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### Research Article

# **Functional Equations Related to Inner Product Spaces**

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Let V, W be real vector spaces. It is shown that an odd mapping  $f: V \to W$  satisfies  $\sum_{i=1}^{2n} f(x_i - 1/2n\sum_{j=1}^{2n} x_j) = \sum_{i=1}^{2n} f(x_i) - 2nf(1/2n\sum_{i=1}^{2n} x_i)$  for all  $x_1, \ldots, x_{2n} \in V$  if and only if the odd mapping  $f: V \to W$  is Cauchy additive. Furthermore, we prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of the above functional equation in real Banach spaces.

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#### 1. Introduction

The stability problem of functional equations originated from a question of Ulam [1] concerning the stability of group homomorphisms. Hyers [2] gave the first affirmative partial answer to the question of Ulam for Banach spaces. Hyers' Theorem was generalized by Aoki [3] for additive mappings and by Th. M. Rassias [4] for linear mappings by considering an unbounded Cauchy difference. The paper of Th. M. Rassias [4] has provided a lot of influence in the development of what we call *generalized Hyers-Ulam stability* of functional equations. A generalization of Th. M. Rassias' theorem was obtained by Găvruta [5] by replacing the unbounded Cauchy difference by a general control function.

The functional equation,

$$f(x+y) + f(x-y) = 2f(x) + 2f(y), \tag{1.1}$$

is called a *quadratic functional equation*. In particular, every solution of the quadratic functional equation is said to be a *quadratic mapping*. A generalized Hyers-Ulam stability problem for the

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quadratic functional equation was proved by Skof [6] for mappings  $f: X \to Y$ , where X is a normed space and Y is a Banach space. Cholewa [7] noticed that the theorem of Skof is still true if the relevant domain X is replaced by an Abelian group. The generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of the quadratic functional equation has been proved by Czerwik [8], J. M. Rassias [9], Găvruta [10], and others [11]. In [12], Th. M. Rassias proved that the norm defined over a real vector space V is induced by an inner product if and only if for a fixed integer  $n \ge 2$ 

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left\| x_i - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} x_j \right\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \|x_i\|^2 - n \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i \right\|^2$$
 (1.2)

holds for all  $x_1, ..., x_n \in V$ . An operator extension of this norm equality is presented in [13]. For more information on the recent results on the stability of quadratic functional equation, see [14]. Inner product spaces, Cauchy equation, Euler-Lagrange-Rassias equations, and Ulam-Găvruta-Rassias stability have been studied by several authors (see [15–27]).

In [28], C. Park, Lee, and Shin proved that if an even mapping  $f: V \to W$  satisfies

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2n} f\left(x_i - \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{j=1}^{2n} x_j\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{2n} f(x_i) - 2n f\left(\frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^{2n} x_i\right),\tag{1.3}$$

then the even mapping  $f:V\to W$  is quadratic. Moreover, they proved the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of the quadratic functional equation (1.3) in real Banach spaces.

Throughout this paper, assume that n is a fixed positive integer, X and Y are real normed vector spaces.

In this paper, we investigate the functional equation

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2n} f\left(x_i - \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{j=1}^{2n} x_j\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{2n} f(x_i) - 2n f\left(\frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^{2n} x_i\right),\tag{1.4}$$

and prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of the functional equation (1.4) in real Banach spaces.

#### 2. Functional Equations Related to Inner Product Spaces

We investigate the functional equation (1.4).

**Lemma 2.1.** Let V and W be real vector spaces. An odd mapping  $f: V \to W$  satisfies

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2n} f\left(x_i - \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{j=1}^{2n} x_j\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{2n} f(x_i) - 2n f\left(\frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^{2n} x_i\right),\tag{2.1}$$

for all  $x_1, \ldots, x_{2n} \in V$  if and only if the odd mapping  $f: V \to W$  is Cauchy additive, that is,

$$f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y),$$
 (2.2)

for all  $x, y \in V$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $f: V \to W$  satisfies (2.1).

Letting  $x_1 = \cdots = x_n = x$ ,  $x_{n+1} = \cdots = x_{2n} = y$  in (2.1), we get

$$nf\left(x - \frac{x+y}{2}\right) + nf\left(y - \frac{x+y}{2}\right) = nf(x) + nf\left(y\right) - 2nf\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right),\tag{2.3}$$

for all  $x, y \in V$ . Since  $f : V \to W$  is odd,

$$0 = nf(x) + nf(y) - 2nf\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right),\tag{2.4}$$

for all  $x, y \in V$  and f(0) = 0. So

$$2f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) = f(x) + f(y),\tag{2.5}$$

for all  $x, y \in V$ . Letting y = 0 in (2.5), we get 2f(x/2) = f(x) for all  $x \in V$ . Thus

$$f(x+y) = 2f(\frac{x+y}{2}) = f(x) + f(y),$$
 (2.6)

for all  $x, y \in V$ .

It is easy to prove the converse.

For a given mapping  $f: X \to Y$ , we define

$$Df(x_1,\ldots,x_{2n}) := \sum_{i=1}^{2n} f\left(x_i - \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{j=1}^{2n} x_j\right) - \sum_{i=1}^{2n} f(x_i) + 2nf\left(\frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^{2n} x_i\right), \tag{2.7}$$

for all  $x_1, \ldots, x_{2n} \in X$ .

We are going to prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of the functional equation  $Df(x_1,...,x_{2n}) = 0$  in real Banach spaces.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a mapping satisfying f(0) = 0 for which there exists a function  $\varphi: X^{2n} \to [0, \infty)$  such that

$$\widetilde{\varphi}(x_1,\ldots,x_{2n}) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2^j \varphi\left(\frac{x_1}{2^j},\ldots,\frac{x_{2n}}{2^j}\right) < \infty, \tag{2.8}$$

$$||Df(x_1,...,x_{2n})|| \le \varphi(x_1,...,x_{2n}),$$
 (2.9)

for all  $x_1, ..., x_{2n} \in X$ . Then there exists a unique Cauchy additive mapping  $A: X \to Y$  satisfying (2.1) such that

$$||f(x) - f(-x) - A(x)|| \le \frac{1}{n} \widetilde{\varphi} \left( \underbrace{x, \dots, x, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}}} \right) + \frac{1}{n} \widetilde{\varphi} \left( \underbrace{-x, \dots, -x, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}}} \right), \tag{2.10}$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* Letting  $x_1 = \cdots = x_n = x$  and  $x_{n+1} = \cdots = x_{2n} = 0$  in (2.9), we get

$$\left\|3nf\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + nf\left(\frac{-x}{2}\right) - nf(x)\right\| \le \varphi\left(\underbrace{x, \dots, x}_{n \text{ times}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}}\right),\tag{2.11}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Replacing x by -x in (2.11), we get

$$\left\|3nf\left(\frac{-x}{2}\right) + nf\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - nf\left(-x\right)\right\| \le \varphi\left(\underbrace{-x, \dots, -x}_{n \text{ times}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}}\right),\tag{2.12}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Let g(x) := f(x) - f(-x) for all  $x \in X$ . It follows from (2.11) and (2.12) that

$$\left\|2ng\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - ng(x)\right\| \le \varphi\left(\underbrace{x, \dots, x}_{n \text{ times}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}}\right) + \varphi\left(\underbrace{-x, \dots, -x}_{n \text{ times}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}}\right),\tag{2.13}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . So

$$\left\| g(x) - 2g\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \right\| \le \frac{1}{n} \varphi\left(\underbrace{x, \dots, x}_{n \text{ times}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}}\right) + \frac{1}{n} \varphi\left(\underbrace{-x, \dots, -x}_{n \text{ times}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}}\right), \tag{2.14}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Hence

$$\left\| 2^{l} g\left(\frac{x}{2^{l}}\right) - 2^{m} g\left(\frac{x}{2^{m}}\right) \right\| \leq \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \frac{2^{j}}{n} \varphi\left(\underbrace{\frac{x}{2^{j}, \dots, \frac{x}{2^{j}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}}}}_{n \text{ times}}\right) + \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \frac{2^{j}}{n} \varphi\left(\underbrace{-\frac{x}{2^{j}, \dots, -\frac{x}{2^{j}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}}}}_{n \text{ times}}\right),$$

$$(2.15)$$

for all nonnegative integers m and l with m > l and all  $x \in X$ . It follows from (2.8) and (2.15) that the sequence  $\{2^k g(x/2^k)\}$  is Cauchy for all  $x \in X$ . Since Y is complete, the sequence  $\{2^k g(x/2^k)\}$  converges. So one can define the mapping  $A: X \to Y$  by

$$A(x) := \lim_{k \to \infty} 2^k g\left(\frac{x}{2^k}\right),\tag{2.16}$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

By (2.8) and (2.9),

$$||DA(x_{1},...,x_{2n})|| = \lim_{k \to \infty} 2^{k} ||Dg\left(\frac{x_{1}}{2^{k}},...,\frac{x_{2n}}{2^{k}}\right)||$$

$$\leq \lim_{k \to \infty} 2^{k} \left[\varphi\left(\frac{x_{1}}{2^{k}},...,\frac{x_{2n}}{2^{k}}\right) + \varphi\left(-\frac{x_{1}}{2^{k}},...,-\frac{x_{2n}}{2^{k}}\right)\right]$$

$$= 0,$$
(2.17)

for all  $x_1, ..., x_{2n} \in X$ . So  $DA(x_1, ..., x_{2n}) = 0$ . By Lemma 2.1, the mapping  $A : X \to Y$  is Cauchy additive. Moreover, letting l = 0 and passing the limit  $m \to \infty$  in (2.15), we get (2.10). So there exists a Cauchy additive mapping  $A : X \to Y$  satisfying (2.1) and (2.10).

Now, let  $L: X \to Y$  be another Cauchy additive mapping satisfying (2.1) and (2.10). Then we have

$$||A(x) - L(x)|| = 2^{q} ||A\left(\frac{x}{2^{q}}\right) - L\left(\frac{x}{2^{q}}\right)||$$

$$\leq 2^{q} \left( ||A\left(\frac{x}{2^{q}}\right) - f\left(\frac{x}{2^{q}}\right) + f\left(\frac{-x}{2^{q}}\right)|| + ||L\left(\frac{x}{2^{q}}\right) - f\left(\frac{x}{2^{q}}\right) + f\left(\frac{-x}{2^{q}}\right)||\right)$$

$$\leq \frac{2 \cdot 2^{q}}{n} \widetilde{\varphi} \left(\underbrace{\frac{x}{2^{q}}, \dots, \frac{x}{2^{q}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}}}_{n \text{ times}}\right) + \frac{2 \cdot 2^{q}}{n} \widetilde{\varphi} \left(\underbrace{\frac{-x}{2^{q}}, \dots, \frac{-x}{2^{q}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}}}_{n \text{ times}}\right), \tag{2.18}$$

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

**Corollary 2.3.** Let p > 1 and  $\theta$  be positive real numbers, and let  $f: X \to Y$  be a mapping such that

$$||Df(x_1,...,x_{2n})|| \le \theta \sum_{j=1}^{2n} ||x_j||^p,$$
 (2.19)

for all  $x_1, ..., x_{2n} \in X$ . Then there exists a unique Cauchy additive mapping  $A: X \to Y$  satisfying (2.1) such that

$$||f(x) - f(-x) - A(x)|| \le \frac{2^{p+1}\theta}{2^p - 2} ||x||^p,$$
 (2.20)

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* Define  $\varphi(x_1,\ldots,x_{2n})=\theta\sum_{j=1}^{2n}\|x_j\|^p$ , and apply Theorem 2.2 to get the desired result.

**Corollary 2.4.** Let  $f: X \to Y$  be an odd mapping for which there exists a function  $\varphi: X^{2n} \to [0,\infty)$  satisfying (2.8) and (2.9). Then there exists a unique Cauchy additive mapping  $A: X \to Y$  satisfying (2.1) such that

$$||2f(x) - A(x)|| \le \frac{1}{n}\widetilde{\varphi}\left(\underbrace{x, \dots, x}_{n \text{ times}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}}\right) + \frac{1}{n}\widetilde{\varphi}\left(\underbrace{-x, \dots, -x}_{n \text{ times}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}}\right),\tag{2.21}$$

or (alternative approximation)

$$||f(x) - A(x)|| \le \frac{1}{2n} \widetilde{\varphi} \left( \underbrace{x, \dots, x}_{n \text{ times}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}} \right) + \frac{1}{2n} \widetilde{\varphi} \left( \underbrace{-x, \dots, -x}_{n \text{ times}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}} \right), \tag{2.22}$$

for all  $x \in X$ , where  $\widetilde{\varphi}$  is defined in (2.8).

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a mapping satisfying f(0) = 0 for which there exists a function  $\varphi: X^{2n} \to [0, \infty)$  satisfying (2.9) such that

$$\widetilde{\varphi}(x_1, \dots, x_{2n}) := \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2^{-j} \varphi(2^j x_1, \dots, 2^j x_{2n}) < \infty,$$
 (2.23)

for all  $x_1, ..., x_{2n} \in X$ . Then there exists a unique Cauchy additive mapping  $A: X \to Y$  satisfying (2.1) such that

$$||f(x) - f(-x) - A(x)|| \le \frac{1}{n} \widetilde{\varphi} \left( \underbrace{x, \dots, x}_{n \text{ times}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}} \right) + \frac{1}{n} \widetilde{\varphi} \left( \underbrace{-x, \dots, -x}_{n \text{ times}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}} \right), \tag{2.24}$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

Proof. It follows from (2.13) that

$$\left\| g(x) - \frac{1}{2}g(2x) \right\| \le \frac{1}{2n} \varphi \left( \underbrace{2x, \dots, 2x}_{n \text{ times}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}} \right) + \frac{1}{2n} \varphi \left( \underbrace{-2x, \dots, -2x}_{n \text{ times}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}} \right), \quad (2.25)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . So

$$\left\| \frac{1}{2^{l}} g\left(2^{l} x\right) - \frac{1}{2^{m}} g\left(2^{m} x\right) \right\| \leq \sum_{j=l+1}^{m} \frac{1}{2^{j} n} \varphi\left(\underbrace{2^{j} x, \dots, 2^{j} x}_{n \text{ times}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}}\right) + \sum_{j=l+1}^{m} \frac{1}{2^{j} n} \varphi\left(\underbrace{-2^{j} x, \dots, -2^{j} x}_{n \text{ times}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}}\right),$$

$$(2.26)$$

for all nonnegative integers m and l with m > l and all  $x \in X$ . It follows from (2.23) and (2.26) that the sequence  $\{(1/2^k)g(2^kx)\}$  is Cauchy for all  $x \in X$ . Since Y is complete, the sequence  $\{(1/2^k)g(2^kx)\}$  converges. So one can define the mapping  $A: X \to Y$  by

$$A(x) := \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{1}{2^k} g(2^k x), \tag{2.27}$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

By (2.9) and (2.23),

$$||DA(x_{1},...,x_{2n})|| = \lim_{k\to\infty} \frac{1}{2^{k}} ||Dg(2^{k}x_{1},...,2^{k}x_{2n})||$$

$$\leq \lim_{k\to\infty} \frac{1}{2^{k}} (\varphi(2^{k}x_{1},...,2^{k}x_{2n}) + \varphi(-2^{k}x_{1},...,-2^{k}x_{2n}))$$

$$= 0,$$
(2.28)

for all  $x_1, ..., x_{2n} \in X$ . So  $DA(x_1, ..., x_{2n}) = 0$ . By Lemma 2.1, the mapping  $A : X \to Y$  is Cauchy additive. Moreover, letting l = 0 and passing the limit  $m \to \infty$  in (2.26), we get (2.24). So there exists a Cauchy additive mapping  $A : X \to Y$  satisfying (2.1) and (2.24).

The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.2.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 2.6.** Let p < 1 and  $\theta$  be positive real numbers, and let  $f : X \to Y$  be a mapping satisfying (2.19). Then there exists a unique Cauchy additive mapping  $A : X \to Y$  satisfying (2.1) such that

$$||f(x) - f(-x) - A(x)|| \le \frac{2^{p+1}\theta}{2 - 2^p} ||x||^p,$$
 (2.29)

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* Define  $\varphi(x_1,\ldots,x_{2n})=\theta\sum_{j=1}^{2n}\|x_j\|^p$ , and apply Theorem 2.5 to get the desired result.

**Corollary 2.7.** Let  $f: X \to Y$  be an odd mapping for which there exists a function  $\varphi: X^{2n} \to [0, \infty)$  satisfying (2.9) and (2.23). Then there exists a unique Cauchy additive mapping  $A: X \to Y$  satisfying (2.1) such that

$$||2f(x) - A(x)|| \le \frac{1}{n} \widetilde{\varphi} \left( \underbrace{x, \dots, x}_{n \text{ times}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}} \right) + \frac{1}{n} \widetilde{\varphi} \left( \underbrace{-x, \dots, -x}_{n \text{ times}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}} \right), \tag{2.30}$$

or (alternative approximation),

$$||f(x) - A(x)|| \le \frac{1}{2n} \widetilde{\varphi} \left( \underbrace{x, \dots, x, 0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}} \right) + \frac{1}{2n} \widetilde{\varphi} \left( \underbrace{-x, \dots, -x, 0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}} \right), \tag{2.31}$$

for all  $x \in X$ , where  $\tilde{\varphi}$  is defined in (2.23).

The following was proved in [28].

*Remark* 2.8 ([28]). Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a mapping satisfying f(0) = 0 for which there exists a function  $\varphi: X^{2n} \to [0, \infty)$  satisfying (2.9) such that

$$\Phi(x_1, \dots, x_{2n}) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 4^j \varphi\left(\frac{x_1}{2^j}, \dots, \frac{x_{2n}}{2^j}\right) < \infty,$$
 (2.32)

for all  $x_1, ..., x_{2n} \in X$ . Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping  $Q: X \to Y$  satisfying (2.1) such that

$$||f(x) + f(-x) - Q(x)|| \le \frac{1}{n} \Phi\left(\underbrace{x, \dots, x}_{n \text{ times}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}}\right) + \frac{1}{n} \Phi\left(\underbrace{-x, \dots, -x}_{n \text{ times}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}}\right), \quad (2.33)$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

Note that

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2^{j} \varphi\left(\frac{x_{1}}{2^{j}}, \dots, \frac{x_{2n}}{2^{j}}\right) \leq \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 4^{j} \varphi\left(\frac{x_{1}}{2^{j}}, \dots, \frac{x_{2n}}{2^{j}}\right). \tag{2.34}$$

Combining Theorem 2.2 and Remark 2.8, we obtain the following result.

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a mapping satisfying f(0) = 0 for which there exists a function  $\varphi: X^{2n} \to [0, \infty)$  satisfying (2.9) and (2.32). Then there exist a unique Cauchy additive mapping  $A: X \to Y$  satisfying (2.1) and a unique quadratic mapping  $Q: X \to Y$  satisfying (2.1) such that

$$\|2f(x) - A(x) - Q(x)\| \le \frac{1}{n} \widetilde{\varphi} \left(\underbrace{x, \dots, x}_{n \text{ times}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}}\right) + \frac{1}{n} \widetilde{\varphi} \left(\underbrace{-x, \dots, -x}_{n \text{ times}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}}\right) + \frac{1}{n} \Phi \left(\underbrace{-x, \dots, -x}_{n \text{ times}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}}\right),$$

$$(2.35)$$

for all  $x \in X$ , where  $\tilde{\varphi}$  and  $\Phi$  are defined in (2.8) and (2.32), respectively.

**Corollary 2.10.** Let p > 2 and  $\theta$  be positive real numbers, and let  $f: X \to Y$  be a mapping satisfying (2.19). Then there exist a unique Cauchy additive mapping  $A: X \to Y$  satisfying (2.1) and a unique quadratic mapping  $Q: X \to Y$  satisfying (2.1) such that

$$\|2f(x) - A(x) - Q(x)\| \le \left(\frac{2^{p+1}}{2^p - 2} + \frac{2^{p+1}}{2^p - 4}\right)\theta \|x\|^p,$$
 (2.36)

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* Define  $\varphi(x_1,\ldots,x_{2n})=\theta\sum_{j=1}^{2n}\|x_j\|^p$ , and apply Theorem 2.9 to get the desired result.

The following was proved in [28].

*Remark* 2.11 (see [28]). Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a mapping satisfying f(0) = 0 for which there exists a function  $\varphi: X^{2n} \to [0, \infty)$  satisfying (2.9) such that

$$\Phi(x_1, \dots, x_{2n}) := \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 4^{-j} \varphi(2^j x_1, \dots, 2^j x_{2n}) < \infty, \tag{2.37}$$

for all  $x_1, ..., x_{2n} \in X$ . Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping  $Q: X \to Y$  satisfying (2.1) such that

$$||f(x) + f(-x) - Q(x)|| \le \frac{1}{n} \Phi\left(\underbrace{x, \dots, x}_{n \text{ times}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}}\right) + \frac{1}{n} \Phi\left(\underbrace{-x, \dots, -x}_{n \text{ times}}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}}\right), \quad (2.38)$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

Note that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 4^{-j} \varphi \left( 2^{j} x_{1}, \dots, 2^{j} x_{2n} \right) \le \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2^{-j} \varphi \left( 2^{j} x_{1}, \dots, 2^{j} x_{2n} \right). \tag{2.39}$$

Combining Theorem 2.5 and Remark 2.11, we obtain the following result.

**Theorem 2.12.** Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a mapping satisfying f(0) = 0 for which there exists a function  $\varphi: X^{2n} \to [0, \infty)$  satisfying (2.9) and (2.23). Then there exist a unique Cauchy additive mapping  $A: X \to Y$  satisfying (2.1) and a unique quadratic mapping  $Q: X \to Y$  satisfying (2.1) such that

$$||2f(x) - A(x) - Q(x)|| \le \frac{1}{n} \widetilde{\varphi} \left(\underbrace{x, \dots, x, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}}}\right) + \frac{1}{n} \widetilde{\varphi} \left(\underbrace{-x, \dots, -x, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}}}\right) + \frac{1}{n} \Phi \left(\underbrace{-x, \dots, -x, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ times}}}\right), \tag{2.40}$$

for all  $x \in X$ , where  $\widetilde{\varphi}$  and  $\Phi$  are defined in (2.23) and (2.37), respectively.

**Corollary 2.13.** Let p < 1 and  $\theta$  be positive real numbers, and let  $f: X \to Y$  be a mapping satisfying (2.19). Then there exist a unique Cauchy additive mapping  $A: X \to Y$  satisfying (2.1) and a unique quadratic mapping  $Q: X \to Y$  satisfying (2.1) such that

$$\|2f(x) - A(x) - Q(x)\| \le \left(\frac{2^{p+1}}{2 - 2^p} + \frac{2^{p+1}}{4 - 2^p}\right)\theta \|x\|^p,$$
 (2.41)

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* Define  $\varphi(x_1,\ldots,x_{2n})=\theta\sum_{j=1}^{2n}\|x_j\|^p$ , and apply Theorem 2.12 to get the desired result.

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