{A}^{s}
$$

for all $x \in A$. In general, using induction on a positive integer $n$ we obtain that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|\frac{f\left(2^{n} x\right)}{8^{n}}-f(x)\right\|_{B} \leq \frac{\mu}{a b} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{2^{s k}}{8^{k}}\|x\|_{A}^{s} \leq \frac{\mu}{a b} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{s k}}{8^{k}}\|x\|_{A}^{s} \tag{3.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $x \in A$. In order to prove the convergence of the sequence $\left\{\frac{f\left(2^{n} x\right)}{8^{n}}\right\}$, replacing $x$ by $2^{m} x$ and dividing by $8^{m}$ in (3.5), for any $n, m>0$, we obtain

$$
\begin{align*}
\left\|\frac{f\left(2^{n} 2^{m} x\right)}{8^{(n+m)}}-\frac{f\left(2^{m} x\right)}{8^{m}}\right\|_{B} & =\frac{1}{8^{m}}\left\|\frac{f\left(2^{n} 2^{m} x\right)}{8^{n}}-f\left(2^{m} x\right)\right\|_{B} \\
& \leq \frac{1}{8^{m}} \frac{\mu}{a b} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{2^{s k}}{8^{k}}\left\|2^{m} x\right\|_{A}^{s} \\
& \leq \frac{\mu}{a b} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{(3-s)(k+m)}}\|x\|_{A}^{s} . \tag{3.6}
\end{align*}
$$

Since $s<3$, the right hand side of (3.6) tends to 0 as $m \rightarrow \infty$ for all $x \in A$. Thus $\left\{\frac{f\left(2^{n} x\right)}{8^{n}}\right\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Since $B$ is complete, there exists a mapping $C: A \rightarrow B$ such that

$$
C(x)=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f\left(2^{n} x\right)}{8^{n}} \quad \forall x \in A .
$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (3.5), we get the formula (3.2) for all $x \in A$. To prove $C$ satisfies (1.2), replacing $(x, y)$ by $\left(2^{n} x, 2^{n} y\right)$ in (3.1) and dividing by $8^{n}$, we obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{8^{n}} \| \frac{a^{3}}{a+b} f\left(2^{n}\left(x+\frac{b}{a} y\right)\right)+\frac{b^{3}}{a+b} f\left(2^{n}\left(x+\frac{a}{b} y\right)\right)-(a-b)^{2}\left(f\left(2^{n} x\right)+f\left(2^{n} y\right)\right) \\
& \quad-\frac{a b}{8} f\left(2^{n}(2 x+2 y)\right) \|_{B} \leq \frac{\mu}{8^{n}}\left\{\left\|2^{n} x\right\|_{A}^{s}+\left\|2^{n} y\right\|_{A}^{s}\right\} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Taking the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ in the above inequality, we get

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \| \frac{a^{3}}{a+b} C\left(x+\frac{b}{a} y\right)+\frac{b^{3}}{a+b} C\left(x+\frac{a}{b} y\right) \\
& \quad-(a-b)^{2}(C(x)+C(y))-\frac{a b}{8} C(2 x+2 y) \|_{B} \leq 0,
\end{aligned}
$$

which gives

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \frac{a^{3}}{a+b} C\left(x+\frac{b}{a} y\right)+\frac{b^{3}}{a+b} C\left(x+\frac{a}{b} y\right) \\
& \quad=(a-b)^{2}(C(x)+C(y))+\frac{a b}{8} C(2 x+2 y)
\end{aligned}
$$

for all $x, y \in A$ with $x \perp y$. Therefore $C: A \rightarrow B$ is an orthogonally Euler-LagrangeJensen type cubic mapping which satisfies (1.2).

Let $C^{\prime}$ be another orthogonally Euler-Lagrange-Jensen type cubic mapping satisfying (1.2) and the inequality (3.2). Then

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\|C(x)-C^{\prime}(x)\right\|_{B}= & \frac{1}{8^{n}}\left\|C\left(2^{n} x\right)-C^{\prime}\left(2^{n} x\right)\right\|_{B} \\
\leq & \frac{1}{8^{n}}\left(\left\|C\left(2^{n} x\right)-f\left(2^{n} x\right)\right\|_{B}+\left\|f\left(2^{n} x\right)-C^{\prime}\left(2^{n} x\right)\right\|_{B}\right) \\
\leq & \frac{16 \mu}{a b\left(8-2^{s}\right)} \frac{1}{2^{n(3-s)}}\|x\|_{A}^{s} \\
& \rightarrow 0 \text { as } n \rightarrow \infty
\end{aligned}
$$

for all $x \in A$. Therefore $C$ is unique. This completes the proof of the theorem.
Theorem 4. Let $\mu$ and $s(s>3)$ be nonnegative real numbers. Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be a mapping satisfying (3.1) for all $x, y \in A$ with $x \perp y$. Then there exists a unique orthogonally Euler-Lagrange-Jensen type cubic mapping $C: A \rightarrow B$ such that

$$
\|f(x)-C(x)\|_{B} \leq \frac{8 \mu}{a b\left(2^{s}-8\right)}\|x\|_{A}^{s}
$$

for all $x \in A$. The mapping $C(x)$ is defined by

$$
C(x)=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} 8^{n} f\left(\frac{x}{2^{n}}\right)
$$

for all $x \in A$.
Proof. Replace $x$ by $\frac{x}{2}$ in the inequality (3.3). Then the rest of the proof is similer to that of Theorem 3.

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Theorem 5. Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be a mapping satisfying the inequality

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|E_{f}(x, y)\right\|_{B} \leq \mu\left\{\|x\|_{A}^{2 s}+\|y\|_{A}^{2 s}+\|x\|_{A}^{s}\|y\|_{A}^{s}\right\} \tag{4.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $x, y \in A$ where $\mu$ and $s$ are constants with, $\mu, s>0$ and $s<\frac{3}{2}$. Then the limit

$$
\begin{equation*}
C(x)=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f\left(2^{n} x\right)}{8^{n}} \tag{4.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

exists for all $x \in A$ and $C: A \rightarrow B$ is the unique Euler-Lagrange-Jensen type cubic mapping such that

$$
\|f(x)-C(x)\|_{B} \leq \frac{8 \mu}{a b\left(8-2^{2 s}\right)}\|x\|_{A}^{2 s}
$$

for all $x \in A$.
Proof. Letting $x=y=0$ in (4.1), we get $f(0)=0$. Letting $y=0$ in (4.1), we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|\frac{f(2 x)}{8}-f(x)\right\|_{B} \leq \frac{\mu}{a b}\|x\|_{A}^{2 s} \tag{4.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $x \in A$. Now replacing $x$ by $2 x$ and dividing by 8 in (4.3) and summing the resulting inequality with (4.3), we obtain

$$
\left\|\frac{f\left(2^{2} x\right)}{8^{2}}-f(x)\right\|_{B} \leq \frac{\mu}{a b}\left\{1+\frac{2^{2 s}}{8}\right\}\|x\|_{A}^{2 s}
$$

for all $x \in A$. Using induction on positive integers $n$, we obtain that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|\frac{f\left(2^{n} x\right)}{8^{n}}-f(x)\right\|_{B} \leq \frac{\mu}{a b} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1}\left(\frac{2^{2 s}}{8}\right)^{k}\|x\|_{A}^{2 s} \leq \frac{\mu}{a b} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\left(\frac{2^{2 s}}{8}\right)^{k}\|x\|_{A}^{2 s} \tag{4.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $x \in A$. In order to prove the convergence of the sequence $\left\{\frac{f\left(2^{n} x\right)}{8^{n}}\right\}$, replacing $x$ by $2^{m} x$ and dividing by $8^{m}$ in (4.4), for any $n, m>0$, we obtain

$$
\begin{align*}
\left\|\frac{f\left(2^{n} 2^{m} x\right)}{8^{(n+m)}}-\frac{f\left(2^{m} x\right)}{8^{m}}\right\|_{B} & =\frac{1}{8^{m}}\left\|\frac{f\left(2^{n} 2^{m} x\right)}{8^{n}}-f\left(2^{m} x\right)\right\|_{B} \\
& \leq \frac{1}{8^{m}} \frac{\mu}{a b} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1}\left(\frac{2^{2 s}}{8}\right)^{k}\left\|2^{m} x\right\|_{A}^{2 s} \\
& \leq \frac{\mu}{a b} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{(3-2 s)(k+m)}}\|x\|_{A}^{2 s} \tag{4.5}
\end{align*}
$$

Since $s<\frac{3}{2}$, the right hand side of (4.5) tends to 0 as $m \rightarrow \infty$ for all $x \in A$. Thus $\left\{\frac{f\left(2^{n} x\right)}{8^{n}}\right\}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Since $B$ is complete, there exists a mapping $C: A \rightarrow B$ such that

$$
C(x)=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f\left(2^{n} x\right)}{8^{n}} \quad \forall x \in A .
$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (4.4), we get the formula (4.2) for all $x \in A$.
The rest of the proof is similar to that of Theorem 3.

Theorem 6. Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be a mapping satisfying the inequality (4.1) for all $x, y \in A$ where $\mu$ and $s$ are constants with, $\mu, s>0$ and $s>\frac{3}{2}$. Then the limit

$$
C(x)=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} 8^{n} f\left(\frac{x}{2^{n}}\right)
$$

exists for all $x \in A$ and $C: A \rightarrow B$ is the unique Euler-Lagrange-Jensen type cubic mapping such that

$$
\|f(x)-C(x)\|_{B} \leq \frac{8 \mu}{a b\left(2^{2 s}-8\right)}\|x\|_{A}^{2 s}
$$

for all $x \in A$.
Proof. Replace $x$ by $\frac{x}{2}$ in (4.3). Then the proof is similar to that of Theorem 5.

## 5. Conclusion

In this paper, we have introduced a new generalized $(a, b)$-cubic Euler-LagrangeJensen functional equation and obtained its general solution. Furthermore, we have proved the Hyers-Ulam of the generalized ( $a, b$ )-cubic Euler-Lagrange-Jensen functional equation in orthogonality normed spaces.

## Declarations

## Availablity of data and materials

Not applicable.

## Human and animal rights

We would like to mention that this article does not contain any studies with animals and does not involve any studies over human being.

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