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Approximation of Homomorphisms and Derivations on non-Archimedean Lie C*-Algebras via Fixed Point Method

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Using fixed point methods, we prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of homomorphisms in C^* -algebras and Lie C^* -algebras and of derivations on non-Archimedean C^* -algebras and Non-Archimedean Lie C^* -algebras for an *m*-variable additive functional equation.

1. Introduction and Preliminaries

By a *non-Archimedean field* we mean a field *K* equipped with a function (valuation) $|\cdot|$ from *K* into $[0, \infty)$ such that |r| = 0 if and only if r = 0, |rs| = |r||s|, and $|r + s| \le \max\{|r|, |s|\}$ for all $r, s \in K$. Clearly |1| = |-1| = 1 and $|n| \le 1$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. By the trivial valuation we mean the mapping $|\cdot|$ taking everything but 0 into 1 and |0| = 0. Let *X* be a vector space over a field *K* with a non-Archimedean nontrivial valuation $|\cdot|$. A function $||\cdot|| : X \to [0, \infty)$ is called a *non-Archimedean norm* if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (i) ||x|| = 0 if and only if x = 0;
- (ii) for any $r \in K$, and $x \in X$, ||rx|| = |r|||x||;
- (iii) the strong triangle inequality (ultrametric) holds; namely,

$$||x + y|| \le \max\{||x||, ||y||\}.$$
 (1.1)

for all $x, y \in X$.

Then $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is called a *non-Archimedean normed space*. From the fact that

$$\|x_n - x_m\| \le \max\{\|x_{j+1} - x_j\| : m \le j \le n - 1\} \quad (n > m)$$
(1.2)

holds, a sequence $\{x_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence if and only if $\{x_{n+1} - x_n\}$ converges to zero in a non-Archimedean normed space. By a complete non-Archimedean normed space we mean one in which every Cauchy sequence is convergent.

For any nonzero rational number x, there exists a unique integer $n_x \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $x = (a/b)p^{n_x}$, where a and b are integers not divisible by p. Then $|x|_p := p^{-n_x}$ defines a non-Archimedean norm on \mathbb{Q} . The completion of \mathbb{Q} with respect to the metric $d(x, y) = |x - y|_p$ is denoted by \mathbb{Q}_p , which is called the *p*-adic number field.

A non-Archimedean Banach algebra is a *complete non-Archimedean algebra* \mathcal{A} which satisfies $||ab|| \leq ||a|| \cdot ||b||$ for all $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$. For more detailed definitions of non-Archimedean Banach algebras, we refer the reader to [1, 2].

If \mathcal{U} is a non-Archimedean Banach algebra, then an *involution* on \mathcal{U} is a mapping $t \to t^*$ from \mathcal{U} into \mathcal{U} which satisfies

- (i) $t^{**} = t$ for $t \in \mathcal{U}$;
- (ii) $(\alpha s + \beta t)^* = \overline{\alpha} s^* + \overline{\beta} t^*;$
- (iii) $(st)^* = t^*s^*$ for $s, t \in \mathcal{U}$.

If, in addition, $||t^*t|| = ||t||^2$ for $t \in \mathcal{U}$, then \mathcal{U} is a *non-Archimedean* C^* -algebra.

The stability problem of functional equations was originated from a question of Ulam [3] concerning the stability of group homomorphisms: let $(G_1, *)$ be a group and let (G_2, \diamond, d) be a metric group (a metric which is defined on a set with group property) with the metric $d(\cdot, \cdot)$. Given $\epsilon > 0$, does there exist a $\delta(\epsilon) > 0$ such that, if a mapping $h : G_1 \to G_2$ satisfies the inequality $d(h(x * y), h(x) \diamond h(y)) < \delta$ for all $x, y \in G_1$, then there is a homomorphism $H : G_1 \to G_2$ with $d(h(x), H(x)) < \epsilon$ for all $x \in G_1$? If the answer is affirmative, we would say that the equation of homomorphism $H(x * y) = H(x) \diamond H(y)$ is stable (see also [4–6]).

We recall a fundamental result in fixed point theory. Let Ω be a set. A function d : $\Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is called a *generalized metric* on Ω if d satisfies

- (1) d(x, y) = 0 if and only if x = y;
- (2) d(x, y) = d(y, x) for all $x, y \in \Omega$;
- (3) $d(x,z) \le d(x,y) + d(y,z)$ for all $x, y, z \in \Omega$.

Theorem 1.1 (see [7]). Let (Ω, d) be a complete generalized metric space and let $J : \Omega \to \Omega$ be a contractive mapping with Lipschitz constant L < 1. Then for each given element $x \in \Omega$, either $d(J^nx, J^{n+1}x) = \infty$ for all nonnegative integers n or there exists a positive integer n_0 such that

- (1) $d(J^n x, J^{n+1} x) < \infty$ for all $n \ge n_0$;
- (2) the sequence $\{J^n x\}$ converges to a fixed point y^* of J;
- (3) y^* is the unique fixed point of J in the set $\Gamma = \{y \in \Omega \mid d(J^{n_0}x, y) < \infty\};$
- (4) $d(y, y^*) \le (1/(1-L))d(y, Jy)$ for all $y \in \Gamma$.

In this paper, using the fixed point method, we prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of homomorphisms and derivations in non-Archimedean C^* -algebras and non-Archimedean Lie C^* -algebras for the following additive functional equation (see [8]):

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} f\left(mx_i + \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{m} x_j\right) + f\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} x_i\right) = 2f\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} mx_i\right) \quad (m \in \mathbb{N}, \ m \ge 2).$$
(1.3)

2. Stability of Homomorphisms and Derivations in C*-Algebras

Throughout this section, assume that \mathcal{A} is a non-Archimedean C^* -algebra with norm $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{A}}$ and that \mathcal{B} is a non-Archimedean C^* -algebra with norm $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{B}}$.

For a given mapping $f : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$, we define

$$D_{\mu}f(x_{1},\ldots,x_{m}) := \sum_{i=1}^{m} \mu f\left(mx_{i} + \sum_{j=1,j\neq i}^{m} x_{j}\right) + f\left(\mu\sum_{i=1}^{m} x_{i}\right) - 2f\left(\mu\sum_{i=1}^{m} mx_{i}\right)$$
(2.1)

for all $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1 := \{ \nu \in \mathbb{C} : |\nu| = 1 \}$ and all $x_1, \ldots, x_m \in \mathcal{A}$.

Note that a \mathbb{C} -linear mapping $H : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$ is called a *homomorphism* in non-Archimedean C^* -algebras if H satisfies H(xy) = H(x)H(y) and $H(x^*) = H(x)^*$ for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$.

We prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of homomorphisms in non-Archimedean *C*^{*}-algebras for the functional equation $D_{\mu}f(x_1, ..., x_m) = 0$.

Theorem 2.1. Let $f : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$ be a mapping for which there are functions $\varphi : \mathcal{A}^m \to [0, \infty)$, $\psi : \mathcal{A}^2 \to [0, \infty)$ and $\eta : \mathcal{A} \to [0, \infty)$ such that |m| < 1 is far from zero and

$$\left\| D_{\mu}f(x_{1},\ldots,x_{m})\right\|_{\mathcal{B}} \leq \varphi(x_{1},\ldots,x_{m}),$$

$$(2.2)$$

$$\left\|f(xy) - f(x)f(y)\right\|_{\mathcal{B}} \le \psi(x,y),\tag{2.3}$$

$$\|f(x^*) - f(x)^*\|_{\mathcal{B}} \le \eta(x)$$
 (2.4)

for all $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^{1}$ and $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{m}, x, y \in A$. If there exists an L < 1 such that

$$\varphi(mx_1,\ldots,mx_m) \le |m| \ L\varphi(x_1,\ldots,x_m), \tag{2.5}$$

$$\psi(mx, my) \le |m|^2 L \psi(x, y), \qquad (2.6)$$

$$\eta(mx) \le |m|L\eta(x) \tag{2.7}$$

for all $x, y, x_1, \ldots, x_m \in \mathcal{A}$, then there exists a unique homomorphism $H : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$ such that

$$\|f(x) - H(x)\|_{\mathcal{B}} \le \frac{1}{|m| - |m|L}\varphi(x, 0, \dots, 0)$$
 (2.8)

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

Proof. It follows from (2.5), (2.6), (2.7) and L < 1 that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{|m|^n} \varphi(m^n x_1, \dots, m^n x_m) = 0,$$
(2.9)

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{|m|^{2n}} \psi(m^n x, m^n y) = 0,$$
(2.10)

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{|m|^n} \eta(m^n x) = 0$$
 (2.11)

for all $x, y, x_1, \ldots, x_m \in \mathcal{A}$.

Let us define Ω to be the set of all mappings $g : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$ and introduce a generalized metric on Ω as follows

$$d(g,h) = \inf\{k \in (0,\infty) : \|g(x) - h(x)\|_{\mathcal{B}} < k\phi(x,0,\dots,0), \,\forall x \in \mathcal{A}\}.$$
 (2.12)

It is easy to show that (Ω, d) is a generalized complete metric space (see [9]).

Now we consider the function $J : \Omega \to \Omega$ defined by Jg(x) = (1/m)g(mx) for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$ and $g \in \Omega$. Note that for all $g, h \in \Omega$ we have

$$d(g,h) < k \Longrightarrow \|g(x) - h(x)\|_{\mathcal{B}} < k\phi(x,0,\dots,0)$$

$$\Longrightarrow \left\|\frac{1}{m}g(mx) - \frac{1}{m}h(mx)\right\|_{\mathcal{B}} < \frac{k}{|m|}\phi(mx,0,\dots,0)$$

$$\Longrightarrow \left\|\frac{1}{m}g(mx) - \frac{1}{m}h(mx)\right\|_{\mathcal{B}} < kL\phi(mx,0,\dots,0)$$

$$\Longrightarrow d(Jg,Jh) < kL.$$
(2.13)

From this it is easy to see that $d(Jg, Jk) \leq Ld(g, h)$ for all $g, h \in \Omega$, that is, J is a self-function of Ω with the Lipschitz constant L.

Putting $\mu = 1$, $x = x_1$ and $x_2 = x_3 = \cdots = x_m = 0$ in (2.2), we have

$$\|f(mx) - mf(x)\|_{\mathcal{B}} \le \phi(x, 0, \dots, 0)$$
 (2.14)

for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$. Then

$$\left\| f(x) - \frac{1}{m} f(mx) \right\|_{\mathcal{B}} \le \frac{1}{|m|} \phi(x, 0, \dots, 0)$$
(2.15)

for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$, that is, $d(Jf, f) \le 1/|m| < \infty$. Now, from the fixed point alternative, it follows that there exists a fixed point *H* of *J* in Ω such that

$$H(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{|m|^n} f(m^n x)$$
(2.16)

for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$ since $\lim_{n \to \infty} d(J^n f, H) = 0$.

On the other hand, it follows from (2.2), (2.9), and (2.16) that

$$\|D_{\mu}H(x_{1},...,x_{m})\|_{\mathcal{B}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left\|\frac{1}{m^{n}}Df(m^{n}x_{1},...,m^{n}x_{m})\right\|_{\mathcal{B}}$$

$$\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{|m|^{n}}\phi(m^{n}x_{1},...,m^{n}x_{m}) = 0.$$
(2.17)

By a similar method to the above, we get $\mu H(mx) = H(m\mu x)$ for all $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^{-1}$ and $x \in \mathcal{A}$. Thus one can show that the mapping $H : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$ is \mathbb{C} -linear.

It follows from (2.3), (2.10) and (2.16) that

$$\|H(xy) - H(x)H(y)\|_{\mathcal{B}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{|m|^{2n}} \|f(m^{2n}xy) - f(m^{n}x)f(m^{n}y)\|_{\mathcal{B}}$$

$$\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{|m|^{2n}} \psi(m^{n}x, m^{n}y) = 0$$
(2.18)

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$. So H(xy) = H(x)H(y) for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$. Thus $H : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$ is a homomorphism, satisfying (2.8), as desired.

Also, by (2.4), (2.11), (2.16) and by a similar method, we have $H(x^*) = H(x)^*$.

Corollary 2.2. Let r > 1 and θ be nonnegative real numbers, and let $f : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$ be a mapping such that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| D_{\mu}f(x_{1},\ldots,x_{m}) \right\|_{\mathcal{B}} &\leq \theta \cdot \left(\left\| x_{1} \right\|_{\mathscr{A}}^{r} + \left\| x_{2} \right\|_{\mathscr{A}}^{r} + \cdots + \left\| x_{m} \right\|_{\mathscr{A}}^{r} \right), \\ \left\| f(xy) - f(x)f(y) \right\|_{\mathcal{B}} &\leq \theta \cdot \left(\left\| x \right\|_{\mathscr{A}}^{r} \cdot \left\| y \right\|_{\mathscr{A}}^{r} \right), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| f(x^{*}) - f(x)^{*} \right\|_{\mathcal{B}} &\leq \theta \cdot \left\| x \right\|_{\mathscr{A}}^{r}, \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.19)$$

for all $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ and $x_1, \ldots, x_m, x, y \in \mathcal{A}$. Then there exists a unique homomorphism $H : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$ such that

$$\left\|f(x) - H(x)\right\|_{\mathcal{B}} \le \frac{\theta}{\left|m\right| - \left|m\right|^{r}} \left\|x\right\|_{\mathcal{A}}^{r}$$
(2.20)

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

Proof. The proof follows from Theorem 2.1 by taking

$$\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_m) = \theta \cdot (\|x_1\|_{\mathscr{A}}^r + \|x_2\|_{\mathscr{A}}^r + \dots + \|x_m\|_{\mathscr{A}}^r),$$

$$\psi(x, y) := \theta \cdot (\|x\|_{\mathscr{A}}^r \cdot \|y\|_{\mathscr{A}}^r),$$

$$\eta(x) = \theta \cdot \|x\|_{\mathscr{A}}^r$$
(2.21)

for all $x_1, \ldots, x_m, x, y \in A$, $L = |m|^{r-1}$ and so we get the desired result.

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Note that a \mathbb{C} -linear mapping $\delta : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$ is called a *derivation* on \mathcal{A} if δ satisfies $\delta(xy) = \delta(x)y + x\delta(y)$ for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$.

We prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of derivations on non-Archimedean C^* -algebras for the functional equation $D_{\mu}f(x_1, \ldots, x_m) = 0$.

Theorem 2.3. Let $f : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$ be a mapping for which there are functions $\varphi : \mathcal{A}^m \to [0, \infty)$, $\psi : \mathcal{A}^2 \to [0, \infty)$ and $\eta : \mathcal{A} \to [0, \infty)$ such that |m| < 1 is far from zero and

$$\|D_{\mu}f(x_1,\ldots,x_m)\|_{\mathscr{A}} \le \varphi(x_1,\ldots,x_m),$$

$$\|f(xy) - f(x)y - xf(y)\|_{\mathscr{A}} \le \psi(x,y), \|f(x^*) - f(x)^*\|_{\mathscr{A}} \le \eta(x)$$

(2.22)

for all $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^{-1}$ and $x_1, \ldots, x_m, x, y \in A$. If there exists an L < 1 such that (2.5), (2.6) and (2.7) hold, then there exists a unique derivation $\delta : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$ such that

$$\|f(x) - \delta(x)\|_{\mathscr{A}} \le \frac{1}{(|m| - |m|L)}\varphi(x, 0, \dots, 0)$$
(2.23)

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

3. Stability of Homomorphisms and Derivations in Non-Archimedean Lie C*-Algebras

A non-Archimedean C^* -algebra C, endowed with the Lie product

$$[x,y] \coloneqq \frac{xy - yx}{2} \tag{3.1}$$

on *C*, is called a *Lie non-Archimedean* C*-algebra.

Definition 3.1. Let \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} be Lie C*-algebras. A \mathbb{C} -linear mapping $H : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$ is called a *non-Archimedean Lie C*-algebra homomorphism* if H([x, y]) = [H(x), H(y)] for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$.

Throughout this section, assume that \mathcal{A} is a non-Archimedean Lie *C**-algebra with norm $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{A}}$ and \mathcal{B} is a non-Archimedean Lie *C**-algebra with norm $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{B}}$.

We prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of homomorphisms in non-Archimedean Lie *C*^{*}-algebras for the functional equation $D_{\mu}f(x_1, ..., x_m) = 0$.

Theorem 3.2. Let $f : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$ be a mapping for which there are functions $\varphi : \mathcal{A}^m \to [0, \infty)$ and $\psi : \mathcal{A}^2 \to [0, \infty)$ such that (2.2) and (2.4) hold and

$$\|f([x,y]) - [f(x), f(y)]\|_{\mathcal{B}} \le \psi(x,y)$$
(3.2)

for all $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^{-1}$ and $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$. If there exists an L < 1 and (2.5), (2.6), and (2.7) hold, then there exists a unique homomorphism $H : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$ such that (2.8) holds.

Proof. By the same reasoning as in the proof of Theorem 2.1, we can find the mapping H : $\mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$ given by

$$H(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{f(m^n x)}{|m|^n}$$
(3.3)

for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$. It follows from (2.6) and (3.3) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|H([x,y]) - [H(x),H(y)]\|_{\mathcal{B}} &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{|m|^{2n}} \left\| f\left(m^{2n}[x,y]\right) - [f(m^{n}x),f(m^{n}y)\right\|_{\mathcal{B}} \\ &\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{|m|^{2n}} \psi(m^{n}x,m^{n}y) = 0 \end{aligned}$$
(3.4)

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ and so

$$H([x,y]) = [H(x), H(y)],$$
(3.5)

for all $x, y \in A$. Thus $H : A \to B$ is a Lie C*-algebra homomorphism satisfying (2.8), as desired.

Corollary 3.3. *Let* r > 1 *and* θ *be nonnegative real numbers, and let* $f : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$ *be a mapping such that*

$$\|D_{\mu}f(x_{1},...,x_{m})\|_{\mathcal{B}} \leq \theta(\|x_{1}\|_{A}^{r} + \|x_{2}\|_{A}^{r} + \dots + \|x_{m}\|_{A}^{r}),$$

$$\|f([x,y]) - [f(x),f(y)]\|_{\mathcal{B}} \leq \theta \cdot \|x\|_{A}^{r} \cdot \|y\|_{A}^{r},$$

$$\|f(x^{*}) - f(x)^{*}\|_{\mathcal{B}} \leq \theta \cdot \|x\|_{\mathcal{A}}^{r}$$
(3.6)

all $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ and $x_1, \ldots, x_m, x, y \in \mathcal{A}$. Then there exists a unique homomorphism $H : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$ such that

$$\left\|f(x) - H(x)\right\|_{\mathcal{B}} \le \frac{\theta}{\left|m\right| - \left|m\right|^{r}} \left\|x\right\|_{\mathcal{A}}^{r}$$
(3.7)

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

Proof. The proof follows from Theorem 3.2 and a method similar to Corollary 3.3. \Box

Definition 3.4. Let \mathcal{A} be a non-Archimedean Lie C*-algebra. A \mathbb{C} -linear mapping $\delta : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$ is called a *Lie derivation* if $\delta([x, y]) = [\delta(x), y] + [x, \delta(y)]$ for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$.

We prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of derivations on non-Archimedean Lie C^* -algebras for the functional equation $D_{\mu}f(x_1, ..., x_m) = 0$.

Theorem 3.5. Let $f : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$ be a mapping for which there are functions $\varphi : A^m \to [0, \infty)$ and $\psi : A^2 \to [0, \infty)$ such that (2.2) and (2.4) hold and

$$\|f([x,y]) - [f(x),y] - [x,f(y)]\|_{\mathcal{A}} \le \psi(x,y)$$
(3.8)

for all $x, y \in A$. If there exists an L < 1 and (2.5), (2.6) and (2.7) hold, then there exists a unique Lie derivation $\delta : A \to A$ such that such that (2.8) holds.

Proof. By the same reasoning as the proof of Theorem 2.3, there exists a unique \mathbb{C} -linear mapping $\delta : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$ satisfying (2.8) and the mapping $\delta : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$ is given by

$$\delta(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{f(m^n x)}{|m|^n}$$
(3.9)

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

It follows from (2.6) and (3.9) that

$$\begin{split} \|\delta([x,y]) - [\delta(x),y] - [x,\delta(y)]\|_{\mathscr{A}} \\ &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{|m|^{2n}} \|f(m^{2n}[x,y]) - [f(m^n x),m^n y] - [m^n x,f(m^n y)]\|_{\mathscr{A}} \\ &\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{|m|^{2n}} \psi(m^n x,m^n y) = 0, \end{split}$$
(3.10)

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ and so

$$\delta([x,y]) = [\delta(x),y] + [x,\delta(y)]$$
(3.11)

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$. Thus $\delta : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$ is a Lie derivation satisfying (2.8).

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