# Research Article

# **Superstability of Generalized Higher Derivations**

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We define the notion of an approximate generalized higher derivation and investigate the superstability of strong generalized higher derivations.

#### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

The problem of stability of functional equations was originally raised by Ulam [1, 2] in 1940 concerning the stability of group homomorphisms. Hyers [3] gave an affirmative answer to the question of Ulam. Superstability, the result of Hyers, was generalized by Aoki [4], Bourgin [5], and Rassias [6]. During the last decades, several stability problems for various functional equations have been investigated by several authors. We refer the reader to the monographs [7–10].

Let  $(E, \|\cdot\|)$  be a complex normed space, and let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . We denote by  $E^k$  the linear space  $E \oplus \cdots \oplus E$  consisting of k-tuples  $(x_1, \ldots, x_k)$ , where  $x_1, \ldots, x_k \in E$ . The linear operations on  $E^k$  are defined coordinatewise. The zero element of either E or  $E^k$  is denoted by 0. We denote by  $\mathbb{N}_k$  the set  $\{1, 2, \ldots, k\}$  and by  $\mathfrak{C}_k$  the group of permutations on k symbols.

Definition 1.1. A multi-norm on  $\{E^k: k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a sequence  $(\|\cdot\|_k) = (\|\cdot\|_k: k \in \mathbb{N})$  such that  $\|\cdot\|_k$  is a norm on  $E^k$  for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\|x\|_1 = \|x\|$  for each  $x \in E$ , and the following axioms are satisfied for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $k \ge 2$ :

- $(M1) \|(x_{\sigma(1)},\ldots,x_{\sigma(k)})\|_{k} = \|(x_{1},\ldots,x_{k})\|_{k} (\sigma \in \mathfrak{C}_{k},x_{1},\ldots,x_{k} \in E);$
- $(M2) \|(\alpha_1 x_1, \dots, \alpha_k x_k)\|_k \leq (\max_{i \in \mathbb{N}_k} |\alpha_i|) \|(x_1, \dots, x_k)\|_k (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k \in \mathbb{C}, x_1, \dots, x_k \in E);$
- (M3)  $||(x_1,...,x_{k-1},0)||_k = ||(x_1,...,x_{k-1})||_{k-1} (x_1,...,x_k \in E);$
- $(M4) ||(x_1,\ldots,x_{k-1},x_{k-1})||_k = ||(x_1,\ldots,x_{k-1})||_{k-1} (x_1,\ldots,x_k \in E).$

In this case, we say that  $((E^k, \|\cdot\|)k \in \mathbb{N})$  is a multi-normed space.

We recall that the notion of multi-normed space was introduced by Dales and Polyakov in [11]. Motivations for the study of multi-normed spaces and many examples are given in [11].

Suppose that  $((E^k, \|\cdot\|_k)k \in \mathbb{N})$  is a multi-normed space, and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . The following properties are almost immediate consequences of the axioms:

- (i)  $||(x,...,x)||_k = ||x|| (x \in E);$
- (ii)  $\max_{i \in \mathbb{N}_k} ||x_i|| \le ||(x_1, \dots, x_k)||_k \le \sum_{i=1}^k ||x_i|| \le k \max_{i \in \mathbb{N}_k} ||x_i|| (x_1, \dots, x_k \in E).$

It follows from (ii) that if  $(E, \|\cdot\|)$  is a Banach space, then  $((E^k, \|\cdot\|_k)$  is a Banach space for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . In this case,  $((E^k, \|\cdot\|_k)k \in \mathbb{N})$  is a multi-Banach space.

By (ii), we get the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.2.** Suppose that  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $(x_1, \ldots, x_k) \in E^k$ . For each  $j \in \mathbb{N}_k$ , let  $\{x_n^j\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in E such that  $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n^j = x_j$ . Then for each  $(y_1, \ldots, y_k) \in E^k$ , one has

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left( x_n^1 - y_1, \dots, x_n^k - y_k \right) = (x_1 - y_1, \dots, x_k - y_k). \tag{1.1}$$

*Definition 1.3.* Let  $((E^k, \|\cdot\|_k)k \in \mathbb{N})$  be a multi-normed space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in E is a multinull sequence if, for each e > 0, there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\sup_{k\in\mathbb{N}} \|(x_n,\ldots,x_{n+k-1})\|_k < \epsilon \quad (n \ge n_0). \tag{1.2}$$

Let  $x \in E$ . We say that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n = x$  if  $\{x_n - x\}$  is a multi-null sequence.

*Definition 1.4.* Let  $(\mathcal{A}, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed algebra such that  $((\mathcal{A}^k, \|\cdot\|_k)k \in \mathbb{N})$  is said to be a multi-normed space. Then  $((\mathcal{A}^k, \|\cdot\|_k)k \in \mathbb{N})$  is a multi-normed algebra if

$$\|(x_1y_1,\ldots,x_ky_k)\|_k \le \|(x_1,\ldots,x_k)\|_k \|(y_1,\ldots,y_k)\|_k, \tag{1.3}$$

for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x_1, \dots, x_k, y_1, \dots, y_k \in \mathcal{A}$ . Furthermore, if  $((\mathcal{A}^k, \|\cdot\|_k)k \in \mathbb{N})$  is a multi-Banach space, then  $((\mathcal{A}^k, \|\cdot\|_k)k \in \mathbb{N})$  is a multi-Banach algebra.

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an algebra and  $k_0 \in \{0,1,\ldots,\} \cup \{\infty\}$ . A family  $\{D_j\}_{j=0}^{k_0}$  of linear mappings on  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to be a *higher derivation* of rank  $k_0$  if the functional equation  $D_j(xy) = \sum_{i=0}^j D_i(x)D_{j-i}(y)$  holds for all  $x,y \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $j=0,1,2,\ldots,k_0$ . If  $D_0=id_{\mathcal{A}}$ , where  $id_{\mathcal{A}}$  is the identity map on  $\mathcal{A}$ , then  $D_1$  is a derivation and  $\{D_j\}_{j=0}^{k_0}$  is called a *strong* higher derivation. A standard example of a higher derivation of rank  $k_0$  is  $\{D^j/j!\}_{j=0}^{k_0}$ , where  $D: \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$  is a derivation. The reader may find more information about higher derivations in [12–18].

A family  $\{f_j\}_{j=0}^{k_0}$  of linear mappings on  $\mathcal{A}$  is called a *generalized* strong higher derivation if  $f_0 = id_{\mathcal{A}}$ , and there exists a higher derivation  $\{D_j\}_{j=0}^{k_0}$  such that

$$f_j(xy) = xf_j(y) + \sum_{i=1}^{j} D_i(x)f_{j-i}(y),$$
 (1.4)

for all  $x, y \in A$  and  $j = 0, 1, 2, ..., k_0$ .

The stability of derivations was studied by Park [19, 20]. In this paper, using some ideas from [21, 22], we investigate the superstability of generalized strong higher derivations in multi-Banach algebras.

## 2. Stability of Generalized Higher Derivations

In this section, we define the notion of an approximate generalized higher derivation. Then we show that an approximate generalized strong higher derivation on a multi-Banach algebra is a strong generalized higher derivation.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $(E, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed space, and let  $((F^k, \|\cdot\|_k : k \in \mathbb{N}))$  be a multi-Banach space. Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$ , and  $f : E \to F$  a mapping satisfying f(0) = 0 and

$$\sup_{k\in\mathbb{N}}\left\|\left(f\left(\frac{x_1+y_1}{t}\right)-\frac{f(x_1)}{t}-\frac{f(y_1)}{t},\ldots,f\left(\frac{x_k+y_k}{t}\right)-\frac{f(x_k)}{t}-\frac{f(y_k)}{t}\right)\right\|_{k}\leq\epsilon,\qquad(2.1)$$

for all integer t > 1 and all  $x_1, ..., x_k, y_1, ..., y_k \in E$ , then there exists a unique additive mapping  $T: E \to F$  such that

$$\|(f(x_1) - T(x_1), \dots, f(x_k) - T(x_k))\| \le \varepsilon \quad (x_1, \dots, x_k \in E).$$
 (2.2)

*Proof.* Substituting  $y_i = 0$  for i = 1, ..., k and replacing  $x_1, ..., x_k$  by  $tx_1, ..., tx_k$  in (2.1), we get

$$\sup_{k\in\mathbb{N}}\left\|\left(f(x_1)-\frac{f(tx_1)}{t},\ldots,f(x_k)-\frac{f(tx_k)}{t}\right)\right\|_k\leq\epsilon.$$
 (2.3)

Replacing  $x_1, \ldots, x_k$  by  $t^n x_1, \ldots, t^n x_k$  and dividing by  $t^n$  in (2.3), it follows that

$$\sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \left\| \left( \frac{f(t^n x_1)}{t^n} - \frac{f(t^{n+1} x_1)}{t^{n+1}}, \dots, \frac{f(t^n x_k)}{t^n} - \frac{f(t^{n+1} x_k)}{t^{n+1}} \right) \right\|_{k} \le \frac{\epsilon}{t^n}. \tag{2.4}$$

An induction argument implies that

$$\sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \left\| \left( \frac{f(t^n x_1)}{t^n} - \frac{f(t^{n+m} x_1)}{t^{n+m}}, \dots, \frac{f(t^n x_k)}{t^n} - \frac{f(t^{n+m} x_k)}{t^{n+m}} \right) \right\|_{k} \le \epsilon \left( \frac{1}{t^{n+1}} + \dots + \frac{1}{t^{n+m}} \right), \tag{2.5}$$

for  $x \in E$  and  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence, the sequence  $\{f(t^n x)/t^n\}$  is cauchy and hence is convergent in the complete multi-normed space F. Let  $T : E \to F$  be the mapping defined by

$$T(x) := \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{f(t^n x)}{t^n}.$$
 (2.6)

Hence, for each r > 0, there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \left\| \left( \frac{f(t^n x_1)}{t^n} - T(x), \dots, \frac{f(t^{n+k-1} x_k)}{t^{n+k-1}} - T(x) \right) \right\|_{k} \le r \ (n \ge N).$$
 (2.7)

In particular, the property (ii) of multi-norm implies that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left\| \frac{f(t^n x)}{t^n} - T(x) \right\| = 0 \quad (x \in E).$$
 (2.8)

We show that *T* is additive. Putting n = 0 in (2.5), we get

$$\sup_{k\in\mathbb{N}} \left\| \left( f(x_1) - \frac{f(t^m x_1)}{t^m}, \dots, f(x_k) - \frac{f(t^m x_k)}{t^m} \right) \right\|_{k} \le \epsilon. \tag{2.9}$$

Taking the limit as  $m \to \infty$ , we obtain

$$\sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \| (f(x_1) - T(x_1), \dots, f(x_k) - T(x_k)) \|_k \le \epsilon.$$
 (2.10)

Let  $x, y \in E$ , put  $x_1 = \cdots = x_k = t^n x$ ,  $y_1 = \cdots = y_k = t^n y$  in (2.1), and divide by  $t^n$ , Then we have

$$\left\| t^{-n} f\left(\frac{t^n x + t^n y}{t}\right) - t^{-1} \frac{f(t^n x)}{t^n} - t^{-1} \frac{f(t^n y)}{t^n} \right\|_{k} \le \frac{\epsilon}{t^n}.$$
 (2.11)

By letting  $n \to \infty$ , we get

$$T\left(\frac{x+y}{t}\right) = \frac{T(x)}{t} + \frac{T(y)}{t}.$$
 (2.12)

Letting y = 0 in (2.12) yields T(x/t) = T(x)/t for all  $x \in E$ . Hence, we get T(x + y) = T(x) + T(y), that is, T is additive. Now, if T' is another required additive mapping, we see that

$$||T'(x) - T(x)|| \le \frac{1}{t^n} ||T'(t^n x) - T(t^n x)||$$

$$\le \frac{1}{t^n} ||T'(t^n x) - f(t^n x)|| + \frac{1}{t^n} ||f(t^n x) - T(t^n x)||$$

$$\le \frac{2}{t^{n-1}(t-1)} \epsilon,$$
(2.13)

for all  $x \in E$ . By letting  $n \to \infty$  in this inequality, we conclude that T = T'. This proves the uniqueness assertion.

*Definition* 2.2. Let  $((\mathcal{A}^k, \|\cdot\|_k)k \in \mathbb{N})$  be a multi-Banach algebra. Suppose that  $\epsilon > 0$ , t > 1 is an integer and  $\psi : \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A} \to [0, \infty)$  is a control function such that

$$\psi(t^n x, t^m y) \le \alpha^{n+m} \psi(x, y), \tag{2.14}$$

for some  $0 < \alpha < t$ , all nonnegative numbers m,n and all  $x,y \in \mathcal{A}$ . An  $(\epsilon,\psi)$ -approximate generalized strong higher derivation of rank  $k_0$  is a family  $\{f_j\}_{j=0}^{k_0}$  of mappings from  $\mathcal{A}$  into  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $f_j(0) = 0$ ,  $f_0 = id_{\mathcal{A}}$ , and there exists a family  $\{g_j\}_{j=0}^{k_0}$  of mappings from  $\mathcal{A}$  into  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $g_0 = id_{\mathcal{A}}$  and

$$\sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \left\| \left( f_{j} \left( \frac{x_{1} + y_{1}}{t} + z_{1} w_{1} \right) - \frac{f_{j}(x_{1})}{t} - \frac{f_{j}(y_{1})}{t} - z_{1} f_{j}(w_{1}) \right. \right.$$

$$\left. - g_{j}(z_{1}) w_{1}, \dots, f_{j} \left( \frac{x_{k} + k_{1}}{t} + z_{k} w_{k} \right) \right.$$

$$\left. - \frac{f_{j}(x_{k})}{t} - \frac{f_{j}(y_{k})}{t} - z_{k} f_{j}(w_{k}) - g_{j}(z_{k}) w_{k} \right) \right\|_{k} \leq \epsilon,$$

$$(2.15)$$

for all  $0 \le j \le k_0$ , t > 1 and all  $x_1, ..., x_k, y_1, ..., y_k, z_1, ..., z_k, w_1, ..., w_k \in \mathcal{A}$ , and

$$\left\| f_j(xy) - x f_j(y) - \sum_{i=1}^j g_i(x) f_{j-i}(y) \right\| \le \psi(x,y), \tag{2.16}$$

for all  $0 \le j \le k_0$  and  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a Banach algebra with unit e, and let  $\{f_j\}_{j=0}^{k_0}$  be a  $(\varepsilon, \psi)$ -approximate generalized strong higher derivation on a multi-Banach algebra  $((\mathcal{A}^k, \|\cdot\|_k)k \in \mathbb{N})$ , then  $\{f_j\}_{j=0}^{k_0}$  is a strong higher derivation.

*Proof.* Letting  $z_i = w_i = 0$  for i = 1, ..., k in (2.15), Lemma 2.1 implies that for each  $0 \le j \le k_0$ , there is an additive mapping  $d_j$  defined by  $d_j(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} (f_j(t^n x)/t^n)$  such that  $\|d_j(x) - f_j(x)\| \le \epsilon$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . If j = 1, [21, Theorem 2.2] implies that  $f_1$  and  $g_1$  are a generalized derivation and a derivation, respectively. Also by the proof of [21, Theorem 2.2], we have

$$f_1(xy) = xf_1(y) + g_1(x)y,$$
 
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{g_1(t^n x)}{t^n} = d_1(x) - xd_1(e) = g_1(x).$$
 (2.17)

By induction for  $1 \le i \le j - 1$ , assume that

$$f_i = x f_i(y) + \sum_{l=1}^{i} g_l(x) f_{i-l}(y), \qquad g_i = \sum_{l=0}^{i} g_l(x) g_{i-l}(y),$$
 (2.18)

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$  such that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{g_i(t^n x)}{t^n} = d_i(x) - x d_i(e) - \sum_{l=1}^i g_l(x) d_{i-l}(e) = g_i(x).$$
 (2.19)

It follows from (2.14) and (2.16) that

$$\left\| \frac{f_{j}(t^{2n}xy)}{t^{2n}} - xf_{j}(t^{n}y) - \sum_{i=1}^{j} \frac{g_{i}(t^{n}x)}{t^{n}} \frac{f_{j-i}(t^{n}y)}{t^{n}} \right\| \leq \frac{\psi(t^{n}x, t^{n}y)}{t^{2n}} \leq \left(\frac{\alpha}{t}\right)^{2n}. \tag{2.20}$$

Passing the limit as  $n \to \infty$ , we obtain

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} y \frac{g_j(t^n x)}{t^n} = d_j(xy) - x d_j(y) - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} g_i(x) d_{j-i}(y), \tag{2.21}$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ . Put y = e in the above equation, then

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{g_j(t^n x)}{t^n} = d_j(x) - x d_j(e) - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} g_i(x) d_{j-i}(e).$$
 (2.22)

If  $D_j(x) = d_j(x) - xd_j(e) - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} g_i(x)d_{j-i}(e)$ , then by additivity of  $d_i$  and  $g_i$  for  $0 \le i \le j-1$ , we get

$$D_{j}(a+b) = d_{j}(a+b) - (a+b)d_{j}(e) - \sum_{i=1}^{j} g_{i}(a+b)d_{j-i}(e)$$

$$= d_{j}(a) + d_{j}(b) - ad_{j}(e) - bd_{j}(e) - \sum_{i=1}^{j} g_{i}(a)d_{j-i}(e) - \sum_{i=1}^{j} g_{i}(b)d_{j-i}(e)$$

$$= D_{j}(a) + D_{j}(b).$$
(2.23)

Therefore,  $D_j$  is additive. Now, let  $F(x,y) = f_j(xy) - xf_j(y) - \sum_{i=1}^j g_i(x)f_{j-i}(y)$ , if we take  $x_i = y_i = 0$  and  $z_i = x$ ,  $w_i = y$  for i = 1, ..., k in (2.15), then  $\lim_{n \to \infty} (F(t^n x, y)/t^n) = 0$ . Hence,

$$d_{j}(xy) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{f_{j}(t^{n}xy)}{t^{n}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{f_{j}(t^{n}x \cdot y)}{t^{n}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{t^{n}xf_{j}(y) + \sum_{i=1}^{j} g_{i}(t^{n}x)f_{j-i}(y) + F(t^{n}x, y)}{t^{n}}$$

$$= xf_{j}(y) + \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} g_{i}(x)f_{j-i}(y) + D_{j}(x)y,$$
(2.24)

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ . Since  $g_1, \dots, g_{j-1}, f_1, \dots, f_{j-1}$  and  $D_j$  are additive, we can write

$$t^{n}xf_{j}(y) + \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} t^{n}g_{i}(x)f_{j-i}(y) + t^{n}D_{j}(x)y$$

$$= d_{j}(t^{n}x \cdot y)$$

$$= d_{j}(x \cdot t^{n}y)$$

$$= xf_{j}(t^{n}y) + \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} t^{n}g_{i}(x)f_{j-i}(y) + t^{n}D_{j}(x)y,$$
(2.25)

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ . We conclude that  $xf_j(y) = x(f_j(t^ny)/t^n)$ , so we can obtain  $xf_j(y) = xd_j(y)$ , for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$  as  $n \to \infty$ . If x = e, we have  $f_j = d_j$ . Therefore,

$$f_j(xy) = xf_j(y) + \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} g_i(x)f_{j-i}(y) + D_j(x)y,$$
 (2.26)

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ . Now, we replace y by  $t^n y$  in (2.16), then

$$\left\| \frac{f_{j}(t^{n}xy)}{t^{n}} - \frac{xf_{j}(t^{n}y)}{t^{n}} - \sum_{i=1}^{j} g_{i}(x)f_{j-i}(y) \right\| \leq \frac{\psi(x, t^{n}y)}{t^{n}} \leq \left(\frac{\alpha}{t}\right)^{n}, \tag{2.27}$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ . We conclude that  $xf_j(y) = x(f_j(t^ny)/t^n)$ , so we can obtain  $xf_j(y) = xd_j(y)$ , for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$  as  $n \to \infty$ . If x = e, we have  $f_j = d_j$ . Therefore,

$$f_j(xy) = xf_j(y) + \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} g_i(x)f_{j-i}(y) + D_j(x)y,$$
 (2.28)

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ . Now, we replace y by  $t^n y$  in (2.16), then

$$\left\| \frac{f_{j}(t^{n}xy)}{t^{n}} - \frac{xf_{j}(t^{n}y)}{t^{n}} - \sum_{i=1}^{j} g_{i}(x)f_{j-i}(y) \right\| \leq \frac{\psi(x, t^{n}y)}{t^{n}} \leq \left(\frac{\alpha}{t}\right)^{n}, \tag{2.29}$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ . Letting  $n \to \infty$ , we get

$$d_{j}(xy) = xd_{j}(y) + \sum_{i=1}^{j} g_{i}(x)f_{j-i}(y).$$
(2.30)

Thus if y = e, we conclude that

$$d_{j}(x) = xd_{j}(e) + \sum_{i=1}^{j} g_{i}(x)f_{j-i}(e),$$
(2.31)

for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . Hence,

$$g_j(x) = d_j(x) - xd_j(e) - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} g_i(x)f_{j-i}(e) = D_j(x).$$
 (2.32)

But for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ , we have

$$D_{j}(xy) = f_{j}(xy) - xyf_{j}(e) - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} g_{i}(xy)f_{j-i}(e)$$

$$= xf_{j}(y) + \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} g_{i}(x)f_{j-i}(y) + D_{j}(x)y - xyf_{j}(e) - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \left(\sum_{l=1}^{i} g_{l}(x)g_{i-l}(y)\right)f_{j-i}(e)$$

$$= g_{1}(x)\left(f_{j-1}(y) - yf_{j-1}(e) - \sum_{l=1}^{j-1} g_{l}(y)f_{j-l}(e)\right) + \dots + g_{j-1}(f_{1}(y) - yf_{1}(e))$$

$$= xD_{j}(y) + D_{j}(x)y + \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} g_{i}(x)g_{j-i}(y),$$
(2.33)

and by (2.32), it follows that  $g_j(xy) = D_j(xy) = \sum_{i=0}^j g_i(x)g_{j-i}(y)$ ; therefore  $\{g_j\}$  is a strong higher derivation. By (2.28), we can conclude that  $\{f_j\}$  is a generalized strong higher derivation.

*Remark* 2.4. Recall that a control function is an operation that controls the recording or processing or transmission of interpretation of data. A typical example of the control function  $\psi$  is  $\psi(x,y) = \alpha e(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^q) + \delta \|x\|^p \|y\|^q$ , such that  $e, \delta \ge 0$  and  $0 \le p, q < 1$ .

**Corollary 2.5.** Every  $(\epsilon, \psi)$ -approximate generalized derivation (regarded as an approximate generalized strong higher derivation of rank 1) on a multi-Banach algebra  $((A^k, \|\cdot\|_k)k \in \mathbb{N})$  is a derivation.

The following theorem generalizes Theorem 2.3. The arguments are similar to those in the proof of [21, Theorem 2.3].

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a Banach algebra with unit e, and let  $\{f_j\}_{j=0}^{k_0}$  be a family  $\{f_j\}_{j=0}^{k_0}$  of mappings from  $\mathcal{A}$  into  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $f_j(0) = 0$  and  $f_0 = id_{\mathcal{A}}$  for which there exists a family  $\{g_j\}_{j=0}^{k_0}$  of mappings in which  $g_0 = id_{\mathcal{A}}$  on  $\mathcal{A}$  such that

$$\sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \left\| \left( f_{j} \left( \frac{\beta x_{1} + \gamma y_{1}}{t} + z_{1} w_{1} \right) - \beta \frac{f_{j}(x_{1})}{t} - \gamma \frac{f_{j}(y_{1})}{t} - z_{1} f_{j}(w_{1}) \right) - g_{j}(z_{1}) w_{1}, \dots, f_{j} \left( \frac{\beta x_{k} + \gamma y_{k}}{t} + z_{k} w_{k} \right) - \beta \frac{f_{j}(x_{k})}{t} - \gamma \frac{f_{j}(y_{k})}{t} - z_{k} f_{j}(w_{k}) - g_{j}(z_{k}) w_{k} \right) \right\|_{k} \leq \epsilon,$$
(2.34)

for all  $0 \le j \le k_0$ , t > 1 and all  $\beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{T} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$  and

$$\left\| f_j(xy) - x f_j(y) - \sum_{i=1}^j g_i(x) f_{j-i}(y) \right\| \le \psi(x,y), \tag{2.35}$$

for all  $0 \le j \le k_0$  and  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ , then  $\{f_j\}_{j=0}^{k_0}$  is a strong higher derivation.

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