

## GENERALIZED JENSEN'S EQUATIONS IN A HILBERT MODULE

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ABSTRACT. We prove the stability of generalized Jensen's equations in a Hilbert module over a unital  $C^*$ -algebra. This is applied to show the stability of a projection, a unitary operator, a self-adjoint operator, a normal operator, and an invertible operator in a Hilbert module over a unital  $C^*$ -algebra.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  be Banach spaces, and  $f : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  a mapping such that  $f(tx)$  is continuous in  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  for each fixed  $x \in E_1$ . Assume that there exist constants  $\epsilon \geq 0$  and  $p \in [0, 1)$  such that

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

for all  $x, y \in E_1$ . Th.M. Rassias [14] showed that there exists a unique  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear mapping  $T : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  such that

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

for all  $x \in E_1$ .

Throughout this paper, let  $A$  be a unital  $C^*$ -algebra with a norm  $|\cdot|$ ,  $A_{\frac{1}{2}} = \{a \in A \mid |a| = \frac{1}{2}\}$ ,  $A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+$  the set of positive elements in  $A_{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $A_{in}$  the set of invertible elements in  $A$ ,  $A_{sa}$  the set of self-adjoint elements in  $A$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^+$  the set of nonnegative real numbers, and  ${}_A\mathcal{H}$  a left Hilbert  $A$ -module with a norm  $\|\cdot\|$ .

We prove the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of generalized Jensen's equations in a Hilbert module over a unital  $C^*$ -algebra.

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## 2. Stability of generalized Jensen's equations in a Hilbert module over a $C^*$ -algebra

In this section, let  $\varphi : {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\} \times {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function such that

$$\tilde{\varphi}(x, y) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 3^{-k} \varphi(3^k x, 3^k y) < \infty.$$

LEMMA 2.1. *Let  $F : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  be a mapping such that*

$$\|2F(ax + \frac{1}{2}y) - 2aF(x) - F(y)\| \leq \varphi(x, y)$$

for all  $a \in A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+ \cup \{i\}$  and all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$ . If  $F(tx)$  is continuous in  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  for each fixed  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ , then there exists a unique  $A$ -linear operator  $T : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  such that

$$(i) \quad \|F(x) - F(0) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{3}(\tilde{\varphi}(x, -x) + \tilde{\varphi}(-x, 3x))$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $a = \frac{1}{2} \in A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+$  in the statement. By [11, Theorem 1], there exists a unique additive mapping  $T : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  satisfying (i). The mapping  $T : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  was given by

$$T(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F(3^n x)}{3^n}.$$

The additive mapping  $T$  given in the proof of [11, Theorem 1] is similar to the additive mapping  $T$  given in the proof of [14, Theorem]. By the same reasoning as in the proof of [14, Theorem], it follows from the assumption that  $F(tx)$  is continuous in  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  for each fixed  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$  that the additive mapping  $T : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear.

Since  $a = \frac{1}{2} \in A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+$ ,

$$\|2F(\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}y) - F(x) - F(y)\| \leq \varphi(x, y)$$

for all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$ . For each  $a \in A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+ \cup \{i\}$ ,

$$\|2F(\frac{1}{2}2ax + \frac{1}{2}x) - F(2ax) - F(x)\| \leq \varphi(2ax, x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} \|F(2ax) - 2aF(x)\| &\leq \|2F(ax + \frac{1}{2}x) - 2aF(x) - F(x)\| \\ &\quad + \|2F(ax + \frac{1}{2}x) - F(2ax) - F(x)\| \\ &\leq \varphi(x, x) + \varphi(2ax, x) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a \in A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+ \cup \{i\}$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$ . Thus  $3^{-n}\|F(3^n 2ax) - 2aF(3^n x)\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $a \in A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+ \cup \{i\}$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$ . Hence

$$T(2ax) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 3^{-n} F(3^n 2ax) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 3^{-n} 2aF(3^n x) = 2aT(x)$$

for all  $a \in A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+ \cup \{i\}$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$ . But  $T(2ax) = T(ax + ax) = 2T(ax)$  since  $T$  is additive. So  $T(ax) = aT(x)$  for all  $a \in A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+ \cup \{i\}$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$ . Since  $T$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear and  $T(ax) = aT(x)$  for each  $a \in A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+ \cup \{i\}$ ,

$$T(ax) = T(2|a| \cdot \frac{a}{2|a|}x) = 2|a| \cdot T(\frac{a}{2|a|}x) = 2|a| \cdot \frac{a}{2|a|} \cdot T(x) = aT(x)$$

for all positive elements  $a \in A \setminus \{0\}$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} T(ax) &= aT(x), \\ T(ix) &= iT(x) \end{aligned}$$

for all positive elements  $a \in A$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ .

For any element  $a \in A$ ,  $a = a_1 + ia_2$ , where  $a_1 = \frac{a+a^*}{2}$  and  $a_2 = \frac{a-a^*}{2i}$  are self-adjoint elements, furthermore,  $a = a_1^+ - a_1^- + ia_2^+ - ia_2^-$ ,

where  $a_1^+$ ,  $a_1^-$ ,  $a_2^+$ , and  $a_2^-$  are positive elements (see [3, Lemma 38.8]). So

$$\begin{aligned} T(ax) &= T(a_1^+x - a_1^-x + ia_2^+x - ia_2^-x) \\ &= a_1^+T(x) - a_1^-T(x) + a_2^+T(ix) - a_2^-T(ix) \\ &= a_1^+T(x) - a_1^-T(x) + ia_2^+T(x) - ia_2^-T(x) \\ &= (a_1^+ - a_1^- + ia_2^+ - ia_2^-)T(x) = aT(x) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a \in A$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ . Hence

$$T(ax + by) = T(ax) + T(by) = aT(x) + bT(y)$$

for all  $a, b \in A$  and all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ . So the unique  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear operator  $T : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  is an  $A$ -linear operator satisfying (i), as desired.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 2.2.** *Let  $p < 1$  and  $F : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  a mapping such that*

$$\|2F(ax + \frac{1}{2}y) - 2aF(x) - F(y)\| \leq \|x\|^p + \|y\|^p$$

for all  $a \in A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+ \cup \{i\}$  and all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$ . If  $F(tx)$  is continuous in  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  for each fixed  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ , then there exists a unique  $A$ -linear operator  $T : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  such that

$$\|F(x) - F(0) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{3 + 3^p}{3 - 3^p} \|x\|^p$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$ .

*Proof.* Define  $\varphi : {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\} \times {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by  $\varphi(x, y) = \|x\|^p + \|y\|^p$ , and apply Lemma 2.1.  $\square$

From now on, let  $F, G : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  be mappings such that  $F(3^n x) = 3^n F(x)$  and  $G(3^n x) = 3^n G(x)$  for all positive integers  $n$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ .

**THEOREM 2.3.** *Let  $F, G : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  be mappings such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \|2F(ax + \frac{1}{2}y) - 2aF(x) - F(y)\| &\leq \varphi(x, y), \\ \|2G(ax + \frac{1}{2}y) - 2aG(x) - G(y)\| &\leq \varphi(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a \in A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+ \cup \{i\}$  and all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$ . Assume that  $F(tx)$  and  $G(tx)$  are continuous in  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  for each fixed  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ . Then the mappings  $F, G : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  are  $A$ -linear operators. Furthermore,

- (1) if the mappings  $F, G : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  satisfy the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned}\|F \circ G(x) - x\| &\leq \varphi(x, x), \\ \|G \circ F(x) - x\| &\leq \varphi(x, x)\end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ , then the mapping  $G$  is the inverse of the mapping  $F$ ,

- (2) if the mapping  $F : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  satisfies the inequality

$$\|F(x) - F^*(x)\| \leq \varphi(x, x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ , then the mapping  $F : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  is a self-adjoint operator,

- (3) if the mapping  $F : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  satisfies the inequality

$$\|F \circ F^*(x) - F^* \circ F(x)\| \leq \varphi(x, x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ , then the mapping  $F : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  is a normal operator,

- (4) if the mapping  $F : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  satisfies the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned}\|F \circ F^*(x) - x\| &\leq \varphi(x, x), \\ \|F^* \circ F(x) - x\| &\leq \varphi(x, x)\end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ , then the mapping  $F : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  is a unitary operator, and

- (5) if the mapping  $F : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  satisfies the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned}\|F \circ F(x) - F(x)\| &\leq \varphi(x, x), \\ \|F^*(x) - F(x)\| &\leq \varphi(x, x)\end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ , then the mapping  $F : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  is a projection.

*Proof.* Let  $a = \frac{1}{2} \in A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+$  in the statement. By the same reasoning as in the proof of Lemma 2.1, there exists a unique  $A$ -linear operator  $L : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  satisfying

$$(ii) \quad \|G(x) - G(0) - L(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{3}(\tilde{\varphi}(x, -x) + \tilde{\varphi}(-x, 3x))$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$ . The  $A$ -linear operator  $L : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  is given by

$$L(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{G(3^n x)}{3^n}.$$

By the assumption,

$$\begin{aligned} T(x) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F(3^n x)}{3^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^n F(x)}{3^n} = F(x), \\ L(x) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{G(3^n x)}{3^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^n G(x)}{3^n} = G(x) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ , where the mapping  $T : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  is given in the proof of Lemma 2.1. Hence the  $A$ -linear operators  $T$  and  $L$  are the mappings  $F$  and  $G$ , respectively. So the mappings  $F, G : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  are  $A$ -linear operators.

(1) By the assumption,

$$\begin{aligned} \|F \circ G(3^n x) - 3^n x\| &\leq \varphi(3^n x, 3^n x), \\ \|G \circ F(3^n x) - 3^n x\| &\leq \varphi(3^n x, 3^n x) \end{aligned}$$

for all positive integers  $n$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} 3^{-n} \|F \circ G(3^n x) - 3^n x\| &\rightarrow 0, \\ 3^{-n} \|G \circ F(3^n x) - 3^n x\| &\rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} F \circ G(x) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F \circ G(3^n x)}{3^n} = x, \\ G \circ F(x) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{G \circ F(3^n x)}{3^n} = x \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ . So the mapping  $G$  is the inverse of the mapping  $F$ .

(2) By the assumption,

$$\|F(3^n x) - F^*(3^n x)\| \leq \varphi(3^n x, 3^n x)$$

for all positive integers  $n$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ . Thus  $3^{-n}\|F(3^n x) - F^*(3^n x)\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ . Hence

$$F(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F(3^n x)}{3^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F^*(3^n x)}{3^n} = F^*(x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ . So the mapping  $F$  is a self-adjoint operator.

The proofs of the others are similar to the proofs of (1) and (2).  $\square$

Given a locally compact abelian group  $G$  and a multiplier  $\omega$  on  $G$ , one can associate to them the twisted group  $C^*$ -algebra  $C^*(G, \omega)$ .  $C^*(\mathbb{Z}^m, \omega)$  is said to be a *noncommutative torus of rank  $m$*  and denoted by  $A_\omega$ . The multiplier  $\omega$  determines a subgroup  $S_\omega$  of  $G$ , called its *symmetry group*, and the multiplier is called *totally skew* if the symmetry group  $S_\omega$  is trivial. And  $A_\omega$  is called *completely irrational* if  $\omega$  is totally skew (see [1]). It was shown in [1] that if  $G$  is a locally compact abelian group and  $\omega$  is a totally skew multiplier on  $G$ , then  $C^*(G, \omega)$  is a simple  $C^*$ -algebra. It was shown in [2, Theorem 1.5] that if  $A_\omega$  is a completely irrational noncommutative torus, then  $A_\omega$  has real rank 0, where “*real rank 0*” means that the set of invertible self-adjoint elements is dense in the set of self-adjoint elements (see [4, 6]).

We prove the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of a generalized Jensen's equation in Hilbert module over a unital  $C^*$ -algebra of real rank 0.

**THEOREM 2.4.** *Let  $A$  have real rank 0, and  $F, G : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  mappings such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \|2F(ax + \frac{1}{2}y) - 2aF(x) - F(y)\| &\leq \varphi(x, y), \\ \|2G(ax + \frac{1}{2}y) - 2aG(x) - G(y)\| &\leq \varphi(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a \in (A_{in} \cap A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+) \cup \{i\}$  and all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$ . Assume that (iii)  $F(ax)$  and  $G(ax)$  are continuous in  $a \in A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+ \cup \mathbb{R}$  for each fixed

$x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ . Then the mappings  $F, G : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  are  $A$ -linear operators. Furthermore, the properties, given in the statement of Theorem 2.3, hold.

*Proof.* By the same reasoning as in the proof of Lemma 2.1, there exists a unique  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear operator  $T : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  satisfying (i), and

$$(1) \quad T(ax) = aT(x)$$

for all  $a \in (A_{in} \cap A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+) \cup \{i\}$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$ .

Let  $b \in A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+ \setminus A_{in}$ . Since  $A_{in} \cap A_{sa}$  is dense in  $A_{sa}$ , there exists a sequence  $\{b_m\}$  in  $A_{in} \cap A_{sa}$  such that  $b_m \rightarrow b$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . Put  $c_m = \frac{1}{2|b_m|}b_m$ . Then  $c_m \rightarrow \frac{1}{2|b|}b = b$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  and  $c_m \in A_{in} \cap A_{sa} \cap A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+$ . Put  $a_m = \sqrt{c_m^* c_m}$ . Then  $a_m \rightarrow \frac{1}{2|b|}b = b$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  and  $a_m \in A_{in} \cap A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+$ . Thus there exists a sequence  $\{a_m\}$  in  $A_{in} \cap A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+$  such that  $a_m \rightarrow b$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , and by (iii)

$$(2) \quad \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} T(a_m x) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} F(a_m x) = F(\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} a_m x) = F(bx) = T(bx)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ . By (1),

$$(3) \quad \|T(a_m x) - bT(x)\| = \|a_m T(x) - bT(x)\| \rightarrow \|bT(x) - bT(x)\| = 0$$

as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . By (2) and (3),

$$(4) \quad \begin{aligned} \|T(bx) - bT(x)\| &\leq \|T(bx) - T(a_m x)\| + \|T(a_m x) - bT(x)\| \\ &\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ . By (1) and (4),  $T(ax) = aT(x)$  for all  $a \in A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+ \cup \{i\}$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ .

Similarly, one can show that there exists a unique  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear operator  $L : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  satisfying (ii) such that  $L(ax) = aL(x)$  for all  $a \in A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+ \cup \{i\}$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ .

The rest of the proof is the same as in the proofs of Lemma 2.1 and Theorem 2.3. So the mappings  $F, G : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  are  $A$ -linear operators, and the properties, given in the statement of Theorem 2.3, hold.  $\square$

We prove the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of another generalized Jensen's equation in a Hilbert module over a unital  $C^*$ -algebra.

**THEOREM 2.5.** *Let  $F, G : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  be mappings such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \|2F(ax + \frac{1}{2}y) - 2aF(x) - F(y)\| &\leq \varphi(x, y), \\ \|2G(ax + \frac{1}{2}y) - 2aG(x) - G(y)\| &\leq \varphi(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a \in A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+ \cup \{i\}$  and all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$ . Assume that  $F(x)$  and  $G(x)$  are continuous. Then the mappings  $F, G : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  are bounded  $A$ -linear operators. Furthermore, the properties, given in the statement of Theorem 2.3, hold.

*Proof.* By the same reasoning as in the proof of Theorem 2.3, the mappings  $F, G : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  are  $A$ -linear operators.

Since the  $A$ -linear operators  $F, G : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  are continuous, the  $A$ -linear operators  $F, G : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  are bounded (see [5, Proposition II.1.1]). By the same reasoning as the proof of Theorem 2.3, the properties, given in the statement of Theorem 2.3, hold, as desired.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 2.6.** *Let  $A$  have real rank 0, and  $F, G : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  mappings such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \|2F(ax + \frac{1}{2}y) - 2aF(x) - F(y)\| &\leq \varphi(x, y), \\ \|2G(ax + \frac{1}{2}y) - 2aG(x) - G(y)\| &\leq \varphi(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a \in (A_{in} \cap A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+) \cup \{i\}$  and all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$ . Assume that  $F(x)$  and  $G(x)$  are continuous. Then the mappings  $F, G : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  are bounded  $A$ -linear operators. Furthermore, the properties, given in the statement of Theorem 2.3, hold.

*Proof.* By the same reasoning as in the proof of Theorem 2.4, the mappings  $F, G : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  are  $A$ -linear operators.

By the same reasoning as in the proof of Theorem 2.5, the  $A$ -linear operators  $F, G : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  are bounded, and the properties, given in the statement of Theorem 2.3, hold.  $\square$

Now we prove the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of another generalized Jensen's equation in a Hilbert module over a unital  $C^*$ -algebra.

**THEOREM 2.7.** *Let  $F, G : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  be mappings such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \|2F(ax + \frac{1}{2}y) - 2aF(x) - F(y)\| &\leq \varphi(x, y), \\ \|2G(ax + \frac{1}{2}y) - 2aG(x) - G(y)\| &\leq \varphi(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a \in A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+ \cup \{i\} \cup \mathbb{R}^+$  and all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$ . Then the mappings  $F, G : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  are  $A$ -linear operators. Furthermore, the properties, given in the statement of Theorem 2.3, hold.

*Proof.* By the same reasoning as in the proof of Lemma 2.1, there exist unique additive mappings  $T, L : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  satisfying (i) and (ii), respectively.

By the same method as in the proof of Lemma 2.1, one can show that

$$T(ax) = aT(x)$$

for all  $a \in A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+ \cup \{i\} \cup \mathbb{R}^+$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$ . So  $T(ax) = aT(x)$  for all  $a \in (A^+ \setminus \{0\}) \cup \{i\}$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ . Since  $T$  is additive,  $T(x) = T(x - y + y) = T(x - y) + T(y)$  and  $T(x - y) = T(x) - T(y)$  for all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} T(ax) &= T(a_1^+x - a_1^-x + ia_2^+x - ia_2^-x) \\ &= (a_1^+ - a_1^- + ia_2^+ - ia_2^-)T(x) \\ &= aT(x) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a \in A$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ , where  $a_1^+, a_1^-, a_2^+$ , and  $a_2^-$  are as defined in the proof of Theorem 2.3. Hence

$$T(ax + by) = T(ax) + T(by) = aT(x) + bT(y)$$

for all  $a, b \in A$  and all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ . So the unique additive mapping  $T : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  is an  $A$ -linear operator satisfying (i).

Similarly, one can show that the unique additive mapping  $L : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  is an  $A$ -linear operator satisfying (ii).

The rest of the proof is the same as in the proofs of Lemma 2.1 and Theorem 2.3. So the mappings  $F, G : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  are  $A$ -linear operators, and the properties, given in the statement of Theorem 2.3, hold.  $\square$

Combining Theorem 2.7 and Theorem 2.4 yields the following.

**COROLLARY 2.8.** *Let  $A$  have real rank 0, and  $F, G : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  mappings such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \|2F(ax + \frac{1}{2}y) - 2aF(x) - F(y)\| &\leq \varphi(x, y), \\ \|2G(ax + \frac{1}{2}y) - 2aG(x) - G(y)\| &\leq \varphi(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a \in (A_{in} \cap A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+) \cup \{i\} \cup \mathbb{R}^+$  and all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$ . Assume that  $F(ax)$  and  $G(ax)$  are continuous in  $a \in A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+$  for each fixed  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ . Then the mappings  $F, G : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  are  $A$ -linear operators. Furthermore, the properties, given in the statement of Theorem 2.3, hold.

*Proof.* By the same method as in the proof of Lemma 2.1, one can show that there exist unique additive mappings  $T, L : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  satisfying (i) and (ii), respectively, and that

$$T(ax) = aT(x)$$

for all  $a \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$ . Since  $T$  is additive,  $T(x) = T(x - y + y) = T(x - y) + T(y)$  and  $T(x - y) = T(x) - T(y)$  for all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ . So the unique additive mapping  $T : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear.

Similarly, one can show that the unique additive mapping  $L : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear.

The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.4. So the mappings  $F, G : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  are  $A$ -linear operators, and the properties, given in the statement of Theorem 2.3, hold.  $\square$

### 3. Stability of other generalized Jensen's equations in a Hilbert module over a $C^*$ -algebra

In this section, let  $\varphi : {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\} \times {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function such that

$$\tilde{\varphi}(x, y) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 3^k \varphi(3^{-k}x, 3^{-k}y) < \infty.$$

LEMMA 3.1. *Let  $F : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  be a mapping such that*

$$\|2F(ax + \frac{1}{2}y) - 2aF(x) - F(y)\| \leq \varphi(x, y)$$

for all  $a \in A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+ \cup \{i\}$  and all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$ . Assume that  $F(x)$  is continuous, and that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 3^n F(3^{-n}x)$  converges uniformly on  ${}_A\mathcal{H}$ . Then there exists a unique bounded  $A$ -linear operator  $T : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  such that

$$(iv) \quad \|F(x) - F(0) - T(x)\| \leq \tilde{\varphi}\left(\frac{x}{3}, \frac{-x}{3}\right) + \tilde{\varphi}\left(\frac{-x}{3}, x\right)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $a = \frac{1}{2} \in A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+$  in the statement. By [11, Theorem 6], there exists a unique additive mapping  $T : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  satisfying (iv). The additive mapping  $T : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  was given by

$$T(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 3^n F(3^{-n}x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$ . The additive mapping  $T$  given in the proof of [11, Theorem 6] is similar to the additive mapping  $T$  given in the proof of [14, Theorem]. By the same reasoning as the proof of [14, Theorem], it follows from the assumption that  $F(tx)$  is continuous in  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  for each fixed  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$  that the additive mapping  $T : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear.

By the same method as in the proof of Lemma 2.1, one can show that

$$T(2ax) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 3^n F(3^{-n}2ax) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 3^n 2aF(3^{-n}x) = 2aT(x)$$

for all  $a \in A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+ \cup \{i\}$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$ , and that the unique  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear operator  $T : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  is an  $A$ -linear operator satisfying (iv). But by the assumption, the  $A$ -linear operator  $T : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  is continuous. So the  $A$ -linear operator  $T : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  is bounded (see [5, Proposition II.1.1]), as desired.  $\square$

COROLLARY 3.2. Let  $p > 1$  and  $F : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  a mapping such that

$$\|2F(ax + \frac{1}{2}y) - 2aF(x) - F(y)\| \leq \|x\|^p + \|y\|^p$$

for all  $a \in A_{\frac{1}{2}}^+ \cup \{i\}$  and all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$ . Assume that  $F(x)$  is continuous, and that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 3^n F(3^{-n}x)$  converges uniformly on  ${}_A\mathcal{H}$ . Then there exists a unique bounded  $A$ -linear operator  $T : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  such that

$$\|F(x) - F(0) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{3^p + 3}{3^p - 3} \|x\|^p$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$ .

*Proof.* Define  $\varphi : {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\} \times {}_A\mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by  $\varphi(x, y) = \|x\|^p + \|y\|^p$ , and apply Lemma 3.1.  $\square$

Under the assumption that  $F, G : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  are mappings such that  $F(3^{-n}x) = \frac{F(x)}{3^n}$  and  $G(3^{-n}x) = \frac{G(x)}{3^n}$  for all positive integers  $n$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ , one can obtain similar results to Theorems 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.7 and Corollaries 2.6, 2.8.

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