

## HYERS-ULAM-RASSIAS STABILITY OF AN ADDITIVE-QUARTIC, A QUADRATIC-QUARTIC, AND A CUBIC-QUARTIC FUNCTIONAL EQUATION

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we investigate Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of an additive-quartic functional equation, of a quadratic-quartic functional equation, and of a cubic-quartic functional equation.

### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, let  $V, W$  be real vector spaces,  $X$  be a real normed space,  $Y$  be a real Banach space, and  $k$  be a fixed real number such that  $k \notin \{0, 1, -1\}$ . For a given mapping  $f : V \rightarrow W$ , we use the following abbreviations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_o(x) &:= \frac{f(x) - f(-x)}{2}, & f_e(x) &:= \frac{f(x) + f(-x)}{2}, \\
 Af(x, y) &:= f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y), \\
 Qf(x, y) &:= f(x + y) + f(x - y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y), \\
 Cf(x, y) &:= f(x + 2y) - 3f(x + y) + 3f(x) - f(x - y) - 6f(y), \\
 Q'f(x, y) &:= f(x + 2y) - 4f(x + y) + 6f(x) - 4f(x - y) + f(x - 2y) - 24f(y), \\
 D_k f(x, y) &:= f(x + ky) + f(x - ky) - k^2 f(x + y) - k^2 f(x - y) + 2(k^2 - 1)f(x) \\
 &\quad - f(ky) - \frac{k^4 - 2k^2 - k}{2} f(y) - \frac{k^4 - 2k^2 + k}{2} f(-y), \\
 E_k f(x, y) &:= f(kx + y) + f(kx - y) - k^2 f(x + y) - k^2 f(x - y) - 2f(kx) \\
 &\quad + 2k^2 f(x) + 2(k^2 - 1)f(y),
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
H_k f(x, y) = & f(kx + y) + f(kx - y) - \frac{k^2 + k}{2} f(x + y) - \frac{k^2 - k}{2} f(-x - y) \\
& - \frac{k^2 + k}{2} f(x - y) - \frac{k^2 - k}{2} f(y - x) - (k^4 + k^3 - k^2 - k) f(x) \\
& - (k^4 - k^3 - k^2 + k) f(-x) + (k^2 - 1) f(y) + (k^2 - 1) f(-y)
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in V$ . Every solution of the functional equations  $Af(x, y) = 0$ ,  $Qf(x, y) = 0$ ,  $Cf(x, y) = 0$  and  $Q'f(x, y) = 0$  are called an additive mapping, a quadratic mapping, a cubic mapping and a quartic mapping, respectively. If a mapping can be expressed by the sum of an additive mapping and quartic mapping, the sum of a quadratic and quartic mapping, and the sum of a cubic and quartic mapping, respectively, then we call the mapping an additive-quartic mapping, a quadratic-quartic mapping and a cubic-quartic mapping, respectively.

A functional equation is called an additive-quartic functional equation provided that each solution of that equation is an additive-quartic mapping and every additive-quartic mapping is a solution of that equation. Some mathematicians have investigated the stability of various types of the additive-quartic functional equations [4, 3, 6].

A functional equation is called a quadratic-quartic functional equation provided that each solution of that equation is a quadratic-quartic mapping and every quadratic-quartic mapping is a solution of that equation. M. E. Gordji etc. [10] investigated the stability of the quadratic-quartic functional equation  $E_2f(x, y) = 0$ , and Abbaszadeh etc. [1], Gordji etc. [7] and Wang etc. [18] investigated the stability of the functional equation  $E_kf(x, y) = 0$  on the various spaces for  $k$  is a natural number. Many mathematicians have investigated the stability of various types of the quadratic-quartic functional equations [13, 19].

A functional equation is called a cubic-quartic functional equation provided that each solution of that equation is a cubic-quartic mapping and every cubic-quartic mapping is a solution of that equation. Several mathematicians have investigated the stability of various types of the cubic-quartic functional equations [8, 9, 20]. In particular, Jang et al. [12], Lee et al. [14], and Park [15] investigated the stability of the cubic-quartic functional equation  $H_2f(x, y) = 0$  on the various spaces.

A study on the stability of the functional equation starting from the Ulam's question [17] about the stability of the group homomorphisms obtained the meaningful result about the stability of the Cauchy additive function equation by Hyers [11] for the first time. Rassias then generalized Hyers' results and Găvruta [5] extended the results of Rassias. The concept of stability introduced by Rassias [16] is referred to as the functional equation 'Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability'.

In section 2, we will show that the functional equation  $D_r f(x, y) = 0$  is an additive-quartic functional equation when  $r$  is a rational number and investigate

Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of that functional equation  $D_k f(x, y) = 0$  when  $k$  is a real number.

In section 3, we will show that the functional equation  $E_r f(x, y) = 0$  is a quadratic-quartic functional equation when  $r$  is a rational number and investigate Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of that functional equation  $E_k f(x, y) = 0$  when  $k$  is a real number.

In section 4, we will show that the functional equation  $H_r f(x, y) = 0$  is a cubic-quartic functional equation when  $r$  is a rational number and investigate Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of that functional equation  $H_k f(x, y) = 0$  when  $k$  is a real number.

We need the following particular case of Baker’s theorem [2] to prove that the functional equations  $D_r f(x, y) = 0$ ,  $E_r f(x, y) = 0$  and  $H_r f(x, y) = 0$  are an additive-quartic functional equation, a quadratic-quartic functional equation, a cubic-quartic functional equation, respectively.

**Theorem 1.1.** (Theorem 1 in [2]) *Suppose that  $V$  and  $W$  are vector spaces over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\alpha_0, \beta_0, \dots, \alpha_m, \beta_m$  are scalar such that  $\alpha_j \beta_l - \alpha_l \beta_j \neq 0$  whenever  $0 \leq j < l \leq m$ . If  $f_l : V \rightarrow W$  for  $0 \leq l \leq m$  and*

$$\sum_{l=0}^m f_l(\alpha_l x + \beta_l y) = 0$$

for all  $x, y \in V$ , then each  $f_l$  is a “generalized” polynomial mapping of “degree” at most  $m - 1$ .

The following corollary follows from Theorem 1.1.

**Corollary 1.2.** *If a mapping  $f : V \rightarrow W$  satisfies one of the functional equations  $D_k f(x, y) = 0$ ,  $E_k f(x, y) = 0$  and  $H_k f(x, y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in X$ , then  $f$  is a “generalized” polynomial mapping of “degree” at most 4.*

Baker [2] also states that if  $f$  is a “generalized” polynomial mapping of “degree” at most  $m - 1$ , then  $f$  is expressed as  $f(x) = x_0 + \sum_{l=1}^{m-1} a_l^*(x)$  for  $x \in V$ , where  $a_l^*$  is a monomial mapping of degree  $l$  and  $f$  has a property  $f(rx) = x_0 + \sum_{l=1}^{m-1} r^l a_l^*(x)$  for  $x \in V$  and  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Notice that  $a_1^*$ ,  $a_2^*$ ,  $a_3^*$  and  $a_4^*$  are differently called an additive mapping, a quadratic mapping, a cubic mapping and a quartic mapping, respectively.

*Remark 1.* Suppose that  $f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4 : V \rightarrow W$  are generalized polynomial mapping of degree at most 4 and  $r$  is a rational number such that  $r \notin \{0, 1, -1\}$ . It is easily obtained that if the equalities  $f_1(rx) = r f_1(x)$ ,  $f_2(rx) = r^2 f_2(x)$ ,  $f_3(rx) = r^3 f_3(x)$  and  $f_4(rx) = r^4 f_4(x)$  hold for all  $x \in V$ , then  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$ ,  $f_3$  and  $f_4$  are an additive mapping, a quadratic mapping, a cubic mapping and a quartic mapping, respectively.

## 2. Stability of an additive-quartic functional equation

We will prove that the functional equation  $D_r f(x, y) = 0$  is an additive-quartic functional equation when  $r$  is a rational number.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $r$  be a rational number such that  $r \notin \{0, 1, -1\}$ . A mapping  $f$  satisfies the functional equation  $D_r f(x, y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in V$  if and only if  $f_o$  is an additive mapping and  $f_e$  is a quartic mapping.*

*Proof.* Assume that a mapping  $f : V \rightarrow W$  satisfies the functional equation  $D_r f(x, y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in V$ . Then  $f(0) = \frac{-D_r f(0, 0)}{(r^2 - 1)^2} = 0$ . The equalities  $f_o(rx) = r f_o(x)$  and  $f_e(rx) = r^4 f_e(x)$  follow from the equalities  $f_o(rx) - r f_o(x) = -D_r f_o(0, x)$  and  $f_e(rx) - r^4 f_e(x) = D_r f_e(0, x)$  for all  $x \in V$ . According to Corollary 1.2 and Remark 1,  $f_o$  and  $f_e$  are an additive mapping and a quartic mapping, respectively.

Conversely, assume that  $f_o$  is an additive mapping and  $f_e$  is a quartic mapping, i.e.  $f$  is an additive-quartic mapping. Notice that equalities  $f_o(rx) = r f_o(x)$ ,  $f_o(x) = -f_o(-x)$ ,  $f_e(rx) = r^4 f_e(x)$ ,  $f_e(x) = f_e(-x)$ , and  $f(x) = f_o(x) + f_e(x)$  hold for all  $x \in V$  and  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

First the equality  $D_r f_o(x, y) = 0$  follows from the equality

$$D_r f_o(x, y) = -A f_o(x + ry, x - ry) + r^2 A f_o(x + y, x - y),$$

for all  $x, y \in V$ . Using mathematical induction, we obtain

$$D_n f_e(x, y) = 0$$

from the equalities

$$\begin{aligned} D_2 f_e(x, y) &= Q f_e(x, y), \\ D_3 f_e(x, y) &= D_2 f_e(x + y, y) + D_2 f_e(x - y, y) + 4D_2 f_e(x, y), \\ D_n f_e(x, y) &= D_{n-1} f_e(x + y, y) + D_{n-1} f_e(x - y, y) - D_{n-2} f_e(x, y) \\ &\quad + (n-1)^2 Q f_e(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in V$  and all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Notice that if  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then there exist  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $r = \frac{n}{m}$  or  $r = \frac{-n}{m}$ . Since the equalities  $D_{\frac{n}{m}} f_e(x, y) = 0$  and  $D_{\frac{-n}{m}} f_e(x, y) = 0$  follow from the equalities

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\frac{n}{m}} f_e(x, y) &= D_n f_e\left(x, \frac{y}{m}\right) - \frac{n^2}{m^2} D_m f_e\left(x, \frac{y}{m}\right), \\ D_{\frac{-n}{m}} f_e(x, y) &= D_{\frac{n}{m}} f_e(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in V$  and  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ , we get  $D_r f_e(x, y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in V$  and  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ . From the equality  $D_r f(x, y) = D_r f_e(x, y) + D_r f_o(x, y)$ , we obtain  $D_r f(x, y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in V$ .  $\square$

For a given mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , let  $J_n f : X \rightarrow Y$  be the mappings defined by

$$J_n f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}k^n(f(k^{-n}x) - f(-k^{-n}x)) + \frac{1}{2}k^{4n}(f(k^{-n}x) + f(-k^{-n}x)) & \text{if } p > 4, \\ \frac{1}{2}k^n(f(k^{-n}x) - f(-k^{-n}x)) + \frac{1}{2}k^{-4n}(f(k^n x) + f(-k^n x)) & \text{if } 1 < p < 4, \\ \frac{1}{2}k^{-n}(f(k^n x) - f(k^{-n}x)) + \frac{1}{2}k^{-4n}(f(k^n x) + f(-k^n x)) & \text{if } 0 \leq p < 1 \end{cases}$$

when  $|k| > 1$  and

$$J_n f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}k^n(f(k^{-n}x) - f(-k^{-n}x)) + \frac{1}{2}k^{4n}(f(k^{-n}x) + f(-k^{-n}x)) & \text{if } 0 \leq p < 1, \\ \frac{1}{2}k^n(f(k^{-n}x) - f(-k^{-n}x)) + \frac{1}{2}k^{-4n}(f(k^n x) + f(-k^n x)) & \text{if } 1 < p < 4, \\ \frac{1}{2}k^{-n}(f(k^n x) - f(k^{-n}x)) + \frac{1}{2}k^{-4n}(f(k^n x) + f(-k^n x)) & \text{if } p > 4 \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all nonnegative integers  $n$  when  $|k| < 1$ . From this, if  $f(0) = 0$ , then

$$J_n f(x) - J_{n+1} f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{k^{4n}+k^n}{2}D_k f(0, -k^{-n-1}x) + \frac{k^{4n}-k^n}{2}D_k f(0, k^{-n-1}x) & \text{if } p > 4, \\ \frac{k^n}{2}D_k f(0, -k^{-n-1}x) - \frac{k^n}{2}D_k f(0, k^{-n-1}x) \\ - \frac{1}{2k^{4n+4}}D_k f(0, -k^n x) - \frac{1}{2k^{4n+4}}D_k f(0, k^n x) & \text{if } 1 < p < 4, \\ - \frac{1+k^{3n+3}}{2k^{4n+4}}D_k f(0, -k^n x) - \frac{1-k^{3n+3}}{2k^{4n+4}}D_k f(0, k^n x) & \text{if } 0 \leq p < 1 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

when  $|k| > 1$  and

$$J_n f(x) - J_{n+1} f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{k^{4n}+k^n}{2}D_k f(0, -k^{-n-1}x) + \frac{k^{4n}-k^n}{2}D_k f(0, k^{-n-1}x) & \text{if } 0 \leq p < 1, \\ \frac{k^{4n}}{2}D_k f(0, -k^{-n-1}x) + \frac{k^{4n}}{2}D_k f(0, k^{-n-1}x) \\ + \frac{1}{2k^{n+1}}D_k f(0, -k^n x) - \frac{1}{2k^{n+1}}D_k f(0, k^n x) & \text{if } 1 < p < 4, \\ - \frac{1+k^{3n+3}}{2k^{4n+4}}D_k f(0, -k^n x) - \frac{1-k^{3n+3}}{2k^{4n+4}}D_k f(0, k^n x) & \text{if } p > 4 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

when  $|k| < 1$ . The following lemma follows from the above equality and the equality  $f(x) - J_n f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (J_i f(x) - J_{i+1} f(x))$  for all  $x \in X$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a mapping such that*

$$D_k f(x, y) = 0$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , then

$$J_n f(x) = f(x)$$

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

From Theorem 2.1 and Lemma 2.2, we can prove the following stability theorem, where  $k$  is a real number with  $k \notin \{0, 1, -1\}$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $p \notin \{1, 4\}$  be a nonnegative real number. Suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a mapping such that*

$$(3) \quad \|D_k f(x, y)\| \leq \theta(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $f(0) = 0$ . Then there exists a unique solution mapping  $F$  of the functional equation  $D_k F(x, y) = 0$  such that

$$(4) \quad \|f(x) - F(x)\| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{\theta\|x\|^p}{\|k\|^4 - |k|^p} & \text{if } p > 4, \\ \left( \frac{1}{\|k\| - |k|^p} + \frac{1}{\|k\|^4 - |k|^p} \right) \theta\|x\|^p & \text{if } 1 < p < 4, \\ \frac{\theta\|x\|^p}{\|k\| - |k|^p} & \text{if } 0 \leq p < 1 \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* The proof of this theorem will be divided into two cases, either  $|k| > 1$  or  $|k| < 1$ .

**Case 1.** Let  $|k| > 1$ . It follows from (1) and (3) that

$$\|J_n f(x) - J_{n+1} f(x)\| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{|k|^{4n} \theta \|x\|^p}{|k|^{(n+1)p}} & \text{if } p > 4, \\ \frac{|k|^{np} \theta \|x\|^p}{|k|^{4(n+1)}} + \frac{|k|^n \theta \|x\|^p}{|k|^{(n+1)p}} & \text{if } 1 < p < 4, \\ \frac{|k|^{np} \theta \|x\|^p}{|k|^{n+1}} & \text{if } 0 \leq p < 1 \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Together with the equality  $J_n f(x) - J_{n+m} f(x) = \sum_{i=n}^{n+m-1} (J_i f(x) - J_{i+1} f(x))$  for all  $x \in X$ , we get

$$(5) \quad \|J_n f(x) - J_{n+m} f(x)\| \leq \begin{cases} \sum_{i=n}^{n+m-1} \frac{|k|^{4i} \theta \|x\|^p}{|k|^{(i+1)p}} & \text{if } p > 4, \\ \sum_{i=n}^{n+m-1} \frac{|k|^{ip} \theta \|x\|^p}{|k|^{4(i+1)}} + \frac{|k|^i \theta \|x\|^p}{|k|^{(i+1)p}} & \text{if } 1 < p < 4, \\ \sum_{i=n}^{n+m-1} \frac{|k|^{ip} \theta \|x\|^p}{|k|^{i+1}} & \text{if } 0 \leq p < 1 \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . From (5), it follows that the sequence  $\{J_n f(x)\}$  is Cauchy for all  $x \in X$ . Since  $Y$  is complete, the sequence  $\{J_n f(x)\}$  converges for all  $x \in X$ . Hence we can define a mapping  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  given by

$$F(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} J_n f(x)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Moreover, letting  $n = 0$  and passing the limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (5) we get (4). For the case  $p > 4$ , from the definition of  $F$ , we easily get

$$\begin{aligned} \|D_k F(x, y)\| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \frac{k^n}{2} \left( D_k f \left( \frac{x}{k^n}, \frac{y}{k^n} \right) - D_k f \left( -\frac{x}{k^n}, -\frac{y}{k^n} \right) \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{k^{4n}}{2} \left( D_k f \left( \frac{x}{k^n}, \frac{y}{k^n} \right) + D_k f \left( -\frac{x}{k^n}, -\frac{y}{k^n} \right) \right) \right\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (|k|^n + |k|^{4n}) \frac{\theta(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p)}{|k|^{np}} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . For the other cases, we also easily show that  $D_k F(x, y) = 0$  by the similar method. Now let  $F' : X \rightarrow Y$  be another solution mapping satisfying (4). By Theorem 2.1 and Lemma 2.2, the equality  $F'(x) = J_n F'(x)$  holds for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . For the case  $p > 4$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|J_n f(x) - F'(x)\| &= \|J_n f(x) - J_n F'(x)\| \\ &\leq \frac{k^n}{2} (\|(f - F')(k^{-n}x)\| + \|(f - F')(-k^{-n}x)\|) \\ &\quad + \frac{k^{4n}}{2} (\|(f - F')(k^{-n}x)\| + \|(f - F')(-k^{-n}x)\|) \\ &\leq \frac{|k|^n + |k|^{4n}}{|k|^{np}} \left( \frac{1}{\||k| - |k|^p|} + \frac{1}{\||k|^4 - |k|^p|} \right) \theta \|x\|^p \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all positive integer  $n$ . Taking the limit in the above inequality as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we can conclude that  $F'(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} J_n f(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . For the other cases, we also easily show that  $F'(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} J_n f(x)$  by the similar method. This means that  $F(x) = F'(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

**Case 2.** Let  $|k| < 1$ . It follows from (2) and (3) that

$$\|J_n f(x) - J_{n+1} f(x)\| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{|k|^n \theta \|x\|^p}{|k|^{(n+1)p}} & \text{if } 0 \leq p < 1, \\ \frac{|k|^{4n} \theta \|x\|^p}{|k|^{(n+1)p}} + \frac{|k|^{np} \theta \|x\|^p}{|k|^{(n+1)p}} & \text{if } 1 < p < 4, \\ \frac{|k|^{np} \theta \|x\|^p}{|k|^{4n+4}} & \text{if } p > 4 \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Together with the equality  $J_n f(x) - J_{n+m} f(x) = \sum_{i=n}^{n+m-1} J_i f(x) - J_{i+1} f(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ , we get

$$(6) \quad \|J_n f(x) - J_{n+m} f(x)\| \leq \begin{cases} \sum_{i=n}^{n+m-1} \frac{|k|^{ip} \theta \|x\|^p}{|k|^{4(i+1)p}} & \text{if } p > 4, \\ \sum_{i=n}^{n+m-1} \frac{|k|^{4i} \theta \|x\|^p}{|k|^{(i+1)p}} + \frac{|k|^{ip} \theta \|x\|^p}{|k|^{(i+1)p}} & \text{if } 1 < p < 4, \\ \sum_{i=n}^{n+m-1} \frac{|k|^i \theta \|x\|^p}{|k|^{(i+1)p}} & \text{if } 0 \leq p < 1 \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . From (6), it follows that the sequence  $\{J_n f(x)\}$  is Cauchy for all  $x \in X$ . Since  $Y$  is complete, the sequence  $\{J_n f(x)\}$  converges for all  $x \in X$ .

Hence we can define a mapping  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  given by

$$F(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} J_n f(x)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Moreover, letting  $n = 0$  and passing the limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (6) we get (4). For the case  $p < 1$ , from the definition of  $F$ , we easily get

$$\begin{aligned} \|D_k F(x, y)\| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \frac{k^n}{2} \left( D_k f \left( \frac{x}{k^n}, \frac{y}{k^n} \right) - D_k f \left( -\frac{x}{k^n}, -\frac{y}{k^n} \right) \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{k^{4n}}{2} \left( D_k f \left( \frac{x}{k^n}, \frac{y}{k^n} \right) + D_k f \left( -\frac{x}{k^n}, -\frac{y}{k^n} \right) \right) \right\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (|k|^n + |k|^{4n}) \frac{\theta(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p)}{|k|^{np}} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . For the other cases, we also easily show that  $D_k F(x, y) = 0$  by the similar method. Now let  $F' : X \rightarrow Y$  be another solution mapping satisfying (4). By Theorem 2.1 and Lemma 2.2, the equality  $F'(x) = J_n F'(x)$  holds for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . For the case  $p < 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|J_n f(x) - F'(x)\| &= \|J_n f(x) - J_n F'(x)\| \\ &\leq \frac{k^n}{2} (\|(f - F')(k^{-n}x)\| + \|(f - F')(-k^{-n}x)\|) \\ &\quad + \frac{k^{4n}}{2} (\|(f - F')(k^{-n}x)\| + \|(f - F')(-k^{-n}x)\|) \\ &\leq \frac{|k|^n + |k|^{4n}}{|k|^{np}} \left( \frac{1}{\|k\| - |k|^p} + \frac{1}{\|k\|^4 - |k|^p} \right) \theta \|x\|^p \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all positive integer  $n$ . Taking the limit in the above inequality as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we can conclude that  $F'(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} J_n f(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . For the other cases, we also easily show that  $F'(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} J_n f(x)$  by the similar method. This means that  $F(x) = F'(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .  $\square$

### 3. Stability of a quadratic-quartic functional equation

Throughout this section, for a given mapping  $f : V \rightarrow W$ , we use the following abbreviation:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta f(x) &:= \frac{1}{k^4 - k^2} \left( -E_k f_e(x, (k+2)x) - E_k f_e(x, (k-2)x) - 4E_k f_e(x, (k+1)x) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 4E_k f_e(x, (k-1)x) + 10E_k f_e(x, kx) + E_k f_e(2x, 2x) + 4E_k f_e(2x, x) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - k^2 E_k f_e(x, 3x) - 2(k^2 + 1)E_k f_e(x, 2x) + (17k^2 - 8)E_k f_e(x, x) \right) \\ (7) \quad &+ \frac{E_k f(0, 4x) - 20E_k f(0, 2x) + 64E_k f(0, x)}{2(k^2 - 1)} - \frac{(28k^2 - 10)E_k f(0, 0)}{2k^2(k^2 - 1)} \end{aligned}$$



for all  $x, y \in V$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $k$  be a real number such that  $k \notin \{0, 1, -1\}$ . If a mapping  $f$  satisfies the functional equation  $E_k f(x, y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in V$ , then  $f$  is a quadratic-quartic mapping.*

*Proof.* Assume that a mapping  $f : V \rightarrow W$  satisfies the functional equation  $E_k f(x, y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in V$ . Let  $g, h$  be the mappings defined by  $g(x) = \frac{-f(2x)+16f(x)}{12}$  and  $h(x) = \frac{f(2x)-4f(x)}{12}$ , respectively. Then  $f = g + h$ ,  $E_k g(x, y) = 0$ ,  $E_k h(x, y) = 0$ , and  $\Delta f(x) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in V$ , where  $\Delta f(x)$  is the mapping defined in (7). The mappings  $g$  and  $h$  are generalized polynomial mappings of degree at most 4 by Corollary 1.2. Through tedious calculations, we get the equation

$$(8) \quad f(4x) - 20f(2x) + 64f(x) = \Delta f(x)$$

for all  $x \in V$ . So  $f(4x) - 20f(2x) + 64f(x) = 0$ ,  $g(2x) = 4g(x)$ , and  $h$  satisfies  $h(2x) = 2^4 h(x)$  for all  $x \in V$ . According to Remark 1,  $g$  is a quadratic mapping and  $h$  is a quartic mapping, i.e.  $f$  is a quadratic-quartic mapping.  $\square$

We now show that the functional equation  $E_r f(x, y) = 0$  is a quadratic-quartic functional equation in the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $r$  be a rational number such that  $r \notin \{0, 1, -1\}$ . A mapping  $f$  satisfies the functional equation  $E_r f(x, y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in V$  if and only if  $f$  is a quadratic-quartic mapping.*

*Proof.* If a mapping  $f : V \rightarrow W$  satisfies the functional equation  $E_r f(x, y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in V$ , then  $f$  is a quadratic-quartic mapping by Theorem 3.1.

Conversely, assume that  $f$  is a quadratic-quartic mapping, i.e. there exist a quadratic mapping  $g$  and a quartic mapping  $h$  such that  $f = g + h$ . Notice that the equalities  $g(rx) = r^2 g(x)$ ,  $g(x) = g(-x)$ ,  $h(rx) = r^4 h(x)$ , and  $h(x) = h(-x)$  for all  $x \in V$  and  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Since  $E_r g(x, y) = 0$  is obtained from

$$E_r g(x, y) = Qg(rx, y) - r^2 Qg(x, y)$$

for all  $x, y \in V$ , we now prove that  $E_r h(x, y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in V$ . Let us first see that  $E_n h(x, y) = 0$  is true for any natural number  $n \neq 1$ . Using mathematical induction, the equality  $E_n h(x, y) = 0$  is derived from the equalities

$$\begin{aligned} E_2 h(x, y) &= Q' h(x, y), \\ E_3 h(x, y) &= E_2 h(x, x + y) + E_2 h(x, y - x) + 4E_2 h(x, y), \\ E_n h(x, y) &= E_{n-1} h(x, x + y) + E_{n-1} h(x, y - x) - E_{n-2} h(x, y) \\ &\quad + (n - 1)^2 E_2 h(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in V$ . Let us now prove  $E_r h(x, y) = 0$  if  $r$  is a rational number such that  $r \notin \{0, 1, -1\}$ . Notice that if  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then there exist  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$r = \frac{n}{m}$  or  $r = \frac{-n}{m}$ . Since the equalities  $E_{\frac{n}{m}}f(x, y) = 0$  and  $E_{\frac{-n}{m}}f(x, y) = 0$  are obtained from the equalities

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\frac{n}{m}}h(x, y) &= E_n h\left(\frac{x}{m}, y\right) - \frac{n^2}{m^2} E_m h\left(\frac{x}{m}, y\right), \\ E_{\frac{-n}{m}}h(x, y) &= E_m h(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in V$  and  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ , we get  $E_r h(x, y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in V$ .  $\square$

For a given mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and a fixed positive real number  $p \notin \{2, 4\}$ , let  $J_n f : X \rightarrow Y$  be the mappings defined by

$$J_n f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{4^{2n+1}-4^n}{3} f(2^{-n}x) - \frac{4^{2n+2}-4^{n+2}}{3} f(2^{-n-1}x) & \text{if } p > 4, \\ -\frac{4^{n-1}}{3} (f(2^{-n+1}x) - 16f(2^{-n}x)) & \text{if } 2 < p < 4, \\ \frac{16f(2^n x) - f(2^{n+1}x)}{12 \cdot 4^n} + \frac{f(2^{n+1}x) - 4f(2^n x)}{12 \cdot 16^n} & \text{if } 0 < p < 2 \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all nonnegative integers  $n$ . Then, by the definition of  $J_n f$  and (8), the equality

$$(9) \quad J_n f(x) - J_{n+1} f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{4 \cdot 16^n}{3} \Delta f(2^{-n-2}x) - \frac{4^n}{3} \Delta f(2^{-n-2}x) & \text{if } p > 4, \\ -\frac{1}{192 \cdot 16^n} \Delta f(2^n x) - \frac{4^{n-1}}{3} \Delta f(2^{-n-1}x) & \text{if } 2 < p < 4, \\ \frac{1}{48 \cdot 4^n} \Delta f(2^n x) - \frac{1}{192 \cdot 16^n} \Delta f(2^n x) & \text{if } 0 < p < 2 \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all nonnegative integers  $n$ . Therefore, together with the equality  $f(x) - J_n f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (J_i f(x) - J_{i+1} f(x))$  for all  $x \in X$ , we obtain the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.3.** *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a mapping such that*

$$E_k f(x, y) = 0$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , then

$$J_n f(x) = f(x)$$

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

We can prove the main theorem, ‘Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of the functional equation  $E_k f(x, y) = 0$ ’ as the following theorem, where  $k$  is a real number with  $k \notin \{0, 1, -1\}$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $X$  be a normed space and  $p$  a positive real number with  $p \notin \{2, 4\}$ . Suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a mapping such that*

$$(10) \quad \|E_k f(x, y)\| \leq \theta(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exists a unique solution mapping  $F$  of the functional equation  $E_k F(x, y) = 0$  such that

$$(11) \quad \|f(x) - F(x)\| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{K\theta\|x\|^p}{3 \cdot 2^p} \left( \frac{4}{2^p-16} - \frac{1}{2^p-4} \right) & \text{if } p > 4, \\ \frac{K\theta\|x\|^p}{12} \left( \frac{1}{16-2^p} + \frac{1}{2^p-4} \right) & \text{if } 2 < p < 4, \\ \frac{K\theta\|x\|^p}{12} \left( \frac{1}{16-2^p} + \frac{1}{4-2^p} \right) & \text{if } 0 < p < 2 \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in X$ , where

$$K = \frac{69k^2 + 42 + (12k^2 + 8)2^p + k^2 3^p + \frac{k^2}{2} 4^p}{|k^4 - k^2|} + \frac{10|k|^p + 4|k-1|^p + 4|k+1|^p + |k-2|^p + |k+2|^p}{|k^4 - k^2|}.$$

*Proof.* From (7) and (10), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta f(x)\| &= \left\| \frac{1}{k^4 - k^2} \left( -E_{1,k} f_e(x, (k+2)x) - E_k f_e(x, (k-2)x) \right. \right. \\ &\quad - 4E_k f_e(x, (k+1)x) - 4E_k f_e(x, (k-1)x) + 10E_k f_e(x, kx) \\ &\quad + E_k f_e(2x, 2x) + 4E_k f_e(2x, x) - 2(k^2 + 1)E_k f_e(x, 2x) \\ &\quad - k^2 E_k f_e(x, 3x) + (17k^2 - 8)E_k f_e(x, x) \left. \right) - \frac{(28k^2 - 10)E_k f(0, 0)}{2k^2(k^2 - 1)} \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{E_k f(0, 4x) - 20E_k f(0, 2x) + 64E_k f(0, x)}{2(k^2 - 1)} \right\| \\ &\leq K\|x\|^p \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . It follows from (9) and (10) that

$$\|J_n f(x) - J_{n+1} f(x)\| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{4^n(4^{n+1}-1)}{3 \cdot 2^{(n+2)p}} K\theta\|x\|^p & \text{if } p > 4, \\ \left( \frac{2^{np}}{12 \cdot 16^{n+1}} + \frac{4^{n-1}}{3 \cdot 2^{(n+1)p}} \right) K\theta\|x\|^p & \text{if } 2 < p < 4, \\ \frac{(4^{n+1}-1)2^{np}}{3 \cdot 4^{2n+1}} K\theta\|x\|^p & \text{if } 0 < p < 2 \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Since the equality  $J_n f(x) - J_{n+m} f(x) = \sum_{i=n}^{n+m-1} (J_i f(x) - J_{i+1} f(x))$  holds for all  $x \in X$ , we get

$$(12) \quad \|J_n f(x) - J_{n+m} f(x)\| \leq \begin{cases} \sum_{i=n}^{n+m-1} \frac{4^i(4^{i+1}-1)}{3 \cdot 2^{(i+2)p}} K\theta\|x\|^p & \text{if } p > 4, \\ \sum_{i=n}^{n+m-1} \left( \frac{2^{ip}}{12 \cdot 16^{i+1}} + \frac{4^{i-1}}{3 \cdot 2^{(i+1)p}} \right) K\theta\|x\|^p & \text{if } 2 < p < 4, \\ \sum_{i=n}^{n+m-1} \frac{(4^{i+1}-1)2^{ip}}{3 \cdot 4^{2i+1}} K\theta\|x\|^p & \text{if } 0 < p < 2 \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $n, m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . It follows from (12) that the sequence  $\{J_n f(x)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence for all  $x \in X$ . Since  $Y$  is complete, the sequence

$\{J_n f(x)\}$  converges for all  $x \in X$ . Hence we can define a mapping  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  by

$$F(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} J_n f(x)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Moreover, letting  $n = 0$  and passing the limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (12) we get the inequality (11). For the case  $2 < p < 4$ , from the definition of  $F$ , we easily get

$$\begin{aligned} \|E_k F(x, y)\| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \frac{4^n}{12} \left( -E_k f \left( \frac{2x}{2^n}, \frac{2y}{2^n} \right) + 16E_k f \left( \frac{x}{2^n}, \frac{y}{2^n} \right) \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{E_k f(2^{n+1}x, 2^{n+1}y) - 4E_k f(2^n x, 2^n y)}{12 \cdot 16^n} \right\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{4^n(2^p + 16)}{12 \cdot 2^{np}} + \frac{2^{np}(2^p + 4)}{12 \cdot 16^n} \right) \theta(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Also we easily show that  $E_k F(x, y) = 0$  by the similar method for the other cases, either  $0 < p < 2$  or  $4 < p$ . To prove the uniqueness of  $F$ , let  $F' : X \rightarrow Y$  be another solution mapping satisfying (11). Instead of the condition (11), it is sufficient to show that there is a unique mapping that satisfies condition  $\|f(x) - F(x)\| \leq \frac{K\theta\|x\|^p}{12} \left( \frac{1}{|16-2^p|} + \frac{1}{|4-2^p|} \right)$  simply. By Lemma 3.3, the equality  $F'(x) = J_n F'(x)$  holds for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . For the case  $p > 4$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\|J_n f(x) - F'(x)\| \\ &= \|J_n f(x) - J_n F'(x)\| \\ &\leq \frac{4^{2n+1} - 4^n}{3} \|(f - F')(2^{-n}x)\| + \frac{4^{2n+2} - 4^{n+2}}{3} \|(f - F')(2^{-n-1}x)\| \\ &\leq \left( \frac{4^{2n+1} - 4^n}{3 \cdot 2^{np}} + \frac{4^{2n+2} - 4^{n+2}}{3 \cdot 2^{(n+1)p}} \right) \frac{K\theta\|x\|^p}{12} \left( \frac{1}{|16-2^p|} + \frac{1}{|4-2^p|} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{4^{2n+2}}{3 \cdot 2^{np}} \frac{K\theta\|x\|^p}{12} \left( \frac{1}{|16-2^p|} + \frac{1}{|4-2^p|} \right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all positive integer  $n$ . Taking the limit in the above inequality as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we can conclude that  $F'(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} J_n f(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . For the other cases, either  $0 < p < 2$  or  $2 < p < 4$ , we also easily show that  $F'(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} J_n f(x)$  by the similar method. This means that  $F(x) = F'(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . □

#### 4. Stability of a cubic-quartic functional equation

Now we will show that the functional equation  $H_r f(x, y) = 0$  is a cubic-quartic functional equation when  $r$  is a rational number such that  $r \notin \{0, 1, -1\}$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $r$  be a rational number such that  $r \notin \{0, 1, -1\}$ . A mapping  $f : V \rightarrow W$  satisfies the functional equation  $H_r f(x, y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in V$  if and only if  $f_o$  is a cubic mapping and  $f_e$  is a quartic mapping.*

*Proof.* Assume that a mapping  $f : V \rightarrow W$  satisfies the functional equation  $H_r f(x, y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in V$ . The equalities  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f_o(rx) = r^3 f_o(x)$  and  $f_e(rx) = r^4 f_e(x)$  follow from the equalities

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= \frac{-H_r f(0, 0)}{2r^2(r^2 - 1)}, \\ f_o(rx) - r^3 f_o(x) &= \frac{H_r f(x, 0) - H_r f(-x, 0)}{4}, \\ f_e(rx) - r^4 f_e(x) &= \frac{H_r f(x, 0) + H_r f(-x, 0)}{4} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in V$ . The mappings  $f_o$  and  $f_e$  are generalized polynomial mappings of degree at most 4 by Corollary 1.2, so  $f_o$  is a cubic mapping and  $f_e$  is a quartic mapping by Remark 1.

Conversely, assume that  $f_o$  is a cubic mapping and  $f_e$  is a quartic mapping, i.e.,  $f$  is a cubic-quartic mapping. Notice that the equalities  $f_o(rx) = r^3 f_o(x)$ ,  $f_o(x) = -f_o(-x)$ ,  $f_e(rx) = r^4 f_e(x)$ ,  $f_e(x) = f_e(-x)$ , and  $f(x) = f_o(x) + f_e(x)$  for all  $x \in V$  and  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Also we know that

$$\begin{aligned} H_r f(x, y) &= H_r f_e(x, y) + H_r f_o(x, y), \\ H_r f_o(x, y) &= f_o(rx + y) + f_o(rx - y) - r f_o(x + y) - r f_o(x - y) - 2(r^3 - r)f_o(x), \\ H_r f_e(x, y) &= f_e(rx + y) + f_e(rx - y) - r^2 f_e(x + y) \\ &\quad - r^2 f_e(x - y) - 2(r^4 - r^2)f_e(x) + 2(r^2 - 1)f_e(y) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in V$ .

Let us first prove  $H_n f(x, y) = 0$  if  $n$  is a natural number. Using mathematical induction, the equalities  $H_n f_o(x, y) = 0$  and  $H_n f_e(x, y) = 0$  follow from the equalities

$$\begin{aligned} H_2 f_o(x, y) &= C f_o(y, x) + C f_o(-y, x), \\ H_3 f_o(x, y) &= C f_o(y - x, 2x), \\ H_n f_o(x, y) &= H_{n-1} f_o(x, x + y) + H_{n-1} f_o(x, x - y) - H_{n-2} f_o(x, y) \\ &\quad + (n - 1) H_2 f_o(x, y), \\ H_2 f_e(x, y) &= Q f_e(y, x), \\ H_3 f_e(x, y) &= H_2 f_e(x, x + y) + H_2 f_e(x, x - y) + 4 H_2 f_e(x, y), \\ H_n f_e(x, y) &= H_{n-1} f_e(x, x + y) + H_{n-1} f_e(x, x - y) - H_{n-2} f_e(x, y) \\ &\quad + (n - 1)^2 H_2 f_e(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in V$  and all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let us now prove  $H_r f(x, y) = 0$  if  $r$  is a rational number such that  $r \notin \{0, 1, -1\}$ . Notice that if  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then there exist

$m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $r = \frac{n}{m}$  or  $r = \frac{-n}{m}$ . Since the equalities  $H_{\frac{n}{m}}f(x, y) = 0$  and  $H_{\frac{-n}{m}}f(x, y) = 0$  follow from the equalities

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\frac{n}{m}}f_o(x, y) &= H_n f_o\left(\frac{x}{m}, y\right) - \frac{n}{m} H_m f_o\left(\frac{x}{m}, y\right), \\ H_{\frac{n}{m}}f_e(x, y) &= H_n f_e\left(\frac{x}{m}, y\right) - \frac{n^2}{m^2} H_m f_e\left(\frac{x}{m}, y\right), \\ H_{\frac{-n}{m}}f_o(x, y) &= -H_{\frac{n}{m}}f_o(x, y), \\ H_{\frac{-n}{m}}f_e(x, y) &= H_{\frac{n}{m}}f_e(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in V$  and  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ , we get  $H_r f(x, y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in V$ .  $\square$

For a given mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and a fixed positive real number  $p \notin \{3, 4\}$ , let  $J_n f : X \rightarrow Y$  be the mappings defined by

$$J_n f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}k^{3n}(f(k^{-n}x) - f(-k^{-n}x)) + \frac{1}{2}k^{4n}(f(k^{-n}x) + f(-k^{-n}x)) & \text{if } p > 4, \\ \frac{1}{2}k^{3n}(f(k^{-n}x) - f(-k^{-n}x)) + \frac{1}{2}k^{-4n}(f(k^n x) + f(-k^n x)) & \text{if } 3 < p < 4, \\ \frac{1}{2}k^{-3n}(f(k^n x) - f(k^{-n}x)) + \frac{1}{2}k^{-4n}(f(k^n x) + f(-k^n x)) & \text{if } 0 < p < 3 \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all nonnegative integers  $n$  when  $|k| > 1$  and

$$J_n f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}k^{3n}(f(k^{-n}x) - f(-k^{-n}x)) + \frac{1}{2}k^{4n}(f(k^{-n}x) + f(-k^{-n}x)) & \text{if } 0 < p < 3, \\ \frac{1}{2}k^{-3n}(f(k^n x) - f(-k^n x)) + \frac{1}{2}k^{4n}(f(k^{-n}x) + f(-k^{-n}x)) & \text{if } 3 < p < 4, \\ \frac{1}{2}k^{-3n}(f(k^n x) - f(k^{-n}x)) + \frac{1}{2}k^{-4n}(f(k^n x) + f(-k^n x)) & \text{if } p > 4 \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all nonnegative integers  $n$  when  $|k| < 1$ . From the definition of  $J_n f$ , if  $f(0) = 0$ , the equality

$$J_n f(x) - J_{n+1} f(x) =$$

$$(13) \begin{cases} \frac{k^{4n} + k^{3n}}{4} H_k f(k^{-n-1}x, 0) + \frac{k^{4n} - k^{3n}}{4} H_k f(-k^{-n-1}x, 0) & \text{if } p > 4, \\ \frac{k^{3n}}{4} H_k f(k^{-n-1}x, 0) - \frac{k^{3n}}{4} H_k f(-k^{-n-1}x, 0) \\ \quad - \frac{1}{4k^{4n+4}} H_k f(k^n x, 0) - \frac{1}{4k^{4n+4}} H_k f(-k^n x, 0) & \text{if } 3 < p < 4, \\ -\frac{1+k^{n+1}}{4k^{4n+4}} H_k f(k^n x, 0) - \frac{1-k^{n+1}}{4k^{4n+4}} H_k f(-k^n x, 0) & \text{if } 0 < p < 3 \end{cases}$$

holds for all  $x \in X$  and all nonnegative integers  $n$  when  $|k| > 1$  and  $J_n f(x) - J_{n+1} f(x) =$

$$(14) \begin{cases} \frac{k^{4n} + k^{3n}}{4} H_k f(k^{-n-1}x, 0) + \frac{k^{4n} - k^{3n}}{4} H_k f(-k^{-n-1}x, 0) & \text{if } 0 < p < 3, \\ \frac{k^{4n}}{4} H_k f(k^{-n-1}x, 0) + \frac{k^{4n}}{4} H_k f(-k^{-n-1}x, 0) \\ - \frac{1}{4k^{3n+3}} H_k f(k^n x, 0) + \frac{1}{4k^{3n+3}} H_k f(-k^n x, 0) & \text{if } 3 < p < 4, \\ - \frac{1+k^{n+1}}{4k^{4n+4}} H_k f(k^n x, 0) - \frac{1-k^{n+1}}{4k^{4n+4}} H_k f(-k^n x, 0) & \text{if } p > 4 \end{cases}$$

holds for all  $x \in X$  and all nonnegative integers  $n$  when  $|k| < 1$ . From the above equality and the equality  $f(x) - J_n f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (J_i f(x) - J_{i+1} f(x))$  for all  $x \in X$ , we obtain the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.2.** *If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a mapping such that*

$$H_k f(x, y) = 0$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , then

$$J_n f(x) = f(x)$$

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

From Theorem 4.1-Lemma 4.2, we can prove the following stability theorem, where  $k$  is a real number with  $k \notin \{0, 1, -1\}$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** *Let  $p \notin \{3, 4\}$  be a fixed positive real number. Suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a mapping such that*

$$(15) \quad \|H_k f(x, y)\| \leq \theta(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  (and  $f(0) = 0$  when  $p = 0$ ). Then there exists a unique solution mapping  $F$  of the functional equation  $H_k F(x, y) = 0$  such that

$$(16) \quad \|f(x) - F(x)\| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{\theta \|x\|^p}{2|k|^4 - |k|^p} & \text{if } p > 4, \\ \left( \frac{1}{2|k|^3 - |k|^p} + \frac{1}{2|k|^4 - |k|^p} \right) \theta \|x\|^p & \text{if } 3 < p < 4, \\ \frac{\theta \|x\|^p}{2|k|^3 - |k|^p} & \text{if } 0 < p < 3 \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* Note that  $f(0) = 0$  follows from  $\|2(k^4 - k^2)f(0)\| = \|H_k f(0, 0)\| \leq 0$ . The proof of this theorem will be divided into two cases, either  $|k| > 1$  or  $|k| < 1$ .

**Case 1.** Let  $|k| > 1$ . It follows from (13) and (15) that

$$\|J_n f(x) - J_{n+1} f(x)\| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{|k|^{4n} \theta \|x\|^p}{2|k|^{(n+1)p}} & \text{if } p > 4, \\ \frac{|k|^{np} \theta \|x\|^p}{2|k|^{4(n+1)}} + \frac{|k|^{3n} \theta \|x\|^p}{2|k|^{(n+1)p}} & \text{if } 3 < p < 4, \\ \frac{|k|^{np} \theta \|x\|^p}{2|k|^{3n+3}} & \text{if } 0 < p < 3 \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Together with the equality  $J_n f(x) - J_{n+m} f(x) = \sum_{i=n}^{n+m-1} (J_i f(x) - J_{i+1} f(x))$  for all  $x \in X$ , we get

$$(17) \quad \|J_n f(x) - J_{n+m} f(x)\| \leq \begin{cases} \sum_{i=n}^{n+m-1} \frac{|k|^{4i} \theta \|x\|^p}{2|k|^{(i+1)p}} & \text{if } p > 4, \\ \sum_{i=n}^{n+m-1} \left( \frac{|k|^{ip} \theta \|x\|^p}{2|k|^{4(i+1)}} + \frac{|k|^{3i} \theta \|x\|^p}{2|k|^{(i+1)p}} \right) & \text{if } 3 < p < 4, \\ \sum_{i=n}^{n+m-1} \frac{|k|^{ip} \theta \|x\|^p}{2|k|^{3i+3}} & \text{if } 0 < p < 3 \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . It follows from (17) that the sequence  $\{J_n f(x)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence for all  $x \in X$ . Since  $Y$  is complete, the sequence  $\{J_n f(x)\}$  converges for all  $x \in X$ . Hence we can define a mapping  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  by

$$F(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} J_n f(x)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Moreover, letting  $n = 0$  and passing the limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (17) we get the inequality (16). For the case  $3 < p < 4$ , from the definition of  $F$ , we easily get

$$\begin{aligned} \|H_k F(x, y)\| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \frac{k^{3n}}{2} \left( H_k f \left( \frac{x}{k^n}, \frac{y}{k^n} \right) - H_k f \left( -\frac{x}{k^n}, -\frac{y}{k^n} \right) \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{H_k f(k^n x, k^n y) + H_k f(-k^n x, -k^n y)}{2k^{4n}} \right\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{|k|^{3n}}{|k|^{np}} + \frac{|k|^{np}}{|k|^{4n}} \right) \theta (\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . For the other cases, we also easily show that  $H_k F(x, y) = 0$  by the similar method. Now let  $F' : X \rightarrow Y$  be another solution mapping satisfying (16). Instead of condition (16), it is sufficient to show that there is a unique mapping that satisfies condition  $\|f(x) - F(x)\| \leq \left( \frac{1}{2|k|^{3-|k|p}} + \frac{1}{2|k|^{4-|k|p}} \right) \theta \|x\|^p$  simply. By Lemma 4.2, the equality  $F'(x) = J_n F'(x)$  holds for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . For



the case  $p > 4$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|J_n f(x) - F'(x)\| &= \|J_n f(x) - J_n F'(x)\| \\
 &\leq \frac{k^{3n}}{2} (\|(f - F')(k^{-n}x)\| + \|(f - F')(-k^{-n}x)\|) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2k^{4n}} (\|(f - F')(k^n x)\| + \|(f - F')(-k^n x)\|) \\
 &\leq \left( \frac{|k|^{3n}}{|k|^{np}} + \frac{|k|^{np}}{|k|^{4n}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{2||k|^3 - |k|^p|} + \frac{1}{2||k|^4 - |k|^p|} \right) \theta \|x\|^p
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all positive integers  $n$ . Taking the limit in the above inequality as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we can conclude that  $F'(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} J_n f(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . For the other cases, we also easily show that  $F'(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} J_n f(x)$  by the similar method. This means that  $F(x) = F'(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

**Case 2.** Let  $|k| < 1$ . It follows from (14) and (15) that

$$\|J_n f(x) - J_{n+1} f(x)\| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{|k|^{3n} \theta \|x\|^p}{2|k|^{(n+1)p}} & \text{if } 0 < p < 3, \\ \frac{|k|^{4n} \theta \|x\|^p}{2|k|^{(n+1)p}} + \frac{|k|^{np} \theta \|x\|^p}{2|k|^{3(n+1)}} & \text{if } 3 < p < 4, \\ \frac{|k|^{np} \theta \|x\|^p}{2|k|^{4n+4}} & \text{if } p > 4 \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Together with the equality  $J_n f(x) - J_{n+m} f(x) = \sum_{i=n}^{n+m-1} (J_i f(x) - J_{i+1} f(x))$  for all  $x \in X$ , we get

$$(18) \quad \|J_n f(x) - J_{n+m} f(x)\| \leq \begin{cases} \sum_{i=n}^{n+m-1} \frac{|k|^{ip} \theta \|x\|^p}{2|k|^{4(i+1)p}} & \text{if } p > 4, \\ \sum_{i=n}^{n+m-1} \frac{|k|^{4i} \theta \|x\|^p}{2|k|^{(i+1)p}} + \frac{|k|^{ip} \theta \|x\|^p}{2|k|^{3(i+1)}} & \text{if } 3 < p < 4, \\ \sum_{i=n}^{n+m-1} \frac{|k|^{3i} \theta \|x\|^p}{2|k|^{(i+1)p}} & \text{if } 0 < p < 3 \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . It follows from (18) that the sequence  $\{J_n f(x)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence for any  $x \in X$ . Since  $Y$  is complete, the sequence  $\{J_n f(x)\}$  converges for any  $x \in X$ . Hence we can define a mapping  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  by

$$F(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} J_n f(x)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Moreover, letting  $n = 0$  and passing the limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (18), we get (16). For the case  $p < 3$ , from the definition of  $F$ , we easily get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|H_k F(x, y)\| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \frac{k^{3n}}{2} \left( H_k f \left( \frac{x}{k^n}, \frac{y}{k^n} \right) - H_k f \left( -\frac{x}{k^n}, -\frac{y}{k^n} \right) \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{k^{4n}}{2} \left( H_k f \left( \frac{x}{k^n}, \frac{y}{k^n} \right) + H_k f \left( -\frac{x}{k^n}, -\frac{y}{k^n} \right) \right) \right\| \\
 &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (|k|^{3n} + |k|^{4n}) \frac{\theta (\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p)}{|k|^{np}} \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . For the other cases, we also easily show that  $H_k F(x, y) = 0$  by the similar method. Now let  $F' : X \rightarrow Y$  be another solution mapping satisfying (16). By Lemma 4.2, the equality  $F'(x) = J_n F'(x)$  holds for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . For the case  $0 < p < 3$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|J_n f(x) - F'(x)\| &= \|J_n f(x) - J_n F'(x)\| \\ &\leq \frac{k^{3n}}{2} (\|(f - F')(k^{-n}x)\| + \|(f - F')(-k^{-n}x)\|) \\ &\quad + \frac{k^{4n}}{2} (\|(f - F')(k^{-n}x)\| + \|(f - F')(-k^{-n}x)\|) \\ &\leq \frac{|k|^{3n} + |k|^{4n}}{|k|^{np}} \left( \frac{1}{2| |k|^3 - |k|^p |} + \frac{1}{2| |k|^4 - |k|^p |} \right) \theta \|x\|^p \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all positive integer  $n$ . Taking the limit in the above inequality as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we can conclude that  $F'(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} J_n f(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . For the other cases, we also easily show that  $F'(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} J_n f(x)$  by the similar method. This means that  $F(x) = F'(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .  $\square$

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