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Abstract: Symmetry is repetitive self-similarity. We proved the stability problem by replicating the well-known Cauchy equation and the well-known Jensen equation into two variables. In this paper, we proved the Hyers-Ulam stability of the bi-additive functional equation f(x + y, z + w) = f(x, z) + f(y, w) and the bi-Jensen functional equation $4f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}, \frac{z+w}{2}\right) = f(x, z) + f(x, w) + f(y, z) + f(y, w)$.

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1. Introduction

A functional equation is stable if there is a function that exactly satisfies the given equation in the vicinity of a function that approximately satisfies it. Any approximate solution can actually be an exact solution. In Cauchy's equation f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y) we can deal with a class of approximate solutions defined by the functional inequality introduced by Rassias.

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

It turns out that for $p \neq 1$ each solution of the above inequality can be approximated by an additive function A in such a way that the inequality

$$||f(x) - A(x)|| \le k\varepsilon ||x||^p.$$

holds, with a suitable k, on the whole domain (for p = 0 it coincides with the classical Hyers–Ulam result).

Let us say \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} are vector spaces. The mapping $h : \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ is called *an additional mapping* (respectively, *an affine mapping*) if *h* satisfies the Cauchy functional equation h(x + y) = h(x) + h(y) (respectively, the Jensen functional equation $2h\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) = h(x) + h(y)$). T. Aoki [1] and Th. M. Rassias [2,3] extended Hyers-Ulam stability taking into account the variables for the Cauchy equation. S.-M. Jung [4] got the result of the Jensen equation. It was also generalized as a functional case by P. Găvruta [5] and S.-M. Jung [6] and Y.-H. Lee and K.-W. Jun [7].

The following functional Equations (1) and (3) are functional equations those combine the existing well-known the Cauchy equation and the Jensen equation.

$$f(x+y,z+w) = f(x,z) + f(y,w).$$
 (1)

The authors [8] introduce the system of equations

$$2f(\frac{x+y}{2}, z) = f(x, z) + f(y, z),$$

$$2f(x, \frac{y+z}{2}) = f(x, y) + f(x, z).$$
(2)



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Copyright: © 2021 by the authors. Licensee MDPI, Basel, Switzerland. This article is an open access article distributed under the terms and conditions of the Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY) license (https:// creativecommons.org/licenses/by/ 4.0/). and the bi-Jensen functional equation

$$4f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}, \frac{z+w}{2}\right) = f(x, z) + f(x, w) + f(y, z) + f(y, w).$$
(3)

We made the above functional equations with a symmetrical structure. Symmetry is repetitive self-similarity. The solution of (2) is coincide with the solution of (3). The solution of (1) is of the form $A_1(x) + A_2(y)$, where A_1 and A_2 are additive mappings. The solution of (2) is of the form $A_1(x) + A_2(y) + f(0,0)$, where A_1 and A_2 are additive mappings. The solution of (2) contains the solution of (1). The difference of the solutions (1) and (2) is merely a constant, that is, the solutions (1) and (2) are similar.

Jun, Jung, and Lee [9] obtained the stability on a bi-Jensen functional equation in Banach spaces. Additionally, the authors [10] proved the stability on a Cauchy-Jensen functional equation Banach spaces.

In this paper, we investigate the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of (1) in Banach spaces and 2-Banach spaces. We proved the Hyers-Ulam stability of (2) and (3) in quasi-Banach spaces.

2. Solution and Stability of a Bi-Additive Functional Equation

In the following theorem, we find out the general solution of the bi-additive functional Equation (1).

Theorem 1. A mapping $f : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ satisfies (1) if and only if there exist two additive mappings $A_1, A_2 : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ such that

$$f(x,y) = A_1(x) + A_2(y)$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$.

Proof. We first assume that f is a solution of (1). Define $A_1, A_2 : \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ by $A_1(x) := f(x,0)$ and $A_2(x) := f(0,x)$ for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$. One can easily verify that A_1, A_2 are additive. Letting y = z = 0 in (1), we get

$$f(x,w) = f(x,0) + f(0,w) = A_1(x) + A_2(w)$$

for all $x, w \in \mathcal{X}$.

Conversely, we assume that there is two additive mappings $A_1, A_2 : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$, such that $f(x, y) = A_1(x) + A_2(y)$ for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. Since A_1, A_2 are additive, we gain

$$f(x+y,z+w) = A_1(x+y) + A_2(z+w)$$

= $A_1(x) + A_1(y) + A_2(z) + A_2(w)$
= $A_1(x) + A_2(z) + A_1(y) + A_2(w)$
= $f(x,z) + f(y,w)$

for all $x, y, z, w \in \mathcal{X}$. \Box

From now on, let \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} be a normed linear space and a Banach space, respectively.

Theorem 2. Let $0 , <math>\varepsilon > 0$, $\delta \ge 0$ and $f : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ be a mapping such that

$$\|f(x+y,z+w) - f(x,z) - f(y,w)\| \le \varepsilon + \delta(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p + \|z\|^p + \|w\|^p)$$
(4)

for all $x, y, z, w \in \mathcal{X}$. Then there is unique bi-additive mapping $F : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$, such that

$$\|f(x,y) - F(x,y)\| \le \varepsilon + \frac{2\delta}{2 - 2^p} (\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p)$$
(5)

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. The mapping F is given by $F(x, y) := \lim_{j \to \infty} \frac{1}{2^j} f(2^j x, 2^j y)$ for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$.

Proof. Putting y = x and w = z in (4), we have

$$\left\| f(x,z) - \frac{1}{2}f(2x,2z) \right\| \le \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \delta(\|x\|^p + \|z\|^p)$$

for all $x, z \in \mathcal{X}$. Thus, we obtain

$$\left\|\frac{1}{2^{j}}f(2^{j}x,2^{j}z) - \frac{1}{2^{j+1}}f(2^{j+1}x,2^{j+1}z)\right\| \le \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{j+1}} + 2^{j(p-1)}\delta(\|x\|^{p} + \|z\|^{p})$$

for all $x, z \in \mathcal{X}$ and all *j*. Replacing *z* by *y* in the above inequality, we see that

$$\left\|\frac{1}{2^{j}}f(2^{j}x,2^{j}y) - \frac{1}{2^{j+1}}f(2^{j+1}x,2^{j+1}y)\right\| \le \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{j+1}} + 2^{j(p-1)}\delta(\|x\|^{p} + \|y\|^{p})$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$ and all *j*. For given integers $l, m(0 \le l < m)$, we get

$$\left\|\frac{1}{2^{l}}f(2^{l}x,2^{l}y) - \frac{1}{2^{m}}f(2^{m}x,2^{m}y)\right\| \leq \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \left[\frac{\varepsilon}{2^{j+1}} + 2^{j(p-1)}\delta(\|x\|^{p} + \|y\|^{p})\right]$$
(6)

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. By (6), the sequence $\{\frac{1}{2^{j}}f(2^{j}x, 2^{j}y)\}$ is a Cauchy sequence for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. Since \mathcal{Y} is complete, the sequence $\{\frac{1}{2^{j}}f(2^{j}x, 2^{j}y)\}$ converges for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. Define $F : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ by

$$F(x,y) := \lim_{j \to \infty} \frac{1}{2^j} f(2^j x, 2^j y)$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. By (4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2^{j}} \left\| f\left(2^{j}(x+y), 2^{j}(z+w)\right) - f(2^{j}x, 2^{j}z) - f(2^{j}y, 2^{j}w) \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{j}} + 2^{j(p-1)} \delta(\|x\|^{p} + \|y\|^{p} + \|z\|^{p} + \|w\|^{p}) \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y, z, w \in \mathcal{X}$ and all $j \in \mathbb{N}$. Letting $j \to \infty$ in the above inequality, we see that *F* satisfies (1). Setting l = 0 and taking $m \to \infty$ in (6), one can obtain the inequality (5). If $G : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ is another 2-variable additive mapping satisfying (5), we obtain

$$\begin{split} \|F(x,y) - G(x,y)\| \\ &= \frac{1}{2^n} \|F(2^n x, 2^n y) - G(2^n x, 2^n y)\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2^n} \|F(2^n x, 2^n y) - f(2^n x, 2^n y)\| + \frac{1}{2^n} \|f(2^n x, 2^n y) - G(2^n x, 2^n y)\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \left[\varepsilon + \frac{2^{np+1}}{2 - 2^p} \delta(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p) \right] \\ &\to 0 \text{ as } n \to \infty \end{split}$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. Hence the mapping *F* is the unique bi-additive mapping, as desired. \Box

Corollary 1. Let $f : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ be a mapping such that

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

for all $x, y, z, w \in \mathcal{X}$. Then, there exists a unique mapping $F : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ satisfying (1), such that

$$\|f(x,y) - F(x,y)\| \le \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$.

Proof. If we insert $\delta = 0$ in Theorem 2, we obtain ε as an estimate of the difference between the exact and the approximate solution of the considered equation. \Box

In the case p > 2 in Theorem 2, one can also obtain the similar result. We explain some definitions [11,12] on 2-Banach spaces.

Definition 1. Let \mathcal{X} be a vector space over \mathbb{R} with dimension greater than 1 and $\|\cdot, \cdot\| : \mathcal{X}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ be a function. Then we say $(\mathcal{X}, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ is a linear 2-normed space if

(a) ||x, y|| = 0 if and only if x and y are linearly dependent; (b) ||x, y|| = ||y, x||; (c) $||\alpha x, y|| = |\alpha| ||x, y||$; (d) $||x, y + z|| \le ||x, y|| + ||x, z||$ for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x, y, z \in \mathcal{X}$. In this case, the function $||\cdot, \cdot||$ is called a 2-norm on \mathcal{X} .

Definition 2. Let \mathcal{X} be linear 2-normed space and $\{x_n\}$ a sequence in \mathcal{X} . The sequence $\{x_n\}$ is said to convergent in \mathcal{X} if there is an $x \in \mathcal{X}$, such that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\|x_n-x,y\|=0$$

for all $y \in \mathcal{X}$. In this case, we say that a sequence $\{x_n\}$ converges to x, simply denoted by $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n = x$.

Definition 3. Let \mathcal{X} be linear 2-normed space and $\{x_n\}$ a sequence in \mathcal{X} is called a Cauchy sequence if for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $m, n \ge N$, $||x_m - x_n, y|| < \varepsilon$ for all $y \in \mathcal{X}$. For convenience, we will write $\lim_{m,n\to\infty} ||x_n - x_m, y|| = 0$ for a Cauchy sequence $\{x_n\}$. A 2-Banach space is defined to be a linear 2-normed space in which every Cauchy sequence is convergent.

In the following lemma, we get some primitive properties in linear 2-normed spaces that will be used to prove our stability results.

Lemma 1 ([13]). *Let* $(\mathcal{X}, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ *be a linear* 2*-normed space and* $x \in \mathcal{X}$.

(a) If ||x, y|| = 0 for all $y \in \mathcal{X}$, then x = 0.

(b) $|||x, z|| - ||y, z||| \le ||x - y, z||$ for all $x, y, z \in \mathcal{X}$.

(c) If a sequence $\{x_n\}$ is convergent in \mathcal{X} , then $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||x_n, y|| = ||\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n, y||$ for all $y \in \mathcal{X}$.

In the rest of this section, let \mathcal{X} be a normed space and \mathcal{Y} a 2-Banach space.

Theorem 3. Let $p \in (0,1)$, $\varepsilon > 0$, $\delta, \eta \ge 0$ and let $f : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ be a surjective mapping such that

$$\|f(x+y,z+w) - f(x,z) - f(y,w), f(u,v)\|$$

 $\leq \varepsilon + \delta(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p + \|z\|^p + \|w\|^p) + \eta(\|u\| + \|v\|)$ (7)

for all $x, y, z, w, u, v \in \mathcal{X}$. Then there exists a unique mapping $F : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ satisfying (1), such that

$$\|f(x,y) - F(x,y), f(u,v)\| \le \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{2\delta}{2-2^p} (\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p) + \frac{\eta}{2} (\|u\| + \|v\|)$$
(8)

for all $x, y, u, v \in \mathcal{X}$.

Proof. Letting y = x and w = z in (7), we have

$$\left\| f(x,z) - \frac{1}{2}f(2x,2z), f(u,v) \right\| \le \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \delta(\|x\|^p + \|z\|^p) + \frac{\eta}{2}(\|u\| + \|v\|)$$

for all $x, z, u, v \in \mathcal{X}$. Thus, we obtain

$$\left\| \frac{1}{2^{j}} f(2^{j}x, 2^{j}z) - \frac{1}{2^{j+1}} f(2^{j+1}x, 2^{j+1}z), f(u, v) \right\|$$

$$\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{j+1}} + 2^{j(p-1)} \delta(\|x\|^{p} + \|z\|^{p}) + \frac{\eta}{2^{j+1}} (\|u\| + \|v\|)$$

for all $x, z, u, v \in \mathcal{X}$ and all *j*. Replacing *z* by *y* in the above inequality, we see that

$$\left\| \frac{1}{2^{j}} f(2^{j}x, 2^{j}y) - \frac{1}{2^{j+1}} f(2^{j+1}x, 2^{j+1}y), f(u, v) \right\|$$

$$\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{j+1}} + 2^{j(p-1)} \delta(\|x\|^{p} + \|y\|^{p}) + \frac{\eta}{2^{j+1}} (\|u\| + \|v\|)$$

for all $x, y, u, v \in \mathcal{X}$ and all j. For given integers $l, m(0 \le l < m)$, we get

$$\left\| \frac{1}{2^{l}} f(2^{l}x, 2^{l}y) - \frac{1}{2^{m}} f(2^{m}x, 2^{m}y), f(u, v) \right\|$$

$$\leq \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \left[\frac{\varepsilon}{2^{j+1}} + 2^{j(p-1)} \delta(\|x\|^{p} + \|z\|^{p}) + \frac{\eta}{2^{j+1}} (\|u\| + \|v\|) \right]$$
(9)

for all $x, y, u, v \in \mathcal{X}$. By (9), the sequence $\{\frac{1}{2^j}f(2^jx, 2^jy)\}$ is a Cauchy sequence for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. Since \mathcal{Y} is complete, the sequence $\{\frac{1}{2^j}f(2^jx, 2^jy)\}$ converges for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. Define $F : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ by $F(x, y) := \lim_{j \to \infty} \frac{1}{2^j}f(2^jx, 2^jy)$ for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. By (7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| \frac{1}{2^{j}} f(2^{j}(x+y), 2^{j}(z+w)) - \frac{1}{2^{j}} f(2^{j}x, 2^{j}z) - \frac{1}{2^{j}} f(2^{j}y, 2^{j}w), f(u,v) \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2^{j}} \left[\varepsilon + 2^{jp} \delta(\|x\|^{p} + \|y\|^{p} + \|z\|^{p} + \|w\|^{p}) + \eta(\|u\| + \|v\|) \right] \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y, z, w, u, v \in \mathcal{X}$ and all j. Letting $j \to \infty$, we see that F satisfies (1). Setting l = 0 and taking $m \to \infty$ in (9), one can obtain the inequality (8). If $G : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ is another mapping satisfying (1) and (8), we obtain

$$\begin{split} \|F(x,y) - G(x,y), f(u,v)\| &= \frac{1}{2^n} \|F(2^n x, 2^n y) - G(2^n x, 2^n y), f(u,v)\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2^n} \|F(2^n x, 2^n y) - f(2^n x, 2^n y), f(u,v)\| + \frac{1}{2^n} \|f(2^n x, 2^n y) - G(2^n x, 2^n y), f(u,v)\| \\ &\leq \frac{2}{2^n} \left[\frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{2^{np+1}\delta}{2-2^p} (\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p) + \frac{\eta(\|u\| + \|v\|)}{2} \right] \\ &\to 0 \text{ as } n \to \infty \end{split}$$

for all $x, y, u, v \in \mathcal{X}$. Hence the mapping *F* is the unique mapping satisfying (1), as desired. \Box

Corollary 2. Let $f : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ be a mapping, such that

$$\|f(x+y,z+w) - f(x,z) - f(y,w), f(u,v)\| \le \varepsilon$$

for all $x, y, z, w, u, v \in \mathcal{X}$. Then there exists a unique mapping $F : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ satisfying (1) such that

$$\|f(x,y)-F(x,y),f(u,v)\|\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

for all $x, y, u, v \in \mathcal{X}$.

Proof. Taking $\delta = \eta = 0$ in Theorem 3, we have the desired result. \Box

In the case p > 2 in Theorem 3, one can also obtain the similar result.

3. Solution and Stability of a Bi-Jensen Functional Equation

In [14,15], one can find the concept of quasi-Banach spaces.

Definition 4. Let X be a real linear space. A quasi-norm is real-valued function on X satisfying the following:

(i) $||x|| \ge 0$ for all $x \in \mathcal{X}$ and ||x|| = 0 if, and only if, x = 0. (ii) $||\lambda x|| = |\lambda| ||x||$ for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and all $x \in \mathcal{X}$. (iii) There is a constant $K \ge 1$, such that $||x + y|| \le K(||x|| + ||y||)$ for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$.

The pair $(\mathcal{X}, \|\cdot\|)$ is called a *quasi-normed space* if $\|\cdot\|$ is a quasi-norm on \mathcal{X} . The smallest possible *K* is called the *modulus of concavity* of $\|\cdot\|$. A *quasi-Banach space* is a complete quasi-normed space. A quasi-norm $\|\cdot\|$ is called a *p-norm* (0) if

$$||x + y||^p \le ||x||^p + ||y||^p$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. In this case, a quasi-Banach space is called a *p*-Banach space.

A quasi-norm gives rise to a linear topology on *X*, namely the least linear topology for which the unit ball $B = \{x \in \mathcal{X} : ||x|| \le 1\}$ is a neighborhood of zero. This topology is locally bounded, that is, it has a bounded neighborhood of zero. Actually, every locally bounded topology arises in this way.

From now on, assume that \mathcal{X} is a quasi-normed space with quasi-norm $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{X}}$ and that \mathcal{Y} is a *p*-Banach space with *p*-norm $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{Y}}$. Let *K* be the modulus of concavity of $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{Y}}$.

Let $\varphi : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to [0, \infty)$ and $\psi : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to [0, \infty)$ be two functions such that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{3^n} \varphi(3^n x, 3^n y, z) = 0, \quad \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{3^n} \psi(3^n x, y, z) = 0$$
(10)

and

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{3^n} \varphi(x, y, 3^n z) = 0, \quad \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{3^n} \psi(x, 3^n y, 3^n z) = 0$$
(11)

for all $x, y, z \in \mathcal{X}$, and

$$M(x, y, z) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{pj}} \varphi(3^{j}x, 3^{j}y, z)^{p} < \infty$$
(12)

and

$$N(z, x, y) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{pj}} \psi(z, 3^{j}x, 3^{j}y)^{p} < \infty$$
(13)

for all $x, z \in \mathcal{X}$ and all $y \in \{-x, -3x\}$.

We will use the following lemma in order to prove Theorem 4.

Lemma 2 ([16]). Let $0 \le p \le 1$ and let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be non-negative real numbers. Then

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^n x_j\right)^p \le \sum_{j=1}^n x_j^p.$$

Theorem 4. Let $0 and suppose that a mapping <math>f : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ satisfies the inequalities

$$\left|2f\left(\frac{x+y}{2},z\right) - f(x,z) - f(y,z)\right\|_{Y} \le \varphi(x,y,z),\tag{14}$$

$$\left\|2f\left(x,\frac{y+z}{2}\right) - f(x,y) - f(x,z)\right\|_{Y} \le \psi(x,y,z) \tag{15}$$

for all $x, y, z \in \mathcal{X}$. Then there exists a unique additive-Jensen mapping $J_1 : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ satisfying

$$\|f(x,y) - f(0,y) - J_1(x,y)\|_{\mathcal{Y}} \le \frac{K}{3} [M(x,-x,y) + M(-x,3x,y)]^{\frac{1}{p}}$$
(16)

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. There exists a unique Jensen-additive mapping $J_2 : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ satisfying

$$\|f(x,y) - f(x,0) - J_2(x,y)\|_{\mathcal{Y}} \le \frac{K}{3} [N(x,y,-y) + N(x,-y,3y)]^{\frac{1}{p}}$$
(17)

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$.

Proof. Let g(x,y) := f(x,y) - f(0,y) for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. Then g(0,y) = 0 for all $y \in \mathcal{X}$. Letting y by -x in (14), we get

$$||g(x, z) + g(-x, z)||_{\mathcal{Y}} \le \varphi(x, -x, z)$$

for all $x, z \in \mathcal{X}$. Replacing x by -x and y by 3x in (14), we have

$$\|2g(x, z) - g(-x, z) - g(3x, z)\|_{\mathcal{Y}} \le \varphi(-x, 3x, z)$$

for all $x, z \in \mathcal{X}$. By two above inequalities and replacing z by y, we get

$$\|3g(x,y) - g(3x,y)\|_{\mathcal{Y}} \le K[\varphi(x,-x,y) + \varphi(-x,3x,y)]$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. Thus we have

$$\left\|\frac{1}{3^{j}}g(3^{j}x,y) - \frac{1}{3^{j+1}}g(3^{j+1}x,y)\right\|_{\mathcal{Y}} \le \frac{K}{3^{j+1}}[\varphi(3^{j}x,-3^{j}x,y) + \varphi(-3^{j}x,3^{j+1}x,y)]$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$ and all *j*. For given integer $l, m (0 \le l < m)$, by Lemma 2, we get

$$\left\|\frac{1}{3^{l}}g(3^{l}x,y) - \frac{1}{3^{m}}g(3^{m}x,y)\right\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^{p} \leq \left(\frac{K}{3}\right)^{p} \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \frac{1}{3^{pj}} \left[\varphi(3^{j}x,-3^{j}x,y)^{p} + \varphi(-3^{j}x,3^{j+1}x,y)^{p}\right]$$
(18)

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. By (12), the sequence $\{\frac{1}{3^j}g(3^jx, y)\}$ is a Cauchy sequence for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. Since \mathcal{Y} is complete, the sequence $\{\frac{1}{3^j}g(3^jx, y)\}$ converges for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. Define $J_1 : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ by

$$J_1(x,y) := \lim_{j \to \infty} \frac{1}{3^j} g(3^j x, y)$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. Putting l = 0 and taking $m \to \infty$ in (18), one can obtain the inequality (16). From the definition of J_1 , we get

$$3^{j}J_{1}(x,y) = J_{1}(3^{j}x,y)$$
 and $J_{1}(0,y) = 0$ (19)

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$ and all *j*. By (14), (16) and (19), we gain

$$\begin{split} \|2J_{1}(2x,y) - 4J_{1}(x,y)\| Y \\ &= \|2J_{1}(2x,y) - J_{1}(3x,y) - J_{1}(x,y)\| Y \\ &\leq 3^{-j} \Big\| 2J_{1}(3^{j} \cdot 2x,y) - J_{1}(3^{j} \cdot 3x,y) - J_{1}(3^{j}x,y) \Big\| Y \\ &\leq 3^{-j} \Big[\Big\| 2J_{1}(3^{j} \cdot 2x,y) - 2f(3^{j} \cdot 2x,y) \Big\|_{\mathcal{Y}} + \Big\| J_{1}(3^{j} \cdot 3x,y) - f(3^{j} \cdot 3x,y) \Big\|_{\mathcal{Y}} \Big] \\ &+ 3^{-j} \Big\| J_{1}(3^{j}x,y) - f(3^{j}x,y) \Big\|_{\mathcal{Y}} + 3^{-j} \Big\| 2f \Big(\frac{3^{j}(3x+x)}{2}, y \Big) - f(3^{j} \cdot 3x,y) - f(3^{j}x,y) \Big\| Y \\ &\leq 2 \cdot 3^{-j-1} K [M(3^{j} \cdot 2x, 3^{j}(-2x), y) + M(3^{j} \cdot (-2x), 3^{j+1} \cdot 2x, y)]^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &+ 3^{-j-1} K [M(3^{j}x, 3^{j}(-x), y) + M(3^{j} \cdot (-x), 3^{j+1} \cdot 3x, y)]^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &+ 3^{-j-1} K [M(3^{j}x, 3^{j}(-x), y) + M(3^{j} \cdot (-x), 3^{j+1}x, y)]^{\frac{1}{p}} \end{split}$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$ and all *j*. From this and (19), we obtain

$$2J_1(x,y) = J_1(2x,y)$$
(20)

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. From (12) and (14),

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| 2J_1\left(\frac{x+y}{2}, z\right) - J_1(x, z) - J_1(y, z) \right\| Y \\ &= \lim_{j \to \infty} 3^{-j} \left\| 2J_1\left(\frac{3^j x + 3^j y}{2}, z\right) - J_1(3^j x, z) - J_1(3^j y, z) \right\| Y \\ &\leq \lim_{j \to \infty} 3^{-j} \varphi(3^j x, 3^j y, z) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y, z \in \mathcal{X}$. From (20) and the above inequality,

$$J_1(x+y,z) = 2J_1\left(\frac{x+y}{2},z\right) = J_1(x,z) + J_1(y,z)$$

for all $x, y, z \in \mathcal{X}$. Hence

$$J_1(x+y,z) = J_1(x,z) + J_1(y,z)$$

for all $x, y, z \in \mathcal{X}$. That is, J_1 is an additive mapping with respect to the first variable. By (15), we get

$$\left\|\frac{2}{3^{j}}g\left(3^{j}x,\frac{y+z}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{3^{j}}g(3^{j}x,y) - \frac{1}{3^{j}}g(3^{j}x,z)\right\|_{\mathcal{Y}} \le \frac{1}{3^{j}}\psi(3^{j}x,y,z)$$

for all $x, y, z \in \mathcal{X}$ and all j. Letting $j \to \infty$ in the above inequality and using (10), J_1 is a Jensen mapping with respect to the second variable. To prove the uniqueness of J_1 , let S_1 be another additive-Jensen mapping satisfying (16). Then we obtain

$$\begin{split} &\|2S_{1}(2x,y) - 4S_{1}(x,y)\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^{p} \\ &= \|2S_{1}(2x,y) - S_{1}(3x,y) - S_{1}(x,y)\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^{p} \\ &= 3^{-jp} \|2S_{1}(2 \cdot 3^{j}x,y) - S_{1}(3 \cdot 3^{j}x,y) - S_{1}(3^{j}x,y)\|Y^{p} \\ &\leq 3^{-jp} \|2S_{1}(2 \cdot 3^{j}x,y) - 2g(2 \cdot 3^{j}x,y)\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^{p} \\ &+ 3^{-jp} \|S_{1}(3 \cdot 3^{j}x,y) - g(3 \cdot 3^{j}x,y)\|_{Y}^{p} + 3^{-jp} \|S_{1}(3^{j}x,y) - g(3^{j}x,y)\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^{p} \\ &+ 3^{-jp} \|2g\left(3^{j} \cdot \frac{3x+x}{2},y\right) - g(3 \cdot 3^{j}x,y) - g(3^{j}x,y)\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^{p} \end{split}$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$ and all *j*. It follows from (16), we have

$$\begin{split} \|J_{1}(x,y) - S_{1}(x,y)\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^{p} \\ &= \left\|\frac{1}{3^{j}}J_{1}(3^{j}x,y) - \frac{1}{3^{j}}S_{1}(3^{j}x,y)\right\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^{p} \\ &\leq \left\|\frac{1}{3^{j}}J_{1}(3^{j}x,y) - \frac{1}{3^{j}}f(3^{j}x,y) + \frac{1}{3^{j}}f(0,y)\right\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^{p} + \left\|\frac{1}{3^{j}}f(3^{j}x,y) - \frac{1}{3^{j}}f(0,y) - \frac{1}{3^{j}}S_{1}(3^{j}x,y)\right\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^{p} \\ &\leq \frac{2K^{p}}{3^{p(j+1)}}[M(3^{j}x, -3^{j}x,y) + M(-3^{j}x, 3^{j+1}x, y)] \end{split}$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$ and all j. Taking $j \to \infty$ in the above inequality and using (12), we get $J_1 = S_1$. Define $J_2 : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ by

$$J_2(x,y) := \lim_{j \to \infty} \frac{1}{3^j} f(x,3^j y)$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. By the same method in the above arguments, J_2 is a unique Jensen-additive mapping satisfying (17). \Box

Corollary 3. Let $0 and <math>\varepsilon$, $\delta > 0$ be fixed. Suppose that a mapping $f : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ satisfies the inequalities

$$\left\| 2f\left(\frac{x+y}{2},z\right) - f(x,z) - f(y,z) \right\|_{\mathcal{Y}} \le \varepsilon,$$
$$\left\| 2f\left(x,\frac{y+z}{2}\right) - f(x,y) - f(x,z) \right\|_{\mathcal{Y}} \le \delta$$

for all $x, y, z \in \mathcal{X}$. Then there exists a unique additive-Jensen mapping $J_1 : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ satisfying

$$||f(x, y) - f(0, y) - J_1(x, y)||_{\mathcal{Y}} \le K\varepsilon \left(\frac{2}{3^p - 1}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. There exists a unique Jensen-additive mapping $J_2 : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ satisfying

$$||f(x, y) - f(x, 0) - J_2(x, y)||_{\mathcal{Y}} \le K\delta\left(\frac{2}{3^p - 1}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$.

Proof. Let $\varphi(x, y, z) := \varepsilon$ and $\psi(x, y, z) := \delta$ for all $x, y, z \in \mathcal{X}$. By Theorem 4, we have an additive-Jensen mapping J_1 and a Jensen-additive mapping J_2 , as desired. \Box

From now on, let $\chi : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to [0, \infty)$ be a function such that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{4^n} \chi(2^n x, 2^n y, 2^n z, 2^n w) = 0$$
(21)

and

$$L(x, y, z, w) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4^{pj}} \chi(2^{j}x, 2^{j}y, 2^{j}z, 2^{j}w)^{p} < \infty$$
(22)

for all $x, y, z, w \in \mathcal{X}$.

Theorem 5. Let $0 and suppose that a mapping <math>f : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ satisfies f(x, 0) = 0 and the inequality

$$\left\|4f\left(\frac{x+y}{2},\frac{z+w}{2}\right) - f(x,z) - f(x,w) - f(y,z) - f(y,w)\right\|_{\mathcal{Y}} \le \chi(x,y,z,w)$$
(23)

for all $x, y, z, w \in \mathcal{X}$. Then the limit $F(x, y) := \lim_{j \to \infty} \frac{1}{4^j} f(2^j x, 2^j y)$ exists for all $x, y \in X$ and the mapping $F : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ is the unique bi-Jensen mapping satisfying

$$\|f(x, y) - f(0, y) - F(x, y)\|_{\mathcal{Y}} \le \tilde{\chi}(x, y)^{\frac{1}{p}},$$
(24)

where

$$\tilde{\chi}(x, y) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4^{p(j+1)}} \Big[\chi(2^{j+1}x, 0, 2^{j+1}y, 0)^p + \chi(0, 0, 2^{j+1}y, 0)^p \Big]$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$.

Proof. Replacing *x* by $2^{j+1}x$ and putting y = 0, $z = 2^{j+1}y$, w = 0 in (23), we gain

$$\left\|\frac{1}{4^{j}}f(2^{j}x,2^{j}y) - \frac{1}{4^{j+1}}f(2^{j+1}x,2^{j+1}y) - \frac{1}{4^{j+1}}f(0,2^{j+1}y)\right\|_{\mathcal{Y}} \le \frac{1}{4^{j+1}}\chi(2^{j+1}x,0,2^{j+1}y,0) \quad (25)$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$ and all j. Letting x = 0 in (25), we get

$$\left\|\frac{1}{4^{j}}f(0,2^{j}y) - \frac{2}{4^{j+1}}f(0,2^{j+1}y)\right\|_{\mathcal{Y}} \le \frac{1}{4^{j+1}}\chi(0,0,2^{j+1}y,0)$$
(26)

for all $y \in \mathcal{X}$ and all *j*. By (25) and(26), we have

$$\left\|\frac{1}{4^{j}}\left[f(2^{j}x,2^{j}y)-f(0,2^{j}y)\right]-\frac{1}{4^{j+1}}\left[f(2^{j+1}x,2^{j+1}y)-f(0,2^{j+1}y)\right]\right\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^{p}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{4^{p(j+1)}}\left[\chi(2^{j+1}x,0,2^{j+1}y,0)^{p}+\chi(0,0,2^{j+1}y,0)^{p}\right]$$
(27)

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$ and all j. Thus we have

$$\left\| \frac{1}{4^{l}} \left[f(2^{l}x, 2^{l}y) - f(0, 2^{l}y) \right] - \frac{1}{4^{m}} [f(2^{m}x, 2^{m}y) - f(0, 2^{m}y)] \right\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^{p}$$

$$\leq \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \frac{1}{4^{p(j+1)}} \left[\chi(2^{j+1}x, 0, 2^{j+1}y, 0)^{p} + \chi(0, 0, 2^{j+1}y, 0)^{p} \right]$$
(28)

for all integers l, $m (0 \le l < m)$ and all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. By (22), the sequence $\{\frac{1}{4^{j}}[f(2^{j}x, 2^{j}y) - f(0, 2^{j}y)]\}$ is a Cauchy sequence for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. Since \mathcal{Y} is complete, the sequence $\{\frac{1}{4^{j}}[f(2^{j}x, 2^{j}y) - f(0, 2^{j}y)]\}$ converges for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. So one can define the mapping $F : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ by

$$F(x, y) := \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{4^n} [f(2^n x, 2^n y) - f(0, 2^n y)]$$
⁽²⁹⁾

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. Letting l = 0 and taking the limit $m \to \infty$ in (28), we get (24). Now, we show that *F* is a bi-Jensen mapping.

On the other hand it follows from (22), (23) and (29) that

$$\begin{split} & \left\| 4F\left(\frac{x+y}{2}, \frac{z+w}{2}\right) - F(x, z) - F(x, w) - F(y, z) - F(y, w) \right\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^{p} \\ &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{4^{pn}} \left\| 4f\left(\frac{2^{n}x + 2^{n}y}{2}, \frac{2^{n}z + 2^{n}w}{2}\right) - f(2^{n}x, 2^{n}z) - f(2^{n}x, 2^{n}w) - f(2^{n}y, 2^{n}z) \\ &- f(2^{n}y, 2^{n}w) - 4f\left(0, \frac{2^{n}z + 2^{n}w}{2}\right) + 2f(0, 2^{n}z) + 2f(0, 2^{n}w) \right\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^{p} \\ &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{4^{pn}} [\chi(2^{n}x, 2^{n}y, 2^{n}z, 2^{n}w)^{p} + \chi(0, 0, 2^{n}z, 2^{n}w)^{p}] = 0 \end{split}$$

for all $x, y, z, w \in \mathcal{X}$. Hence the mapping *F* satisfies (3).

To prove the uniqueness of *F*, let $G : \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ be another bi-Jensen mapping satisfying (24). It follows from (22) that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{4^{pn}} L(2^n x, 2^n y, 2^n z, 2^n w) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4^{pj}} \chi(2^j x, 2^j y, 2^j z, 2^j w)^p = 0$$

for all $x, y, z, w \in \mathcal{X}$. Hence $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{1}{4^{pn}} \tilde{\chi}(2^n x, 2^n y) = 0$ for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. It follows from (21), (27) and (29) the above equality that

$$\begin{split} \|F(2x, 2y) - 4F(x, y)\| & Y \\ &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \left\| \frac{1}{4^n} f(2^{n+1}x, 2^{n+1}y) - f(0, 2^{n+1}y) - \frac{1}{4^{n-1}} f(2^n x, 2^n y) + f(0, 2^n y) \right\| Y \\ &= 4 \lim_{n \to \infty} \left\| \frac{1}{4^n} [f(2^n x, 2^n y) - f(0, 2^n y)] - \frac{1}{4^{n+1}} [f(2^{n+1}x, 2^{n+1}y) - f(0, 2^{n+1}y)] \right\| Y \\ &\leq 4 \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{4^{p(n+1)}} \Big[\chi(2^{n+1}x, 0, 2^{n+1}y, 0)^p + \chi(0, 0, 2^{n+1}y, 0)^p \Big] = 0 \end{split}$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. So F(2x, 2y) = 4F(x, y) for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. Thus it follows from (24) and (29) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|F(x,y) - G(x,y)\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^{p} &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{4^{pn}} \|f(2^{n}x,2^{n}y) - f(0,2^{n}y) - G(2^{n}x,2^{n}y)\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^{p} \\ &\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{4^{pn}} \tilde{\chi}(2^{n}x,2^{n}y) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. So F = G. \Box

Corollary 4. Let $0 and <math>\varepsilon > 0$ be fixed. Suppose that a mapping $f : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ satisfies the inequalities

$$\left\|4f\left(\frac{x+y}{2},\frac{z+w}{2}\right)-f(x,z)-f(x,w)-f(y,z)-f(y,w)\right\|_{\mathcal{Y}}\leq\varepsilon$$

for all $x, y, z, w \in \mathcal{X}$. Then there exists a unique bi-Jensen mapping $F : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ satisfying

$$||f(x, y) - f(0, y) - F(x, y)||_{\mathcal{Y}} \le \varepsilon \left(\frac{2}{4^p - 1}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$.

Proof. Taking $\chi(x, y, z, w) := \varepsilon$ for all $x, y, z, w \in \mathcal{X}$ in Theorem 5, we obtain $\tilde{\chi}(x, y) = \frac{2\varepsilon^p}{4^p - 1}$ for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. Thus we obtain the estimate value $\tilde{\chi}(x, y)^{\frac{1}{p}} = \varepsilon \left(\frac{2}{4^p - 1}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ for all $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$. \Box

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