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Stability of a Cauchy-Jensen Functional Equation in Quasi-Banach Spaces

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We obtain the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of the Cauchy-Jensen functional equation $2f(x + y, (z + w)/2) = f(x, z) + f(x, w) + f(y, z) + f(y, w)$.

1. Introduction

In 1940, Ulam proposed the general Ulam stability problem (see [1]).

Let G_1 be a group and let G_2 be a metric group with the metric $d(\cdot, \cdot)$. Given $\varepsilon > 0$, does there exist a $\delta > 0$ such that if a mapping $h : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ satisfies the inequality $d(h(xy), h(x)h(y)) < \delta$ for all $x, y \in G_1$ then there is a homomorphism $H : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ with $d(h(x), H(x)) < \varepsilon$ for all $x \in G_1$?

In 1941, this problem was solved by Hyers [2] in the case of Banach space. Thereafter, we call that type the Hyers-Ulam stability.

Throughout this paper, let X and Y be vector spaces. A mapping $g : X \rightarrow Y$ is called an *additive mapping* (respectively, an *affine mapping*) if g satisfies the Cauchy functional equation $g(x+y) = g(x)+g(y)$ (respectively, the Jensen functional equation $2g((x+y)/2) = g(x)+g(y)$). Aoki [3] and Rassias [4, 5] extended the Hyers-Ulam stability by considering variables for Cauchy equation. Using the method introduced in [3], Jung [6] obtained a result for Jensen equation. It also has been generalized to the function case by Găvruta [7] and Jung [8] for Cauchy equation, and by Lee and Jun [9] for Jensen equation.

Definition 1.1. A mapping $f : X \times X \rightarrow Y$ is called a *Cauchy-Jensen mapping* if f satisfies the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} f(x+y, z) &= f(x, z) + f(y, z), \\ 2f\left(x, \frac{y+z}{2}\right) &= f(x, y) + f(x, z). \end{aligned} \quad (1.1)$$

When $X = Y = \mathbb{R}$, the function $f : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by $f(x, y) := axy + bx$ is a solution of (1.1). In particular, letting $x = y$, we get a function $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by $g(x) := f(x, x) = ax^2 + bx$.

For a mapping $f : X \times X \rightarrow Y$, consider the functional equation

$$2f\left(x+y, \frac{z+w}{2}\right) = f(x, z) + f(x, w) + f(y, z) + f(y, w). \quad (1.2)$$

Definition 1.2 (see [10, 11]). Let X be a real linear space. A *quasi-norm* is real-valued function on X satisfying the following.

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

The pair $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is called a *quasi-normed space* if $\|\cdot\|$ is a quasi-norm on 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* ($0 < p \leq 1$) if

$$\|x + y\|^p \leq \|x\|^p + \|y\|^p \quad (1.3)$$

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

The authors [12] obtained the solutions of (1.1) and (1.2) as follows.

Theorem A. *A mapping $f : X \times X \rightarrow Y$ satisfies (1.1) if and only if there exist a biadditive mapping $B : X \times X \rightarrow Y$ and an additive mapping $A : X \rightarrow Y$ such that $f(x, y) = B(x, y) + A(x)$ for all $x, y \in X$.*

Theorem B. *A mapping $f : X \times X \rightarrow Y$ satisfies (1.1) if and only if it satisfies (1.2).*

In this paper, we investigate the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of (1.1) and (1.2).

2. Stability of (1.1) and (1.2)

Throughout this section, assume that X is a quasi-normed space with quasi-norm $\|\cdot\|_X$ and that Y is a p -Banach space with p -norm $\|\cdot\|_Y$. Let K be the modulus of concavity of $\|\cdot\|_Y$.

Let $\varphi : X \times X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ and $\psi : X \times X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be two functions such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \varphi(2^n x, 2^n y, z) = 0, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \psi(2^n x, y, z) = 0, \quad (2.1)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3^n} \varphi(x, y, 3^n z) = 0, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3^n} \psi(x, 3^n y, 3^n z) = 0 \quad (2.2)$$

for all $x, y, z \in X$, and

$$M(x, y, z) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{pj}} \varphi(2^j x, 2^j y, z)^p < \infty, \quad (2.3)$$

$$N(x, y, z) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{pj}} \varphi(x, 3^j y, 3^j z)^p < \infty \quad (2.4)$$

for all $x, y, z \in X$.

Theorem 2.1. *Suppose that a mapping $f : X \times X \rightarrow Y$ satisfies the inequalities*

$$\|f(x + y, z) - f(x, z) - f(y, z)\|_Y \leq \varphi(x, y, z), \quad (2.5)$$

$$\left\| 2f\left(x, \frac{y+z}{2}\right) - f(x, y) - f(x, z) \right\|_Y \leq \varphi(x, y, z) \quad (2.6)$$

for all $x, y, z \in X$. Then the limits

$$F_C(x, y) := \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^j} f(2^j x, y), \quad F_J(x, y) := \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3^j} f(x, 3^j y) \quad (2.7)$$

exist for all $x, y \in X$ and the mappings $F_C : X \times X \rightarrow Y$ and $F_J : X \times X \rightarrow Y$ are Cauchy-Jensen mappings satisfying

$$\|f(x, y) - F_C(x, y)\|_Y \leq \frac{1}{2} M(x, x, y)^{1/p}, \quad (2.8)$$

$$\|f(x, y) - f(x, 0) - F_J(x, y)\|_Y \leq \frac{K}{3} N(x, y, y)^{1/p} \quad (2.9)$$

for all $x, y \in X$.

Proof. Letting $y = x$ and replacing z by y in (2.5) then,

$$\|f(2x, y) - 2f(x, y)\|_Y \leq \varphi(x, x, y) \quad (2.10)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Replacing x by $2^n x$ in the above inequality and dividing by 2^{n+1} , we get

$$\left\| \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} f(2^{n+1} x, y) - \frac{1}{2^n} f(2^n x, y) \right\|_Y \leq \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \varphi(2^n x, 2^n x, y) \quad (2.11)$$

for all $x, y \in X$ and all nonnegative integers n . Since Y is a p -Banach space, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} f(2^{n+1}x, y) - \frac{1}{2^n} f(2^n x, y) \right\|_Y^p &\leq \sum_{j=m}^n \left\| \frac{1}{2^{j+1}} f(2^{j+1}x, y) - \frac{1}{2^j} f(2^j x, y) \right\|_Y^p \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2^p} \sum_{j=m}^n \frac{1}{2^{pj}} \varphi(2^j x, 2^j y, y)^p \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

for all $x, y \in X$ and all nonnegative integers n and m with $n \geq m$. Therefore we conclude from (2.3) and (2.12) that the sequence $\{(1/2^n)f(2^n x, y)\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in Y for all $x, y \in X$. Since Y is complete, the sequence $\{(1/2^n)f(2^n x, y)\}$ converges in Y for all $x, y \in X$. So one can define the mapping $F_C : X \times X \rightarrow Y$ by

$$F_C(x, y) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} f(2^n x, y) \quad (2.13)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Letting $m = 0$ and passing the limit $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.12), we get (2.8). Now, we show that F_C is a Cauchy-Jensen mapping. It follows from (2.1), (2.11), and (2.13) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|F_C(2x, y) - 2F_C(x, y)\|_Y &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \frac{1}{2^n} f(2^{n+1}x, y) - \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} f(2^n x, y) \right\|_Y \\ &= 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} f(2^{n+1}x, y) - \frac{1}{2^n} f(2^n x, y) \right\|_Y \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \varphi(2^n x, 2^n x, y) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. So $F_C(2x, y) = 2F_C(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in X$.

On the other hand it follows from (2.1), (2.5), (2.6), and (2.13) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|F_C(x + y, z) - F_C(x, z) - F_C(y, z)\|_Y &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \|f(2^n x + 2^n y, z) - f(2^n x, z) - f(2^n y, z)\|_Y \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \varphi(2^n x, 2^n y, z) = 0, \\ \left\| 2F_C\left(x, \frac{y+z}{2}\right) - F_C(x, y) - F_C(y, z) \right\|_Y &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \left\| f\left(2^n x, \frac{y+z}{2}\right) - f(2^n x, y) - f(2^n y, z) \right\|_Y \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \varphi(2^n x, y, z) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

for all $x, y, z \in X$. Thus F_C is a Cauchy-Jensen mapping. Next, setting $z = -y$ in (2.6) and replacing y by $-y$ and z by $3y$ in (2.6), one can obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \|2f(x, 0) - f(x, y) - f(x, -y)\|_Y &\leq \varphi(x, y, -y), \\ \|2f(x, y) - f(x, -y) - f(x, 3y)\|_Y &\leq \varphi(x, -y, 3y), \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

respectively, for all $x, y \in X$. By two above inequalities,

$$\|3f(x, y) - 2f(x, 0) - f(x, 3y)\|_Y \leq K(\varphi(x, y, -y) + \varphi(x, -y, 3y)) \quad (2.17)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. By the same method as above, one can find a Cauchy-Jensen mapping F_J which satisfies (2.9). In fact, $F_J(x, y) := \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} (1/3^j) f(x, 3^j y)$ for all $x, y \in X$. \square

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{6^n} \varphi(2^n x, 2^n y, 3^n z, 3^n w) = 0, \quad (2.18)$$

$$L(x, y, z, w) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{6^{pj}} \chi(2^j x, 2^j y, 3^j z, 3^j w)^p < \infty \quad (2.19)$$

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

We will use the following lemma in order to prove Theorem 2.3.

Lemma 2.2 (see [13]). *Let $0 < p \leq 1$ and let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be nonnegative real numbers. Then*

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^n x_j \right)^p \leq \sum_{j=1}^n x_j^p. \quad (2.20)$$

Theorem 2.3. *Suppose that a mapping $f : X \times X \rightarrow Y$ satisfies $f(x, 0) = f(0, x) = 0$ and the inequality*

$$\left\| 2f\left(x + y, \frac{z + w}{2}\right) - f(x, z) - f(x, w) - f(y, z) - f(y, w) \right\|_Y \leq \chi(x, y, z, w) \quad (2.21)$$

for all $x, y, z, w \in X$. Then the limit $F(x, y) := \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} (1/6^j) f(2^j x, 3^j y)$ exists for all $x, y \in X$ and the mapping $F : X \times X \rightarrow Y$ is the unique Cauchy-Jensen mapping satisfying

$$\|f(x, y) - F(x, y)\|_Y \leq \frac{K}{6} \tilde{\chi}(x, y)^{1/p}, \quad (2.22)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\chi}(x, y) := & \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{6^{pj}} \left[3^p \chi(2^j x, 2^j x, 3^j y, -3^j y)^p \right. \\ & + K^{3p} \left(\chi(2^j x, 2^j x, -3^j y, 3^j y)^p + \chi(2^j x, 2^j x, 3^j y, 3^j y)^p \right) \\ & \left. + K^{2p} \chi(2^j x, 2^j x, -3^j y, 3^{j+1} y)^p + \frac{K^p}{2^p} \chi(2^j x, 2^j x, 3^{j+1} y, 3^{j+1} y)^p \right] \end{aligned} \quad (2.23)$$

for all $x, y \in X$.

Proof. Letting $y = x$ in (2.21), we get

$$\left\| 2f\left(2x, \frac{z+w}{2}\right) - 2f(x, z) - 2f(x, w) \right\|_Y \leq \chi(x, x, z, w) \quad (2.24)$$

for all $x, z, w \in X$. Putting $z = y$ and $w = -y$ in (2.24), we get

$$\|2f(x, y) + 2f(x, -y)\|_Y \leq \chi(x, x, y, -y) \quad (2.25)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Replacing z by $-y$ and w by $-y$ in (2.24), we get

$$\|f(2x, -y) - 2f(x, -y)\|_Y \leq \frac{1}{2}\chi(x, x, -y, -y) \quad (2.26)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. By (2.25) and (2.26), we have

$$\|2f(x, y) + f(2x, -y)\|_Y \leq K\left(\chi(x, x, y, -y) + \frac{1}{2}\chi(x, x, -y, -y)\right) \quad (2.27)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Setting $z = y$ and $w = -3y$ in (2.24), we get

$$\|f(2x, -y) - f(x, y) - f(x, -3y)\|_Y \leq \frac{1}{2}\chi(x, x, y, -3y) \quad (2.28)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. By (2.27) and the above inequality, we get

$$\|3f(x, y) + f(x, -3y)\|_Y \leq K^2\left(\chi(x, x, y, -y) + \frac{1}{2}\chi(x, x, -y, -y)\right) + \frac{K}{2}\chi(x, x, y, -3y) \quad (2.29)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Replacing y by $3y$ in (2.26), we get

$$\|f(2x, -3y) - 2f(x, -3y)\|_Y \leq \frac{1}{2}\chi(x, x, -3y, -3y) \quad (2.30)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. By (2.29) and the above inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|6f(x, y) + f(2x, -3y)\|_Y &\leq K^3(2\chi(x, x, y, -y) + \chi(x, x, -y, -y)) + K^2\chi(x, x, y, -3y) \\ &\quad + \frac{K}{2}\chi(x, x, -3y, -3y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.31)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Replacing y by $-y$ in the above inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|6f(x, -y) + f(2x, 3y)\|_Y &\leq K^3(2\chi(x, x, -y, y) + \chi(x, x, y, y)) + K^2\chi(x, x, -y, 3y) \\ &\quad + \frac{K}{2}\chi(x, x, 3y, 3y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.32)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. By (2.25) and the above inequality, we get

$$\|6f(x, y) - f(2x, 3y)\|_Y \leq \chi_*(x, y), \quad (2.33)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_*(x, y) &:= 3K\chi(x, x, y, -y) + K^4(2\chi(x, x, -y, y) + \chi(x, x, y, y)) + K^3\chi(x, x, -y, 3y) \\ &\quad + \frac{K^2}{2}\chi(x, x, 3y, 3y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.34)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Replacing x by $2^n x$ and y by $3^n y$ in the above inequality and dividing 6^{n+1} , we get

$$\left\| \frac{1}{6^n} f(2^n x, 3^n y) - \frac{1}{6^{n+1}} f(2^{n+1} x, 3^{n+1} y) \right\|_Y \leq \frac{1}{6^{n+1}} \chi_*(2^n x, 3^n y) \quad (2.35)$$

for all $x, y \in X$ and all nonnegative integers n . Since $\|\cdot\|_Y$ is a p -norm, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{1}{6^{n+1}} f(2^{n+1} x, 3^{n+1} y) - \frac{1}{6^m} f(2^m x, 3^m y) \right\|_Y^p &\leq \sum_{j=m}^n \left\| \frac{1}{6^{j+1}} f(2^{j+1} x, 3^{j+1} y) - \frac{1}{6^j} f(2^j x, 3^j y) \right\|_Y^p \\ &\leq \frac{1}{6^p} \sum_{j=m}^n \frac{1}{6^{pj}} \chi_*^p(2^j x, 3^j y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.36)$$

for all $x, y \in X$ and all nonnegative integers n and m with $n \geq m$. Therefore we conclude from (2.18) and (2.36) that the sequence $\{(1/6^n)f(2^n x, 3^n y)\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in Y for all $x, y \in X$. Since Y is complete, the sequence $\{(1/6^n)f(2^n x, 3^n y)\}$ converges in Y for all $x, y \in X$. So one can define the mapping $F : X \times X \rightarrow Y$ by

$$F(x, y) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{6^n} f(2^n x, 3^n y) \quad (2.37)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Letting $m = 0$, passing the limit $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.36), and applying lemma, we get (2.22). Now, we show that F is a Cauchy-Jensen mapping. By lemma, we infer that

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1/6^n) \chi_*(2^n x, 3^n y) = 0$ for all $x, y \in X$. It follows from (2.18), (2.35), and the above equality that

$$\begin{aligned} \|F(2x, 3y) - 6F(x, y)\|_Y &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \frac{1}{6^n} f(2^{n+1}x, 3^{n+1}y) - \frac{1}{6^{n-1}} f(2^n x, 3^n y) \right\|_Y \\ &= 6 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \frac{1}{6^{n+1}} f(2^{n+1}x, 3^{n+1}y) - \frac{1}{6^n} f(2^n x, 3^n y) \right\|_Y \quad (2.38) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{6^n} \chi_*(2^n x, 3^n y) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y \in X$. So $F(2x, 3y) = 6F(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in X$.

On the other hand it follows from (2.18), (2.21), and (2.37) that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| 2F\left(x + y, \frac{z + w}{2}\right) - F(x, z) - F(x, w) - F(y, z) - F(y, w) \right\|_Y \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{6^n} \left\| f\left(2^n x + 2^n y, \frac{3^n z + 3^n w}{2}\right) - f(2^n x, 3^n z) - f(2^n x, 3^n w) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - f(2^n y, 3^n z) - f(2^n y, 3^n w) \right\|_Y \quad (2.39) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{6^n} \chi(2^n x, 2^n y, 3^n z, 3^n w) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y, z, w \in X$. Hence the mapping F satisfies (1.2). To prove the uniqueness of F , let $G : X \rightarrow Y$ be another Cauchy-Jensen mapping satisfying (2.22). It follows from (2.19) that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{6^{pn}} L(2^n x, 2^n y, 3^n z, 3^n w) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{6^{pj}} \chi(2^j x, 2^j y, 3^j z, 3^j w)^p = 0 \quad (2.40)$$

for all $x, y, z, w \in X$. Hence $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{6^{pn}} \tilde{\chi}(2^n x, 3^n y) = 0$ for all $x, y \in X$. So it follows from (2.22) and (2.37) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|F(x, y) - G(x, y)\|_Y^p &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{6^{pn}} \|f(2^n x, 3^n y) - G(2^n x, 3^n y)\|_Y^p \\ &\leq \frac{K^p}{6^p} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{6^{pn}} \tilde{\chi}(2^n x, 3^n y) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2.41)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. So $F = G$. □

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