

# Stability of two multi-quadratic mappings by a fixed point method

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, the Găvruta stability of two multi-quadratic functional equations are established by a known fixed point theorem. As an example, the Hyers-Ulam, Rassias stability and hyperstability of the mentioned mappings are proved in the setting of Banach spaces.

## 1. Introduction

In 1940, Ulam [22] asked the question concerning the stability of group homomorphisms. The famous Ulam stability problem was partially solved by Hyers [13] for the linear functional equation of Banach spaces. Hyers' theorem was generalized by Aoki [1] for additive mappings and by Th. M. Rassias [18] for linear mappings by considering an unbounded Cauchy difference. A generalization of the Rassias theorem was obtained by Găvruta [12] by replacing the unbounded Cauchy difference by a general control function in the spirit of Rassias approach. Recall that an equation is *stable* in some class of functions if any function from that class, satisfying the equation approximately (in some sense), is near (in some way) to an exact solution of the equation. A lot of information about various functional equations can be found for instance in papers and books [2, 3, 5, 14, 16, 17, 19] and also references therein.

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The stability problem for quadratic functional equation

$$Q(x+y) + Q(x-y) = 2Q(x) + 2Q(y) \quad (1)$$

has been studied in normed spaces by Skof [20] with a constant bound. Thereafter, Czerwik [10] proved the Hyers-Ulam stability of the quadratic functional equation with a nonconstant bound. Some different versions of quadratic functional equation (1) and its stabilities with applications are available in [4, 11] and other resources.

A general form of (1), say the *generalized quadratic* functional equation is as follows:

$$\Omega(ax+y) + \Omega(ax-y) = 2a^2\Omega(x) + 2\Omega(y), \quad (2)$$

where  $a$  is a fixed non-zero number in  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Moreover, the different form of a quadratic functional equation was presented in [15] as follows:

$$Q(ax+y) + Q(ax-y) = Q(x+y) + Q(x-y) + 2(a^2-1)Q(x), \quad (3)$$

where,  $a$  is a fixed integer with  $a \neq 0, \pm 1$ .

Let  $V$  be a commutative group,  $W$  be a linear space, and  $n \geq 2$  be an integer.

For the set  $X$ , we denote  $\overbrace{X \times X \times \cdots \times X}^{n\text{-times}}$  by  $X^n$ . For any  $l \in \mathbb{N}_0, n \in \mathbb{N}, t = (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \{-1, 1\}^n$  and  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in V^n$  we write  $lx := (lx_1, \dots, lx_n)$  and  $tx := (t_1x_1, \dots, t_nx_n)$ . Recall that a mapping  $f : V^n \rightarrow W$  is called *multi-quadratic* if it is quadratic (satisfying quadratic functional equation (1)) in each component. It is shown in [23] that the system of functional equations defining a multi-quadratic mappings can be unified as a single equation. Indeed, Zhao et al. proved that the mapping  $f : V^n \rightarrow W$  is multi-quadratic if and only if the relation

$$\sum_{s \in \{-1, 1\}^n} f(x_1 + sx_2) = 2^n \sum_{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_n \in \{1, 2\}} f(x_{1j_1}, x_{2j_2}, \dots, x_{nj_n})$$

holds, where  $x_j = (x_{1j}, x_{2j}, \dots, x_{nj}) \in V^n$  with  $j \in \{1, 2\}$ . Various versions of multi-quadratic mappings were introduced and studied for example in [6], [9] and [21].

In this paper, we establish the Găvruta stability of multi-quadratic functional equations (taken from (2) and (3) introduced in [6] and [15]) by a known fixed point theorem. As some corollaries, we prove the Hyers-Ulam, Rassias stability and hyperstability of the mentioned mappings in the setting of Banach spaces.

## 2. Preliminary notations

We commence this section with the following definition which was defined in [6] and [15]. Throughout this section, assume that  $V$  and  $W$  are vector spaces over  $\mathbb{Q}$  (the rationals).

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Suppose that a mapping  $f : V^n \rightarrow W$  is given. Then

- (i) (see [6].)  $f$  is called  $n$ -quadratic or *multi-quadratic* (the first kind) if  $f$  is quadratic in each variable (see equation (2));
- (ii) (see [15].)  $f$  is called  $n$ -quadratic or *multi-quadratic* (the second kind) if  $f$  is quadratic in each variable (see equation (3)).

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x_i^n = (x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{in}) \in V^n$ , where  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ . Let  $l_j \in \{1, 2\}$ . Put

$$M_i^n = \{x = (x_{l_11}, x_{l_22}, \dots, x_{l_nn}) \in V^n \mid \text{Card}\{l_j : l_j = 1\} = i\}. \quad (4)$$

We shall denote  $x_i^n$  and  $M_i^n$  by  $x_i$  and  $M_i$ , respectively if there is no risk of ambiguity. Let  $x_1, x_2 \in V^n$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$  with  $0 \leq k \leq n$ . Put

$$\mathcal{A} = \{\mathfrak{A}_n = (A_1, \dots, A_n) \mid A_j \in \{x_{1j} \pm x_{2j}, x_{1j}\}\},$$

where  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ . Consider  $\mathcal{A}_k^n := \{\mathfrak{A}_n \in \mathcal{A} \mid \text{Card}\{A_j : A_j = x_{1j}\} = k\}$ . For a multi-quadratic mapping (the second kind)  $f : V^n \rightarrow W$  we use the following notation:

$$f(\mathcal{A}_k^n) := \sum_{\mathfrak{A}_n \in \mathcal{A}_k^n} f(\mathfrak{A}_n), \quad (5)$$

Let  $a$  be fixed non-zero number in  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Recall that a mapping  $f : V^n \rightarrow W$  satisfies (has) the *quartic condition* in the  $j$ th variable if

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}, ax_j, x_{j+1}, \dots, x_n) = a^2 f(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}, x_j, x_{j+1}, \dots, x_n),$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in V$  and for all  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ . The following result was proved in [6, Theorem 2.2].

**Theorem 2.1.** *Consider the mapping  $f : V^n \rightarrow W$ . Then, the following assertions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $f$  is multi-quadratic (the first kind);
- (ii)  $f$  satisfies equation

$$\sum_{q \in \{-1, 1\}^n} f(ax_1 + qx_2) = 2^n \sum_{i=0}^n a^{2i} \sum_{x \in M_i} f(x), \quad (6)$$

with the quadratic condition in all variables, where  $M_i$  is defined in (4) and  $a$  is a fixed non-zero number in  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

The following result was proved in [15, Theorem 3.3].

**Proposition 2.2.** *Consider the mapping  $f : V^n \rightarrow W$ . Then, the following assertions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $f$  is multi-quadratic (the second kind);

(ii)  $f$  satisfies equation

$$\sum_{q \in \{-1,1\}^n} f(ax_1 + qx_2) = \sum_{k=0}^n (2m^2 - 2)^k f(\mathcal{A}_k^n), \quad (7)$$

with the quadratic condition in each variable, where  $f(\mathcal{A}_k^n)$  is defined in (5) and  $a$  is a fixed integer with  $a \neq 0, \pm 1$ .

A direct consequence of Theorem 2.1 and Proposition 2.2 is indicated as follows:

**Corollary 2.3.** *Suppose that mapping  $f : V^n \rightarrow W$  is given with the quadratic condition in each variable. Then,  $f$  satisfies equation (6) if and only if it fulfills equation (7).*

### 3. Găvruta and Rassias Stability results

In this section, we study the various stabilities of equations (6) and (7). From now on, for two sets  $X$  and  $Y$ , the set of all mappings from  $X$  to  $Y$  is denoted by  $Y^X$ . Here, we indicate the following theorem which is a fundamental result in fixed point theory [7, Theorem 1]. This result plays a key tool in obtaining our objective in this section.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Given the hypotheses*

- (A1)  $Y$  is a Banach space,  $\mathcal{S}$  is a nonempty set,  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $g_1, \dots, g_j : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$  and  $L_1, \dots, L_j : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ ,  
 (A2)  $\mathcal{T} : Y^{\mathcal{S}} \rightarrow Y^{\mathcal{S}}$  is an operator satisfying the inequality

$$\|\mathcal{T}\lambda(x) - \mathcal{T}\mu(x)\| \leq \sum_{i=1}^j L_i(x) \|\lambda(g_i(x)) - \mu(g_i(x))\|, \quad \lambda, \mu \in Y^{\mathcal{S}}, x \in \mathcal{S},$$

- (A3)  $\Lambda : \mathbb{R}_+^{\mathcal{S}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^{\mathcal{S}}$  is an operator defined through

$$\Lambda\delta(x) := \sum_{i=1}^j L_i(x)\delta(g_i(x)) \quad \delta \in \mathbb{R}_+^{\mathcal{S}}, x \in \mathcal{S}.$$

Suppose that a function  $\theta : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  and a mapping  $\phi : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow Y$  fulfill the next two properties.

$$\|\mathcal{T}\phi(x) - \phi(x)\| \leq \theta(x), \quad \theta^*(x) := \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \Lambda^l \theta(x) < \infty \quad (x \in \mathcal{S}).$$

Then, there exists a unique fixed point  $\psi$  of  $\mathcal{T}$  such that

$$\|\phi(x) - \psi(x)\| \leq \theta^*(x) \quad (x \in \mathcal{S}).$$

Moreover,  $\psi(x) = \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{T}^l \phi(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{S}$ .

For a mapping  $f : V^n \rightarrow W$ , we define two operators  $\mathfrak{D}_1 f$  and  $\mathfrak{D}_2 f$  from  $V^n \times V^n$  into  $W$  via

$$\mathfrak{D}_1 f(x_1, x_2) := \sum_{q \in \{-1, 1\}^n} f(ax_1 + qx_2) - 2^n \sum_{i=0}^n a^{2i} \sum_{x \in M_i} f(x),$$

and

$$\mathfrak{D}_2 f(x_1, x_2) := \sum_{q \in \{-1, 1\}^n} f(ax_1 + qx_2) - \sum_{k=0}^n (2a^2 - 2)^k f(\mathcal{A}_k^n)$$

where  $M_i$  and  $f(\mathcal{A}_k^n)$  are defined in (4) and (5), respectively in which  $a$  is a fixed integer with  $a \neq 0, \pm 1$ .

We say a mapping  $f : V^n \rightarrow W$  has *zero condition* or *zero functional equation* if  $f(v) = 0$  for any  $v \in V^n$  with at least one component which is equal to zero. With notations above, we have the following Găvruta stability for functional equations (6) and (7).

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $j \in \{-1, 1\}$ ,  $V$  be a linear space and  $W$  be a Banach space. Suppose that  $\phi : V^n \times V^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is a mapping satisfying*

$$\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{a^{2nj}} \right)^l \phi(a^{jl}x_1, a^{jl}x_2) = 0, \quad (8)$$

for all  $x_1, x_2 \in V^n$  and

$$\Phi(x) = \frac{1}{2^n a^{n(j+1)}} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{a^{2nj}} \right)^l \phi \left( a^{jl + \frac{j-1}{2}} x, 0 \right) < \infty, \quad (9)$$

for all  $x \in V^n$ . If  $f : V^n \rightarrow W$  is a mapping with zero condition fulfilling the inequality

$$\|\mathfrak{D}_1 f(x_1, x_2)\| \leq \phi(x_1, x_2), \quad (10)$$

for all  $x_1, x_2 \in V^n$ , then there exists a solution  $\mathcal{Q} : V^n \rightarrow W$  of (6) such that

$$\|f(x) - \mathcal{Q}(x)\| \leq \Phi(x), \quad (11)$$

for all  $x \in V^n$ . If  $\mathcal{Q}$  has the quadratic condition in each of variable, then it is unique multi-quadratic.

PROOF. Putting  $x = x_1$  and  $x_2 = 0$  in (10), we get

$$\|2^n f(ax) - 2^n a^{2n} f(x)\| \leq \phi(x, 0), \quad (12)$$

for all  $x \in V^n$  (here and the rest of the proof). Inequality (12) can be rewritten as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \left\| \frac{f(ax)}{a^{2n}} - f(x) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2^n a^{2n}} \phi(x, 0), \\ \left\| a^{2n} f(ax) - f(x) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2^n} \phi(x, 0). \end{cases}$$

Set  $\xi(x) := \frac{1}{2^n a^{n(j+1)}} \phi\left(a^{\frac{j-1}{2}} x, 0\right)$  and  $\mathcal{T}\xi(x) := \frac{1}{a^{2nj}} \xi(a^j x)$ , where  $\xi \in W^{V^n}$ . A modification of (12) shows that  $\|f(x) - \mathcal{T}f(x)\| \leq \xi(x)$ . Define  $\Lambda\eta(x) := \frac{1}{a^{2nj}} \eta(a^j x)$  for all  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}_+^{V^n}$ . Considering  $\mathcal{S} = V^n$ ,  $g_1(x) = a^j x$  and  $L_1(x) = \frac{1}{a^{2nj}}$  in (A3), we find that  $\Lambda$  has the formation in (A3). On the other hand, we obtain

$$\|\mathcal{T}\lambda(x) - \mathcal{T}\mu(x)\| = \left\| \frac{1}{a^{2nj}} [\lambda(a^j x) - \mu(a^j x)] \right\| \leq L_1(x) \|\lambda(g_1(x)) - \mu(g_1(x))\|.$$

for all  $\lambda, \mu \in W^{V^n}$ . The relation above leads us to validity of hypothesis (A2) for  $\mathcal{T}$ . It is easily verified that by induction on  $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$  that

$$\Lambda^l \xi(x) := \left( \frac{1}{2^n a^{2nj}} \right)^l \xi(a^{jl} x) = \frac{1}{a^{n(j+1)}} \left( \frac{1}{a^{2nj}} \right)^l \phi\left(a^{jl + \frac{j-1}{2}} x, 0\right). \quad (13)$$

It now follows that all assumptions of Theorem 3.1 are satisfied by applying (9) and (13) and thus there exists a mapping  $\mathcal{Q} : V^n \rightarrow W$  such that

$$\mathcal{Q}(x) = \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} (\mathcal{T}^l f)(x) = \frac{1}{a^{2nj}} \mathcal{Q}(a^j x)$$

and (11) holds as well. We claim that the following inequality is true for each  $x_1, x_2 \in V^n$  and  $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

$$\|\mathfrak{D}_1(\mathcal{T}^l f)(x_1, x_2)\| \leq \left( \frac{1}{a^{2nj}} \right)^l \phi(a^{jl} x_1, a^{jl} x_2). \quad (14)$$

The argument is based on induction. Inequality (10) shows that (14) is true for  $l = 0$ . Assume that (14) is valid for an  $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\mathfrak{D}_1(\mathcal{T}^{l+1} f)(x_1, x_2)\| \\ &= \left\| \sum_{q \in \{-1, 1\}^n} (\mathcal{T}^{l+1} f)(ax_1 + qx_2) - 2^n \sum_{i=0}^n a^{2i} \sum_{x \in M_i} (\mathcal{T}^{l+1} f)(x) \right\| \\ &= \frac{1}{a^{2nj}} \left\| \sum_{q \in \{-1, 1\}^n} (\mathcal{T}^{l+1} f)(a^j(ax_1 + qx_2)) - 2^n \sum_{i=0}^n a^{2i} \sum_{x \in M_i} (\mathcal{T}^{l+1} f)(a^j x) \right\| \\ &= \frac{1}{a^{2nj}} \|\mathfrak{D}_1(\mathcal{T}^l f)(a^j x_1, a^j x_2)\| \leq \left( \frac{1}{a^{2nj}} \right)^{l+1} \phi(a^{j(l+1)} x_1, a^{j(l+1)} x_2), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x_1, x_2 \in V^n$ . Letting  $l \rightarrow \infty$  in (14) and using (8), we reach to  $\mathfrak{D}_1 \mathcal{Q}(x_1, x_2) = 0$  for all  $x_1, x_2 \in V^n$ . This means that the mapping  $\mathcal{Q}$  satisfies (6). If  $\mathcal{Q}$  has the quadratic condition in each of variable, then it is a multi-quadratic mapping by

Theorem 2.1. Finally, assume that  $\mathcal{Q}' : V^n \rightarrow W$  is another multi-quadratic mapping satisfying the equation (6) and inequality (11), and fix  $x \in V^n$ ,  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{Q}(x) - \mathcal{Q}'(x)\| &= \left\| \frac{1}{a^{2njl}} \mathcal{Q}(a^{jl}x) - \frac{1}{a^{2njl}} \mathcal{Q}'(a^{jl}x) \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{a^{2njl}} (\|\mathcal{Q}(2^{jl}x) - f(a^{jl}x)\| + \|\mathcal{Q}'(a^{jl}x) - f(a^{jl}x)\|) \\ &\leq \frac{2}{a^{2njl}} \Phi(a^{jl}x) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2^{n-1}a^{n(j+1)}} \sum_{k=l}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{a^{2nj}}\right)^k \phi\left(a^{kl+\frac{j-1}{2}}x, 0\right). \end{aligned}$$

Now, letting  $l$  to infinity and applying the convergency of series (9), we arrive that  $\mathcal{Q}(x) = \mathcal{Q}'(x)$ , which completes the proof.  $\square$

Let  $A$  be a nonempty set,  $(X, d)$  a metric space,  $\psi \in \mathbb{R}_+^{A^n}$ , and  $\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2$  operators mapping a nonempty set  $D \subset X^A$  into  $X^{A^n}$ . We say that operator equation

$$\mathcal{F}_1\varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \mathcal{F}_2\varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n) \quad (15)$$

is  $\psi$ -hyperstable provided every  $\varphi_0 \in D$  satisfying inequality

$$d(\mathcal{F}_1\varphi_0(a_1, \dots, a_n), \mathcal{F}_2\varphi_0(a_1, \dots, a_n)) \leq \psi(a_1, \dots, a_n), \quad a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$$

fulfills (15); this definition is introduced in [8]. In other words, a functional equation  $\mathcal{F}$  is *hyperstable* if any mapping  $f$  satisfying the equation  $\mathcal{F}$  approximately is a true solution of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

In the incoming example, we show that equation (6) is stable and hyperstable.

**Example 3.1.** Let  $\delta$  and  $\varepsilon$  be non-negative real numbers. Suppose that  $\alpha, \alpha_{ij} > 0$  for  $i \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  fulfill  $\sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{ij} \neq 2n$  and  $\alpha \neq 2n$ . Let  $V$  be a normed space and  $W$  be a Banach space. If  $f : V^n \rightarrow W$  is a mapping with zero condition satisfying the inequality

$$\|\mathfrak{D}_1 f(x_1, x_2)\| \leq \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^n \|x_{ij}\|^{\alpha\varepsilon} + \prod_{i=1}^2 \prod_{j=1}^n \|x_{ij}\|^{\alpha_{ij}} \delta,$$

for all  $x_1, x_2 \in V^n$ . Then, there exists a solution  $\mathcal{Q} : V^n \rightarrow W$  of (6) such that

$$\|f(x) - \mathcal{Q}(x)\| \leq \frac{\delta}{2^n |a^{2n} - a^\alpha|} \sum_{j=1}^n \|x_{1j}\|^\alpha.$$

In particular, if  $\mathcal{Q}$  has the quadratic condition in each of variable, then it is a unique multi-quadratic mapping. In the case that  $\varepsilon = 0$ , then  $f$  is multi-quadratic. If moreover

$$\|\mathfrak{D}_1 f(x_1, x_2)\| \leq \varepsilon,$$

for all  $x_1, x_2 \in V^n$ , then there exists a solution  $\mathcal{Q} : V^n \rightarrow W$  of (6) such that

$$\|f(x) - \mathcal{Q}(x)\| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2^n(a^{2n} - 1)},$$

for all  $x \in V^n$ .

We have the next stability result regarding equation (7) which is analogous to Theorem 3.2 without zero condition. Since the proof is similar, we include only some parts.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $j \in \{-1, 1\}$ ,  $V$  be a linear space and  $W$  be a Banach space. Suppose that  $\phi : V^n \times V^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is a mapping satisfying*

$$\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{a^{2nj}} \right)^l \phi(a^{jl}x_1, a^{jl}x_2) = 0,$$

for all  $x_1, x_2 \in V^n$ . If  $f : V^n \rightarrow W$  is a mapping satisfies the inequality

$$\|\mathfrak{D}_2 f(x_1, x_2)\| \leq \phi(x_1, x_2),$$

for all  $x_1, x_2 \in V^n$ , then there exists a solution  $\mathcal{Q} : V^n \rightarrow W$  of (7) such that

$$\|f(x) - \mathcal{Q}(x)\| \leq \Phi(x)$$

for all  $x \in V^n$ , where

$$\Phi(x) = \frac{1}{a^{n(j+1)}} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{a^{2nj}} \right)^l \phi \left( a^{jl + \frac{j-1}{2}} x, 0 \right) < \infty.$$

If  $\mathcal{Q}$  has the quadratic condition in each of variable, then it is unique multi-quadratic.

PROOF. Putting  $x = x_1$  and  $x_2 = 0$  in (10), we get

$$\left\| 2^n f(ax) - \left( \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} 2^{n-k} (2a^2 - 2)^k \right) f(x) \right\| \leq \phi(x, 0), \quad (16)$$

for all  $x \in V^n$  and  $t > 0$ . An easy computation shows that

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} 2^{n-k} (2m^2 - 2)^k = (2m^2)^n. \quad (17)$$

It follows from (16) and (17) that

$$\|2^n f(ax) - 2^n a^{2n} f(x)\| \leq \phi(x, 0).$$

for all  $x \in V^n$ . The proof of Theorem 3.2 can be repeated to finalize this proof.  $\square$

According to Theorem 3.3, we observe that Example 3.1 has the similar results for equation (7) as a directed result of the mentioned theorem.



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