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A perturbation of m -order derivations on Banach algebras

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Abstract

Let \mathcal{A} be a unital Banach algebra and let m , $1 \leq m \leq 4$, be an integer. If $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is an approximate m -order derivation in the sense of Hyers-Ulam-Rassias, then $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is an exact m -order derivation.

Key Words: m -order derivation, approximate m -order derivation, stability.

1. Introduction

The study of stability problems in the case of homomorphisms between metric groups originated from a famous talk given by S.M. Ulam [24] in 1940: *Under what condition does there exist a homomorphism near an approximate homomorphism?* In 1941, D.H. Hyers [8] answered affirmatively the question of Ulam for Banach spaces, which states that if $\delta > 0$ is real number and $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ is a mapping with \mathcal{X} a normed space, \mathcal{Y} a Banach space such that

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

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$, then there exists a unique additive mapping $T : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ such that

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

for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$. This stability phenomenon is called the *Hyers-Ulam stability* of the additive functional equation $f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y)$.

A generalized version of the theorem of Hyers for approximately additive mappings was given by T. Aoki [2] in 1950 and by Th.M. Rassias [17] in 1978 for linear mappings, respectively and the result is as follows:

If $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ is a mapping and there exist real numbers $\theta \geq 0$ and $0 \leq p < 1$ such that

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

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$, then there exists a unique additive mapping $T : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ such that

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

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for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$.

On this fact, some authors say that the additive functional equation $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$ has the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability property [5, 9, 11, 19, 20]. In 1991, Z. Gajda [6] answered the question for the case $p > 1$, which was raised by Th.M. Rassias [18]. Z. Gajda [6] gave an example to prove that it is not possible to prove a Th.M. Rassias's stability Theorem for the case when $p = 1$. Independently, a different new example was given by Th.M. Rassias and P. Semrl [21].

Let \mathcal{A} be an algebra over the real or complex field \mathbb{F} . An additive map $d : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is said to be a *ring derivation* if the functional equation $d(xy) = xd(y) + d(x)y$ holds for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$.

Recently, T. Miura *et al.* [15] examined the stability of ring derivations on Banach algebras:

Suppose that \mathcal{A} is a Banach algebra. Let $p \geq 0$ and $\varepsilon \geq 0$ be real numbers. If $p \neq 1$ and $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is a mapping such that

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

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$, and

$$\|f(xy) - xf(y) - f(x)y\| \leq \varepsilon\|x\|^p\|y\|^p$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$, then there exists a unique ring derivation $d : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ such that

$$\|f(x) - d(x)\| \leq \frac{2\varepsilon}{|2 - 2^p|}\|x\|^p$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$. In particular, if \mathcal{A} is a Banach algebra without order, then f is an ring derivation.

The stability result concerning derivations was first obtained by P. Šemrl [22] in operator algebras and various results for the stability of derivations have been obtained by many authors (for instances, [3, 4, 12, 13]).

Let $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ be a mapping with \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} two vector spaces and let

$$D^m f(x, y) := \begin{cases} f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y), & \text{if } m = 1 \\ f(x + y) + f(x - y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y), & \text{if } m = 2 \\ f(2x + y) + f(2x - y) - 2f(x + y) - 2f(x - y) - 12f(x), & \text{if } m = 3 \\ f(2x + y) + f(2x - y) - 4f(x + y) - 4f(x - y) - 24f(x) + 6f(y), & \text{if } m = 4 \end{cases}$$

For each integer m , $1 \leq m \leq 4$, the functional equation $D^m f(x, y) = 0$ is said to be *additive*, *quadratic*, *cubic* [10] and *quartic* [14], respectively. For convenience' sake, a solution of the functional equation $D^m f(x, y) = 0$ will be called an *m-order mapping*.

In particular, the quadratic functional equation is used to characterize inner product spaces [1]. The Hyers-Ulam stability of quadratic functional equations was first proved by F. Skof [23]. S. Czerwik [5], K. W. Jun and H. M. Kim [10], obtained the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability result for the quadratic and cubic functional equation, respectively.

On the other hand, S.H. Lee *et. al.* [14] proved the Hyers-Ulam stability of the quartic functional equation. Using the Hyers' direct method in as the proof of [14, Theorem 3.1], we obtain the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability result for the quartic functional equation. Hence we have the following:

Proposition 1.1 For each integer m , $1 \leq m \leq 4$, let $0 \leq p \neq m$ and $\delta \geq 0$ be real numbers. If $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ is a mapping with \mathcal{X} a normed space, \mathcal{Y} a Banach space such that

$$\|D^m f(x, y)\| \leq \delta(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p),$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$, then there exists a unique m -order mapping $T : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ such that

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq k\delta\|x\|^p$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$, where: when $m = 1$, $k = \frac{2}{|2-2^p|}$ if $p \neq 1$, when $m = 2, 3$, $k = \frac{m}{|m^m - m^p|}$ if $p \neq m$ and when $m = 4$, $k = \frac{1}{2|2^4 - 2^p|}$ if $p \neq 4$.

We here introduce the following mapping:

An m -order mapping $\Delta : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ will be called an m -order derivation if the equality $\Delta(xy) = x^m \Delta(y) + \Delta(x)y^m$ is fulfilled for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$. As a simple example, let us consider the algebra of 2×2 matrices

$$\mathcal{A} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} : a, b \in \mathbb{C} \right\},$$

where \mathbb{C} is a complex field. Then it is easy to see that the mapping $\Delta : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ defined by

$$\Delta\left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & b^m \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is an m -order derivation, where m , $1 \leq m \leq 4$, is an integer.

It is natural to ask that there exists an approximate m -order derivation which is not an exact m -order derivation. The following example is a slight modification of an example due to [15].

Example 1.2 Let X be a compact Hausdorff space and let $C(X)$ be the commutative Banach algebra of complex-valued continuous functions on X under pointwise operations and the supremum norm $\|\cdot\|_\infty$. We define $f : C(X) \rightarrow C(X)$ by

$$f(a)(x) = \begin{cases} a(x)^m \log |a(x)| & \text{if } a(x) \neq 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } a(x) = 0 \end{cases}$$

for all $a \in C(X)$ and all $x \in X$, where m , $1 \leq m \leq 4$, is an integer. It is easy to see that

$$f(ab) = a^m f(b) + f(a)b^m$$

for all $a, b \in C(X)$.

Note that the following inequality holds for all $a \in C(X)$ with $a(x) \neq 0$:

$$|f(a)(x)| = |a(x)|^m |\log |a(x)|| \leq (1 + |a(x)|)^{m+1} \leq (1 + \|a\|_\infty)^{m+1}.$$

Hence we have $\|f(a)\|_\infty \leq (1 + \|a\|_\infty)^{m+1}$ for all $a \in C(X)$. Using this inequality and the triangle inequality, we deduce that

$$\|D^m f(a, b)\|_\infty \leq M(a, b)$$

for all $a, b \in C(X)$, where

$$M(a, b) = \begin{cases} 3(1 + \|a\|_\infty + \|b\|_\infty)^2 & \text{if } m = 1, \\ 6(1 + \|a\|_\infty + \|b\|_\infty)^3 & \text{if } m = 2, \\ 18(1 + 2\|a\|_\infty + \|b\|_\infty)^4 & \text{if } m = 3, \\ 40(1 + 2\|a\|_\infty + \|b\|_\infty)^5 & \text{if } m = 4. \end{cases}$$

Hence we may regard f as an approximate m -order derivation on $C(X)$.

It will be of interest to investigate the stability problem of m -order derivations on Banach algebras as in the case of ring derivations. That is, the purpose of this paper is to prove the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability and the superstability of m -order derivations on Banach algebras.

2. Stability of m -order derivations

In this section, let \mathbb{R} be the real field. \mathbb{Q} and \mathbb{N} will denote the set of the rational, the natural numbers, respectively and m , $1 \leq m \leq 4$, is an integer

Lemma 2.1 *Suppose that \mathcal{A} is a Banach algebra. Let $\delta, \varepsilon \geq 0$ be real numbers and let $p, q \geq 0$ be real numbers with either $p, q < m$ or $p, q > m$. If $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is a mapping such that*

$$\|D^m f(x, y)\| \leq \delta(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p) \tag{2.1}$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$, and

$$\|f(xy) - x^m f(y) - f(x)y^m\| \leq \varepsilon\|x\|^q\|y\|^q \tag{2.2}$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$, then there exists a unique m -order derivation $\Delta : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ such that

$$\|f(x) - \Delta(x)\| \leq k\delta\|x\|^p \tag{2.3}$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$, where: when $m = 1$, $k = \frac{2}{|2-2^p|}$ if $p \neq 1$, when $m = 2, 3$, $k = \frac{m}{|m^m - m^p|}$ if $p \neq m$ and when $m = 4$, $k = \frac{1}{2|2^4 - 2^p|}$ if $p \neq 4$.

Proof. Assume that either $p, q < m$ or $p, q > m$. From Proposition 1.1, the inequality (2.1) guarantees that there exists a unique m -order mapping $\Delta : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ such that (2.3) holds for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$, where: when $m = 1$, $k = \frac{2}{|2-2^p|}$ if $p \neq 1$, when $m = 2, 3$, $k = \frac{m}{|m^m - m^p|}$ if $p \neq m$ and when $m = 4$, $k = \frac{1}{2|2^4 - 2^p|}$ if $p \neq 4$. We claim that

$$\Delta(xy) = x^m \Delta(y) + \Delta(x)y^m$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$.

Set $\tau = 1$ if $p, q < m$ and $\tau = -1$ if $p, q > m$. Since Δ is an m -order mapping, from [1, Proposition 1, p. 166], [10, Theorem 2.1] and [14, Theorem 2.1], we see that $\Delta(x) = 2^{-\tau mn} \Delta(2^{\tau n} x)$ for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$ and all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. First, it follows from (2.3) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|2^{-\tau mn} f(2^{\tau n} x) - \Delta(x)\| &= 2^{-\tau mn} \|f(2^{\tau n} x) - \Delta(2^{\tau n} x)\| \\ &\leq 2^{-\tau mn} k\delta \|2^{\tau n} x\|^p = 2^{\tau(p-m)n} k\delta \|x\|^p \end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$ and all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $\tau(p - m) < 0$, we have

$$\|2^{-\tau mn} f(2^{\tau n} x) - \Delta(x)\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{2.4}$$

Following the similar argument as the above, we obtain

$$\|2^{-2\tau mn} f(2^{2\tau n} xy) - \Delta(xy)\| \leq 4^{\tau(p-m)n} k\delta \|xy\|^p$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ and all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and so

$$\|2^{-2\tau mn} f(2^{2\tau n} xy) - \Delta(xy)\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{2.5}$$

Since f satisfies (2.2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\|2^{-2\tau mn} f(2^{2\tau n} xy) - 2^{-\tau mn} x^m f(2^{\tau n} y) - f(2^{\tau n} x) 2^{-\tau mn} y^m\| \\ &= 2^{-2\tau mn} \|f((2^{\tau n} x)(2^{\tau n} y)) - (2^{\tau n} x)^m f(2^{\tau n} y) - f(2^{\tau n} x)(2^{\tau n} y)^m\| \\ &\leq 2^{-2\tau mn} \varepsilon \|2^{\tau n} x\|^q \|2^{\tau n} y\|^q = 4^{\tau(q-m)n} \varepsilon \|x\|^q \|y\|^q \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ and all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Reminding that $\tau(q - m) < 0$, we obtain

$$\|2^{-2\tau mn} f(2^{2\tau n} xy) - 2^{-\tau mn} x^m f(2^{\tau n} y) - f(2^{\tau n} x) 2^{-\tau mn} y^m\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{2.6}$$

Using (2.4), (2.5) and (2.6), we now see that

$$\begin{aligned} &\|\Delta(xy) - x^m \Delta(y) - \Delta(x) y^m\| \\ &\leq \|\Delta(xy) - 2^{-2\tau mn} f(2^{2\tau n} xy)\| \\ &\quad + \|2^{-2\tau mn} f(2^{2\tau n} xy) - 2^{-\tau mn} x^m f(2^{\tau n} y) - 2^{-\tau mn} f(2^{\tau n} x) y^m\| \\ &\quad + \|2^{-\tau mn} x^m f(2^{\tau n} y) - x^m \Delta(y)\| + \|2^{-\tau mn} f(2^{\tau n} x) y^m - \Delta(x) y^m\| \\ &\leq \|\Delta(xy) - 2^{-2\tau mn} f(2^{2\tau n} xy)\| \\ &\quad + \|2^{-2\tau mn} f(2^{2\tau n} xy) - 2^{-\tau mn} x^m f(2^{\tau n} y) - 2^{-\tau mn} f(2^{\tau n} x) y^m\| \\ &\quad + \|x^m\| \|2^{-\tau mn} f(2^{\tau n} y) - \Delta(y)\| + \|2^{-\tau mn} f(2^{\tau n} x) - \Delta(x)\| \|y^m\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that $\Delta(xy) = x^m \Delta(y) + \Delta(x) y^m$ for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$. That is, Δ is an m -order derivation on \mathcal{A} , as claimed and the proof is complete. \square

Lemma 2.2 *Suppose that \mathcal{A} is a unital Banach algebra. Let $\delta, \varepsilon \geq 0$ be real numbers and let $p, q \geq 0$ be real numbers with either $p, q < m$ or $p, q > m$. If $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is a mapping satisfying (2.1) and (2.2), then we have*

$$f(rx) = r^m f(x)$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$ and all $r \in \mathbb{Q}$.

Proof. In the case when $r = 0$, it is trivial since $f(0) = 0$ by (2.1) or (2.2). Let e be a unit element of \mathcal{A} and $r \in \mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\}$ arbitrarily. Put $\tau = 1$ if $p, q < m$ and $\tau = -1$ if $p, q > m$. By Lemma 2.1, there exists a unique m -order derivation $\Delta : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ such that (2.3) is true. Recall that Δ is an m -order mapping, and hence it is easy to see that $\Delta(rx) = r^m \Delta(x)$ for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$ in view of [1, Proposition 1, p. 166], [10, Theorem 2.1] and [14, Theorem 2.1]. Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\Delta((2^{\tau n}e)(rx)) - r^m 2^{\tau mn} e f(x) - f(2^{\tau n}e)r^m x^m\| \\ & \leq r^m \|\Delta(2^{\tau n}ex) - f(2^{\tau n}ex)\| + r^m \|f(2^{\tau n}ex) - 2^{\tau mn} e f(x) - f(2^{\tau n}e)x^m\| \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$ and all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Now the inequalities (2.2), (2.3) and (2.7) yields that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\Delta((2^{\tau n}e)(rx)) - r^m 2^{\tau mn} e f(x) - f(2^{\tau n}e)r^m x^m\| \\ & \leq r^m 2^{\tau np} k \delta \|x\|^p + r^m 2^{\tau nq} \varepsilon \|x\|^q \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$ and all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

It follows from (2.3) and (2.8) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f((2^{\tau n}e)(rx)) - r^m 2^{\tau mn} e f(x) - f(2^{\tau n}e)r^m x^m\| \\ & \leq \|f((2^{\tau n}e)(rx)) - \Delta((2^{\tau n}e)(rx))\| \\ & \quad + \|\Delta((2^{\tau n}e)(rx)) - r^m 2^{\tau mn} e f(x) - f(2^{\tau n}e)r^m x^m\| \\ & \leq 2^{\tau np} (r^p + r^m) k \delta \|x\|^p + r^m 2^{\tau nq} \varepsilon \|x\|^q \end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$ and all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. That is, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f((2^{\tau n}e)(rx)) - r^m 2^{\tau mn} e f(x) - f(2^{\tau n}e)r^m x^m\| \\ & \leq 2^{\tau np} (r^p + r^m) k \delta \|x\|^p + r^m 2^{\tau nq} \varepsilon \|x\|^q \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$ and all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. From (2.2) and (2.9), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \|2^{\tau mn} \{f(rx) - r^m f(x)\}\| \\ & = \|2^{\tau mn} e \{f(rx) - r^m f(x)\}\| \\ & \leq \|2^{\tau mn} e f(rx) + f(2^{\tau n}e)r^m x^m - f((2^{\tau n}e)(rx))\| \\ & \quad + \|f((2^{\tau n}e)(rx)) - r^m 2^{\tau mn} e f(x) - f(2^{\tau n}e)r^m x^m\| \\ & \leq \varepsilon \|2^{\tau n}e\|^q \|rx\|^q + 2^{\tau np} (r^p + r^m) k \delta \|x\|^p + r^m 2^{\tau nq} \varepsilon \|x\|^q \\ & = 2^{\tau np} (r^p + r^m) k \delta \|x\|^p + 2^{\tau nq} (r^q + r^m) \varepsilon \|x\|^q \end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$ and all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. This means that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(rx) - r^m f(x)\| \\ & \leq 2^{\tau(p-m)n} (r^p + r^m) k \delta \|x\|^p + 2^{\tau(q-m)n} (r^q + r^m) \varepsilon \|x\|^q \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$ and all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $\tau(p-m) < 0$ and $\tau(q-m) < 0$, if we take $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.10), then we arrive at

$$f(rx) = r^m f(x)$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$. This completes the proof, since $r \in \mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\}$ was arbitrary. \square

Remark. In Lemma 2.2, if f is continuous, then it is easy to observe that $f(tx) = t^m f(x)$ for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$ and all $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

Now we are ready to prove our main result.

Theorem 2.3 *Suppose that \mathcal{A} is a unital Banach algebra. Let $\delta, \varepsilon \geq 0$ be real numbers and let $p, q \geq 0$ be real numbers with either $p, q < m$ or $p, q > m$. If $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is a mapping satisfying (2.1) and (2.2), then $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is an m -order derivation.*

Proof. Let Δ be a unique m -order derivation as in Lemma 2.2. Put $\tau = 1$ if $p, q < m$ and $\tau = -1$ if $p, q > m$. Since $f(2^{\tau n} x) = 2^{\tau mn} f(x)$ for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$ and all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ by Lemma 2.2, it follows from (2.3) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(x) - \Delta(x)\| &= \|2^{-\tau mn} f(2^{\tau n} x) - 2^{-\tau mn} \Delta(2^{\tau n} x)\| \\ &\leq 2^{-\tau mn} k \delta \|2^{\tau n} x\|^p \\ &= 2^{\tau(p-m)n} k \delta \|x\|^p \end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$ and all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Namely,

$$\|f(x) - \Delta(x)\| \leq 2^{\tau(p-m)n} k \delta \|x\|^p \tag{2.11}$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$ and all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $\tau(p-m) < 0$, by letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.11), we conclude that $f(x) = \Delta(x)$ for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$ which implies that f is an m -order derivation. \square

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