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-Lagrange-Jensen 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' be a metric group with metric $\rho(., .)$. Given $\epsilon > 0$ does there exist a $\delta > 0$ such that if a function $f: G \to G'$ satisfies the inequality $\rho(f(xy), f(x)f(y)) < \delta$ for all $x, y \in G$, then there exists a homomorphism $h: G \to G'$ 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 $f : E_1 \to E_2$ satisfies the inequality

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

for some $\epsilon \geq 0$ and for all $x, y \in E_1$, then the limit

$$a(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} 2^{-n} f(2^n x)$$

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exists for each x in E_1 and $a: E_1 \to E_2$ is the unique additive mapping such that

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

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 $ax \perp by$ 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

 $f(rx + sy) + f(sx - ry) = (r^2 + s^2) [f(x) + f(y)]$

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

(1.1)
$$f(ax + by) + f(bx + ay) = (a + b)(a - b)^2 [f(x) + f(y)] + ab(a + b)f(x + y)$$

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

(1.2)
$$\frac{a^3}{a+b}f\left(x+\frac{b}{a}y\right) + \frac{b^3}{a+b}f\left(x+\frac{a}{b}y\right) = (a-b)^2\left(f(x)+f(y)\right) + \frac{ab}{8}f\left(2x+2y\right)$$

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 $f : A \to B$ 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 $(B, \|\cdot\|_B)$ be a Banach space. We define

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

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 $f : X \to Y$ 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 $f : X \to Y$ satisfies (1.2). Putting x = y = 0 in (1.2), we get f(0) = 0. Let y = 0 in (1.2), we obtain

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

and so

$$(2.1) f(2x) = 8f(x)$$

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

(2.2)
$$f(4x) = 64f(x)$$

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

(2.3)
$$f(2^p x) = 2^{3p} f(x)$$

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

(2.4)
$$f(3x) = 27f(x)$$

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

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

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

$$f(ax) = a^3 f(x)$$

for all $x \in X$ and all $a = 2^p$ or $a = 3^p$.

Similarly, we can obtain that

$$f(bx) = b^3 f(x)$$

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

(2.5)
$$a^{3}f(b^{2}x+y) + b^{3}f(a^{2}x+y) = (a+b)(a-b)^{2}(f(abx) + f(y)) + \frac{ab(a+b)}{8}f(2abx+2y)$$

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

(2.6)
$$a^{3}f(b^{2}x - y) + b^{3}f(a^{2}x - y) = (a + b)(a - b)^{2}(f(abx) - f(y)) + \frac{ab(a + b)}{8}f(2abx - 2y)$$

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

$$(2.7) \quad a^{3} \left(f \left(b^{2} x + y \right) + f \left(b^{2} x - y \right) \right) + b^{3} \left(f \left(a^{2} x + y \right) + f \left(a^{2} x - y \right) \right) \\ = 2(a+b)(a-b)^{2} f(abx) + \frac{ab(a+b)}{8} \left(f \left(2abx + 2y \right) + f \left(2abx - 2y \right) \right)$$

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

(2.8)
$$f(ax + by) + f(ax - by) + f(bx + ay) + f(bx - ay)$$
$$= 2(a + b)(a - b)^2 f(x) + ab(a + b) [f(x + y) + f(x - y)]$$

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

(2.9)
$$f(ax) = a^3 f(x) \text{ if and only if } f(bx) = b^3 f(x)$$

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

(2.10)
$$\frac{a^3}{a+b}f\left(x+\frac{b}{a}y\right) + \frac{b^3}{a+b}f\left(x+\frac{a}{b}y\right)$$
$$= (a-b)^2\left(f(x)+f(y)\right) + abf\left(x+y\right)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Replacing (x, y) by (2x, 2y) 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 μ and s(s < 3) be nonnegative real numbers. Let $f : A \to B$ be a mapping fulfilling

(3.1)
$$\|E_f(x,y)\|_B \le \mu \{\|x\|_A^s + \|y\|_A^s\}$$

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

(3.2)
$$\|f(x) - C(x)\|_B \le \frac{8\mu}{ab(8-2^s)} \|x\|_A^s$$

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

$$C(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{f(2^n x)}{8^n}$$

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

(3.3)
$$\left\|ab\left(\frac{f(2x)}{8} - f(x)\right)\right\|_{B} \le \mu(\|x\|_{A}^{s})$$

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

(3.4)
$$\left\|\frac{f(2x)}{8} - f(x)\right\|_{B} \le \frac{\mu}{ab} \|x\|_{A}^{s}$$

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

$$\left\|\frac{f(2^2x)}{8^2} - f(x)\right\|_B \le \frac{\mu}{ab} \left\{1 + \frac{2^s}{8}\right\} \|x\|_A^s$$

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

(3.5)
$$\left\|\frac{f(2^n x)}{8^n} - f(x)\right\|_B \le \frac{\mu}{ab} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{2^{sk}}{8^k} \|x\|_A^s \le \frac{\mu}{ab} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{sk}}{8^k} \|x\|_A^s$$

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

(3.6)
$$\left\|\frac{f\left(2^{n}2^{m}x\right)}{8^{(n+m)}} - \frac{f(2^{m}x)}{8^{m}}\right\|_{B} = \frac{1}{8^{m}} \left\|\frac{f\left(2^{n}2^{m}x\right)}{8^{n}} - f\left(2^{m}x\right)\right\|_{B}$$
$$\leq \frac{1}{8^{m}}\frac{\mu}{ab}\sum_{k=0}^{n-1}\frac{2^{s\,k}}{8^{k}}\left\|2^{m}x\right\|_{A}^{s}$$
$$\leq \frac{\mu}{ab}\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\frac{1}{2^{(3-s)(k+m)}}\left\|x\right\|_{A}^{s}.$$

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

$$C(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{f(2^n x)}{8^n} \quad \forall x \in A.$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{8^n} \Big\| \frac{a^3}{a+b} f\left(2^n \left(x + \frac{b}{a} y \right) \right) + \frac{b^3}{a+b} f\left(2^n \left(x + \frac{a}{b} y \right) \right) - (a-b)^2 \left(f(2^n x) + f(2^n y) \right) \\ &- \frac{ab}{8} f\left(2^n (2x+2y) \right) \Big\|_B \le \frac{\mu}{8^n} \left\{ \| 2^n x \|_A^s + \| 2^n y \|_A^s \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{split} \left\| \frac{a^3}{a+b} C\left(x + \frac{b}{a}y\right) + \frac{b^3}{a+b} C\left(x + \frac{a}{b}y\right) \\ - (a-b)^2 \left(C(x) + C(y)\right) - \frac{ab}{8} C\left(2x + 2y\right) \right\|_B &\leq 0, \end{split}$$

which gives

$$\frac{a^3}{a+b}C\left(x+\frac{b}{a}y\right) + \frac{b^3}{a+b}C\left(x+\frac{a}{b}y\right)$$
$$= (a-b)^2\left(C(x)+C(y)\right) + \frac{ab}{8}C\left(2x+2y\right)$$

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

Let C' be another orthogonally Euler-Lagrange-Jensen type cubic mapping satisfying (1.2) and the inequality (3.2). Then

$$\begin{split} \left\| C\left(x\right) - C'\left(x\right) \right\|_{B} &= \frac{1}{8^{n}} \left\| C\left(2^{n}x\right) - C'\left(2^{n}x\right) \right\|_{B} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{8^{n}} \left(\left\| C\left(2^{n}x\right) - f\left(2^{n}x\right) \right\|_{B} + \left\| f\left(2^{n}x\right) - C'\left(2^{n}x\right) \right\|_{B} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{16\mu}{ab(8-2^{s})} \frac{1}{2^{n(3-s)}} \left\| x \right\|_{A}^{s} \\ &\to 0 \quad \text{as } n \to \infty \end{split}$$

for all $x \in A$. Therefore C is unique. This completes the proof of the theorem. \Box

Theorem 4. Let μ and s(s > 3) be nonnegative real numbers. Let $f : A \to B$ 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 $C : A \to B$ such that

$$\|f(x) - C(x)\|_B \le \frac{8\mu}{ab(2^s - 8)} \|x\|_A^s$$

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

$$C(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} 8^n f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)$$

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.

4. Stability of (a, b)-cubic Euler-Lagrange-Jensen Functional Equation

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

(4.1)
$$\|E_f(x,y)\|_B \le \mu \left\{ \|x\|_A^{2s} + \|y\|_A^{2s} + \|x\|_A^s \|y\|_A^s \right\}$$

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

(4.2)
$$C(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{f(2^n x)}{8^n}$$

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

$$\|f(x) - C(x)\|_B \le \frac{8\mu}{ab(8-2^{2s})} \|x\|_A^{2s}$$

for all $x \in A$.

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Proof. Letting x = y = 0 in (4.1), we get f(0) = 0. Letting y = 0 in (4.1), we obtain (4.3) $\left\| \frac{f(2x)}{8} - f(x) \right\|_{B} \le \frac{\mu}{ab} \|x\|_{A}^{2s}$

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

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

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

$$(4.4) \quad \left\| \frac{f(2^n x)}{8^n} - f(x) \right\|_B \le \frac{\mu}{ab} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{2^{2s}}{8} \right)^k \|x\|_A^{2s} \le \frac{\mu}{ab} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2^{2s}}{8} \right)^k \|x\|_A^{2s}$$

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

(4.5)
$$\left\|\frac{f\left(2^{n}2^{m}x\right)}{8^{(n+m)}} - \frac{f\left(2^{m}x\right)}{8^{m}}\right\|_{B} = \frac{1}{8^{m}} \left\|\frac{f\left(2^{n}2^{m}x\right)}{8^{n}} - f\left(2^{m}x\right)\right\|_{B}$$
$$\leq \frac{1}{8^{m}}\frac{\mu}{ab}\sum_{k=0}^{n-1}\left(\frac{2^{2s}}{8}\right)^{k}\|2^{m}x\|_{A}^{2s}$$
$$\leq \frac{\mu}{ab}\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\frac{1}{2^{(3-2s)(k+m)}}\|x\|_{A}^{2s}$$

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

$$C(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{f(2^n x)}{8^n} \quad \forall x \in A$$

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

$$C(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} 8^n f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)$$

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

$$\|f(x) - C(x)\|_B \le \frac{8\mu}{ab(2^{2s} - 8)} \|x\|_A^{2s}$$

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. \Box

5. Conclusion

In this paper, we have introduced a new generalized (a, b)-cubic Euler-Lagrange-Jensen 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.

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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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