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On the Generalized Hyers-Ulam-Rassias Stability of Quadratic Functional Equations

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We achieve the general solution and the generalized Hyers-Ulam-Rassias and Ulam-Gavruta-Rassias stabilities for quadratic functional equations $f(ax + by) + f(ax - by) = (b(a + b)/2)f(x + y) + (b(a + b)/2)f(x - y) + (2a^2 - ab - b^2)f(x) + (b^2 - ab)f(y)$ where a, b are nonzero fixed integers with $b \neq \pm a, -3a$, and $f(ax + by) + f(ax - by) = 2a^2f(x) + 2b^2f(y)$ for fixed integers a, b with $a, b \neq 0$ and $a \pm b \neq 0$.

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1. Introduction

In 1940, Ulam [1] proposed the stability problem for functional equations in the following question regarding to the stability of group homomorphism.

Let $(G_1, \cdot)$ be a group and let $(G_2, *)$ be a metric group with the metric $d(\cdot, \cdot)$. Given $\epsilon > 0$, does there exist a $\delta > 0$, such that if a mapping $h : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ satisfies the inequality $d(h(x \cdot y), h(x) * h(y)) < \delta$, for all $x, y \in G_1$, then there exists a homomorphism $H : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ with $d(h(x), H(x)) < \epsilon$, for all $x \in G_1$? In other words, under what conditions does a homomorphism exist near an approximately homomorphism? Generally, the concept of stability for a functional equation comes up when we the functional equation is replaced by an inequality which acts as a perturbation of that equation. Hyers [2] answered to the question affirmatively in 1941 so if $f : E \rightarrow E'$ such that

$$\|f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \delta, \quad (1.1)$$

for all $x, y \in E$, and for some $\delta > 0$ where E, E' are Banach spaces; then there exists a unique additive mapping $T : E \rightarrow E'$ such that

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \delta, \quad (1.2)$$

for all $x \in E$. However, if $f(tx)$ is a continuous mapping at $t \in \mathbb{R}$ for each fixed $x \in E$ then T is linear. In 1950, Hyers's theorem was generalized by Aoki [3] for additive mappings and independently, in 1978, by Rassias [4] for linear mappings considering the Cauchy difference controlled by sum of powers of norms. This stability phenomenon is called the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability.

On the other hand, Rassias [5–10] considered the Cauchy difference controlled by a product of different powers of norm. However, there was a singular case; for this singularity a counterexample was given by Găvruta [11]. This stability phenomenon is called the Ulam-Găvruta-Rassias stability (see also [12, 13]). In addition, J. M. Rassias considered the mixed product-sum of powers of norms control function [14]. This stability is called JMRassias mixed product-sum stability (see also [15–22]).

The functional equation

$$f(x+y) + f(x-y) = 2f(x) + 2f(y), \quad (1.3)$$

is related to symmetric biadditive function and is called a quadratic functional equation naturally, and every solution of the quadratic equation (1.3) is said to be a quadratic function. It is well known that a function f between two real vector spaces is quadratic if and only if there exists a unique symmetric biadditive function B such that $f(x) = B(x, x)$ for all x where

$$B(x, y) = \frac{1}{4}(f(x+y) - f(x-y)) \quad (1.4)$$

(see [23, 24]). Skof proved Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability problem for quadratic functional equation (1.3) for a class of functions $f : A \rightarrow B$, where A is normed space and B is a Banach space, (see [25]). Cholewa [26] noticed that Skof's theorem is still true if relevant domain A alters to an abelian group. In 1992, Czerwik proved the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of (1.3) (see [27]) and four years later, Grabiec [28] generalized the result mentioned above.

Throughout this paper, assume that a, b are fixed integers with $a, b \neq 0$, we introduce the following functional equations, which are different from (1.3):

$$\begin{aligned} f(ax+by) + f(ax-by) &= \frac{b(a+b)}{2}f(x+y) + \frac{b(a-b)}{2}f(x-y) \\ &\quad + (2a^2 - ab - b^2)f(x) + (b^2 - ab)f(y), \end{aligned} \quad (1.5)$$

where $b \neq \pm a, -3a$, and

$$f(ax+by) + f(ax-by) = 2a^2f(x) + 2b^2f(y), \quad (1.6)$$

where $b \neq \pm a$.

In this paper, we establish the general solution and the generalized Hyers-Ulam-Rassias and Ulam-Găvruta-Rassias stabilities problem for (1.5), (1.6) which are equivalent to (1.3).

2. Solution of (1.5), (1.6)

Let X and Y be real vector spaces. We here present the general solution of (1.5), (1.6).

Theorem 2.1. *A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ satisfies the functional equation (1.3) if and only if $f : X \rightarrow Y$ satisfies the functional equation (1.5). Therefore, every solution of functional equation (1.5) is also a quadratic function.*

Proof. Let f satisfy the functional equation (1.3). Putting $x = y = 0$ in (1.3), we get $f(0) = 0$. Set $x = 0$ in (1.3) to get $f(-y) = f(y)$. Letting $y = x$ and $y = 2x$ in (1.3), respectively, we obtain that $f(2x) = 4f(x)$ and $f(3x) = 9f(x)$ for all $x \in X$. By induction, we lead to $f(kx) = k^2 f(x)$ for all positive integers k . Replacing x and y by $2x + y$ and $2x - y$ in (1.3), respectively, gives

$$f(2x + y) + f(2x - y) = 8f(x) + 2f(y) \quad (2.1)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Using (1.3) and (2.1), we lead to

$$f(2x + y) + f(2x - y) = 2f(x + y) + 2f(x - y) + 4f(x) - 2f(y) \quad (2.2)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Suppose that $k \neq 0$ is a fixed integer by using (1.3), we get

$$kf(x + y) + kf(x - y) - 2kf(x) - 2kf(y) = 0 \quad (2.3)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Using (2.2) and (2.3), we obtain

$$f(2x + y) + f(2x - y) = (2 + k)f(x + y) + (2 + k)f(x - y) + 2(2 - k)f(x) - 2(1 + k)f(y) \quad (2.4)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Replacing x and y by $3x + y$ and $3x - y$ in (1.3), respectively, then using (1.3) and (2.3), we have

$$f(3x + y) + f(3x - y) = (3 + k)f(x + y) + (3 + k)f(x - y) + 2(6 - k)f(x) - 2(2 + k)f(y) \quad (2.5)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. By using the above method, by induction, we infer that

$$\begin{aligned} f(ax + y) + f(ax - y) &= (a + k)f(x + y) + (a + k)f(x - y) \\ &\quad + 2(a^2 - a - k)f(x) - 2(a + k - 1)f(y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

for all $x, y \in X$ and each positive integer $a \geq 1$. For a negative integer $a \leq -1$, replacing a by $-a$ one can easily prove the validity of (2.6). Therefore (1.3) implies (2.6) for any integer $a \neq 0$. First, it is noted that (2.6) also implies the following equation

$$\begin{aligned} f(bx + y) + f(bx - y) &= (b + k)f(x + y) + (b + k)f(x - y) \\ &\quad + 2(b^2 - b - k)f(x) - 2(b + k - 1)f(y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

for all integers $b \neq 0$. Setting $y = 0$ in (2.7) gives $f(bx) = b^2 f(x)$. Substituting y with by into (2.7), one gets

$$\begin{aligned} (b + k)f(x + by) + (b + k)f(x - by) &= b^2 f(x + y) + b^2 f(x - y) \\ &\quad - 2(b^2 - b - k)f(x) + 2b^2(b + k - 1)f(y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Replacing y by by in (2.6), we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} f(ax + by) + f(ax - by) &= (a + k)f(x + by) + (a + k)f(x - by) \\ &\quad + 2(a^2 - a - k)f(x) - 2(a + k - 1)f(by) \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Hence, according to (2.8) and (2.9), we get

$$\begin{aligned} (b + k)f(ax + by) + (b + k)f(ax - by) &= b^2(a + k)f(x + y) + b^2(a + k)f(x - y) \\ &\quad + 2(a^2(b + k) - b^2(a + k))f(x) - 2b^2(a - b)f(y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. In particular, if we substitute $k := b$ in (2.10) and dividing it by $2b$, we conclude that f satisfies (1.5).

Let f satisfy the functional equation (1.5), for nonzero fixed integers a, b with $b \neq \pm a, -3a$. Putting $x = y = 0$ in (1.5), we get

$$(2a^2 - ba + b^2 - 2)f(0) = 0, \quad (2.11)$$

so

$$\left(2a - \frac{b + \sqrt{16 - 7b^2}}{2}\right) \left(a - \frac{b - \sqrt{16 - 7b^2}}{4}\right) f(0) = 0, \quad (2.12)$$

but since $a, b \neq 0$ and $b \neq \pm a, -3a$, therefore $f(0) = 0$. Setting $y = 0$ in (1.5) gives $f(ax) = a^2 f(x)$ for all $x \in X$. Letting $y = -y$ in (1.5), we get

$$\begin{aligned} f(ax - by) + f(ax + by) &= \frac{b(a+b)}{2} f(x-y) + \frac{b(a+b)}{2} f(x+y) \\ &\quad + (2a^2 - ab - b^2) f(x) + (b^2 - ab) f(-y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. If we compare (1.5) with (2.13), then since $a, b \neq 0$ and $b \neq \pm a, -3a$, we conclude that $f(-y) = f(y)$ for all $y \in X$. Letting $x = 0$ in (1.5) and using the evenness of f give $f(by) = b^2 f(y)$ for all $y \in X$. Therefore for all $x \in X$, we get $f(abx) = a^2 b^2 f(x)$. Replacing x and y by bx and ay in (1.5), respectively, we have

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 b^2 f(x+y) + a^2 b^2 f(x-y) &= \frac{b(a+b)}{2} f(bx+ay) + \frac{b(a+b)}{2} f(bx-ay) \\ &\quad + b^2 (2a^2 - ab - b^2) f(x) + a^2 (b^2 - ab) f(y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. On the other hand, if we interchange x with y in (1.5), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f(ay+bx) + f(ay-bx) &= \frac{b(a+b)}{2} f(y+x) + \frac{b(a+b)}{2} f(y-x) \\ &\quad + (2a^2 - ab - b^2) f(y) + (b^2 - ab) f(x) \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. But since f is even, it follows from (2.15) that

$$\begin{aligned} f(bx+ay) + f(bx-ay) &= \frac{b(a+b)}{2} f(x+y) + \frac{b(a+b)}{2} f(x-y) \\ &\quad + (b^2 - ab) f(x) + (2a^2 - ab - b^2) f(y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Hence, according to (2.14) and (2.16), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 b^2 f(x+y) + a^2 b^2 f(x-y) &= \frac{b(a+b)}{2} \left[\frac{b(a+b)}{2} (f(x+y) + f(x-y)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (b^2 - ab) f(x) + (2a^2 - ab - b^2) f(y) \right] \\ &\quad + b^2 (2a^2 - ab - b^2) f(x) + a^2 (b^2 - ab) f(y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. So from (2.17), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{b^2}{4} (4a^2 - (a+b)^2) (f(x+y) + f(x-y)) &= \frac{b^2}{2} (3a^2 - 2ab - b^2) f(x) \\ &+ \frac{b^2}{2} (3a^2 - 2ab - b^2) f(y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.18)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. But since $a, b \neq 0$ and $b \neq \pm a, -3a$, we conclude that

$$f(x+y) + f(x-y) = 2f(x) + 2f(y) \quad (2.19)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Therefore, f satisfies (1.3). $\square$

Theorem 2.2. *A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ satisfies the functional equation (1.3) if and only if $f : X \rightarrow Y$ satisfies the functional equation (1.6). Therefore, every solution of functional equation (1.6) is also a quadratic function.*

Proof. If f satisfies the functional equation (1.3), then f satisfies the functional equation (1.5). Now combining (1.3) with (1.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(ax+by) + f(ax-by) &= \frac{b(a+b)}{2} (2f(x) + 2f(y)) \\ &+ (2a^2 - ab - b^2) f(x) + (b^2 - ab) f(y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. So from (2.20), we conclude that f satisfies (1.6).

Let f satisfy the functional equation (1.6) for fixed integers a, b with $a \neq 0, b \neq 0$ and $a \pm b \neq 0$. Putting $x = y = 0$ in (1.6), we get $(2(a^2 + b^2) - 2)f(0) = 0$, and since $a \neq 0, b \neq 0$, therefore $f(0) = 0$. Setting $y = 0$ in (1.6) gives $f(ax) = a^2 f(x)$ for all $x \in X$. Letting $y := -y$ in (1.6), we have

$$f(ax-by) + f(ax+by) = 2a^2 f(x) + 2b^2 f(-y) \quad (2.21)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. If we compare (1.6) with (2.21), then since $a, b \neq 0$ and $a \pm b \neq 0$, we obtain that $f(-y) = f(y)$ for all $y \in X$. Letting $x = 0$ in (1.6) and using the evenness of f gives $f(by) = b^2 f(y)$ for all $y \in X$. Therefore for all $x \in X$, we get $f(abx) = a^2 b^2 f(x)$. Replacing x and y by bx and ay in (1.6), respectively, we have

$$f(abx-aby) + f(abx+aby) = 2a^2 f(bx) + 2b^2 f(ay) \quad (2.22)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Now, by using $f(ax) = a^2 f(x), f(bx) = b^2 f(x)$ and $f(abx) = a^2 b^2 f(x)$, it follows from (2.22) that

$$f(x+y) + f(x-y) = 2f(x) + 2f(y) \quad (2.23)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Which completes the proof of the theorem. $\square$

Corollary 2.3 ([29, Proposition 2.1]). *A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ satisfies the following functional equation:*

$$f(ax + y) + f(ax - y) = 2a^2 f(x) + 2f(y) \quad (2.24)$$

for all $x, y \in X$ if and only if $f : X \rightarrow Y$ satisfies the functional equation (1.3) for all $x, y \in X$.

Proof. Assume that $b = 1$ in functional equation (1.6) and apply Theorem 2.2. $\square$

3. Stability

We now investigate the generalized Hyers-Ulam-Rassias and Ulam-Gavruta-Rassias stabilities problem for functional equations (1.5), (1.6). From this point on, let X be a real vector space and let Y be a Banach space. Before taking up the main subject, we define the difference operator $\Delta_f : X \times X \rightarrow Y$ by

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_f(x, y) = & f(ax + by) + f(ax - by) - \frac{b(a+b)}{2} f(x+y) - \frac{b(a+b)}{2} f(x-y) \\ & - (2a^2 - ab - b^2) f(x) - (b^2 - ab) f(y) \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

for all $x, y \in X$ and a, b fixed integers such that $a, b \neq 0$ and $a \pm b \neq 0$ where $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a given function.

Theorem 3.1. *Let $j \in \{-1, 1\}$ be fixed, and let $\varphi : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a function such that*

$$\tilde{\varphi}(x) := \sum_{i=(1-j)/2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a^{2ij}} \varphi(a^{ij}x, 0) < \infty \quad (3.2)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{a^{2nj}} \varphi(a^{nj}x, a^{nj}y) = 0 \quad (3.3)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Suppose that $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function satisfies

$$\|\Delta_f(x, y)\| \leq \varphi(x, y) \quad (3.4)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Furthermore, assume that $f(0) = 0$ in (3.4) for the case $j = 1$. Then there exists a unique quadratic function $Q : X \rightarrow Y$ such that

$$\|f(x) - Q(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{2a^{1+j}} \tilde{\varphi}\left(\frac{x}{a^{(1-j)/2}}\right), \quad (3.5)$$

for all $x \in X$.

Proof. For $j = 1$, putting $y = 0$ in (3.4), we have

$$\left\| 2f(ax) - 2a^2f(x) \right\| \leq \varphi(x, 0) \quad (3.6)$$

for all $x \in X$. So

$$\left\| f(x) - \frac{1}{a^2}f(ax) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2a^2}\varphi(x, 0) \quad (3.7)$$

for all $x \in X$. Replacing x by ax in (3.7) and dividing by a^2 and summing the resulting inequality with (3.7), we get

$$\left\| f(x) - \frac{1}{a^4}f(a^2x) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2a^2} \left(\varphi(x, 0) + \frac{\varphi(ax, 0)}{a^2} \right) \quad (3.8)$$

for all $x \in X$. Hence

$$\left\| \frac{1}{a^{2k}}f(a^kx) - \frac{1}{a^{2m}}f(a^mx) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2a^2} \sum_{i=k}^{m-1} \frac{1}{a^{2i}}\varphi(a^ix, 0) \quad (3.9)$$

for all nonnegative integers m and k with $m > k$ and for all $x \in X$. It follows from (3.2) and (3.9) that the sequence $\{(1/a^{2n})f(a^nx)\}$ is a Cauchy sequence for all $x \in X$. Since Y is complete, the sequence $\{(1/a^{2n})f(a^nx)\}$ converges. So one can define the function $Q : X \rightarrow Y$ by

$$Q(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{a^{2n}}f(a^nx) \quad (3.10)$$

for all $x \in X$. By (3.3) for $j = 1$ and (3.4),

$$\left\| \Delta_Q(x, y) \right\| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{a^{2n}} \left\| \Delta_f(a^nx, a^ny) \right\| \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{a^{2n}}\varphi(a^nx, a^ny) = 0 \quad (3.11)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. So $\Delta_Q(x, y) = 0$. By Theorem 2.1, the function $Q : X \rightarrow Y$ is quadratic. Moreover, letting $k = 0$ and passing the limit $m \rightarrow \infty$ in (3.9), we get the inequality (3.5) for $j = 1$.

Now, let $Q' : X \rightarrow Y$ be another quadratic function satisfying (1.5) and (3.5). Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| Q(x) - Q'(x) \right\| &= \frac{1}{a^{2n}} \left\| Q(a^nx) - Q'(a^nx) \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{a^{2n}} \left(\left\| Q(a^nx) - f(a^nx) \right\| + \left\| Q'(a^nx) - f(a^nx) \right\| \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{a^2 a^{2n}} \tilde{\varphi}(a^nx, 0), \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

which tends to zero as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for all $x \in X$. So we can conclude that $Q(x) = Q'(x)$ for all $x \in X$. This proves the uniqueness of Q .

Also, for $j = -1$, it follows from (3.6) that

$$\left\| f(x) - a^2 f\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2} \varphi\left(\frac{x}{a}, 0\right) \quad (3.13)$$

for all $x \in X$. Hence

$$\left\| a^{2k} f\left(\frac{x}{a^k}\right) - a^{2m} f\left(\frac{x}{a^m}\right) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=k}^{m-1} a^{2i} \varphi\left(\frac{x}{a^{i+1}}, 0\right) \quad (3.14)$$

for all nonnegative integers m and k with $m > k$ and for all $x \in X$. It follows from (3.14) that the sequence $\{a^{2n} f(x/a^n)\}$ is a Cauchy sequence for all $x \in X$. Since Y is complete, the sequence $\{a^{2n} f(x/a^n)\}$ converges. So one can define the function $Q : X \rightarrow Y$ by

$$Q(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a^{2n} f\left(\frac{x}{a^n}\right) \quad (3.15)$$

for all $x \in X$. By (3.3) for $j = -1$ and (3.4),

$$\|\Delta_Q(x, y)\| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a^{2n} \left\| \Delta_f\left(\frac{x}{a^n}, \frac{y}{a^n}\right) \right\| \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a^{2n} \varphi\left(\frac{x}{a^n}, \frac{y}{a^n}\right) = 0, \quad (3.16)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. So $\Delta_Q(x, y) = 0$. By Theorem 2.1, the function $Q : X \rightarrow Y$ is quadratic. Moreover, letting $k = 0$ and passing the limit $m \rightarrow \infty$ in (3.14), we get the inequality (3.5) for $j = -1$. The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of previous section. $\square$

From Theorem 3.1, we obtain the following corollaries concerning the JMRassias mixed product-sum stability of the functional equation (1.5).

Corollary 3.2. *Let $\varepsilon, p, q \geq 0$ and $r, s > 0$ be real numbers such that $p, q < 2$ and $r + s \neq 2$. Suppose that a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ satisfies*

$$\|\Delta_f(x, y)\| \leq \varepsilon(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^q + \|x\|^r \|y\|^s) \quad (3.17)$$

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

$$\|f(x) - Q(x)\| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2(a^2 - a^p)} \|x\|^p \quad (3.18)$$

for all $x \in X$.

Proof. In Theorem 3.1, put $j := 1$ and $\varphi(x, y) := \varepsilon(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^q + \|x\|^r \|y\|^s)$. $\square$

Corollary 3.3. Let $\varepsilon, p, q \geq 0$ and $r, s > 0$ be real numbers such that $p, q > 2$ and $r + s \neq 2$. Suppose that a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ with $f(0) = 0$ satisfies (3.17) for all $x, y \in X$. Then there exists a unique quadratic function $Q : X \rightarrow Y$ such that

$$\|f(x) - Q(x)\| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2(a^p - a^2)} \|x\|^p \quad (3.19)$$

for all $x \in X$.

Proof. In Theorem 3.1, put $j := -1$ and $\varphi(x, y) := \varepsilon(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^q + \|x\|^r \|y\|^s)$. □

Theorem 3.4. Let $j \in \{-1, 1\}$ be fixed, and let $\varphi : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a function such that

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\varphi}(x) &:= \sum_{i=(1-j)/2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a^{2ij}} \varphi(a^{ij}x, 0) < \infty, \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{a^{2nj}} \varphi(a^{nj}x, a^{nj}y) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3.20)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Suppose that $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function satisfies

$$\|f(ax + by) + f(ax - by) - 2a^2 f(x) - 2b^2 f(y)\| \leq \varphi(x, y) \quad (3.21)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Furthermore, assume that $f(0) = 0$ in (3.21) for the case $j = 1$. Then there exists a unique quadratic function $Q : X \rightarrow Y$ such that

$$\|f(x) - Q(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{2a^{1+j}} \tilde{\varphi}\left(\frac{x}{a^{1-j/2}}\right), \quad (3.22)$$

for all $x \in X$.

Proof. The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 3.1. □

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