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FIXED POINTS AND STABILITY OF THE CAUCHY FUNCTIONAL EQUATION

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ABSTRACT. Using fixed point methods, we prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of homomorphisms in Banach algebras and of derivations on Banach algebras for the Cauchy functional equation.

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1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

The stability problem of functional equations originated from a question of Ulam [32] concerning the stability of group homomorphisms: Let $(G_1, *)$ be a group and let (G_2, \diamond, d) be a metric group with the metric $d(\cdot, \cdot)$. Given $\epsilon > 0$, does there exist a $\delta(\epsilon) > 0$ such that if a mapping $h : G_1 \to G_2$ satisfies the inequality

$$d(h(x * y), h(x) \diamond h(y)) < \delta$$

for all $x, y \in G_1$, then there is a homomorphism $H: G_1 \to G_2$ with

 $d(h(x), H(x)) < \epsilon$

for all $x \in G_1$? If the answer is affirmative, we would say that the equation of homomorphism $H(x * y) = H(x) \diamond H(y)$ is stable. The concept of stability for a functional equation arises when we replace the functional equation by an inequality which acts as a perturbation of the equation. Thus the stability question of functional equations is: "How do the solutions of the inequality differ from those of the given functional equation?"

Hyers [7] gave the first affirmative answer to the question of Ulam for Banach spaces. Let X and Y be Banach spaces. Assume that $f : X \to Y$ satisfies

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

for all $x, y \in X$ and some $\varepsilon \ge 0$. Then there exists a unique additive mapping $T: X \to Y$ such that

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \le \varepsilon$$

for all $x \in X$.

Th.M. Rassias [27] provided a generalization of Hyers' Theorem which allows the *Cauchy difference to be unbounded*.

Theorem 1.1 (Th.M. Rassias). Let $f : E \to E'$ be a mapping from a normed vector space E into a Banach space E' subject to the inequality

(1.1)
$$||f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)|| \le \epsilon (||x||^p + ||y||^p)$$

for all $x, y \in E$, where ϵ and p are constants with $\epsilon > 0$ and p < 1. Then the limit

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

exists for all $x \in E$ and $L : E \to E'$ is the unique additive mapping which satisfies

$$||f(x) - L(x)|| \le \frac{2\epsilon}{2 - 2^p} ||x||^p$$

for all $x \in E$. Also, if for each $x \in E$ the function f(tx) is continuous in $t \in \mathbb{R}$, then L is \mathbb{R} -linear.

The inequality (1.1) has been influential in the development of what is now known as the *generalized Hyers-Ulam stability* or *Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability* of functional equations. Beginning around the year 1980, the topic of approximate homomorphisms, or the stability of the equation of homomorphisms, has been studied by a number of mathematicians. Găvruta [6], following Th.M. Rassias' approach for the stability of the linear mapping between Banach spaces obtained a generalization of Th.M. Rassias' Theorem. 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 [3], [4], [9], [10], [11], [13] – [25], [28] – [30]).

We recall two fundamental results in fixed point theory.

Theorem 1.2 ([1, 2, 26]). Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and let $J : X \to X$ be strictly contractive, i.e.,

$$d(Jx, Jy) \le Ld(x, y), \qquad \forall x, y \in X$$

for some Lipschitz constant L < 1. Then

- (1) the mapping J has a unique fixed point $x^* = Jx^*$;
- (2) the fixed point x^* is globally attractive, i.e.,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} J^n x = x^*$$

for any starting point $x \in X$;

(3) one has the following estimation inequalities:

$$d(J^{n}x, x^{*}) \leq L^{n}d(x, x^{*}),$$

$$d(J^{n}x, x^{*}) \leq \frac{1}{1-L}d(J^{n}x, J^{n+1}x),$$

$$d(x, x^{*}) \leq \frac{1}{1-L}d(x, Jx)$$

for all nonnegative integers n and all $x \in X$.

Let X be a set. A function $d : X \times X \to [0, \infty]$ is called a *generalized metric* on X if d satisfies

- (1) d(x, y) = 0 if and only if x = y;
- (2) d(x, y) = d(y, x) for all $x, y \in X$;
- (3) $d(x,z) \le d(x,y) + d(y,z)$ for all $x, y, z \in X$.

Theorem 1.3 ([5]). Let (X, d) be a complete generalized metric space and let $J : X \to X$ be a strictly contractive mapping with a Lipschitz constant L < 1. Then for each given element $x \in X$, either

$$d(J^n x, J^{n+1} x) = \infty$$

for all nonnegative integers n or there exists a positive integer n_0 such that

- (1) $d(J^n x, J^{n+1} x) < \infty, \quad \forall n \ge n_0;$
- (2) the sequence $\{J^n x\}$ converges to a fixed point y^* of J;
- (3) y^* is the unique fixed point of J in the set $Y = \{y \in X \mid d(J^{n_0}x, y) < \infty\}$;
- (4) $d(y, y^*) \le \frac{1}{1-L} d(y, Jy)$ for all $y \in Y$.

This paper is organized as follows: In Section 2, using the fixed point method, we prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of homomorphisms in Banach algebras for the Cauchy functional equation.

In Section 3, using the fixed point method, we prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of derivations on Banach algebras for the Cauchy functional equation.

Throughout this section, assume that A is a complex Banach algebra with norm $\|\cdot\|_A$ and that B is a complex Banach algebra with norm $\|\cdot\|_B$.

2. STABILITY OF HOMOMORPHISMS IN BANACH ALGEBRAS

For a given mapping $f : A \to B$, we define

$$D_{\mu}f(x,y) := \mu f(x+y) - f(\mu x) - f(\mu y)$$

for all $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1 := \{\nu \in \mathbb{C} : |\nu| = 1\}$ and all $x, y \in A$.

Note that a \mathbb{C} -linear mapping $H : A \to B$ is called a *homomorphism* in Banach algebras if H satisfies H(xy) = H(x)H(y) for all $x, y \in A$.

We prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of homomorphisms in Banach algebras for the functional equation $D_{\mu}f(x, y) = 0$.

Theorem 2.1. Let $f: A \to B$ be a mapping for which there exists a function $\varphi: A^2 \to [0, \infty)$ such that

(2.1)
$$\lim_{j \to \infty} 2^{-j} \varphi(2^j x, 2^j y) = 0,$$

(2.2)
$$||D_{\mu}f(x,y)||_{B} \le \varphi(x,y),$$

(2.3) $||f(xy) - f(x)f(y)||_B \le \varphi(x,y)$

for all $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ and all $x, y \in A$. If there exists an L < 1 such that $\varphi(x, x) \leq 2L\varphi(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2})$ for all $x \in A$, then there exists a unique homomorphism $H : A \to B$ such that

(2.4)
$$||f(x) - H(x)||_B \le \frac{1}{2 - 2L}\varphi(x, x)$$

for all $x \in A$.

Proof. Consider the set

$$X := \{g : A \to B\}$$

and introduce the *generalized metric* on X:

$$d(g,h) = \inf\{C \in \mathbb{R}_+ : \|g(x) - h(x)\|_B \le C\varphi(x,x), \quad \forall x \in A\}$$

It is easy to show that (X, d) is complete.

Now we consider the linear mapping $J: X \to X$ such that

$$Jg(x) := \frac{1}{2}g(2x)$$

for all $x \in A$.

By Theorem 3.1 of [1],

$$d(Jg, Jh) \le Ld(g, h)$$

for all $g, h \in X$.

Letting $\mu = 1$ and y = x in (2.2), we get

(25)

 $\|f(2x) - 2f(x)\|_B \le \varphi(x, x)$

for all $x \in A$. So

$$||f(x) - \frac{1}{2}f(2x)||_B \le \frac{1}{2}\varphi(x,x)$$

for all $x \in A$. Hence $d(f, Jf) \leq \frac{1}{2}$.

By Theorem 1.3, there exists a mapping $H : A \rightarrow B$ such that (1) H is a fixed point of J, i.e.,

for all $x \in A$. The mapping H is a unique fixed point of J in the set

$$Y = \{g \in X : d(f,g) < \infty\}$$

This implies that H is a unique mapping satisfying (2.6) such that there exists $C \in (0, \infty)$ satisfying

$$||H(x) - f(x)||_B \le C\varphi(x, x)$$

for all $x \in A$. (2) $d(J^n f, H) \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$. This implies the equality

(2.7)
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n} = H(x)$$

for all $x \in A$. (3) $d(f, H) \leq \frac{1}{1-L}d(f, Jf)$, which implies,

$$d(f,H) \le \frac{1}{2-2L}.$$

This implies that the inequality (2.4) holds.

It follows from (2.1), (2.2) and (2.7) that

$$|H(x+y) - H(x) - H(y)||_B$$

= $\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} ||f(2^n(x+y)) - f(2^nx) - f(2^ny)||_B$
 $\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \varphi(2^nx, 2^ny) = 0$

for all $x, y \in A$. So

(2.8)

H(x+y) = H(x) + H(y)

for all $x, y \in A$.

Letting y = x in (2.2), we get

$$uf(2x) = f(\mu 2x)$$

for all $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ and all $x \in A$. By a similar method to that above, we obtain

$$\mu H(2x) = H(2\mu x)$$

for all $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ and all $x \in A$. Thus one can show that the mapping $H : A \to B$ is \mathbb{C} -linear. It follows from (2.3) that

$$\|H(xy) - H(x)H(y)\|_{B} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{4^{n}} \|f(4^{n}xy) - f(2^{n}x)f(2^{n}y)\|_{B}$$

$$\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{4^{n}} \varphi(2^{n}x, 2^{n}y)$$

$$\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{2^{n}} \varphi(2^{n}x, 2^{n}y) = 0$$

for all $x, y \in A$. So

$$H(xy) = H(x)H(y)$$

for all $x, y \in A$.

Thus $H : A \rightarrow B$ is a homomorphism satisfying (2.4), as desired.

Corollary 2.2. Let $r < \frac{1}{2}$ and θ be nonnegative real numbers, and let $f : A \to B$ be a mapping such that

(2.9) $\|D_{\mu}f(x,y)\|_{B} \le \theta \cdot \|x\|_{A}^{r} \cdot \|y\|_{A}^{r},$

(2.10)
$$||f(xy) - f(x)f(y)||_B \le \theta \cdot ||x||_A^r \cdot ||y||_A^r$$

for all $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ and all $x, y \in A$. Then there exists a unique homomorphism $H : A \to B$ such that

$$||f(x) - H(x)||_B \le \frac{\theta}{2 - 4^r} ||x||_A^{2\eta}$$

for all $x \in A$.

Proof. The proof follows from Theorem 2.1 by taking

$$\varphi(x,y) := \theta \cdot \|x\|_A^r \cdot \|y\|_A^r$$

for all $x, y \in A$. Then $L = 2^{2r-1}$ and we get the desired result.

Theorem 2.3. Let $f : A \to B$ be a mapping for which there exists a function $\varphi : A^2 \to [0, \infty)$ satisfying (2.2) and (2.3) such that

(2.11)
$$\lim_{j \to \infty} 4^j \varphi\left(\frac{x}{2^j}, \frac{y}{2^j}\right) = 0$$

for all $x, y \in A$. If there exists an L < 1 such that $\varphi(x, x) \leq \frac{1}{2}L\varphi(2x, 2x)$ for all $x \in A$, then there exists a unique homomorphism $H : A \to B$ such that

(2.12)
$$||f(x) - H(x)||_B \le \frac{L}{2 - 2L}\varphi(x, x)$$

for all $x \in A$.

Proof. We consider the linear mapping $J: X \to X$ such that

$$Jg(x) := 2g\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

for all $x \in A$.

It follows from (2.5) that

$$\left\|f(x) - 2f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\right\|_{B} \le \varphi\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2}\right) \le \frac{L}{2}\varphi(x, x)$$

for all $x \in A$. Hence $d(f, Jf) \leq \frac{L}{2}$.

By Theorem 1.3, there exists a mapping $H : A \to B$ such that: (1) H is a fixed point of J, i.e.,

for all $x \in A$. The mapping H is a unique fixed point of J in the set

$$Y = \{g \in X : d(f,g) < \infty\}$$

This implies that H is a unique mapping satisfying (2.13) such that there exists $C \in (0, \infty)$ satisfying

$$||H(x) - f(x)||_B \le C\varphi(x, x)$$

for all $x \in A$. (2) $d(J^n f, H) \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$. This implies the equality

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

for all $x \in A$. (3) $d(f, H) \leq \frac{1}{1-L}d(f, Jf)$, which implies,

$$d(f,H) \le \frac{L}{2-2L},$$

which implies that the inequality (2.12) holds.

The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.1. ■

Corollary 2.4. Let r > 1 and θ be nonnegative real numbers, and let $f : A \to B$ be a mapping satisfying (2.9) and (2.10). Then there exists a unique homomorphism $H : A \to B$ such that

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$$||f(x) - H(x)||_B \le \frac{\theta}{4^r - 2} ||x||_A^{2r}$$

for all $x \in A$.

Proof. The proof follows from Theorem 2.3 by taking

$$\varphi(x,y) := \theta \cdot \|x\|_A^r \cdot \|y\|_A^r$$

for all $x, y \in A$. Then $L = 2^{1-2r}$ and we get the desired result.

3. STABILITY OF DERIVATIONS ON BANACH ALGEBRAS

Note that a \mathbb{C} -linear mapping $\delta : A \to A$ is called a *derivation* on A if δ satisfies $\delta(xy) = \delta(x)y + x\delta(y)$ for all $x, y \in A$.

We prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of derivations on Banach algebras for the functional equation $D_{\mu}f(x,y) = 0$.

Theorem 3.1. Let $f : A \to A$ be a mapping for which there exists a function $\varphi : A^2 \to [0, \infty)$ satisfying (2.1) such that

$$||D_{\mu}f(x,y)||_{A} \le \varphi(x,y),$$

$$||f(xy) - f(x)y - xf(y)||_A \le \varphi(x, y)$$

for all $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ and all $x, y \in A$. If there exists an L < 1 such that $\varphi(x, x) \leq 2L\varphi\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2}\right)$ for all $x \in A$, then there exists a unique derivation $\delta : A \to A$ such that

(3.3)
$$||f(x) - \delta(x)||_A \le \frac{1}{2 - 2L}\varphi(x, x)$$

for all $x \in A$.

Proof. By the same reasoning as the proof of Theorem 2.1, there exists a unique \mathbb{C} -linear mapping $\delta : A \to A$ satisfying (3.3). The mapping $\delta : A \to A$ is given by

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

for all $x \in A$.

It follows from (3.2) that

$$\begin{split} \|\delta(xy) - \delta(x)y - x\delta(y)\|_{A} \\ &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{4^{n}} \|f(4^{n}xy) - f(2^{n}x) \cdot 2^{n}y - 2^{n}xf(2^{n}y)\|_{A} \\ &\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{4^{n}} \varphi(2^{n}x, 2^{n}y) \leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{2^{n}} \varphi(2^{n}x, 2^{n}y) = 0 \end{split}$$

for all $x, y \in A$. So

$$\delta(xy) = \delta(x)y + x\delta(y)$$

for all $x, y \in A$. Thus $\delta : A \to A$ is a derivation satisfying (3.3).

Corollary 3.2. Let $r < \frac{1}{2}$ and θ be nonnegative real numbers, and let $f : A \to A$ be a mapping such that

(3.4)
$$||D_{\mu}f(x,y)||_{A} \le \theta \cdot ||x||_{A}^{r} \cdot ||y||_{A}^{r},$$

(3.5)
$$||f(xy) - f(x)y - xf(y)||_A \le \theta \cdot ||x||_A^r \cdot ||y||_A^r$$

for all $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ and all $x, y \in A$. Then there exists a unique derivation $\delta : A \to A$ such that

$$||f(x) - \delta(x)||_A \le \frac{\theta}{2 - 4^r} ||x||_A^{2r}$$

for all $x \in A$.

Proof. The proof follows from Theorem 3.1 by taking

$$\varphi(x,y) := \theta \cdot \|x\|_A^r \cdot \|y\|_A^r$$

for all $x, y \in A$. Then $L = 2^{2r-1}$ and we get the desired result.

Theorem 3.3. Let $f : A \to A$ be a mapping for which there exists a function $\varphi : A^2 \to [0, \infty)$ satisfying (2.11), (3.1) and (3.2). If there exists an L < 1 such that $\varphi(x, x) \leq \frac{1}{2}L\varphi(2x, 2x)$ for all $x \in A$, then there exists a unique derivation $\delta : A \to A$ such that

$$\|f(x) - \delta(x)\|_A \le \frac{L}{2 - 2L}\varphi(x, x)$$

for all $x \in A$.

Proof. The proof is similar to the proofs of Theorems 2.3 and 3.1.

Corollary 3.4. Let r > 1 and θ be nonnegative real numbers, and let $f : A \to A$ be a mapping satisfying (3.4) and (3.5). Then there exists a unique derivation $\delta : A \to A$ such that

$$||f(x) - \delta(x)||_A \le \frac{\theta}{4^r - 2} ||x||_A^{2r}$$

for all $x \in A$.

Proof. The proof follows from Theorem 3.3 by taking

$$\varphi(x,y) := \theta \cdot \|x\|_A^r \cdot \|y\|_A^r$$

for all $x, y \in A$. Then $L = 2^{1-2r}$ and we get the desired result.

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