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On the Stability Problem in Fuzzy Banach Space

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We investigate the generalized Ulam-Hyers stability of the Cauchy functional equation and pose two open problems in fuzzy Banach space.

1. Introduction and Preliminaries

In 1940, Ulam [1] asked the first question on the stability problem. In 1941, Hyers [2] solved the problem of Ulam. This result was generalized by Aoki [3] for additive mappings and by Th. M. Rassias [4] for linear mappings by considering an *unbounded Cauchy difference*.

Theorem 1.1 (Th. M. Rassias). *Let $f : E \to E'$ be a mapping from a normed vector space E into a Banach space E' subject to the inequality:*

$$\|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \le \epsilon(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p) \tag{1.1}$$

for all $x, y \in E$, where ϵ and p are constants with $\epsilon > 0$ and $0 \le p < 1$. Then, the limit $L(x) = \lim_{n\to\infty}(1/2^n)f(2^n x)$ exists for all $x \in E$ and $L : E \to E'$ is the unique additive mapping which satisfies

$$\|f(x) - L(x)\| \le \frac{2\epsilon}{2-2^p}\|x\|^p \tag{1.2}$$

for all $x \in E$. Also, if for each $x \in E$ the function $f(tx)$ is continuous in $t \in \mathbb{R}$, then L is linear.

In 1990, Th. M. Rassias [5] during the 27th International Symposium on Functional Equations asked the question whether such a theorem can also be proved for $p \geq 1$. In 1991, Gajda [6] gave an affirmative solution to this question for $p > 1$. It was shown by Gajda [6], as well as by Th. M. Rassias and Šemrl [7], that one cannot prove a Th. M. Rassias type theorem when $p = 1$. Găvruţa [8] proved that the function $f(x) = x \ln|x|$, if $x \neq 0$ and $f(0) = 0$ satisfies (1.1) with $\epsilon = p = 1$ but

$$\sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{|f(x) - A(x)|}{|x|} \geq \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{|n \ln n - A(n)|}{n} = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |\ln n - A(1)| = \infty \tag{1.3}$$

for any additive function $A : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$. J. M. Rassias [9] replaced the factor $\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p$ by $\|x\|^{p_1}\|y\|^{p_2}$ for $p_1, p_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ with $p_1 + p_2 \neq 1$ (see also [10, 11]) and has obtained the following theorem.

Theorem 1.2. *Let X be a real normed linear space and Y a real complete normed linear space. Assume that $f : X \to Y$ is an approximately additive mapping for which there exist constants $\theta \geq 0$ and $p = p_1 + p_2 \neq 1$ such that f satisfies the inequality:*

$$\|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \theta \|x\|^{p_1} \|y\|^{p_2} \tag{1.4}$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Then, there exists a unique additive mapping $L : X \to Y$ satisfying

$$\|f(x) - L(x)\| \leq \frac{\theta}{|2^p - 2|} \|x\|^p \tag{1.5}$$

for all $x \in X$. If, in addition, $f : X \to Y$ is a mapping such that the transformation $t \to f(tx)$ is continuous in $t \in \mathbb{R}$ for each fixed $x \in X$, then L is an $\mathbb{R}$-linear mapping.

In the case $p = 1$, we do not have stability [12]. In 1994, a further generalization of Th. M. Rassias' Theorem was obtained by Găvruţa [13], in which he replaced the bound $\epsilon(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p)$ by a general control function $\varphi(x, y)$. Isac and Th. M. Rassias [14] replaced the factor $\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p$ by $\|x\|^{p_1} + \|y\|^{p_2}$ in Theorem 1.1 and solved stability problem when $p_2 \leq p_1 < 1$ or $1 < p_2 \leq p_1$, also they asked the question whether such a theorem can be proved for $p_2 < 1 < p_1$. Găvruţa [8] gave a negative answer to this question. Isac and Th. M. Rassias [15] applied the Ulam-Hyers-Rassias stability theory to prove fixed point theorems and study some new applications in nonlinear analysis. During the last two decades, a number of papers and research monographs have been published on various generalizations and applications of the generalized Ulam-Hyers stability to a number of functional equations and mappings (see [16–40]). We also refer the readers to the books of Czerwik [41] and Hyers et al. [42].

Th. M. Rassias [43] has obtained the following theorem and posed a problem.

Theorem 1.3. *Let E_1 and E_2 be two Banach spaces, and let $f : E_1 \to E_2$ be a mapping such that $f(tx)$ is continuous in t for each fixed x. Assume that there exist $\theta \geq 0$ and $p \in [0, 1)$ such that*

$$\|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \theta(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p) \tag{1.6}$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Let k be a positive integer $k > 2$. Then, there exists a unique linear mapping $T : E_1 \to E_2$ such that

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{k\theta}{k - k^p}\|x\|^p s(k,p) \tag{1.7}$$

for all $x \in X$, where

$$s(k,p) = 1 + \frac{1}{k}\sum_{m=2}^{k-1} m^p. \tag{1.8}$$

Th. M. Rassias Problem

What is the best possible value of k in Theorem 1.3?

Găvruţa et al. have given a generalization of [13] and have answered to Th. M. Rassias problem [44].

In [45], J. M. Rassias et al. have investigated the generalized Ulam-Hyers "product-sum" stability of functional equations and have obtained the following theorem.

Theorem 1.4 (see [45]). *Let $f : E \to F$ be a mapping which satisfies the inequality*

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\|f(mx+y) + f(mx-y) - 2f(x+y) - 2f(x-y) - 2\left(m^2-2\right)f(x) + 2f(y)\right\|_F \\ &\quad \leq \epsilon\left(\|x\|_E^p\|y\|_E^p + \|x\|_E^{2p} + \|y\|_E^{2p}\right) \end{aligned} \tag{1.9}$$

for all $x, y \in E$ with $x \perp y$, where ϵ and p are constants with $\epsilon, p > 0$ and either $m > 1, p < 1$ or $m < 1$, $p > 1$ with $m \neq 0$, $m \neq \pm 1, m \neq \sqrt{\pm 2}$, and $-1 \neq |m|^{p-1} < 1$. Then, the limit $\lim_{n\to\infty} m^{-2n} f(m^n x)$ exists for all $x \in E$ and $Q : E \to F$ is the unique orthogonally Euler-Lagrange quadratic mapping such that

$$\|f(x) - Q(x)\|_F \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2\left|m^2 - m^{2p}\right|}\|x\|_E^{2p} \tag{1.10}$$

for all $x \in E$.

Note that the mixed "product-sum" function was introduced by J. M. Rassias in 2008-2009 [46–48].

We recall some basic facts concerning fuzzy normed space.

Let X be a real linear space. A function $N : X \times \mathbb{R} \to [0,1]$ (so-called fuzzy subset) is said to be a fuzzy norm on X if for all $x, y \in X$ and all $c, t \in \mathbb{R}$,

($N1$) $N(x,c) = 0$ for $c \leq 0$;

($N2$) $x = 0$ if and only if $N(x,c) = 1$ for all $c > 0$;

($N3$) $N(cx,t) = N(x,t/|c|)$ if $c \neq 0$;

($N4$) $N(x+y,t) \geq \min\{N(x,t), N(y,t)\}$;

$(N5)$ $N(x,\cdot)$ is a nondecreasing function of $\mathbb{R}$ and

$$\lim_{t\to\infty} N(x,t) = 1. \tag{1.11}$$

The pair (X,N) is called a fuzzy normed linear space. The properties of fuzzy normed vector spaces and examples of fuzzy norms are given in [49–51].

Let (X,N) be a fuzzy normed space and let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence in X. Then, $\{x_n\}$ is said to be convergent if there exists $x \in X$ such that $\lim_{n\to\infty} N(x_n - x, t) = 1$ for all $t > 0$. In that case, x is called the limit of the sequence $\{x_n\}$ and we denote it by $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n = x$.

A sequence $\{x_n\}$ in a fuzzy normed space (X,N) is called Cauchy if, for each $\epsilon > 0$ and $\delta > 0$, one can find some n_0 such that

$$N(x_m - x_n, \delta) > 1 - \epsilon \tag{1.12}$$

for all $n, m \geq n_0$.

It is known that every convergent sequence in a fuzzy normed space is Cauchy. If, in a fuzzy-normed space, each Cauchy sequence is convergent, then the fuzzy-norm is said to be complete and the fuzzy normed space is called a fuzzy Banach space.

Stability of Cauchy, Jensen, quadratic, and cubic function equation in fuzzy normed spaces have first been investigated in [50–53].

In this paper, we give a generalization of the results from [13] and pose two open problems in fuzzy Banach space. For convenience, we use the following abbreviation for a given mapping f:

$$Df(x,y) =: f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y). \tag{1.13}$$

2. Stability of the Cauchy Functional Equation

Hereafter, unless otherwise stated, we will assume that X is real vector space, (Y,N) is a complete fuzzy norm space and k is a fixed integer greater than 1.

Theorem 2.1. *Let (Z,N') be a fuzzy normed space and $\varphi : X \times X \to Z$ be a mapping such that, $\varphi(kx,ky) = \alpha\varphi(x,y)$ for some α with $0 < \alpha < k$. Suppose that $f : X \to Y$ be mapping such that*

$$N(Df(x,y),t) \geq N'(\varphi(x,y),t) \tag{2.1}$$

for all $x, y \in X$ and all positive real number t. Then, there is a unique additive mapping $T_k : X \to Y$ such that $T_k(x) = \lim_{n\to\infty} f(k^n x)/k^n$ and

$$N(T_k(x) - f(x), t) \geq M_k(x, (k-\alpha)t), \tag{2.2}$$

where $M_k(x,t) := \min\{N'(\varphi(x,ix),t) : 1 \leq i < k\}$.

Proof. By induction on k, we show that

$$N(f(kx) - kf(x), t) \geq M_k(x,t) := \min\{N'(\varphi(x,ix),t) : 1 \leq i < k\} \tag{2.3}$$

for all $x \in X$ and all positive real number t. Letting $y = x$ in (2.1), we get

$$N(f(2x) - 2f(x), t) \geq N'(\varphi(x,x), t). \tag{2.4}$$

So we get (2.3) for $k = 2$.

Assume that (2.3) holds for k with $k > 2$. Letting $y = kx$ in (2.1), we get

$$N(f((k+1)x) - f(x) - f(kx), t) \geq N'(\varphi(x,kx), t). \tag{2.5}$$

for all $x \in X$. By using (2.3) and (2.5), we get (2.3) for $k+1$ and this completes the induction argument. Replacing x by $k^n x$ in (2.3), we get

$$N\left(f\left(k^{n+1}x\right) - kf(k^n x), t\right) \geq M_k(k^n x, t). \tag{2.6}$$

Thus

$$N\left(\frac{f(k^{n+1}x)}{k^{n+1}} - \frac{f(k^n x)}{k^n}, \frac{t}{k^{n+1}}\right) \geq M_k\left(x, \frac{t}{\alpha^n}\right) \tag{2.7}$$

for all $x \in X$ and all positive real number t. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} &N\left(\frac{1}{k^{n+1}}f\left(k^{n+1}x\right) - \frac{1}{k^m}f(k^m x), \sum_{i=m}^{n}\frac{\alpha^i}{k^{i+1}}t\right) \\ &\quad \geq N\left(\sum_{i=m}^{n}\frac{1}{k^{i+1}}f\left(k^{i+1}x\right) - \frac{1}{k^i}f\left(k^i x\right), \sum_{i=m}^{n}\frac{\alpha^i}{k^{i+1}}t\right) \\ &\quad \geq \min\bigcup_{i=m}^{n}\left\{N\left(\frac{1}{k^{i+1}}f\left(k^{i+1}x\right) - \frac{1}{k^i}f\left(k^i x\right), \frac{\alpha^i}{k^{i+1}}t\right)\right\} \\ &\quad \geq M_k(x,t). \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

Let $\epsilon > 0$ and $\delta > 0$ be given. Since $\lim_{t\to\infty} M_k(x,t) = 1$, there is some $t_0 > 0$ such that $M_k(x,t_0) > 1-\epsilon$. Since $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}(\alpha^n/k^n)t_0 < \infty$, there is some $n_0 \in N$ such that $\sum_{i=m}^{n}(\alpha^i/k^i)t_0 < k\delta$ for all $n > m \geq n_0$. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} &N\left(\frac{1}{k^{n+1}}f\left(k^{n+1}x\right) - \frac{1}{k^m}f(k^m x), \delta\right) \\ &\quad \geq N\left(\frac{1}{k^{n+1}}f\left(k^{n+1}x\right) - \frac{1}{k^m}f(k^m x), \sum_{i=m}^{n}\frac{\alpha^i}{k^{i+1}}t_0\right) \\ &\quad \geq M_k(x,t_0) > 1-\epsilon \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

for all $x \in X$ and all nonnegative integers n and m with $n > m \geq n_0$. Therefore, the sequence $\{(1/k^n)f(k^n x)\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in (Y,N) for all $x \in X$. Since (Y,N) is complete, the

sequence $\{(1/k^n)f(k^n x)\}$ converges in Y for all $x \in X$. So one can define the mapping $T_k : X \to Y$ by

$$T_k(x) := \lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{1}{k^n} f(k^n x) \tag{2.10}$$

for all $x \in X$. Now, we show that T_k is an additive mapping. It follows from (2.1) and (2.10) that

$$\begin{aligned} N(DT_k(x,y),t) &= \lim_{n\to\infty} N\left(\frac{Df(k^n x, k^n y)}{k^n}, t\right) \\ &\geq \lim_{n\to\infty} N'\left(\frac{\varphi(k^n x, k^n y)}{k^n}, t\right) \\ &= \lim_{n\to\infty} N'\left(\varphi(x,y), \frac{k^n}{\alpha^n} t\right) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned} \tag{2.11}$$

for all $x, y \in X$ and all positive real number t. Therefore, the mapping T_k is additive. Moreover, if we put $m = 0$ in (2.8), we observe that

$$N\left(\frac{1}{k^{n+1}} f\left(k^{n+1}x\right) - f(x), \sum_{i=0}^{n} \frac{\alpha^i}{k^{i+1}} t\right) \geq M_k(x,t). \tag{2.12}$$

Therefore,

$$N\left(\frac{1}{k^{n+1}} f\left(k^{n+1}x\right) - f(x), t\right) \geq M_k\left(x, \frac{t}{\sum_{i=0}^{n}(\alpha^i/k^{i+1})}\right). \tag{2.13}$$

It follows from (2.13), for large enough n, that

$$\begin{aligned} N(T_k(x) - f(x), t) &\geq \min\left\{N\left(\frac{f(k^{n+1}x)}{k^{n+1}} - f(x), t\right), N\left(T_k(x) - \frac{f(k^{n+1}x)}{k^{n+1}}, t\right)\right\} \\ &\geq M_k\left(x, \frac{t}{\sum_{i=0}^{n}(\alpha^i/k^{i+1})}\right) \\ &\geq M_k(x, (k-\alpha)t). \end{aligned} \tag{2.14}$$

Now, we show that T_k is unique. Let T' be another additive mapping from X into Y, which satisfies the required inequality. Then, for each $x \in X$ and $t > 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} N(T_k(x) - T'(x), t) &\geq \min\{N(T_k(x) - f(x), t), N(f(x) - T'(x), t)\} \\ &\geq M_k(x, (k-\alpha)t). \end{aligned} \tag{2.15}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} N(T_k(x) - T'(x), t) &= N\left(\frac{T_k(k^n x)}{k^n} - \frac{T'(k^n x)}{k^n}, t\right) \\ &= N(T_k(k^n x) - T'(k^n x), k^n t) \\ &\geq M_k(k^n x, (k-\alpha)k^n t) \\ &\geq M_k\left(x, (k-\alpha)\frac{k^n}{\alpha^n} t\right). \end{aligned} \tag{2.16}$$

Hence, the right-hand side of the above inequality tends to 1 as $n \to \infty$. It follows that $T_k(x) = T'(x)$ for all $x \in X$. □

Theorem 2.2. *Let (Z, N') be a fuzzy normed space and, $\Phi : X \times X \to Z$ be a mapping such that $\Phi(k^{-1}x, k^{-1}y) = \alpha^{-1}\Phi(x, y)$ for some α with $\alpha > k$. Suppose that $f : X \to Y$ be mapping such that*

$$N(Df(x, y), t) \geq N'(\Phi(x, y), t) \tag{2.17}$$

for all $x, y \in X$ and all positive real number t. Then, there is a unique additive mapping $T_k : X \to Y$ such that $T_k(x) = \lim_{n\to\infty} k^n f(x/k^n)$ and

$$N(T_k(x) - f(x), t) \geq M_k(x, (\alpha - k)t), \tag{2.18}$$

where $M_k(x, t) := \min\{N'(\Phi(x, ix), t) : 1 \leq i < k\}$.

Proof. Similarly to the proof of Theorem 2.1, we have

$$N(f(kx) - kf(x), t) \geq M_k(x, t) \tag{2.19}$$

for all $x \in X$ and all positive real number t. Replacing x by x/k^{n+1} in (2.19), we get

$$N\left(f\left(\frac{x}{k^n}\right) - kf\left(\frac{x}{k^{n+1}}\right), t\right) \geq M_k\left(\frac{x}{k^{n+1}}, t\right). \tag{2.20}$$

Thus,

$$N\left(k^n f\left(\frac{x}{k^n}\right) - k^{n+1} f\left(\frac{x}{k^{n+1}}\right), k^n t\right) \geq M_k\left(x, \alpha^{n+1} t\right) \tag{2.21}$$

for all $x \in X$ and all positive real number t. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} N\left(k^{n+1}f\left(\frac{x}{k^{n+1}}\right)-k^m f\left(\frac{x}{k^m}\right),\sum_{i=m}^{n}\frac{k^i}{\alpha^{i+1}}t\right) &\geq N\left(\sum_{i=m}^{n}k^{i+1}f\left(\frac{x}{k^{i+1}}\right)-k^i f\left(\frac{x}{k^i}\right),\sum_{i=m}^{n}\frac{k^i}{\alpha^{i+1}}t\right) \\ &\geq \min\bigcup_{i=m}^{n}\left\{N\left(k^{i+1}f\left(\frac{x}{k^{i+1}}\right)-k^i f\left(\frac{x}{k^i}\right),\frac{k^i}{\alpha^{i+1}}t\right)\right\} \\ &\geq M_k(x,t). \end{aligned} \tag{2.22}$$

Let $\epsilon > 0$ and $\delta > 0$ be given. Since $\lim_{t\to\infty}M_k(x,t) = 1$, there is some $t_0 > 0$ such that $M_k(x,t_0) > 1-\epsilon$. Since $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}(k^n/\alpha^n)t_0 < \infty$, there is some $n_0 \in N$ such that $\sum_{i=m}^{n}(k^i/\alpha^i)t_0 < \alpha\delta$ for all $n > m \geq n_0$. It follows from (2.22) that

$$\begin{aligned} N\left(k^{n+1}f\left(\frac{x}{k^{n+1}}\right)-k^m f\left(\frac{x}{k^m}\right),\delta\right) &\geq N\left(k^{n+1}f\left(\frac{x}{k^{n+1}}\right)-k^m f\left(\frac{x}{k^m}\right),\sum_{i=m}^{n}\frac{k^i}{\alpha^{i+1}}t_0\right) \\ &\geq M_k(x,t_0) > 1-\epsilon \end{aligned} \tag{2.23}$$

for all $x \in X$ and all nonnegative integers n and m with $n > m \geq n_0$. Therefore, the sequence $\{k^n f(x/k^n)\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in (Y,N) for all $x \in X$. Since (Y,N) is complete, the sequence $\{k^n f(x/k^n)\}$ converges in Y for all $x \in X$. So one can define the mapping $T_k : X \to Y$ by

$$T_k(x) := \lim_{n\to\infty} k^n f\left(\frac{x}{k^n}\right) \tag{2.24}$$

for all $x \in X$. The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.1 □

Theorem 2.3. *Let X be a normed space, let (Z,N') be a fuzzy normed space, and let $\psi : [0,\infty) \to [0,\infty)$ be a function such that*

(1) $\psi(ts) = \psi(t)\psi(s)$,

(2) $\psi(t) < t$ *for all* $t > 1$.

Suppose that a mapping $f : X \to Y$ satisfies the inequality:

$$N(Df(x,y),t) \geq N'((\psi(\|x\|)+\psi(\|y\|))z_0,t) \tag{2.25}$$

for all $x,y \in X$ and all positive real number t, where z_0 is a fixed vector of Z. Then, there exists a unique additive mapping $T_k : X \to Y$ satisfying $T_k(x) := \lim_{n\to\infty}(f(k^n x)/k^n)$ and

$$N(T_k(x)-f(x),t) \geq N'\left(\psi(\|x\|)z_0,\frac{k-\psi(k)}{\sigma_k(\psi)}t\right) \tag{2.26}$$

for all $x \in X$, where $\sigma_k(\psi) = \max\{1+\psi(i) : 1 \leq i < k\}$. Moreover, $T_k = T_2$ for all $k \geq 2$.

Proof. Let

$$\varphi(x,y) = (\psi(\|x\|) + \psi(\|y\|))z_0 \tag{2.27}$$

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

$$\varphi(kx,ky) = \psi(k)\varphi(x,y). \tag{2.28}$$

where $\psi(k) < k$. By using Theorem 2.1, we can get (2.26). Now, we show that $T_k = T_2$. It follows from (1) that $\psi(k^n) = (\psi(k))^n$. Replacing x by $2^n x$ in (2.26), we get

$$N(T_k(2^n x) - f(2^n x), t) \geq N'\left(\psi(\|2^n x\|)z_0, \frac{k-\psi(k)}{\sigma_k(\psi)}t\right) \tag{2.29}$$

for all $x \in X$. So we have

$$N\left(T_k(x) - \frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n}, t\right) \geq N'\left(\psi(\|x\|)z_0, \frac{k-\psi(k)}{\sigma_k(\psi)\psi(2^n)}2^n t\right) \tag{2.30}$$

Using (2) and passing the limit $n \to \infty$ in (2.30), we get $T_k = T_2$. □

Theorem 2.4. *Let X be a normed space, let (Z, N') be a fuzzy normed space, and let $\psi : [0,\infty) \to [0,\infty)$ be a function such that*

(1) $\psi(ts) = \psi(t)\psi(s)$,

(2) $\psi(t) > t$ *for all* $t > 1$.

Suppose that a mapping $f : X \to Y$ satisfies the inequality:

$$N(Df(x,y),t) \geq N'((\psi(\|x\|) + \psi(\|y\|))z_0, t) \tag{2.31}$$

for all $x, y \in X$ and all positive real number t, where z_0 is a fixed vector of Z. Then, there exists a unique additive mapping $T_k : X \to Y$ satisfying $T_k(x) := \lim_{n\to\infty} k^n f(x/k^n)$ and

$$N(T_k(x) - f(x), t) \geq N'\left(\psi(\|x\|)z_0, \frac{\psi(k)-k}{\sigma_k(\psi)}t\right) \tag{2.32}$$

for all $x \in X$, where

$$\sigma_k(\psi) = \max\{1 + \psi(i) : 1 \leq i < k\}. \tag{2.33}$$

Moreover, $T_k = T_2$ for all $k \geq 2$.

Proof. Let

$$\Phi(x,y) = (\psi(\|x\|) + \psi(\|y\|))z_0 \tag{2.34}$$

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

$$\Phi\left(k^{-1}x, k^{-1}y\right) = \psi\left(k^{-1}\right)\Phi(x, y), \tag{2.35}$$

where $\psi(k^{-1}) = \psi(k)^{-1} < k^{-1}$. It follows from (1) that $\psi(k^{-n}) = (\psi(k))^{-n}$. By using Theorem 2.2, we can get (2.32). Now, we show that $T_k = T_2$. Replacing x by $x/2^n$ in (2.32), we get

$$N\left(T_k\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) - f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right), t\right) \geq N'\left(\psi\left(\left\|\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)\right\|\right)z_0, \frac{\psi(k) - k}{\sigma_k(\psi)}t\right). \tag{2.36}$$

for all $x \in X$. So we have

$$N\left(T_k(x) - 2^n f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right), t\right) \geq N'\left(\psi(\|x\|)z_0, \frac{\psi(k) - k}{2^n\sigma_k(\psi)\psi(2^{-n})}t\right). \tag{2.37}$$

Using (2) and passing the limit $n \to \infty$ in (2.37), we get $T_k = T_2$. □

Theorem 2.5. *Let X be a normed space, let p be a nonnegative real number such that $p \neq 1$, and let $H : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$ be a homogeneous function of degree p. Suppose that (Z, N') be a fuzzy normed space and let $f : X \to Y$ be mapping such that*

$$N(Df(x, y), t) \geq N'(H(\|x\|, \|y\|)z_0, t) \tag{2.38}$$

for all $x, y \in X$ and all positive real number t, where z_0 is a fixed vector of Z. Then, there exists a unique additive mapping $T_k : X \to Y$ such that

$$N(T_k(x) - f(x), t) \geq M_k(x, |k^p - k|t), \tag{2.39}$$

where $M_k(x, t) := \min\{N'(\|x\|^p H(1, i)z_0, t) : 1 \leq i < k\}$.

Proof. The proof follows from Theorems 2.1 and 2.2. □

For the particular cases $H(x, y) = \theta(x^p + y^p)$, $H(x, y) = x^r y^s$, $H(x, y) = x^r y^s + x^{r+s} + y^{r+s}$ $(r + s = p)$, and $H(x, y) = \min\{x^p, y^p\}$, we have the following corollaries.

Corollary 2.6. *Let X be a normed space, let p be a nonnegative real number such that $p \neq 1$. Suppose that (Z, N') be a fuzzy normed space and $f : X \to Y$ be mapping such that*

$$N(Df(x, y), t) \geq N'((\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p)\theta, t) \tag{2.40}$$

for all $x, y \in X$ and all positive real number t, where θ is a fixed vector of Z. Then, there exists a unique additive mapping $T_k : X \to Y$ such that

$$N(T_k(x) - f(x), t) \geq N'\left(\|x\|^p\theta, \frac{|k^p - k|}{1 + (k - 1)^p}t\right). \tag{2.41}$$

Corollary 2.7. *Let X be a normed space, r, s be non-negative real numbers such that $p := r + s \neq 1$. Suppose that (Z, N') be a fuzzy normed space and $f : X \to Y$ be mapping such that*

$$N(Df(x,y),t) \geq N'(\|x\|^r \|y\|^s \theta, t) \tag{2.42}$$

for all $x, y \in X$ and all positive real number t, where θ is a fixed vector of Z. Then there exists a unique additive mapping $T_k : X \to Y$ such that

$$N(T_k(x) - f(x), t) \geq N'\left(\|x\|^p \theta, \frac{|k^p - k|}{(k-1)^s} t\right). \tag{2.43}$$

Corollary 2.8. *Let X be a normed space, and let r, s be nonnegative real numbers such that $p := r + s \neq 1$. Suppose that (Z, N') be a fuzzy normed space and let $f : X \to Y$ be mapping such that*

$$N(Df(x,y),t) \geq N'\left(\theta \|x\|^r \|y\|^s + \theta \|x\|^{r+s} + \theta \|y\|^{r+s}, t\right) \tag{2.44}$$

for all $x, y \in X$ and all positive real number t, where θ is a fixed vector of Z. Then, there exists a unique additive mapping $T_k : X \to Y$ such that

$$N(T_k(x) - f(x), t) \geq N'\left(\|x\|^p \theta, \frac{|k^p - k|}{(k-1)^s + (k-1)^p + 1} t\right). \tag{2.45}$$

Corollary 2.9. *Let X be a normed space, let p be a nonnegative real number such that $p \neq 1$. Suppose that (Z, N') be a fuzzy normed space and let $f : X \to Y$ be mapping such that*

$$N(Df(x,y),t) \geq N'(\min\{\|x\|^p, \|y\|^p\}\theta, t) \tag{2.46}$$

for all $x, y \in X$ and all positive real number t, where θ is a fixed vector of Z. Then, there exists a unique additive mapping $T_k : X \to Y$ such that

$$N(T_k(x) - f(x), t) \geq N'(\|x\|^p \theta, |k^p - k| t). \tag{2.47}$$

Problem 1. Whether Theorem 2.5 and/or such Corollaries can be proved for $p = 1$?

Problem 2. What is the best possible value of k in Corollaries 2.6 and 2.7?

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