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Approximation of Jordan homomorphisms in Jordan-Banach algebras

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Abstract

Using the direct method based on the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability, we investigate and prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of Jordan homomorphisms in Jordan-Banach algebras for the functional equation

$$\sum_{k=2}^n \sum_{i_1=2}^k \sum_{i_2=i_1+1}^{k+1} \dots \sum_{i_{n-k+1}=i_{n-k}+1}^n f \left(\sum_{i=1, i \neq i_1, \dots, i_{n-k+1}}^n x_i - \sum_{r=1}^{n-k+1} x_{i_r} \right) + f \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) - 2^{n-1} f(x_1) = 0,$$

where n is an integer greater than 1.

We have proved the Hyers-Ulam stability of Jordan homomorphisms in Jordan-Banach algebras for the above functional equation.

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Introduction

A classical question in the theory of functional equations is that ‘when is it true that a function which approximately satisfies a functional equation \mathcal{E} must be somehow close to an exact solution of \mathcal{E} ’. Such a problem was formulated by Ulam [1] in 1940 and solved in the next year for the Cauchy functional equation by Hyers [2]. It gave rise to the *stability theory* for functional equations. The result of Hyers was generalized by Aoki [3] for approximate additive functions and by Rassias [4] for approximate linear functions. The stability phenomenon that was proved by Rassias is called the *Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability* or the *generalized Hyers-Ulam stability* of functional equations. In 1994, a generalization of the Th.M. Rassias’ theorem was obtained by Găvruta [5] as follows: Suppose that $(G, +)$ is an abelian group and E is a Banach space and that the so-called admissible control function $\varphi : G \times G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies

$$\tilde{\varphi}(x, y) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^{-n} \varphi(2^n x, 2^n y) < \infty$$

for all $x, y \in G$. If $f : G \rightarrow E$ is a mapping with

$$\|f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \varphi(x, y)$$

for all $x, y \in G$, then there exists a unique mapping $T : G \rightarrow E$ such that $T(x + y) = T(x) + T(y)$ and $\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \tilde{\varphi}(x, x)$ for all $x, y \in G$. If, moreover, G is a real normed space and $f(tx)$ is continuous in t for each fixed x in G , then T is a linear function.

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 [6-27]).

Recently, Eshaghi Gordji et al. (unpublished work) defined the following n -dimensional additive functional equation

$$D_f(x_1, \dots, x_n) := \sum_{k=2}^n \sum_{i_1=2}^k \sum_{i_2=i_1+1}^{k+1} \dots \sum_{i_{n-k+1}=i_{n-k}+1}^n \times f \left(\sum_{i=1, i \neq i_1, \dots, i_{n-k+1}}^n x_i - \sum_{r=1}^{n-k+1} x_{i_r} \right) + f \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) - 2^{n-1} f(x_1) = 0, \quad (1.1)$$

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where n is an integer greater than 1, and investigated the functional equation (1.1) in random normed spaces via the fixed point method.

Note that a unital algebra A , endowed with the Jordan product $x \circ y = \frac{1}{2}(xy + yx)$ on A , is called a Jordan algebra. A \mathbb{C} -linear mapping L of a Jordan algebra A into a Jordan algebra B is called a Jordan homomorphism if $L(x \circ y) = (L(x) \circ L(y))$ holds for all $x, y \in A$.

Throughout this paper, let A be a Jordan-Banach algebra with norm $\|\cdot\|$ and unit e , and let B be a Jordan-Banach algebra with norm $\|\cdot\|$.

Methods

Using the direct method based on the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability, we prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of Jordan homomorphisms in Jordan-Banach algebras for the functional equation (1.1).

Results and discussion

We need the following lemma in the proof of our main theorem.

Lemma 2.1. (Eshaghi Gordji et al., unpublished work) *A mapping $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ with $f(0) = 0$ satisfies (1.1) if and only if $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is additive.*

We are going to prove the main result.

Theorem 2.2. *Let $h : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ be a mapping with $h(0) = 0$ for which there exists a function $\varphi : \mathcal{A}^{n+2} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ such that*

$$\tilde{\varphi}(x_1, \dots, x_n, z, w) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2^{-j} \varphi(2^j x_1, \dots, 2^j x_n, 2^j z, 2^j w) < \infty, \quad (2.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \sum_{k=2}^n \sum_{i_1=2}^k \sum_{i_2=i_1+1}^{k+1} \dots \sum_{i_{n-k+1}=i_{n-k}+1}^n \right. \\ & \times h \left(\sum_{i=1, i \neq i_1, \dots, i_{n-k+1}}^n \mu x_i - \sum_{r=1}^{n-k+1} \mu x_{i_r} \right) \\ & \left. + \mu h \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) - \mu 2^{n-1} h(x_1) + h(z \circ w) - h(z) \circ h(w) \right\| \\ & \leq \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n, z, w) \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

for all $\mu \in T^1 := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| = 1\}$ and $x_1, \dots, x_n, z, w \in \mathcal{A}$. Then, there exists a unique Jordan homomorphism $L : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ such that

$$\|h(x) - L(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \tilde{\varphi}(x, x, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n\text{-times}}) \quad (2.3)$$

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

Proof. Let $\mu = 1$. Using the relation

$$1 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-k} \binom{n-k}{k} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-k} \binom{n-k}{k} = 2^{n-k} \quad (2.4)$$

for all $n > k$ and putting $x_1 = x_2 = x$ and $x_i = z = w = 0$ ($i = 3, \dots, n$) in (2.2), we obtain

$$\|2^{n-2} h(2x) - 2^{n-1} h(x)\| \leq \varphi(x, x, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n\text{-times}}) \quad (2.5)$$

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

$$\left\| \frac{h(2x)}{2} - h(x) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \varphi(x, x, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n\text{-times}}) \quad (2.6)$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$. By induction on m , we can show that

$$\left\| \frac{h(2^m x)}{2^m} - h(x) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \frac{1}{2^j} \varphi(2^j x, 2^j x, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n\text{-times}}) \quad (2.7)$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$. It follows from (2.1) and (2.7) that the sequence $\left\{ \frac{h(2^m x)}{2^m} \right\}$ is a Cauchy sequence for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$.

Since \mathcal{A} is complete, the sequence $\left\{ \frac{h(2^m x)}{2^m} \right\}$ converges. Thus, one can define the mapping $L : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ by

$$L(x) := \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h(2^m x)}{2^m}$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$. Let $z = w = 0$ and $\mu = 1$ in (2.2). By (2.1)

$$\begin{aligned} \|D_f(x_1, \dots, x_n)\| &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^j} \|D_f(2^j x_1, \dots, 2^j x_n)\| \\ &\leq \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^j} \varphi(2^j x_1, \dots, 2^j x_n, 0, 0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathcal{A}$. So, $D_f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$. By Lemma 2.1, the mapping $L : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is additive. Moreover, passing the limit $m \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.7) we get the inequality (2.3). \square

Now, let $L' : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ be another additive mapping satisfying (1.1) and (2.3). Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \|L(x) - L'(x)\| &= \frac{1}{2^n} \|L(2^n x) - L'(2^n x)\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2^m} (\|L(2^n x) - h(2^n x)\| + \|L'(2^n x) - h(2^n x)\|) \\ &\leq \frac{2}{2^m 2^{n-1}} \tilde{\varphi}(2^m x, 2^m x, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n\text{-times}}) \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as $m \rightarrow \infty$ for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$. So, we can conclude that $L(x) = L'(x)$ for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$. This proves the uniqueness of L .

Let $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$. Set $x_1 = x$ and $z = w = x_i = 0$ ($i = 2, \dots, n$) in (2.2). Then, by (2.1), we get

$$\|2^{n-1}h(\mu x) - 2^{n-1}\mu h(x)\| \leq \varphi(x, 0, \dots, 0, 0, 0) \quad (2.8)$$

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

$$\|2^{-m}(h(2^m \mu x) - \mu h(2^m x))\| \leq \frac{2^{-m}}{2^{n-1}}\varphi(2^m x, 0, \dots, 0, 0, 0)$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$. Since the right hand side of the above inequality tends to zero as $m \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$L(\mu x) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h(2^m \mu x)}{2^m} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mu h(2^m x)}{2^m} = \mu L(x) \quad (2.9)$$

for all $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ and all $x \in \mathcal{A}$.

Now let $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}(\lambda \neq 0)$ and M an integer greater than $4|\lambda|$. Then, $|\lambda/M| < 1/4 < 1 - 2/3 = 1/3$. By Theorem 1 of [28], there exist three elements $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3 \in \mathbb{T}^1$ such that $3\frac{\lambda}{M} = \mu_1 + \mu_2 + \mu_3$, and $L(x) = L(3 \cdot \frac{\lambda}{M}x) = 3L(\frac{1}{3}x)$ for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$. So, $L(\frac{1}{3}x) = \frac{1}{3}L(x)$ for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$. Thus, by (2.9),

$$\begin{aligned} L(\lambda x) &= L\left(\frac{M}{3} \cdot 3\frac{\lambda}{M}x\right) = M \cdot L\left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot 3\frac{\lambda}{M}x\right) \\ &= \frac{M}{3}L\left(3\frac{\lambda}{M}x\right) \\ &= \frac{M}{3}L(\mu_1 x + \mu_2 x + \mu_3 x) \\ &= \frac{M}{3}(L(\mu_1 x) + L(\mu_2 x) + L(\mu_3 x)) \\ &= \frac{M}{3}(\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \mu_3)L(x) \\ &= \frac{M}{3} \cdot 3\frac{\lambda}{M}L(x) = \lambda L(x) \end{aligned}$$

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

$$L(\zeta x_1 + \eta x_2) = L(\zeta x_1) + L(\eta x_2) = \zeta L(x_1) + \eta L(x_2)$$

for all $\zeta, \eta \in \mathbb{C}$ ($\zeta, \eta \neq 0$) and all $x_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{A}$, and $L(0x) = 0 = 0L(x)$ for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$.

So, $L : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is \mathbb{C} -linear.

Let $x_i = 0$ ($i \geq 0$) in (2.2). Then, we get

$$\|h(z \circ w) - h(z) \circ h(w)\| \leq \varphi(\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n\text{-times}}, z, w)$$

for all $z, w \in \mathcal{A}$. Since

$$\frac{1}{2^{2m}}\varphi(\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n\text{-times}}, 2^m z, 2^m w) \leq \frac{1}{2^m}\varphi(\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n\text{-times}}, 2^m z, 2^m w),$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2^{2m}}\|h(2^m z \circ 2^m w) - h(2^m z) \circ h(2^m w)\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2^{2m}}\varphi(\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n\text{-times}}, z, w) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2^m}\varphi(\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n\text{-times}}, z, w), \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as $m \rightarrow \infty$ for all $z, w \in \mathcal{A}$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} L(z \circ w) &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h(2^{2m}(z \circ w))}{2^{2m}} \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h(2^m z \circ 2^m w)}{2^{2m}} \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^{2m}}(h(2^m z) \circ h(2^m w)) \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{h(2^m z)}{2^m} \circ \frac{h(2^m w)}{2^m} \right) \\ &= L(z) \circ L(w) \end{aligned}$$

for all $z, w \in \mathcal{A}$. So, the \mathbb{C} -linear mapping $L : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is a Jordan homomorphism satisfying (2.3).

Corollary 2.3. Let $h : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ be a mapping with $h(0) = 0$ for which there exist constants $\epsilon \geq 0$ and $p \in [0, 1)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| \sum_{k=2}^n \sum_{i_1=2}^k \sum_{i_2=i_1+1}^{k+1} \dots \sum_{i_{n-k+1}=i_{n-k}+1}^n \right. \\ &\times h \left(\sum_{i=1, i \neq i_1, \dots, i_{n-k+1}}^n \mu x_i - \sum_{r=1}^{n-k+1} \mu x_{i_r} \right) \\ &\left. + \mu h \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) - \mu 2^{n-1} h(x_1) + h(z \circ w) - h(z) \circ h(w) \right\| \\ &\leq \epsilon (\|x_1\|^p + \dots + \|x_n\|^p + \|z\|^p + \|w\|^p) \end{aligned}$$

for all $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ and all $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, z, w \in \mathcal{A}$. Then, there exists a unique Jordan homomorphism $L : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ such that

$$\|h(x) - L(x)\| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2^n(1 - 2^{p-1})} \|x\|^p$$

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

Proof. Define $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n, z, w) = \epsilon (\|x_1\|^p + \dots + \|x_n\|^p + \|z\|^p + \|w\|^p)$ and apply Theorem 2.2. Then, we get the desired result. \square

Corollary 2.4. Suppose that $h : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is mapping with $h(0) = 0$ satisfying (2.2). If there exists a function $\varphi : \mathcal{A}^{n+2} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ such that

$$\tilde{\varphi}(x_1, \dots, x_n, z, w) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2^j \varphi(2^{-j} x_1, \dots, 2^{-j} x_n, 2^{-j} z, 2^{-j} w) < \infty$$

for all $z, w, x_i \in \mathcal{A}$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$), then there exists a unique Jordan homomorphism $L : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ such that

$$\|h(x) - L(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \underbrace{\tilde{\varphi}(x, x, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n\text{-times}})}_{n\text{-times}}$$

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

Proof. By the same method as in the proof of Theorem 2.2 one can obtain that

$$L(x) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h(2^m x)}{2^m}$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$. □

The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.2.

Theorem 2.5. Let $h : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ be a mapping with $h(0) = 0$ for which there exists a function $\varphi : \mathcal{A}^{n+2} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ satisfying (2.1) such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \sum_{k=2}^n \sum_{i_1=2}^k \sum_{i_2=i_1+1}^{k+1} \dots \sum_{i_{n-k+1}=i_{n-k}+1}^n \right. \\ & \times h \left(\sum_{i=1, i \neq i_1, \dots, i_{n-k+1}}^{n-k+1} \mu x_i - \sum_{r=1}^{n-k+1} \mu x_{i_r} \right) \\ & \left. + \mu h \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) - \mu 2^{n-1} h(x_1) + h(z \circ w) - h(z) \circ h(w) \right\| \\ & \leq \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n, z, w) \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

for $\mu = 1, i$ and all $x_1, \dots, x_n, z, w \in \mathcal{A}$. If $h(tx)$ is continuous in $t \in \mathbb{R}$ for each fixed $x \in \mathcal{A}$, then there exists a unique Jordan homomorphism $L : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ satisfying (2.3).

Proof. Put $z = w = 0$ in (2.10). By the same reasoning as in the proof of Theorem 2.2, there exists a unique additive mapping $L : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ satisfying (2.3). The additive mapping $L : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is given by

$$L(x) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h(2^m x)}{2^m}$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$. By the same reasoning as in the proof of Theorem 2.2 the additive mapping $L : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is \mathbb{R} -linear. □

Putting $x_i = z = w = 0$ ($i = 2, \dots, n$) and $\mu = i$ in (2.10), we get

$$\|h(ix) - ih(x)\| \leq \varphi(x, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{(n+1)\text{-times}})$$

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

$$\frac{1}{2^n} \|h(2^m ix) - ih(2^m x)\| \leq \frac{1}{2^n} \varphi(2^n x, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{(n+1)\text{-times}}),$$

which tends to zero as $m \rightarrow \infty$. Hence,

$$L(ix) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h(2^m ix)}{2^m} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{ih(2^m x)}{2^m} = iL(x)$$

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

For each element $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, $\lambda = s + it$, where $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$. So,

$$\begin{aligned} L(\lambda x) &= L(sx + itx) = sL(x) + tL(ix) = sL(x) + itL(x) \\ &= (s + it)L(x) = \lambda L(x) \end{aligned}$$

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

$$L(\zeta x_1 + \eta x_2) = L(\zeta x_1) + L(\eta x_2) = \zeta L(x_1) + \eta L(x_2)$$

for all $\zeta, \eta \in \mathbb{C}$, and all $x_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{A}$. Hence, the additive mapping $L : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is \mathbb{C} -linear.

The rest of the proof is the same as in the proof of Theorem 2.2

Corollary 2.6. Let $h : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ be a mapping with $h(0) = 0$ for which there exist constants $\epsilon \geq 0$ and $p > 1$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \sum_{k=2}^n \sum_{i_1=2}^k \sum_{i_2=i_1+1}^{k+1} \dots \sum_{i_{n-k+1}=i_{n-k}+1}^n \right. \\ & \times h \left(\sum_{i=1, i \neq i_1, \dots, i_{n-k+1}}^n \mu x_i - \sum_{r=1}^{n-k+1} \mu x_{i_r} \right) \\ & \left. + \mu h \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) - \mu 2^{n-1} h(x_1) + h(z \circ w) - (h(z) \circ h(w)) \right\| \\ & \leq \epsilon (\|x_1\|^p + \dots + \|x_n\|^p + \|z\|^p + \|w\|^p) \end{aligned}$$

for all $z, w, x_i \in \mathcal{A}$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$) and all $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$. Then, there exists a unique Jordan homomorphism $L : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ such that

$$\|h(x) - L(x)\| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2^n(2^{1-p} - 1)} \|x\|^p$$

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

Proof. Define $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n, z, w) = \epsilon (\|x_1\|^p + \dots + \|x_n\|^p + \|z\|^p + \|w\|^p)$ and apply Theorem 2.2. Then, we get the desired result. □

Conclusions

We have proved the Hyers-Ulam stability of Jordan homomorphisms in Jordan-Banach algebras for the functional equation (1.1).

Competing interests

The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

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