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### QUADRATIC ρ-FUNCTIONAL EQUATIONS IN β-HOMOGENEOUS NORMED SPACES

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Abstract. In this paper, we solve the quadratic  $\rho$ -functional equations:

$$f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)$$
(1)  
=  $\rho \left( 4f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y) \right),$ 

and

$$4f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)$$
(2)  
=  $\rho(f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)),$ 

where  $\rho$  is a fixed complex number with  $\rho \neq 1$ .

Using the direct method, we prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of the quadratic  $\rho$ -functional equations (1) and (2) in  $\beta$ -homogeneous complex Banach spaces.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

The stability problem of functional equations originated from a question of Ulam [19] concerning the stability of group homomorphisms. The functional equation f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y) is called the *Cauchy equation*. In particular, every solution of the Cauchy equation is said to be an *additive mapping*. Hyers [9] gave a first affirmative partial answer to the question of Ulam for Banach spaces. Hyers' theorem was generalized by Aoki [2] for additive mappings and by Rassias [16] for linear mappings by considering an unbounded Cauchy difference. A generalization of the Rassias theorem was obtained by Găvruta

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[8] by replacing the unbounded Cauchy difference by a general control function in the spirit of Rassias' approach.

The functional equation

$$f(x+y) + f(x-y) = 2f(x) + 2f(y)$$

is called the quadratic functional equation. In particular, every solution of the quadratic functional equation is said to be a *quadratic mapping*. The stability of quadratic functional equation was proved by Skof [18] for mappings  $f: E_1 \to E_2$ , where  $E_1$  is a normed space and  $E_2$  is a Banach space. Cholewa [5] noticed that the theorem of Skof is still true if the relevant domain  $E_1$  is replaced by an Abelian group. The stability problems of various functional equations have been extensively investigated by a number of authors (see [1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15]).

**Definition 1.1.** Let X be a linear space. A nonnegative valued function  $\|\cdot\|$  is an F-norm if it satisfies the following conditions:

 $\begin{array}{ll} (\mathrm{FN}_1) & \|x\| = 0 \text{ if and only if } x = 0; \\ (\mathrm{FN}_2) & \|\lambda x\| = \|x\| \text{ for all } x \in X \text{ and all } \lambda \text{ with } |\lambda| = 1; \\ (\mathrm{FN}_3) & \|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\| \text{ for all } x, y \in X; \\ (\mathrm{FN}_4) & \|\lambda_n x\| \to 0 \text{ provided } \lambda_n \to 0; \\ (\mathrm{FN}_5) & \|\lambda x_n\| \to 0 \text{ provided } \|x_n\| \to 0. \end{array}$ 

Then  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is called an  $F^*$ -space. An F-space is a complete  $F^*$ -space.

An *F*-norm is called  $\beta$ -homogeneous ( $\beta > 0$ ) if  $||tx|| = |t|^{\beta} ||x||$  for all  $x \in X$ and all  $t \in \mathbb{C}$  (see [17]).

In this paper, we solve the quadratic  $\rho$ -functional equations (1) and (2) and prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of the quadratic  $\rho$ -functional equations (1) and (2) in  $\beta_2$ -homogeneous complex Banach space.

Throughout this paper, let  $\beta_1, \beta_2$  be positive real numbers with  $\beta_1 \leq 1$  and  $\beta_2 \leq 1$ . Assume that X is a  $\beta_1$ -homogeneous real or complex normed space with norm  $\|\cdot\|$  and that Y is a  $\beta_2$ -homogeneous complex Banach space with norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . Assume that  $\rho$  is a complex number with  $\rho \neq 1$ .

## 2. Quadratic $\rho$ -functional equation (1) in $\beta$ -homogeneous complex Banach spaces

We solve and investigate the quadratic  $\rho$ -functional equation (1) in complex normed spaces.

**Lemma 2.1.** If a mapping  $f: X \to Y$  satisfies f(0) = 0 and

$$f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)$$
(2.1)  
=  $\rho \left( 4f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y) \right)$ 

for all  $x, y \in X$ , then  $f : X \to Y$  is quadratic.

*Proof.* Assume that  $f: X \to Y$  satisfies (2.1). Letting y = x in (2.1), we get f(2x) - 4f(x) = 0 for all  $x \in X$ . Thus

$$f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{4}f(x) \tag{2.2}$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

It follows from (2.1) and (2.2) that

$$f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)$$
  
=  $|\rho\left(4f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)\right)$   
=  $\rho(f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y))$ 

and so

$$f(x+y) + f(x-y) = 2f(x) + 2f(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Now, we prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of the quadratic  $\rho$ -functional equation (2.1) in  $\beta$ -homogeneous complex Banach spaces.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $r > \frac{2\beta_2}{\beta_1}$  and  $\theta$  be nonnegative real numbers and let  $f : X \to Y$  be a mapping satisfying f(0) = 0 and

$$\|f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)$$

$$-\rho \left(4f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)\right) \| \le \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r)$$
(2.3)

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping  $Q: X \to Y$  such that

$$\|f(x) - Q(x)\| \le \frac{2\theta}{2^{\beta_1 r} - 4^{\beta_2}} \|x\|^r$$
(2.4)

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* Letting y = x in (2.3), we get

$$||f(2x) - 4f(x)|| \le 2\theta ||x||^r$$
(2.5)

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for all  $x \in X$ . So

$$\left\| f(x) - 4f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \right\| \le \frac{2\theta}{2^{\beta_1 r}} \|x\|^r$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| 4^{l} f\left(\frac{x}{2^{l}}\right) - 4^{m} f\left(\frac{x}{2^{m}}\right) \right\| &\leq \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \left\| 4^{j} f\left(\frac{x}{2^{j}}\right) - 4^{j+1} f\left(\frac{x}{2^{j+1}}\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{2}{2^{\beta_{1}r}} \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \frac{4^{\beta_{2}j}}{2^{\beta_{1}rj}} \theta \|x\|^{r} \end{aligned}$$
(2.6)

for all nonnegative integers m and l with m > l and all  $x \in X$ . It follows from (2.6) that the sequence  $\{4^k f(\frac{x}{2^k})\}$  is Cauchy for all  $x \in X$ . Since Y is a Banach space, the sequence  $\{4^k f(\frac{x}{2^k})\}$  is convergent. So we can define a mapping  $Q: X \to Y$  by

$$Q(x) := \lim_{k \to \infty} 4^k f\left(\frac{x}{2^k}\right)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Moreover, letting l = 0 and passing the limit  $m \to \infty$  in (2.6), we get (2.4).

It follows from (2.3) that

$$\begin{split} \|Q\left(x+y\right) + Q\left(x-y\right) - 2Q(x) - 2Q(y) \\ &-\rho\left(4Q\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) + Q\left(x-y\right) - 2Q(x) - 2Q(y)\right) \right\| \\ &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \left\| 4^n \left( f\left(\frac{x+y}{2^n}\right) + f\left(\frac{x-y}{2^n}\right) - 2f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) - 2f\left(\frac{y}{2^n}\right) \right. \\ &-\rho\left(4f\left(\frac{x+y}{2^{n+1}}\right) + f\left(\frac{x-y}{2^n}\right) - 2f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) - 2f\left(\frac{y}{2^n}\right)\right) \right) \right\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{4^{\beta_2 n}}{2^{\beta_1 r n}} \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r) = 0 \end{split}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} Q\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) + Q\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right) - 2Q(x) - 2Q(y) \\ = \rho\left(4Q\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) + Q\left(x-y\right) - 2Q(x) - 2Q(y)\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . By Lemma 2.1, the mapping  $Q: X \to Y$  is quadratic.

Now, let  $T:X\to Y$  be another quadratic mapping satisfying (2.4). Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Q(x) - T(x)\| &= \left\| 4^q Q\left(\frac{x}{2^q}\right) - 4^q T\left(\frac{x}{2^q}\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \left\| 4^q Q\left(\frac{x}{2^q}\right) - 4^q f\left(\frac{x}{2^q}\right) \right\| + \left\| 4^q T\left(\frac{x}{2^q}\right) - 4^q f\left(\frac{x}{2^q}\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{2\theta}{2^{\beta_1 r} - 4^{\beta_2}} \frac{4^{\beta_2 q}}{2^{\beta_1 q r}} \|x\|^r, \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as  $q \to \infty$  for all  $x \in X$ . So we can conclude that Q(x) = T(x) for all  $x \in X$ . This proves the uniqueness of Q, as desired.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $r < \frac{2\beta_2}{\beta_1}$  and  $\theta$  be nonnegative real numbers and let  $f : X \to Y$  be an even mapping satisfying f(0) = 0 and (2.3). Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping  $Q : X \to Y$  such that

$$||f(x) - Q(x)|| \le \frac{2\theta}{4^{\beta_2} - 2^{\beta_1 r}} ||x||^r$$
(2.7)

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* It follows from (2.5) that

$$\left\| f(x) - \frac{1}{4}f(2x) \right\| \le \frac{2\theta}{4^{\beta_2}} \|x\|^{2}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{1}{4^{l}} f(2^{l}x) - \frac{1}{4^{m}} f(2^{m}x) \right\| &\leq \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \left\| \frac{1}{4^{j}} f\left(2^{j}x\right) - \frac{1}{4^{j+1}} f\left(2^{j+1}x\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{2\theta}{4^{\beta_{2}}} \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \frac{2^{\beta_{1}r}}{4^{\beta_{2}j}} \|x\|^{r} \end{aligned}$$
(2.8)

for all nonnegative integers m and l with m > l and all  $x \in X$ . It follows from (2.8) that the sequence  $\{\frac{1}{4^n}f(2^nx)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in Y. Since Y is complete, the sequence  $\{\frac{1}{4^n}f(2^nx)\}$  convergent. So we can define a mapping  $Q: X \to Y$  by

$$Q(x) := \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{4^n} f(2^n x)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Moreover, letting l = 0 and passing the limit  $m \to \infty$  in (2.8), we get (2.7).

The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.2.

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# 3. Quadratic $\rho$ -functional equation (2) in $\beta$ -homogeneous complex Banach spaces

We solve and investigate the quadratic  $\rho$ -functional equation (2) in  $\beta$ -homogeneous complex normed spaces.

**Lemma 3.1.** If a mapping  $f : X \to Y$  satisfies f(0) = 0 and

$$4f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)$$
(3.1)  
=  $\rho(f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y))$ 

for all  $x, y \in X$ , then  $f : X \to Y$  is quadratic.

Proof. Assume that  $f: X \to Y$  satisfies (3.1). Letting y = 0 in (3.1), we get

$$4f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = f(x) \tag{3.2}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . It follows from (3.1) and (3.2) that

$$f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)$$
  
=  $4f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)$   
=  $\rho(f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y))$ 

and so

$$f(x+y) + f(x-y) = 2f(x) + 2f(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Now, we prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of the quadratic  $\rho$ -functional equation (3.1) in  $\beta$ -homogeneous complex Banach spaces.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $r > \frac{2\beta_2}{\beta_1}$  and  $\theta$  be nonnegative real numbers and let  $f : X \to Y$  be a mapping satisfying f(0) = 0 and

$$\left\| 4f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) + f\left(x-y\right) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)$$

$$-\rho(f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)) \| \le \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r)$$
(3.3)

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping  $Q: X \to Y$  such that

$$||f(x) - Q(x)|| \le \frac{2^{\beta_1 r} \theta}{2^{\beta_1 r} - 4^{\beta_2}} ||x||^r$$
(3.4)

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* Letting y = 0 in (3.3), we get

$$\left\| f(x) - 4f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \right\| = \left\| 4f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - f(x) \right\| \le \theta \|x\|^r \tag{3.5}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| 4^{l} f\left(\frac{x}{2^{l}}\right) - 4^{m} f\left(\frac{x}{2^{m}}\right) \right\| &\leq \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \left\| 4^{j} f\left(\frac{x}{2^{j}}\right) - 4^{j+1} f\left(\frac{x}{2^{j+1}}\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \frac{4^{\beta_{2}j}}{2^{\beta_{1}rj}} \theta \|x\|^{r} \end{aligned}$$
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for all nonnegative integers m and l with m > l and all  $x \in X$ . It follows from (3.6) that the sequence  $\{4^k f(\frac{x}{2^k})\}$  is Cauchy for all  $x \in X$ . Since Y is a Banach space, the sequence  $\{4^k f(\frac{x}{2^k})\}$  convergnt. So we can define a mapping  $Q: X \to Y$  by

$$Q(x) := \lim_{k \to \infty} 4^k f\left(\frac{x}{2^k}\right)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Moreover, letting l = 0 and passing the limit  $m \to \infty$  in (3.6), we get (3.4).

The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.2

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $r < \frac{2\beta_2}{\beta_1}$  and  $\theta$  be nonnegative real numbers and let  $f : X \to Y$  be an even mapping satisfying f(0) = 0 and (3.3). Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping  $Q : X \to Y$  such that

$$\|f(x) - Q(x)\| \le \frac{2^{\beta_1 r} \theta}{4^{\beta_2} - 2^{\beta_1 r}} \|x\|^r$$
(3.7)

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* It follows from (3.5) that

$$\left\| f(x) - \frac{1}{4} f(2x) \right\| \le \frac{2^{\beta_1 r}}{4^{\beta_2}} \theta \|x\|^2$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{1}{4^{l}} f(2^{l}x) - \frac{1}{4^{m}} f(2^{m}x) \right\| &\leq \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \left\| \frac{1}{4^{j}} f\left(2^{j}x\right) - \frac{1}{4^{j+1}} f\left(2^{j+1}x\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=l+1}^{m} \frac{2^{\beta_{1}rj}}{4^{\beta_{2}j}} \theta \|x\|^{r} \end{aligned}$$
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for all nonnegative integers m and l with m > l and all  $x \in X$ . It follows from (3.8) that the sequence  $\{\frac{1}{4^n}f(2^nx)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence for all  $x \in X$ .

Since Y is complete, the sequence  $\{\frac{1}{4^n}f(2^nx)\}$  convergent. So we can define a mapping  $Q: X \to Y$  by

$$Q(x) := \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{4^n} f(2^n x)$$

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