NAN-HUR-STABILITY OF AN ADDITIVE MAPPING

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, using the fixed point alternative approach and direct method we investigate the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of the following additive functional equation

$$H\left(\frac{x+y}{2}+z\right) = \frac{H(x) + H(y)}{2} + H(z)$$
(1)

in non-Archimedean normed spaces.

The concept of Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability (briefly, HUR-stability) originated from Th. M. Rassias stability theorem that appeared in his paper: On the stability of the linear mapping in Banach spaces, Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. 72 (1978), 297-300.

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1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

A valuation is a function $|\cdot|$ from a field K into $[0,\infty)$ such that 0 is the unique element having the 0 valuation, |rs| = |r||s| and the triangle inequality holds, i.e.,

$$|r+s| \le \max\{|r|, |s|\}.$$

A field \mathbb{K} is called a *valued field* if \mathbb{K} carries a valuation. The usual absolute values of \mathbb{R} and \mathbb{C} are examples of valuations.

Let us consider a valuation which satisfies a stronger condition than the triangle inequality. If the triangle inequality is replaced by $|r + s| \leq \max\{|r|, |s|\}$, for all $r, s \in \mathbb{K}$, then the function $|\cdot|$ is called a *non-Archimedean valuation* and the field is called a *non-Archimedean field*. Clearly, |1| = |-1| = 1 and $|n| \leq 1$ for all $n \geq 1$. A trivial example of a non-Archimedean valuation is the function $|\cdot|$ taking everything except for 0 into 1 and |0| = 0.

Definition 1. Let X be a vector space over a field \mathbb{K} with a non-Archimedean valuation $|\cdot|$. A function $||\cdot|| : X \to [0, \infty)$ is called a non-Archimedean norm if the following conditions hold:

- (a) ||x|| = 0 if and only if x = 0 for all $x \in X$;
- (b) ||rx|| = |r|||x|| for all $r \in \mathbb{K}$ and $x \in X$;
- (c) the strong triangle inequality holds:

$$||x + y|| \le max\{||x||, ||y||\}$$

for all $x, y \in X$.

Then $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is called a non-Archimedean normed space (briefly NAN-spaces).

Definition 2. Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence in a non-Archimedean normed space X. (a) A sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ in a non-Archimedean space is a Cauchy sequence iff, the sequence $\{x_{n+1} - x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ converges to zero.

(b) The sequence $\{x_n\}$ is said to be convergent if, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there are a positive integer N and $x \in X$ such that $||x_n - x|| \le \varepsilon$, for all $n \ge N$. Then the point $x \in X$ is called the limit of the sequence $\{x_n\}$, which is denote by $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n = x$.

(c) If every Cauchy sequence in X converges, then the non-Archimedean normed space X is called a non-Archimedean Banach space.

Definition 3. Let X be a set. A function $d : X \times X \to [0, \infty]$ is called a generalized metric on X if d satisfies the following conditions:

(a) d(x, y) = 0 if and only if x = y for all $x, y \in X$;

(b) d(x,y) = d(y,x) for all $x, y \in X$;

(c) $d(x,z) \leq d(x,y) + d(y,z)$ for all $x, y, z \in X$.

Theorem 1. Let (X,d) be a complete generalized metric space and $J : X \to X$ be a strictly contractive mapping with Lipschitz constant L < 1. Then, for all $x \in X$, either

$$d(J^n x, J^{n+1} x) = \infty \tag{2}$$

for all nonnegative integers n or there exists a positive integer n_0 such that

- (a) $d(J^n x, J^{n+1} x) < \infty$ for all $n_0 \ge n_0$;
- (b) the sequence $\{J^n x\}$ converges to a fixed point y^* of J;
- (c) y^* is the unique fixed point of J in the set $Y = \{y \in X : d(J^{n_0}x, y) < \infty\}$;
- (d) $d(y, y^*) \leq \frac{1}{1-L}d(y, Jy)$ for all $y \in Y$.

The first stability problem concerning group homomorphisms was raised by Ulam [26] in 1940. In the next year, Hyres [14] gave a positive answer to the above question for additive groups under the assumption that the groups are Banach spaces. In 1978, Rassias [20] proved a generalization of Hyres' theorem for additive mappings.

Theorem 2. (*Th.M. Rassias*) Let $f : X \to Y$ be a mapping from a normed vector space X into a Banach space Y subject to the inequality

$$\|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \le \epsilon(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r)$$
(3)

for all $x, y \in X$, where ϵ and r are constants with $\epsilon > 0$ and r < 1. Then the limit $L(x) := \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n}$ exists for all $x \in X$ and $L : X \to Y$ is the unique linear mapping which satisfies

$$||f(x) - L(x)|| \le \frac{2\epsilon}{2 - 2^p} ||x||^r$$
(4)

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

The result of Rassias has influenced the development of what is now called the *Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability problem* for functional equations. In 1994, a generalization of Rassias's theorem was obtained by Găvruta [12] by replacing the bound $\epsilon(||x||^p + ||y||^p)$ by a general control function $\varphi(x, y)$.

The functional equation f(x + y) + f(x - y) = 2f(x) + 2f(y) is called a *quadratic* functional equation. In particular, every solution of the quadratic functional equation is said to be a *quadratic mapping*. In 1983, a generalized Hyers-Ulam stability problem for the quadratic functional equation was proved by Skof [25] for mappings $f: X \to Y$, where X is a normed space and Y is a Banach space. In 1984, Cholewa [5] noticed that the theorem of Skof is still true if the relevant domain X is replaced by an Abelian group and, in 2002, Czerwik [6] proved the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of the quadratic functional equation.

The stability problems of several functional equations have been extensively investigated by a number of authors and there are many interesting results concerning this problem ([1]- [4],[7]-[11], [17], [19]- [24]).

In 1897, Hensel [13] has introduced a normed space which does not have the Archimedean property. It turned out that non-Archimedean spaces have many nice applications ([15], [16], [18]).

In this paper, we prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of the following functional equation

$$H\left(\frac{x+y}{2}+z\right) = \frac{H(x)+H(y)}{2} + H(z)$$
(5)

in non-Archimedean spaces.

2. Non-Archimedean stability of Eq.(5): A fixed point method

Throughout this section, using the fixed point alternative approach we prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of functional equation (5) in non-Archimedean normed spaces.

Also, in this section we assume that X is a non-Archimedean normed space and that Y is a complete non-Archimedean space. Let $|2| \neq 1$.

Definition 4. Let $\pounds : X^3 \to [0,\infty)$ be a function such that there exists an L < 1 with

$$|2|\pounds\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{y}{2}, \frac{z}{2}\right) \le L\pounds(x, y, z) \tag{6}$$

for all $x, y, z \in X$. Let $H : X \to Y$ be a mapping satisfying

$$\left\| H\left(\frac{x+y}{2}+z\right) - \frac{H(x)+H(y)}{2} - H(z) \right\|_{Y} \le \pounds(x,y,z)$$
(7)

for all $x, y, z \in X$. Then there is a unique additive mapping $R: X \to Y$ such that

$$||H(x) - K(x)||_{Y} \le \frac{L\pounds(x, x, x)}{|2|(1 - L)}$$
(8)

Proof. Putting x = y = z in (7), we have

$$\left\|2H\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - H(x)\right\|_{Y} \le \mathcal{L}\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2}\right) \tag{9}$$

for all $x \in X$. Consider the set $S := \{G: X \to Y\}$ and the generalized metric d in S defined by

$$d(H,G) = \inf \left\{ \mu \in (0,+\infty) : \|G(x) - H(x)\|_Y \le \mu \pounds(x,x,x), \forall x \in X \right\},$$
(10)

where $\inf \emptyset = +\infty$. It is easy to show that (S, d) is complete (see [17], Lemma 2.1). Now, we consider a linear mapping $J: S \to S$ such that

$$JG(x) := 2G\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \tag{11}$$

for all $x \in X$. Let $G, K \in S$ be such that $d(G, H) = \lambda$. Then $||G(x) - H(x)||_Y \le \epsilon \pounds(x, x, x)$ for all $x \in X$ and so

$$\|JG(x) - JH(x)\|_{Y} = \left\|2G\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - 2H\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\right\|_{Y} \le |2|\lambda \pounds\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2}\right) \le \lambda L$$

for all $x\in X$. Thus $d(G,H)=\epsilon$ implies that $d(JG,JH)\leq L\lambda.$ This means that

$$d(JG, JH) \le Ld(G, H) \tag{12}$$

for all $G, H \in S$. It follows from (9) that

$$d(H, JH) \le \frac{L}{|2|} < \infty.$$
(13)

By Theorem (1), there exists a mapping $K: X \to Y$ satisfying the following:

(1) K is a fixed point of J, that is,

$$K\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \frac{K(x)}{2} \tag{14}$$

for all $x \in X$. The mapping K is a unique fixed point of J in the set

$$\Omega = \{ H \in S : d(G, H) < \infty \}.$$
(15)

This implies that K is a unique mapping satisfying (14) such that there exists $\mu \in (0, \infty)$ satisfying

$$||H(x) - K(x)||_Y \le \mu \pounds(x, x, x)$$
(16)

for all $x \in X$.

(2) $d(J^nH,K) \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$. This implies the equality

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} 2^n H\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) = K(x) \tag{17}$$

for all $x \in X$.

(3) $d(H,K) \leq \frac{d(H,JH)}{1-L}$ with $H \in \Omega$, which implies the inequality

$$d(H,K) \le \frac{L}{|2|(1-L)}.$$
(18)

This implies that the inequality (8) holds. On the other hand, By (7), we get

$$\left\| K\left(\frac{x+y}{2}+z\right) - \frac{K(x)+K(y)}{2} - K(z) \right\|_{Y} \le \lim_{n \to \infty} L^{n} \mathcal{L}(x,y,z)$$

for all $x, y, z \in X$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Thus, the mapping $R : X \to Y$ is additive, as desired.

Corollary 3. Let $\theta \ge 0$ and q be a real number with 0 < q < 1. Let $H : X \to Y$ be a mapping satisfying

$$\left\| H\left(\frac{x+y}{2}+z\right) - \frac{H(x)+H(y)}{2} - H(z) \right\|_{Y} \le \theta(\|x\|^{q} + \|y\|^{q} + \|z\|^{q})$$
(19)

for all $x, y, z \in X$. Then

$$K(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} 2^n H\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) \tag{20}$$

exists for all $x \in X$ and $K : X \to Y$ is a unique additive mapping such that

$$||H(x) - K(x)|| \le \frac{3\theta ||x||^q}{|2|(|2|^{q-1} - 1)}$$
(21)

for all $x \in X$.

Proof. The proof follows from Theorem (4) by taking

$$\zeta(x, y, z) = \theta(\|x\|^q + \|y\|^q + \|z\|^q)$$
(22)

for all $x, y, z \in X$. In fact, if we choose $L = |2|^{1-q}$, then we get the desired result.

Similarly, we have the following and then we omit the proof.

Theorem 4. Let $\pounds : X^3 \to [0,\infty)$ be a function such that there exists an L < 1 with (T, \mathcal{U}, Z)

$$\zeta(x, y, z) \le |2| L \pounds\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{y}{2}, \frac{z}{2}\right)$$
(23)

for all $x, y, z \in X$. Let $H : X \to Y$ be a mapping satisfying

$$\left\| H\left(\frac{x+y}{2}+z\right) - \frac{H(x)+H(y)}{2} - H(z) \right\|_{Y} \le \pounds(x,y,z)$$
(24)

for all $x, y, z \in X$. Then

$$K(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{H(2^n x)}{2^n}$$
(25)

exists for all $x \in X$ and defines a unique additive mapping $K: X \to Y$ such that

$$\|H(x) - K(x)\| \le \frac{1}{|2| - |2|L} \mathcal{L}(x, x, x)$$
(26)

Proof. It follows from (9) that

$$\left\| H(x) - \frac{1}{2}H(2x) \right\| \le \frac{1}{|2|} \mathcal{L}(x, x, x)$$
 (27)

for all $x \in X$. The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem (4).

Corollary 5. Let $\theta \ge 0$ and $r_1, r_2, r_3 \in \mathbb{R}^+$ be real numbers with $r_1 + r_2 + r_3 > 1$. Let $H: X \to Y$ be a mapping satisfying

$$\left\| H\left(\frac{x+y}{2}+z\right) - \frac{H(x)+H(y)}{2} - H(z) \right\|_{Y} \le \theta(\|x\|^{r_{1}}.\|y\|^{r_{2}}.\|z\|^{r_{3}})$$
(28)

for all $x, y, z \in X$. Then

$$K(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{H(2^n x)}{2^n}$$
(29)

exists for all $x \in X$ and $K : X \to Y$ is a unique additive mapping such that

$$||H(x) - K(x)|| \le \frac{\theta ||x||^{r_1 + r_2 + r_3}}{|2| - |2|^{r_1 + r_2 + r_3}}$$
(30)

for all $x \in X$.

Proof. The proof follows from Theorem (4) by taking

$$\pounds(x, y, z) = \theta(\|x\|^{r_1} \cdot \|y\|^{r_2} \cdot \|z\|^{r_3})$$
(31)

for all $x,y,z\in X$. In fact, if we choose $L=|2|^{r_1+r_2+r_3-1},$ then we get the desired result.

3. NON-ARCHIMEDEAN HYERS-ULAM STABILITY OF EQ.(5): A DIRECT METHOD

Throughout this section, using direct method we prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of functional equation (5) in non-Archimedean normed spaces.

Also, in this section we assume that G is a commutative semigroup and X is a complete non-Archimedean space.

Theorem 6. Let $\omega: G^3 \to [0, +\infty)$ be a function such that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} |2|^n \omega\left(\frac{x}{2^n}, \frac{y}{2^n}, \frac{z}{2^n}\right) = 0 \tag{32}$$

for all $x, y, z \in G$ and let for each $x \in G$ the limit

$$\nabla(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \max\left\{ |2|^k \omega\left(\frac{x}{2^k}, \frac{x}{2^k}, \frac{x}{2^k}\right); \ 0 \le k < n \right\}$$
(33)

exists. Suppose that $Q: G \to X$ is a mapping satisfies

$$\left\| H\left(\frac{x+y}{2}+z\right) - \frac{H(x)+H(y)}{2} - H(z) \right\|_{Y} \le \omega(x,y,z).$$
(34)

Then

$$\Re(x) := \lim_{n \to \infty} 2^n H\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) \tag{35}$$

exists for all $x \in G$ and defines an additive mapping $\Re: G \to X$ such that

$$||H(x) - \Re(x)|| \le \nabla(x) \tag{36}$$

Moreover, if

$$\lim_{j \to \infty} \lim_{n \to \infty} \max\left\{ |2|^k \omega\left(\frac{x}{2^k}, \frac{x}{2^k}, \frac{x}{2^k}\right); \ j \le k < n+j \right\} = 0 \tag{37}$$

then \Re is the unique additive mapping satisfying (36).

Proof. Putting x = y = z in (34), we get

$$\left\|2H\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - H(x)\right\| \le \omega\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2}\right) \tag{38}$$

for all $x \in G$. Replacing x by $\frac{x}{2^n}$ in (38), we obtain

$$\left\|2^{n+1}H\left(\frac{x}{2^{n+1}}\right) - 2^n H\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)\right\| \le |2|^n \omega\left(\frac{x}{2^n}, \frac{x}{2^n}, \frac{x}{2^n}\right) \tag{39}$$

It follows from (32) and (39) that the sequence $\left\{2^n H\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)\right\}_{n\geq 1}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Since X is complete, so $\left\{2^n H\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)\right\}_{n\geq 1}$ is convergent. Set $\Re(x) := \lim_{n\to\infty} 2^n H\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)$. Using induction one can show that

$$\left\| 2^{n} H\left(\frac{x}{2^{n}}\right) - H(x) \right\|_{Y} \le \max\left\{ |2|^{k} \omega\left(\frac{x}{2^{k}}, \frac{x}{2^{k}}, \frac{x}{2^{k}}\right); \ 0 \le k < n \right\}.$$
(40)

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and all $x \in G$. By taking n to approach infinity in (40), and using (33), one obtains (36). By (32) and (42), we get

$$\left\| K \left(\frac{x+y}{2} + z \right) - \frac{K(x) + K(y)}{2} - H(z) \right\|_{Y} \le \lim_{n \to \infty} |2|^{n} \omega \left(\frac{x}{2^{n}}, \frac{y}{2^{n}}, \frac{z}{2^{n}} \right) = 0$$

for all $x, y, z \in G$. Therefore the function $\Re : G \to X$ satisfies (5). To prove the uniqueness property of \Re , Let $\Im : G \to X$ be another function satisfying (36). Then

$$\begin{split} \left\| \Im(x) - \Re(x) \right\|_{Y} &= \lim_{n \to \infty} |2|^{n} \left\| \Im\left(\frac{x}{2^{n}}\right) - \Re\left(\frac{x}{2^{n}}\right) \right\|_{Y} \\ &\leq \lim_{k \to \infty} |2|^{n} max \Big\{ \left\| \Im\left(\frac{x}{2^{n}}\right) - H\left(\frac{x}{2^{n}}\right) \right\|_{Y}, \left\| H\left(\frac{x}{2^{n}}\right) - \Re\left(\frac{x}{2^{n}}\right) \right\|_{Y} \Big\} \\ &\leq \lim_{j \to \infty} \lim_{n \to \infty} max \Big\{ |2|^{k} \omega\left(\frac{x}{2^{k}}, \frac{x}{2^{k}}, \frac{x}{2^{k}}\right); \ j \leq k < n+j \Big\} \\ &= 0 \end{split}$$

for all $x \in G$. Therefore $\Im = \Re$, and the proof is complete.

Corollary 7. Let $\xi : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$ be a function satisfying

$$\xi(|2|^{-1}t) \le \xi(|2|^{-1})\xi(t) \quad (t \ge 0) \quad \xi(|2|^{-1}) < |2|^{-1} \tag{41}$$

Let $\kappa > 0$ and $H: G \to X$ be a mapping satisfying

$$\left\| H\left(\frac{x+y}{2}+z\right) - \frac{H(x)+H(y)}{2} - H(z) \right\|_{Y} \le \kappa(\xi(|x|) + \xi(|y|) + \xi(|z|)).$$
(42)

for all $x, y, z \in G$. Then there exists a unique additive mapping $\Re: G \to X$ such that

$$||H(x) - \Re(x)|| \le 3\kappa\xi(|x|)$$
 (43)

Proof. Defining $\omega: G^3 \to [0,\infty)$ by $\omega(x,y,z) := \kappa(\xi(|x|) + \xi(|y|) + \xi(|z|))$. Applying Theorem (6), we get desired results.

Theorem 8. Let $\omega: G^3 \to [0, +\infty)$ be a function such that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} |2|^{-n} \omega(2^n x, 2^n y, 2^n z) = 0$$
(44)

for all $x, y, z \in G$ and let for each $x \in G$ the limit

$$\nabla(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \max\left\{ |2|^{-k} \omega(2^k x, 2^k y, 2^k z); \ 0 \le k < n \right\}$$
(45)

exists. Suppose that $f: G \to X$ be a mapping satisfies

$$\left\| H\left(\frac{x+y}{2}+z\right) - \frac{H(x)+H(y)}{2} - H(z) \right\|_{Y} \le \omega(x,y,z).$$
(46)

Then

$$\Re(x) := \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{H(2^n x)}{2^n} \tag{47}$$

exists for all $x \in G$ and defines an additive mapping $\Re: G \to X$, such that

$$||H(x) - \Re(x)|| \le |2|^{-1}\nabla(x)$$
(48)

Moreover, if

$$\lim_{j \to \infty} \lim_{n \to \infty} \max \left\{ |2|^{-k} \omega(2^k x, 2^k x, 2^k x); \ j \le k < n+j \right\} = 0$$
(49)

then \Re is the unique mapping satisfying (48).

Proof. Putting x = y = z in (46), we get

$$\left\| H(x) - \frac{H(2x)}{2} \right\| \le |2|^{-1} \omega(x, x, x)$$
(50)

for all $x \in G$. Replacing x by $2^n x$ in (50), we obtain

$$\left\|\frac{H(2^{n}x)}{2^{n}} - \frac{H(2^{n+1}x)}{2^{n+1}}\right\| \le |2|^{-(n+1)}\omega(2^{n}x, 2^{n}x, 2^{n}x)$$
(51)

It follows from (44) and (51) that the sequence $\left\{\frac{H(2^n x)}{2^n}\right\}_{n\geq 1}$ is convergent. Set $\Re(x) := \lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{H(2^n x)}{2^n}$. On the other hand, it follows from (51) that

$$\begin{split} \left\| \frac{H(2^{p}x)}{2^{p}} - \frac{H(2^{q}x)}{2^{q}} \right\| &\leq \max \Big\{ \left\| \frac{H(2^{k}x)}{2^{k}} - \frac{H(2^{k+1}x)}{2^{k+1}} \right\| \, ; \, p \leq k < q \Big\} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{|2|} \max \Big\{ |2|^{-k} \omega(2^{k}x, 2^{k}x, 2^{k}x); p \leq k < q \Big\} \end{split}$$

for all $x \in G$ and all non-negative integers p, q with $q > p \ge 0$. Letting p = 0 and passing the limit $q \to \infty$ in the last inequality and using (45), we obtain (48). The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem (6).

Corollary 9. Let $\xi : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$ be a function satisfying

$$\xi(|2|t) \le \xi(|2|)\xi(t) \quad (t \ge 0), \quad \xi(|2|) < |2|$$
(52)

Let $\kappa > 0$ and $f: G \to X$ be a mapping satisfying

$$\left\| H\left(\frac{x+y}{2}+z\right) - \frac{H(x)+H(y)}{2} - H(z) \right\|_{Y} \le \kappa(\xi(|x|).\xi(|y|).\xi(|z|)).$$
(53)

for all $x, y, z \in G$. Then, there exists a unique additive mapping $\Im : G \to X$ such that

$$||Q(x) - \Im(x)|| \le \frac{\kappa \xi^3(|x|)}{|2|}$$
(54)

Proof. Define $\zeta : G^3 \to [0, \infty)$ by $\zeta(x, y, z) := \kappa(\xi(|x|).\xi(|y|).\xi(|z|))$ and apply Theorem (8) to get the result.

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