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# On the Stability of a Generalized Quadratic and Quartic Type Functional Equation in Quasi-Banach Spaces

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We establish the general solution of the functional equation  $f(nx + y) + f(nx - y) = n^2 f(x + y) + n^2 f(x - y) + 2(f(nx) - n^2 f(x)) - 2(n^2 - 1)f(y)$  for fixed integers  $n$  with  $n \neq 0, \pm 1$  and investigate the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of this equation in quasi-Banach spaces.

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## 1. Introduction

The stability problem of functional equations originated from a question of Ulam [1] in 1940, concerning the stability of group homomorphisms. Let  $(G_1, \cdot)$  be a group and let  $(G_2, *)$  be a metric group with the metric  $d(\cdot, \cdot)$ . Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , does there exist a  $\delta > 0$ , such that if a mapping  $h : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  satisfies the inequality  $d(h(x \cdot y), h(x) * h(y)) < \delta$  for all  $x, y \in G_1$ , then there exists a homomorphism  $H : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  with  $d(h(x), H(x)) < \varepsilon$  for all  $x \in G_1$ ? In other words, under what condition does there exist a homomorphism near an approximate homomorphism? The concept of stability for functional equation arises when we replace the functional equation by an inequality which acts as a perturbation of the equation. In 1941, Hyers [2] gave a first affirmative answer to the question of Ulam for Banach spaces. Let  $f : E \rightarrow E'$  be a mapping between Banach spaces such that

$$\|f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \delta \quad (1.1)$$

for all  $x, y \in E$ , and for some  $\delta > 0$ . Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $T : E \rightarrow E'$  such that

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \delta \quad (1.2)$$

for all  $x \in E$ . Moreover, if  $f(tx)$  is continuous in  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  for each fixed  $x \in E$ , then  $T$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear. In 1978, Th. M. Rassias [3] provided a generalization of Hyers' theorem which allows the Cauchy difference to be unbounded. The functional equation

$$f(x+y) + f(x-y) = 2f(x) + 2f(y) \quad (1.3)$$

is related to a symmetric biadditive mapping [4–7]. It is natural that this functional equation is called a quadratic functional equation. In particular, every solution of the quadratic equation (1.3) is said to be a quadratic mapping. It is well known that a mapping  $f$  between real vector spaces is quadratic if and only if there exists a unique symmetric biadditive mapping  $B$  such that  $f(x) = B(x, x)$  for all  $x$  (see [4, 7]). The biadditive mapping  $B$  is given by

$$B(x, y) = \frac{1}{4}(f(x+y) - f(x-y)). \quad (1.4)$$

The generalized Hyers-Ulam stability problem for the quadratic functional equation (1.3) was proved by Skof for mappings  $f : A \rightarrow B$ , where  $A$  is a normed space and  $B$  is a Banach space (see [8]). Cholewa [9] noticed that the theorem of Skof is still true if relevant domain  $A$  is replaced by an abelian group. In [10], Czerwik proved the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of the functional equation (1.3). Grabiec [11] has generalized these results mentioned above.

In [12], Park and Bae considered the following quartic functional equation:

$$f(x+2y) + f(x-2y) = 4(f(x+y) + f(x-y) + 6f(y)) - 6f(x). \quad (1.5)$$

In fact, they proved that a mapping  $f$  between two real vector spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  is a solution of (1.5) if and only if there exists a unique symmetric multiadditive mapping  $D : X \times X \times X \times X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $f(x) = D(x, x, x, x)$  for all  $x$ . It is easy to show that  $f(x) = x^4$  satisfies the functional equation (1.5), which is called a quartic functional equation (see also [13]).

In addition, Kim [14] has obtained the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability for a mixed type of quartic and quadratic functional equation between two real linear Banach spaces. Najati and Zamani Eskandani [15] have established the general solution and the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability for a mixed type of cubic and additive functional equation, whenever  $f$  is a mapping between two quasi-Banach spaces (see also [16, 17]).

Now we introduce the following functional equation for fixed integers  $n$  with  $n \neq 0, \pm 1$ :

$$f(nx+y) + f(nx-y) = n^2 f(x+y) + n^2 f(x-y) + 2f(nx) - 2n^2 f(x) - 2(n^2 - 1)f(y) \quad (1.6)$$

in quasi-Banach spaces. It is easy to see that the function  $f(x) = ax^4 + bx^2$  is a solution of the functional equation (1.6). In the present paper we investigate the general solution of the functional equation (1.6) when  $f$  is a mapping between vector spaces, and we establish the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of this functional equation whenever  $f$  is a mapping between two quasi-Banach spaces.

We recall some basic facts concerning quasi-Banach space and some preliminary results.

**Definition 1.1** (See [18, 19]). Let  $X$  be a real linear space. A quasinorm is a real-valued function on  $X$  satisfying the following.

- (1)  $\|x\| \geq 0$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $\|x\| = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ .
- (2)  $\|\lambda \cdot x\| = |\lambda| \cdot \|x\|$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and all  $x \in X$ .
- (3) There is a constant  $M \geq 1$  such that  $\|x + y\| \leq M(\|x\| + \|y\|)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

It follows from the condition (3) that

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^{2m} x_i \right\| \leq M^m \sum_{i=1}^{2m} \|x_i\|, \quad \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{2m+1} x_i \right\| \leq M^{m+1} \sum_{i=1}^{2m+1} \|x_i\| \quad (1.7)$$

for all  $m \geq 1$  and all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{2m+1} \in X$ .

The pair  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is called a quasinormed space if  $\|\cdot\|$  is a quasinorm on  $X$ . The smallest possible  $M$  is called the modulus of concavity of  $\|\cdot\|$ . A quasi-Banach space is a complete quasinormed space.

A quasi-norm  $\|\cdot\|$  is called a  $p$ -norm ( $0 < p \leq 1$ ) if

$$\|x + y\|^p \leq \|x\|^p + \|y\|^p \quad (1.8)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . In this case, a quasi-Banach space is called a  $p$ -Banach space.

Given a  $p$ -norm, the formula  $d(x, y) := \|x - y\|^p$  gives us a translation invariant metric on  $X$ . By the Aoki-Rolewicz theorem [19] (see also [18]), each quasi-norm is equivalent to some  $p$ -norm. Since it is much easier to work with  $p$ -norms, henceforth we restrict our attention mainly to  $p$ -norms. In [20], Tabor has investigated a version of Hyers-Rassias-Gajda theorem (see [3, 21]) in quasi-Banach spaces.

## 2. General Solution

Throughout this section,  $X$  and  $Y$  will be real vector spaces. We here present the general solution of (1.6).

**Lemma 2.1.** *If a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies the functional equation (1.6), then  $f$  is a quadratic and quartic mapping.*

*Proof.* Letting  $x = y = 0$  in (1.6), we get  $f(0) = 0$ . Setting  $x = 0$  in (1.6), we get  $f(y) = f(-y)$  for all  $y \in X$ . So the mapping  $f$  is even. Replacing  $x$  by  $x + y$  in (1.6) and then  $x$  by  $x - y$  in (1.6), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & f(nx + (n+1)y) + f(nx + (n-1)y) \\ &= n^2 f(x + 2y) + n^2 f(x) + 2f(nx + ny) - 2n^2 f(x + y) - 2(n^2 - 1)f(y), \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & f(nx - (n-1)y) + f(nx - (n+1)y) \\ &= n^2 f(x) + n^2 f(x - 2y) + 2f(nx - ny) - 2n^2 f(x - y) - 2(n^2 - 1)f(y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Interchanging  $x$  and  $y$  in (1.6) and using the evenness of  $f$ , we get the relation

$$\begin{aligned} f(x + ny) + f(x - ny) \\ = n^2 f(x + y) + n^2 f(x - y) + 2f(ny) - 2n^2 f(y) - 2(n^2 - 1)f(x) \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $ny$  in (1.6) and then using (2.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(nx + ny) + f(nx - ny) \\ = n^4 f(x + y) + n^4 f(x - y) + 2f(ny) + 2f(nx) - 2n^4 f(x) - 2n^4 f(y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . If we add (2.1) to (2.2) and use (2.4), then we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(nx + (n + 1)y) + f(nx - (n + 1)y) + f(nx + (n - 1)y) + f(nx - (n - 1)y) \\ = n^2 f(x + 2y) + n^2 f(x - 2y) + 2n^2(n^2 - 1)f(x + y) + 2n^2(n^2 - 1)f(x - y) \\ + 4f(ny) + 4f(nx) + (-4n^4 + 2n^2)f(x) + (-4n^4 - 4n^2 + 4)f(y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $x + y$  in (1.6) and then  $y$  by  $x - y$  in (1.6) and using the evenness of  $f$ , we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} f((n + 1)x + y) + f((n - 1)x - y) \\ = n^2 f(2x + y) + n^2 f(y) + 2f(nx) - 2n^2 f(x) - 2(n^2 - 1)f(x + y), \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f((n + 1)x - y) + f((n - 1)x + y) \\ = n^2 f(2x - y) + n^2 f(y) + 2f(nx) - 2n^2 f(x) - 2(n^2 - 1)f(x - y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Interchanging  $x$  with  $y$  in (2.6) and (2.7) and using the evenness of  $f$ , we get the relations

$$\begin{aligned} f(x + (n + 1)y) + f(x - (n - 1)y) \\ = n^2 f(x + 2y) + n^2 f(x) + 2f(ny) - 2n^2 f(y) - 2(n^2 - 1)f(x + y), \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x - (n + 1)y) + f(x + (n - 1)y) \\ = n^2 f(x - 2y) + n^2 f(x) + 2f(ny) - 2n^2 f(y) - 2(n^2 - 1)f(x - y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $(n+1)y$  in (1.6) and then  $y$  by  $(n-1)y$  in (1.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & f(nx + (n+1)y) + f(nx - (n+1)y) \\ &= n^2 f(x + (n+1)y) + n^2 f(x - (n+1)y) + 2f(nx) - 2n^2 f(x) - 2(n^2 - 1)f((n+1)y), \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & f(nx + (n-1)y) + f(nx - (n-1)y) \\ &= n^2 f(x + (n-1)y) + n^2 f(x - (n-1)y) + 2f(nx) - 2n^2 f(x) - 2(n^2 - 1)f((n-1)y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $y$  in (1.6), we obtain

$$f((n+1)y) + f((n-1)y) = n^2 f(2y) - 2(2n^2 - 1)f(y) + 2f(ny) \quad (2.12)$$

for all  $y \in X$ . Adding (2.10) to (2.11) and using (2.8), (2.9), and (2.12), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & f(nx + (n+1)y) + f(nx - (n+1)y) + f(nx + (n-1)y) + f(nx - (n-1)y) \\ &= n^4 f(x + 2y) + n^4 f(x - 2y) - 2n^2(n^2 - 1)f(x + y) - 2n^2(n^2 - 1)f(x - y) \\ &\quad + 4f(ny) + 4f(nx) - 2n^2(n^2 - 1)f(2y) + (2n^4 - 4n^2)f(x) + (4n^4 - 12n^2 + 4)f(y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . By (2.5) and (2.13), we obtain

$$f(x + 2y) + f(x - 2y) = 4f(x + y) + 4f(x - y) + 2f(2y) - 8f(y) - 6f(x) \quad (2.14)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Interchanging  $x$  and  $y$  in (2.14) and using the evenness of  $f$ , we get the relation

$$f(2x + y) + f(2x - y) = 4f(x + y) + 4f(x - y) + 2f(2x) - 8f(x) - 6f(y) \quad (2.15)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Now we show that (2.15) is a quadratic and quartic functional equation. To get this, we show that the mappings  $g : X \rightarrow Y$ , defined by  $g(x) = f(2x) - 16f(x)$ , and  $h : X \rightarrow Y$ , defined by  $h(x) = f(2x) - 4f(x)$ , are quadratic and quartic, respectively.

Replacing  $y$  by  $2y$  in (2.15) and using the evenness of  $f$ , we have

$$f(2x + 2y) + f(2x - 2y) = 4f(2y + x) + 4f(2y - x) + 2f(2x) - 8f(x) - 6f(2y) \quad (2.16)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Interchanging  $x$  with  $y$  in (2.16) and then using (2.15), we obtain by the evenness of  $f$

$$\begin{aligned} f(2x+2y) + f(2x-2y) &= 4f(2x+y) + 4f(2x-y) + 2f(2y) - 8f(y) - 6f(2x) \\ &= 16f(x+y) + 16f(x-y) + 2f(2x) + 2f(2y) - 32f(x) - 32f(y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . By (2.17), we have

$$[f(2x+2y) - 16f(x+y)] + [f(2x-2y) - 16f(x-y)] = 2[f(2x) - 16f(x)] + 2[f(2y) - 16f(y)] \quad (2.18)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . This means that

$$g(x+y) + g(x-y) = 2g(x) + 2g(y) \quad (2.19)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Thus the mapping  $g : X \rightarrow Y$  is quadratic.

To prove that  $h : X \rightarrow Y$  is quartic, we have to show that

$$h(2x+y) + h(2x-y) = 4h(x+y) + 4h(x-y) + 24h(x) - 6h(y) \quad (2.20)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Replacing  $x$  and  $y$  by  $2x$  and  $2y$  in (2.15), respectively, we get

$$f(4x+2y) + f(4x-2y) = 4f(2x+2y) + 4f(2x-2y) + 2f(4x) - 8f(2x) - 6f(2y) \quad (2.21)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Since  $g(2x) = 4g(x)$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $g : X \rightarrow Y$  is a quadratic mapping, we have

$$f(4x) = 20f(2x) - 64f(x) \quad (2.22)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . So it follows from (2.15), (2.21), and (2.22) that

$$\begin{aligned} h(2x+y) + h(2x-y) &= [f(4x+2y) - 4f(2x+y)] + [f(4x-2y) - 4f(2x-y)] \\ &= 4[f(2x+2y) - 4f(x+y)] + 4[f(2x-2y) - 4f(x-y)] \\ &\quad + 24[f(2x) - 4f(x)] - 6[f(2y) - 4f(y)] \\ &= 4h(x+y) + 4h(x-y) + 24h(x) - 6h(y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.23)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Thus  $h : X \rightarrow Y$  is a quartic mapping.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** *A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies (1.6) if and only if there exist a unique symmetric multiadditive mapping  $D : X \times X \times X \times X \rightarrow Y$  and a unique symmetric bi-additive mapping  $B : X \times X \rightarrow Y$  such that*

$$f(x) = D(x, x, x, x) + B(x, x) \quad (2.24)$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* We first assume that the mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies (1.6). Let  $g, h : X \rightarrow Y$  be mappings defined by

$$g(x) := f(2x) - 16f(x), \quad h(x) := f(2x) - 4f(x) \quad (2.25)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . By Lemma 2.1, we achieve that the mappings  $g$  and  $h$  are quadratic and quartic, respectively, and

$$f(x) := \frac{1}{12}h(x) - \frac{1}{12}g(x) \quad (2.26)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Thus there exist a unique symmetric multiadditive mapping  $D : X \times X \times X \times X \rightarrow Y$  and a unique symmetric bi-additive mapping  $B : X \times X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $D(x, x, x, x) = (1/12)h(x)$  and  $B(x, x) = -(1/12)g(x)$  for all  $x \in X$  (see citead, ki). So

$$f(x) = D(x, x, x, x) + B(x, x) \quad (2.27)$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

Conversely assume that

$$f(x) = D(x, x, x, x) + B(x, x) \quad (2.28)$$

for all  $x \in X$ , where the mapping  $D : X \times X \times X \times X \rightarrow Y$  is symmetric multi-additive and  $B : X \times X \rightarrow Y$  is bi-additive. By a simple computation, one can show that the mappings  $D$  and  $B$  satisfy the functional equation (1.6), so the mapping  $f$  satisfies (1.6).  $\square$

### 3. Generalized Hyers-Ulam Stability of (1.6)

From now on, let  $X$  and  $Y$  be a quasi-Banach space with quasi-norm  $\|\cdot\|_X$  and a  $p$ -Banach space with  $p$ -norm  $\|\cdot\|_Y$ , respectively. Let  $M$  be the modulus of concavity of  $\|\cdot\|_Y$ . In this section, using an idea of Găvruta [22], we prove the stability of (1.6) in the spirit of Hyers, Ulam, and Rassias. For convenience we use the following abbreviation for a given mapping

$f : X \rightarrow Y$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta f(x, y) &= f(nx + y) + f(nx - y) - n^2 f(x + y) - n^2 f(x - y) \\ &\quad - 2f(nx) + 2n^2 f(x) + 2(n^2 - 1)f(y) \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Let  $\varphi_q^p(x, y) := (\varphi_q(x, y))^p$ . We will use the following lemma in this section.

**Lemma 3.1** (see [15]). *Let  $0 < p \leq 1$  and let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be nonnegative real numbers. Then*

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^p \leq \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^p. \quad (3.2)$$

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $\varphi_q : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function such that*

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 4^m \varphi_q \left( \frac{x}{2^m}, \frac{y}{2^m} \right) = 0 \quad (3.3)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 4^{pi} \varphi_q^p \left( \frac{x}{2^i}, \frac{y}{2^i} \right) < \infty \quad (3.4)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $y \in \{x, 2x, 3x, nx, (n+1)x, (n-1)x, (n+2)x, (n-2)x, (n-3)x\}$ . Suppose that a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  with  $f(0) = 0$  satisfies the inequality

$$\|\Delta f(x, y)\|_Y \leq \varphi_q(x, y) \quad (3.5)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then the limit

$$Q(x) := \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 4^m \left[ f \left( \frac{x}{2^{m-1}} \right) - 16f \left( \frac{x}{2^m} \right) \right] \quad (3.6)$$

exists for all  $x \in X$  and  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  is a unique quadratic mapping satisfying

$$\|f(2x) - 16f(x) - Q(x)\|_Y \leq \frac{M^{11}}{4} [\tilde{\varphi}_q(x)]^{1/p} \quad (3.7)$$



for all  $x \in X$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\psi}_q(x) := & \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 4^{pi} \left\{ \frac{1}{n^{2p}(n^2-1)^p} \left[ \varphi_q^p\left(\frac{x}{2^i}, \frac{(n+2)x}{2^i}\right) + \varphi_q^p\left(\frac{x}{2^i}, \frac{(n-2)x}{2^i}\right) + 4^p \varphi_q^p\left(\frac{x}{2^i}, \frac{(n+1)x}{2^i}\right) \right. \right. \\ & + 4^p \varphi_q^p\left(\frac{x}{2^i}, \frac{(n-1)x}{2^i}\right) + 4^p \varphi_q^p\left(\frac{x}{2^i}, \frac{nx}{2^i}\right) + \varphi_q^p\left(\frac{2x}{2^i}, \frac{2x}{2^i}\right) + 4^p \varphi_q^p\left(\frac{2x}{2^i}, \frac{x}{2^i}\right) \\ & + n^{2p} \varphi_q^p\left(\frac{x}{2^i}, \frac{3x}{2^i}\right) + 2^p (3n^2-1)^p \varphi_q^p\left(\frac{x}{2^i}, \frac{2x}{2^i}\right) + (17n^2-8)^p \varphi_q^p\left(\frac{x}{2^i}, \frac{x}{2^i}\right) \\ & + \frac{n^{2p}}{(n^2-1)^p} \left( \varphi_q^p\left(0, \frac{x(n+1)x}{2^i}\right) + \varphi_q^p\left(0, \frac{(n-3)x}{2^i}\right) + 10^p \varphi_q^p\left(0, \frac{(n-1)x}{2^i}\right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + 4^p \varphi_q^p\left(0, \frac{nx}{2^i}\right) + 4^p \varphi_q^p\left(0, \frac{(n-2)x}{2^i}\right) \right) + \frac{(n^4+1)^p}{(n^2-1)^p} \varphi_q^p\left(0, \frac{2x}{2^i}\right) \\ & \left. + \frac{(2(3n^4-n^2+2))^p}{(n^2-1)^p} \varphi_q^p\left(0, \frac{x}{2^i}\right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

*Proof.* Setting  $x = 0$  in (3.5) and then interchanging  $x$  and  $y$ , we get

$$\left\| (n^2-1)f(x) - (n^2-1)f(-x) \right\| \leq \varphi_q(0, x) \quad (3.9)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $x, 2x, nx, (n+1)x$  and  $(n-1)x$  in (3.5), respectively, we get

$$\left\| f((n+1)x) + f((n-1)x) - n^2 f(2x) - 2f(nx) + (4n^2-2)f(x) \right\| \leq \varphi_q(x, x), \quad (3.10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| f((n+2)x) + f((n-2)x) - n^2 f(3x) - n^2 f(-x) - 2f(nx) + 2n^2 f(x) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + 2(n^2-1)f(2x) \right\| \leq \varphi_q(x, 2x), \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

$$\left\| f(2nx) - n^2 f((n+1)x) - n^2 f((1-n)x) + 2(n^2-2)f(nx) + 2n^2 f(x) \right\| \leq \varphi_q(x, nx), \quad (3.12)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| f((2n+1)x) + f(-x) - n^2 f((n+2)x) - n^2 f(-nx) - 2f(nx) + 2n^2 f(x) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + 2(n^2-1)f((n+1)x) \right\| \leq \varphi_q(x, (n+1)x), \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| f((2n-1)x) + f(x) - n^2 f((2-n)x) - (n^2+2)f(nx) + 2n^2 f(x) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + 2(n^2-1)f((n-1)x) \right\| \leq \varphi_q(x, (n-1)x), \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| f(2(n+1)x) + f(-2x) - n^2 f((n+3)x) - n^2 f(-(n+1)x) - 2f(nx) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + 2n^2 f(x) + 2(n^2-1)f((n+2)x) \right\| \leq \varphi_q(x, (n+2)x), \end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| f(2(n-1)x) + f(2x) - n^2 f((n-1)x) - n^2 f(-(n-3)x) - 2f(nx) + 2n^2 f(x) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + 2(n^2 - 1)f((n-2)x) \right\| \leq \varphi_q(x, (n-2)x), \end{aligned} \quad (3.16)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| f((n+3)x) + f((n-3)x) - n^2 f(4x) - n^2 f(-2x) - 2f(nx) + 2n^2 f(x) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + 2(n^2 - 1)f(3x) \right\| \leq \varphi_q(x, 3x) \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Combining (3.9) and (3.11)–(3.17), respectively, yields the following inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| f((n+2)x) + f((n-2)x) - n^2 f(3x) - n^2 f(x) - 2f(nx) + 2n^2 f(x) + 2(n^2 - 1)f(2x) \right\| \\ & \quad \leq \varphi_q(x, 2x) + \frac{n^2}{n^2 - 1} \varphi_q(0, x), \end{aligned} \quad (3.18)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| f(2nx) - n^2 f((n+1)x) - n^2 f((n-1)x) + 2(n^2 - 2)f(nx) + 2n^2 f(x) \right\| \\ & \quad \leq \varphi_q(x, nx) + \frac{n^2}{n^2 - 1} \varphi_q(0, (n-1)x), \end{aligned} \quad (3.19)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| f((2n+1)x) + f(x) - n^2 f((n+2)x) - n^2 f(nx) - 2f(nx) + 2n^2 f(x) + 2(n^2 - 1)f((n+1)x) \right\| \\ & \quad \leq \varphi_q(x, (n+1)x) + \frac{n^2}{n^2 - 1} \varphi_q(0, nx) + \frac{1}{n^2 - 1} \varphi_q(0, x), \end{aligned} \quad (3.20)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| f((2n-1)x) + f(x) - n^2 f((n-2)x) - (n^2 + 2)f(nx) + 2n^2 f(x) + 2(n^2 - 1)f((n-1)x) \right\| \\ & \quad \leq \varphi_q(x, (n-1)x) + \frac{n^2}{n^2 - 1} \varphi_q(0, (n-2)x), \end{aligned} \quad (3.21)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| f(2(n+1)x) + f(2x) - n^2 f((n+3)x) - n^2 f((n+1)x) - 2f(nx) + 2n^2 f(x) + 2(n^2 - 1)f((n+2)x) \right\| \\ & \quad \leq \varphi_q(x, (n+2)x) + \frac{n^2}{n^2 - 1} \varphi_q(0, (n+1)x) + \varphi_q(0, 2x), \end{aligned} \quad (3.22)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| f(2(n-1)x) + f(2x) - n^2 f((n-1)x) - n^2 f((n-3)x) - 2f(nx) + 2n^2 f(x) + 2(n^2 - 1)f((n-2)x) \right\| \\ & \quad \leq \varphi_q(x, (n-2)x) + \frac{n^2}{n^2 - 1} \varphi_q(0, (n-3)x), \end{aligned} \quad (3.23)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| f((n+3)x) + f((n-3)x) - n^2 f(4x) - n^2 f(2x) - 2f(nx) + 2n^2 f(x) + 2(n^2 - 1)f(3x) \right\| \\ & \quad \leq \varphi_q(x, 3x) + \frac{n^2}{n^2 - 1} \varphi_q(0, 2x) \end{aligned} \quad (3.24)$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

Replacing  $x$  and  $y$  by  $2x$  and  $x$  in (3.5), respectively, we obtain

$$\|f((2n+1)x) + f((2n-1)x) - n^2 f(3x) - 2f(2nx) + 2n^2 f(2x) + (n^2 - 2)f(x)\| \leq \varphi_q(2x, x) \quad (3.25)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Putting  $2x$  and  $2y$  instead of  $x$  and  $y$  in (3.5), respectively, we have

$$\|f(2(n+1)x) + f(2(n-1)x) - n^2 f(4x) - 2f(2nx) + 2(2n^2 - 1)f(2x)\| \leq \varphi_q(2x, 2x) \quad (3.26)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . It follows from (3.10), (3.18), (3.19), (3.20), (3.21), and (3.25) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(3x) - 6f(2x) + 15f(x)\| \\ & \leq \frac{M^5}{n^2(n^2 - 1)} \left[ \varphi_q(x, (n+1)x) + \varphi_q(x, (n-1)x) + \varphi_q(2x, x) + 2\varphi_q(x, nx) + n^2\varphi_q(x, 2x) \right. \\ & \quad + (4n^2 - 2)\varphi_q(x, x) + \frac{n^2}{n^2 - 1} (2\varphi_q(0, (n-1)x) + \varphi_q(0, nx) + \varphi_q(0, (n-2)x)) \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{n^4 + 1}{n^2 - 1} \varphi_q(0, x) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (3.27)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Also, from (3.10), (3.18), (3.19), (3.22), (3.23), (3.24), and (3.26), we conclude

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(4x) - 4f(3x) + 4f(2x) + 4f(x)\| \\ & \leq \frac{M^6}{n^2(n^2 - 1)} \left[ \varphi_q(x, (n+2)x) + \varphi_q(x, (n-2)x) + \varphi_q(2x, 2x) + 2\varphi_q(x, nx) \right. \\ & \quad + n^2(\varphi_q(x, 3x) + \varphi_q(x, x)) + 2(n^2 - 1)\varphi_q(x, 2x) \\ & \quad + \frac{n^2}{n^2 - 1} (2\varphi_q(0, (n-1)x) + \varphi_q(0, (n-3)x) + \varphi_q(0, (n+1)x)) \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{n^4 + 1}{n^2 - 1} \varphi_q(0, 2x) + 2n^2\varphi_q(0, x) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (3.28)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Finally, combining (3.27) and (3.28) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|f(4x) - 24f(2x) + 64f(x)\| \\
& \leq \frac{M^8}{n^2(n^2-1)} \left[ \varphi_q(x, (n+2)x) + \varphi_q(x, (n-2)x) + 4\varphi_q(x, (n+1)x) \right. \\
& \quad + 4\varphi_q(x, (n-1)x) + 10\varphi_q(x, nx) + \varphi_q(2x, 2x) + 4\varphi_q(2x, x) \\
& \quad + n^2\varphi_q(x, 3x) + 2(3n^2-1)\varphi_q(x, 2x) + (17n^2-8)\varphi_q(x, x) \\
& \quad + \frac{n^2}{n^2-1} (\varphi_q(0, (n+1)x) + \varphi_q(0, (n-3)x) + 10\varphi_q(0, (n-1)x) \\
& \quad \quad + 4\varphi_q(0, nx) + 4\varphi_q(0, (n-2)x)) + \frac{n^4+1}{n^2-1} \varphi_q(0, 2x) \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{2(3n^4-n^2+2)}{n^2-1} \varphi_q(0, x) \right] \tag{3.29}
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Let

$$\begin{aligned}
\psi_q(x) := & \frac{1}{n^2(n^2-1)} \left[ \varphi_q(x, (n+2)x) + \varphi_q(x, (n-2)x) + 4\varphi_q(x, (n+1)x) \right. \\
& + 4\varphi_q(x, (n-1)x) + 10\varphi_q(x, nx) + \varphi_q(2x, 2x) + 4\varphi_q(2x, x) \\
& + n^2\varphi_q(x, 3x) + 2(3n^2-1)\varphi_q(x, 2x) + (17n^2-8)\varphi_q(x, x) \\
& + \frac{n^2}{n^2-1} (\varphi_q(0, (n+1)x) + \varphi_q(0, (n-3)x) + 10\varphi_q(0, (n-1)x) + 4\varphi_q(0, nx) \\
& \quad \left. + 4\varphi_q(0, (n-2)x)) + \frac{n^4+1}{n^2-1} \varphi_q(0, 2x) + \frac{2(3n^4-n^2+2)}{n^2-1} \varphi_q(0, x) \right]. \tag{3.30}
\end{aligned}$$

Then the inequality (3.29) implies that

$$\|f(4x) - 20f(2x) + 64f(x)\| \leq M^8 \psi_q(x) \tag{3.31}$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

Let  $g : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping defined by  $g(x) := f(2x) - 16f(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . From (3.31), we conclude that

$$\|g(2x) - 4g(x)\| \leq M^8 \psi_q(x) \tag{3.32}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . If we replace  $x$  in (3.32) by  $x/2^{m+1}$  and multiply both sides of (3.32) by  $4^m$ , then we get

$$\left\| 4^{m+1}g\left(\frac{x}{2^{m+1}}\right) - 4^m g\left(\frac{x}{2^m}\right) \right\|_Y \leq M^8 4^m \psi_q\left(\frac{x}{2^{m+1}}\right) \quad (3.33)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all nonnegative integers  $m$ . Since  $Y$  is a  $p$ -Banach space, the inequality (3.33) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| 4^{m+1}g\left(\frac{x}{2^{m+1}}\right) - 4^k g\left(\frac{x}{2^k}\right) \right\|_Y^p &\leq \sum_{i=k}^m \left\| 4^{i+1}g\left(\frac{x}{2^{i+1}}\right) - 4^i g\left(\frac{x}{2^i}\right) \right\|_Y^p \\ &\leq M^{8p} \sum_{i=k}^m 4^{ip} \psi_q^p\left(\frac{x}{2^{i+1}}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (3.34)$$

for all nonnegative integers  $m$  and  $k$  with  $m \geq k$  and all  $x \in X$ . Since  $0 < p \leq 1$ , by Lemma 3.1 and (3.30), we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_q^p(x) &\leq \frac{1}{n^{2p}(n^2-1)^p} \left[ \varphi_q^p(x, (n+2)x) + \varphi_q^p(x, (n-2)x) + 4^p \varphi_q^p(x, (n+1)x) \right. \\ &\quad + 4^p \varphi_q^p(x, (n-1)x) + 10^p \varphi_q^p(x, nx) + \varphi_q^p(2x, 2x) + 4^p \varphi_q^p(2x, x) \\ &\quad + n^{2p} \varphi_q^p(x, 3x) + 2^p (3n^2-1)^p \varphi_q^p(x, 2x) + (17n^2-8)^p \varphi_q^p(x, x) + \frac{n^{2p}}{(n^2-1)^p} \\ &\quad \times \left( \varphi_q^p(0, (n+1)x) + \varphi_q^p(0, (n-3)x) + 10^p \varphi_q^p(0, (n-1)x) + 4^p \varphi_q^p(0, nx) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + 4^p \varphi_q^p(0, (n-2)x) \right) + \frac{(n^4+1)^p}{(n^2-1)^p} \varphi_q^p(0, 2x) + \frac{(2(3n^4-n^2+2))^p}{(n^2-1)^p} \varphi_q^p(0, x) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (3.35)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Therefore, it follows from (3.4) and (3.35) that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 4^{ip} \psi_q^p\left(\frac{x}{2^i}\right) < \infty \quad (3.36)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . It follows from (3.34) and (3.36) that the sequence  $\{4^m g(x/2^m)\}$  is Cauchy for all  $x \in X$ . Since  $Y$  is complete, the sequence  $\{4^m g(x/2^m)\}$  converges for all  $x \in X$ . So one can define the mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  by

$$Q(x) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 4^m g\left(\frac{x}{2^m}\right) \quad (3.37)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Letting  $k = 0$  and passing the limit  $m \rightarrow \infty$  in (3.34), we get

$$\|g(x) - Q(x)\|_Y^p \leq M^{8p} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} 4^{ip} \psi_q^p \left( \frac{x}{2^{i+1}} \right) = \frac{M^{8p}}{4^p} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 4^{ip} \psi_q^p \left( \frac{x}{2^i} \right) \quad (3.38)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Thus (3.7) follows from (3.4) and (3.38).

Now we show that  $Q$  is quadratic. It follows from (3.3), (3.33) and (3.37) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|Q(2x) - 4Q(x)\|_Y &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left\| 4^m g \left( \frac{x}{2^{m-1}} \right) - 4^{m+1} g \left( \frac{x}{2^m} \right) \right\|_Y \\ &= 4 \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left\| 4^{m-1} g \left( \frac{x}{4^{m-1}} \right) - 4^m g \left( \frac{x}{2^m} \right) \right\|_Y \\ &\leq M^{11} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 4^m \psi_q \left( \frac{x}{2^m} \right) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3.39)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . So

$$Q(2x) = 4Q(x) \quad (3.40)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . On the other hand, it follows from (3.3), (3.5), (3.6) and (3.37) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta Q(x, y)\|_Y &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 4^m \left\| \Delta g \left( \frac{x}{2^m}, \frac{y}{2^m} \right) \right\|_Y \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 4^m \left\| \Delta f \left( \frac{x}{2^{m-1}}, \frac{y}{2^{m-1}} \right) - 16 \Delta f \left( \frac{x}{2^m}, \frac{y}{2^m} \right) \right\|_Y \\ &\leq M \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 4^m \left\{ \left\| \Delta f \left( \frac{x}{2^{m-1}}, \frac{y}{2^{m-1}} \right) \right\|_Y + 16 \left\| \Delta f \left( \frac{x}{2^m}, \frac{y}{2^m} \right) \right\|_Y \right\} \\ &\leq M \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 4^m \left\{ \varphi_q \left( \frac{x}{2^{m-1}}, \frac{y}{2^{m-1}} \right) + 16 \varphi_q \left( \frac{x}{2^m}, \frac{y}{2^m} \right) \right\} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3.41)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Hence the mapping  $Q$  satisfies (1.6). By Lemma 2.1, the mapping  $Q(2x) - 4Q(x)$  is quadratic. Hence (3.40) implies that the mapping  $Q$  is quadratic.

It remains to show that  $Q$  is unique. Suppose that there exists another quadratic mapping  $Q' : X \rightarrow Y$  which satisfies (1.6) and (3.7). Since  $Q'(x/2^m) = (1/4^m)Q'(x)$  and  $Q(x/2^m) = (1/4^m)Q(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ , we conclude from (3.7) that

$$\|Q(x) - Q'(x)\|_Y^p = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 4^{mp} \left\| g \left( \frac{x}{2^m} \right) - Q' \left( \frac{x}{2^m} \right) \right\|_Y^p \leq \frac{M^{8p}}{4^p} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 4^{mp} \tilde{\psi}_q \left( \frac{x}{2^m} \right) \quad (3.42)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . On the other hand, since

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 4^{mp} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 4^{ip} \varphi_q^p \left( \frac{x}{2^{m+i}}, \frac{y}{2^{m+i}} \right) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=m+1}^{\infty} 4^{ip} \varphi_q^p \left( \frac{x}{2^i}, \frac{y}{2^i} \right) = 0 \tag{3.43}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $y \in \{x, 2x, 3x, nx, (n+1)x, (n-1)x, (n+2)x, (n-2)x, (n-3)x\}$ , then

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 4^{mp} \tilde{\psi}_q \left( \frac{x}{2^m} \right) = 0 \tag{3.44}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Using (3.44) and (3.42), we get  $Q = Q'$ , as desired. □

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $\varphi_q : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function such that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{4^m} \varphi_q(2^m x, 2^m y) = 0 \tag{3.45}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4^{pi}} \varphi_q^p(2^i x, 2^i y) < \infty \tag{3.46}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $y \in \{x, 2x, 3x, nx, (n+1)x, (n-1)x, (n+2)x, (n-2)x, (n-3)x\}$ . Suppose that a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  with  $f(0) = 0$  satisfies the inequality

$$\|\Delta f(x, y)\|_Y \leq \varphi_q(x, y) \tag{3.47}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then the limit

$$Q(x) := \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{4^m} [f(2^{m+1}x) - 16f(2^m x)] \tag{3.48}$$

exists for all  $x \in X$  and  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  is a unique quadratic mapping satisfying

$$\|f(2x) - 16f(x) - Q(x)\|_Y \leq \frac{M^8}{4} [\tilde{\psi}_q(x)]^{1/p} \tag{3.49}$$

for all  $x \in X$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\varphi}_q(x) := & \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4^{pi}} \left\{ \frac{1}{n^{2p}(n^2-1)^p} \left[ \varphi_q^p(2^i x, 2^i(n+2)x) + \varphi_q^p(2^i x, 2^i(n-2)x) + 4^p \varphi_q^p(2^i x, 2^i(n+1)x) \right. \right. \\ & + 4^p \varphi_q^p(2^i x, 2^i(n-1)x) + 10^p \varphi_q^p(2^i x, 2^i n x) + \varphi_q^p(2^i 2x, 2^i 2x) + 4^p \varphi_q^p(2^i 2x, 2^i x) \\ & + n^{2p} \varphi_q^p(2^i x, 2^i 3x) + 2^p (3n^2 - 1)^p \varphi_q^p(2^i x, 2^i 2x) + (17n^2 - 8)^p \varphi_q^p(2^i x, 2^i x) \\ & + \frac{n^{2p}}{(n^2 - 1)^p} \left( \varphi_q^p(0, 2^i(n+1)x) + \varphi_q^p(0, 2^i(n-3)x) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + 10^p \varphi_q^p(0, 2^i(n-1)x) + 4^p \varphi_q^p(0, 2^i n x) + 4^p \varphi_q^p(0, 2^i(n-2)x) \right) \\ & \left. \left. + \frac{(n^4 + 1)^p}{(n^2 - 1)^p} \varphi_q^p(0, 2^i 2x) + \frac{(2(3n^4 - n^2 + 2))^p}{(n^2 - 1)^p} \varphi_q^p(0, 2^i x) \right] \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.50)$$

*Proof.* The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 3.2.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.4.** Let  $\theta, r, s$  be nonnegative real numbers such that  $r, s > 2$  or  $s < 2$ . Suppose that a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  with  $f(0) = 0$  satisfies the inequality

$$\|\Delta f(x, y)\|_Y \leq \begin{cases} \theta, & r = s = 0, \\ \theta \|x\|_X^r, & r > 0, s = 0, \\ \theta \|y\|_X^s, & r = 0, s > 0, \\ \theta (\|x\|_X^r + \|y\|_X^s), & r, s > 0 \end{cases} \quad (3.51)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying

$$\|f(2x) - 16f(x) - Q(x)\|_Y \leq \frac{M^8 \theta}{n^2(n^2-1)} \begin{cases} \delta_q, & r = s = 0, \\ \alpha_q(x), & r > 0, s = 0, \\ \beta_q(x), & r = 0, s > 0, \\ \left( \alpha_q^p(x) + \beta_q^p(x) \right)^{1/p}, & r, s > 0 \end{cases} \quad (3.52)$$



for all  $x \in X$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_q &= \left\{ \frac{1}{4^p - 1(n^2 - 1)^p} \left[ (6n^2 - 2)^p (n^2 - 1)^p + (17n^2 - 8)^p (n^2 - 1)^p + (6n^4 - 2n^2 + 4)^p \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + n^{2p}(2 + 10^p + 2 * 4^p) + (n^4 + 1)^p + n^{2p}(n^2 - 1)^p + 3 * 4^p (n^2 - 1)^p \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + 10^p (n^2 - 1)^p + 3(n^2 - 1)^p \right] \right\}^{1/p}, \\ \alpha_q(x) &= \left\{ \frac{4^p(2 + 2^{rp}) + 10^p + (6n^2 - 2)^p + (17n^2 - 8)^p + 2^{rp} + n^{2p}}{|4^p - 2^{rp}|} \right\}^{1/p} \|x\|_X^r, \\ \beta_q(x) &= \left\{ \frac{1}{(n^2 - 1)^p |4^p - 2^{sp}|} \left[ 2^{sp}(6n^2 - 2)^p (n^2 - 1)^p + (17n^2 - 8)^p (n^2 - 1)^p + (6n^4 - 2n^2 + 4)^p \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + n^{2p}((n + 1)^{sp} + (n - 3)^{sp} + 10^p(n - 1)^{sp} + 4^p n^{sp} + 4^p(n - 2)^{sp}) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + 2^{sp}(n^4 + 1)^p + 3^{sp} n^{2p}(n^2 - 1)^p + 4^p(n^2 - 1)^p + (n + 2)^{sp}(n^2 - 1)^p \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + (n - 2)^{sp}(n^2 - 1)^p + 4^p(n + 1)^{sp}(n^2 - 1)^p + 4^p(n - 1)^{sp}(n^2 - 1)^p \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + 10^p n^{sp}(n^2 - 1)^p \right] \right\}^{1/p} \|x\|_X^s. \end{aligned} \tag{3.53}$$

*Proof.* In Theorem 3.2, putting  $\varphi_q(x, y) := \theta(\|x\|_X^r + \|y\|_X^s)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ , we get the desired result.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.5.** Let  $\theta \geq 0$  and  $r, s > 0$  be nonnegative real numbers such that  $\lambda := r + s \neq 2$ . Suppose that a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  with  $f(0) = 0$  satisfies the inequality

$$\|\Delta f(x, y)\|_Y \leq \theta \|x\|_X^r \|y\|_X^s \tag{3.54}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} &\|f(2x) - 16f(x) - Q(x)\|_Y \\ &\leq \frac{M^8 \theta}{n^2(n^2 - 1)} \left\{ \frac{1}{|4^p - 2^{\lambda p}|} \left[ (n + 2)^{sp} + (n - 2)^{sp} + 4^p(n + 1)^{sp} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + 4^p(n - 1)^{sp} + 10^p n^{sp} + 2^{(r+s)p} + 4^p 2^{rp} + n^{2p} 3^{sp} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + 2^{sp}(6n^2 - 2)^p + (17n^2 - 8)^p \right] \right\}^{1/p} \|x\|_X^\lambda \end{aligned} \tag{3.55}$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* In Theorem 3.2, putting  $\varphi_q(x, y) := \theta \|x\|_X^q \|y\|_X^q$  for all  $x, y \in X$ , we get the desired result.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $\varphi_t : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function such that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 16^m \varphi_t \left( \frac{x}{2^m}, \frac{y}{2^m} \right) = 0 \quad (3.56)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 16^{pi} \varphi_t^p \left( \frac{x}{2^i}, \frac{y}{2^i} \right) < \infty \quad (3.57)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $y \in \{x, 2x, 3x, nx, (n+1)x, (n-1)x, (n+2)x, (n-2)x, (n-3)x\}$ . Suppose that a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  with  $f(0) = 0$  satisfies the inequality

$$\|\Delta f(x, y)\|_Y \leq \varphi_t(x, y) \quad (3.58)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then the limit

$$T(x) := \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 16^m \left[ f \left( \frac{x}{2^{m-1}} \right) - 4f \left( \frac{x}{2^m} \right) \right] \quad (3.59)$$

exists for all  $x \in X$  and  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is a unique quartic mapping satisfying

$$\|f(2x) - 4f(x) - T(x)\|_Y \leq \frac{M^8}{16} [\tilde{\varphi}_t(x)]^{1/p} \quad (3.60)$$

for all  $x \in X$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\varphi}_t(x) := & \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 16^{pi} \left\{ \frac{1}{n^{2p}(n^2-1)^p} \left[ \varphi_t^p \left( \frac{x}{2^i}, \frac{(n+2)x}{2^i} \right) + \varphi_t^p \left( \frac{x}{2^i}, \frac{(n-2)x}{2^i} \right) + 4^p \varphi_t^p \left( \frac{x}{2^i}, \frac{(n+1)x}{2^i} \right) \right. \right. \\ & + 4^p \varphi_t^p \left( \frac{x}{2^i}, \frac{(n-1)x}{2^i} \right) + 10^p \varphi_t^p \left( \frac{x}{2^i}, \frac{nx}{2^i} \right) + \varphi_t^p \left( \frac{2x}{2^i}, \frac{2x}{2^i} \right) + 4^p \varphi_t^p \left( \frac{2x}{2^i}, \frac{x}{2^i} \right) \\ & + n^{2p} \varphi_t^p \left( \frac{x}{2^i}, \frac{3x}{2^i} \right) + 2^p (3n^2-1)^p \varphi_t^p \left( \frac{x}{2^i}, \frac{2x}{2^i} \right) + (17n^2-8)^p \varphi_t^p \left( \frac{x}{2^i}, \frac{x}{2^i} \right) \\ & + \frac{n^{2p}}{(n^2-1)^p} \left( \varphi_t^p \left( 0, \frac{x(n+1)x}{2^i} \right) + \varphi_t^p \left( 0, \frac{(n-3)x}{2^i} \right) + 10^p \varphi_t^p \left( 0, \frac{(n-1)x}{2^i} \right) \right. \\ & \left. + 4^p \varphi_t^p \left( 0, \frac{nx}{2^i} \right) + 4^p \varphi_t^p \left( 0, \frac{(n-2)x}{2^i} \right) \right) + \frac{(n^4+1)^p}{(n^2-1)^p} \varphi_t^p \left( 0, \frac{2x}{2^i} \right) \\ & \left. + \frac{(2(3n^4-n^2+2))^p}{(n^2-1)^p} \varphi_t^p \left( 0, \frac{x}{2^i} \right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.61)$$

*Proof.* Similar to the proof Theorem 3.2, we have

$$\|f(4x) - 20f(2x) + 64f(x)\| \leq M^8 \varphi_t(x) \quad (3.62)$$

for all  $x \in X$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_t(x) = & \frac{1}{n^2(n^2-1)} \left[ \varphi_t(x, (n+2)x) + \varphi_t(x, (n-2)x) + 4\varphi_t(x, (n+1)x) \right. \\ & + 4\varphi_t(x, (n-1)x) + 10\varphi_t(x, nx) + \varphi_t(2x, 2x) + 4\varphi_t(2x, x) \\ & + n^2\varphi_t(x, 3x) + 2(3n^2-1)\varphi_t(x, 2x) + (17n^2-8)\varphi_t(x, x) \\ & + \frac{n^2}{n^2-1} (\varphi_t(0, (n+1)x) + \varphi_t(0, (n-3)x) + 10\varphi_t(0, (n-1)x) + 4\varphi_t(0, nx) \\ & \left. + 4\varphi_t(0, (n-2)x) + \frac{n^4+1}{n^2-1}\varphi_t(0, 2x) + \frac{2(3n^4-n^2+2)}{n^2-1}\varphi_t(0, x) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.63)$$

Let  $h : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping defined by  $h(x) := f(2x) - 4f(x)$ . Then we conclude that

$$\|h(2x) - 16h(x)\| \leq M^8 \varphi_t(x) \quad (3.64)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . If we replace  $x$  in (3.65) by  $x/2^{m+1}$  and multiply both sides of (3.65) by  $16^m$ , then we get

$$\left\| 16^{m+1}h\left(\frac{x}{2^{m+1}}\right) - 16^m h\left(\frac{x}{2^m}\right) \right\|_Y \leq M^8 16^m \varphi_t\left(\frac{x}{2^{m+1}}\right) \quad (3.65)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all nonnegative integers  $m$ . Since  $Y$  is a  $p$ -Banach space, the inequality (3.66) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| 16^{m+1}h\left(\frac{x}{2^{m+1}}\right) - 16^k h\left(\frac{x}{2^k}\right) \right\|_Y^p & \leq \sum_{i=k}^m \left\| 16^{i+1}h\left(\frac{x}{2^{i+1}}\right) - 16^i h\left(\frac{x}{2^i}\right) \right\|_Y^p \\ & \leq M^{8p} \sum_{i=k}^m 16^{pi} \varphi_t^p\left(\frac{x}{2^{i+1}}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (3.66)$$

for all nonnegative integers  $m$  and  $k$  with  $m \geq k$  and all  $x \in X$ . Since  $0 < p \leq 1$ , by Lemma 3.1, we conclude from (3.64) that

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_t^p(x) \leq & \frac{1}{n^{2p}(n^2-1)^p} \left[ \varphi_t^p(x, (n+2)x) + \varphi_t^p(x, (n-2)x) + 4^p \varphi_t^p(x, (n+1)x) \right. \\ & + 4^p \varphi_t^p(x, (n-1)x) + 10^p \varphi_t^p(x, nx) + \varphi_t^p(2x, 2x) + 4^p \varphi_t^p(2x, x) \\ & + n^{2p} \varphi_t^p(x, 3x) + 2^p (3n^2-1)^p \varphi_t^p(x, 2x) + (17n^2-8)^p \varphi_t^p(x, x) \\ & + \frac{n^{2p}}{(n^2-1)^p} \left( \varphi_t^p(0, (n+1)x) + \varphi_t^p(0, (n-3)x) + 10^p \varphi_t^p(0, (n-1)x) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + 4^p \varphi_t^p(0, nx) + 4^p \varphi_t^p(0, (n-2)x) \right) + \frac{(n^4+1)^p}{(n^2-1)^p} \varphi_t^p(0, 2x) \\ & \left. + \frac{(2(3n^4-n^2+2))^p}{(n^2-1)^p} \varphi_t^p(0, x) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (3.67)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . It follows from (3.57) and (3.67) that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 16^{pi} \varphi_t^p \left( \frac{x}{2^i} \right) < \infty \quad (3.68)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Thus we conclude from (3.67) and (3.69) that the sequence  $\{16^m h(x/2^m)\}$  is Cauchy for all  $x \in X$ . Since  $Y$  is complete, the sequence  $\{16^m h(x/2^m)\}$  converges for all  $x \in X$ . So one can define the mapping  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  by

$$T(x) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 16^m h \left( \frac{x}{2^m} \right) \quad (3.69)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Letting  $k = 0$  and passing the limit  $m \rightarrow \infty$  in (3.67), we get

$$\|h(x) - T(x)\|_Y^p \leq M^{8p} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} 16^{pi} \varphi_t^p \left( \frac{x}{2^{i+1}} \right) = \frac{M^{11p}}{16^p} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 16^{pi} \varphi_t^p \left( \frac{x}{2^i} \right) \quad (3.70)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Thus (3.60) follows from (3.58) and (3.70).

Now we show that  $T$  is quartic. From (3.57), (3.66), and (3.70), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(2x) - 16T(x)\|_Y &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left\| 16^m h \left( \frac{x}{2^{m-1}} \right) - 16^{m+1} h \left( \frac{x}{2^m} \right) \right\|_Y \\ &= 16 \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left\| 16^{m-1} h \left( \frac{x}{16^{m-1}} \right) - 16^m h \left( \frac{x}{2^m} \right) \right\|_Y \\ &\leq M^8 \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 16^m \varphi_t \left( \frac{x}{2^m} \right) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3.71)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . So

$$T(2x) = 16T(x) \tag{3.72}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . On the other hand, by (3.59), (3.69), and (3.70), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta T(x, y)\|_Y &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 16^m \left\| \Delta h\left(\frac{x}{2^m}, \frac{y}{2^m}\right) \right\|_Y \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 16^m \left\| \Delta f\left(\frac{x}{2^{m-1}}, \frac{y}{2^{m-1}}\right) - 4\Delta f\left(\frac{x}{2^m}, \frac{y}{2^m}\right) \right\|_Y \\ &\leq M \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 16^m \left\{ \left\| \Delta f\left(\frac{x}{2^{m-1}}, \frac{y}{2^{m-1}}\right) \right\|_Y + 4 \left\| \Delta f\left(\frac{x}{2^m}, \frac{y}{2^m}\right) \right\|_Y \right\} \\ &\leq M \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 16^m \left\{ \varphi_t\left(\frac{x}{2^{m-1}}, \frac{y}{2^{m-1}}\right) + 4\varphi_t\left(\frac{x}{2^m}, \frac{y}{2^m}\right) \right\} = 0 \end{aligned} \tag{3.73}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Hence the mapping  $T$  satisfies (1.6). By Lemma 2.1, the mapping  $T(2x) - 16T(x)$  is quartic. Therefore, (3.75) implies that the mapping  $T$  is quartic.

To prove the uniqueness property of  $T$ , let  $T' : X \rightarrow Y$  be another quartic mapping satisfying (3.61). Since

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 16^{mp} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 16^{pi} \varphi_t^p\left(\frac{x}{2^{m+i}}, \frac{x}{2^{m+i}}\right) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=m+1}^{\infty} 16^{pi} \varphi_t^p\left(\frac{x}{2^i}, \frac{x}{2^i}\right) = 0 \tag{3.74}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $y \in \{x, 2x, 3x, nx, (n + 1)x, (n - 1)x, (n + 2)x, (n - 2)x, (n - 3)x\}$ , then

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 16^{mp} \tilde{\varphi}_t\left(\frac{x}{2^m}\right) = 0 \tag{3.75}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . It follows from (3.61) and (3.86) that

$$\|T(x) - T'(x)\|_Y = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 16^{mp} \left\| h\left(\frac{x}{2^m}\right) - T'\left(\frac{x}{2^m}\right) \right\|_Y^p \leq \frac{M^{8p}}{16^p} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 16^{mp} \tilde{\varphi}_t\left(\frac{x}{2^m}\right) = 0 \tag{3.76}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . So  $T = T'$ , as desired. □

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $\varphi_t : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function such that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{16^m} \varphi_t(2^m x, 2^m y) = 0 \tag{3.77}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{16^{pi}} \varphi_t^p(2^i x, 2^i y) < \infty \tag{3.78}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $y \in \{x, 2x, 3x, nx, (n+1)x, (n-1)x, (n+2)x, (n-2)x, (n-3)x\}$ . Suppose that a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  with  $f(0) = 0$  satisfies the inequality

$$\|\Delta f(x, y)\|_Y \leq \varphi_t(x, y) \quad (3.79)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then the limit

$$T(x) := \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{16^m} [f(2^{m+1}x) - 4f(2^m x)] \quad (3.80)$$

exists for all  $x \in X$  and  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is a unique quartic mapping satisfying

$$\|f(2x) - 4f(x) - T(x)\|_Y \leq \frac{M^8}{16} [\tilde{\varphi}_t(x)]^{1/p} \quad (3.81)$$

for all  $x \in X$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\varphi}_t(x) := & \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{16^{pi}} \left\{ \frac{1}{n^{2p}(n^2-1)^p} \left[ \varphi_t^p(2^i x, 2^i(n+2)x) + \varphi_t^p(2^i x, 2^i(n-2)x) + 4^p \varphi_t^p(2^i x, 2^i(n+1)x) \right. \right. \\ & + 4^p \varphi_t^p(2^i x, 2^i(n-1)x) + 10^p \varphi_t^p(2^i x, 2^i nx) + \varphi_t^p(2^i 2x, 2^i 2x) + 4^p \varphi_t^p(2^i 2x, 2^i x) \\ & + n^{2p} \varphi_t^p(2^i x, 2^i 3x) + 2^p (3n^2 - 1)^p \varphi_t^p(2^i x, 2^i 2x) + (17n^2 - 8)^p \varphi_t^p(2^i x, 2^i x) \\ & + \frac{n^{2p}}{(n^2 - 1)^p} \left( \varphi_t^p(0, 2^i(n+1)x) + \varphi_t^p(0, 2^i(n-3)x) + 10^p \varphi_t^p(0, 2^i(n-1)x) \right. \\ & \left. \left. + 4^p \varphi_t^p(0, 2^i nx) + 4^p \varphi_t^p(0, 2^i(n-2)x) \right) + \frac{(n^4 + 1)^p}{(n^2 - 1)^p} \varphi_t^p(0, 2^i 2x) \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \frac{(2(3n^4 - n^2 + 2))^p}{(n^2 - 1)^p} \varphi_t^p(0, 2^i x) \right] \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.82)$$

*Proof.* The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 3.6.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.8.** Let  $\theta, r, s$  be nonnegative real numbers such that  $r, s > 4$  or  $0 \leq r, s < 4$ . Suppose that a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  with  $f(0) = 0$  satisfies the inequality (3.51) for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exists a unique quartic mapping  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying

$$\|f(2x) - 4f(x) - T(x)\|_Y \leq \frac{M^8 \theta}{n^2(n^2-1)} \begin{cases} \delta_t, & r = s = 0, \\ \alpha_t(x), & r > 0, s = 0, \\ \beta_t(x), & r = 0, s > 0, \\ (\alpha_t^p(x) + \beta_t^p(x))^{1/p}, & r, s > 0 \end{cases} \quad (3.83)$$

for all  $x \in X$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_t &= \left\{ \frac{1}{(16^p - 1)(n^2 - 1)^p} \left[ (6n^2 - 2)^p (n^2 - 1)^p + (17n^2 - 8)^p (n^2 - 1)^p + (6n^4 - 2n^2 + 4)^p \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + n^{2p}(2 + 10^p + 2 \cdot 4^p) + (n^4 + 1)^p + n^{2p}(n^2 - 1)^p + 3 \cdot 4^p (n^2 - 1)^p \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + 10^p (n^2 - 1)^p + 3(n^2 - 1)^p \right] \right\}^{1/p}, \\ \alpha_t(x) &= \left\{ \frac{4^p(2 + 2^{rp}) + 10^p + (6n^2 - 2)^p + (17n^2 - 8)^p + 2^{rp} + n^{2p}}{|16^p - 2^{rp}|} \right\}^{1/p} \|x\|_X^r, \\ \beta_t(x) &= \left\{ \frac{1}{(n^2 - 1)^p |16^p - 2^{sp}|} \left[ 2^{sp}(6n^2 - 2)^p (n^2 - 1)^p + (17n^2 - 8)^p (n^2 - 1)^p + (6n^4 - 2n^2 + 4)^p \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + n^{2p}((n + 1)^{sp} + (n - 3)^{sp} + 10^p(n - 1)^{sp} + 10^p n^{sp} + 4^p(n - 2)^{sp}) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + 2^{sp}(n^4 + 1)^p + 3^{sp} n^{2p}(n^2 - 1)^p + 4^p(n^2 - 1)^p \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + (n + 2)^{sp}(n^2 - 1)^p + (n - 2)^{sp}(n^2 - 1)^p + 4^p(n + 1)^{sp}(n^2 - 1)^p \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + 4^p(n - 1)^{sp}(n^2 - 1)^p + 4^p n^{sp}(n^2 - 1)^p \right] \right\}^{1/p} \|x\|_X^s. \end{aligned} \tag{3.84}$$

*Proof.* In Theorem 3.6, putting  $\varphi_t(x, y) := \theta(\|x\|_X^r + \|y\|_X^s)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ , we get the desired result. □

**Corollary 3.9.** *Let  $\theta \geq 0$  and  $r, s > 0$  be nonnegative real numbers such that  $\lambda := r + s \neq 4$ . Suppose that a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  with  $f(0) = 0$  satisfies the inequality (3.56) for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exists a unique quartic mapping  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying*

$$\begin{aligned} &\|f(2x) - 4f(x) - T(x)\|_Y \\ &\leq \frac{M^8 \theta}{n^2(n^2 - 1)} \left\{ \frac{1}{|16^p - 2^{\lambda p}|} [(n + 2)^{sp} + (n - 2)^{sp} + 4^p(n + 1)^{sp} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 4^p(n - 1)^{sp} + 10^p n^{sp} + 2^{(r+s)p} + 4^p 2^{rp} + n^{2p} 3^{sp} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2^{sp}(6n^2 - 2)^p + (17n^2 - 8)^p \right\}^{1/p} \|x\|_X^\lambda \end{aligned} \tag{3.85}$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* In Theorem 3.6, putting  $\varphi_t(x, y) := \theta \|x\|_X^r \|y\|_X^s$  for all  $x, y \in X$ , we get the desired result. □

**Theorem 3.10.** Let  $\varphi : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function such that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 4^m \varphi\left(\frac{x}{2^m}, \frac{y}{2^m}\right) = 0 = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{16^m} \varphi(2^m x, 2^m y) \quad (3.86)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 4^{pi} \varphi^p\left(\frac{x}{2^i}, \frac{y}{2^i}\right) &< \infty, \\ \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{16^{pi}} \varphi^p(2^i x, 2^i y) &< \infty \end{aligned} \quad (3.87)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $y \in \{x, 2x, 3x, nx, (n+1)x, (n-1)x, (n+2)x, (n-2)x, (n-3)x\}$ . Suppose that a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  with  $f(0) = 0$  satisfies the inequality

$$\|\Delta f(x, y)\|_Y \leq \varphi(x, y) \quad (3.88)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exist a unique quadratic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  and a unique quartic mapping  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\|f(x) - Q(x) - T(x)\|_Y \leq \frac{M^9}{192} \left(4[\tilde{\varphi}_q(x)]^{1/p} + [\tilde{\varphi}_t(x)]^{1/p}\right) \quad (3.89)$$

for all  $x \in X$ , where  $\tilde{\varphi}_q(x)$  and  $\tilde{\varphi}_t(x)$  are defined in Theorems 3.2 and 3.7, respectively.

*Proof.* By Theorems 3.2 and 3.7, there exist a quadratic mapping  $Q_0 : X \rightarrow Y$  and a quartic mapping  $T_0 : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\|f(2x) - 16f(x) - Q_0(x)\|_Y \leq \frac{M^8}{4} [\tilde{\varphi}_q(x)]^{1/p}, \quad \|f(2x) - 4f(x) - T_0(x)\|_Y \leq \frac{M^8}{16} [\tilde{\varphi}_t(x)]^{1/p} \quad (3.90)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . It follows from the last inequalities that

$$\left\|f(x) + \frac{1}{12}Q_0(x) - \frac{1}{12}T_0(x)\right\|_Y \leq \frac{M^9}{192} \left(4[\tilde{\varphi}_q(x)]^{1/p} + [\tilde{\varphi}_t(x)]^{1/p}\right) \quad (3.91)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . So we obtain (3.92) by letting  $Q(x) = -(1/12)Q_0(x)$  and  $T(x) = (1/12)T_0(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

To prove the uniqueness property of  $Q$  and  $T$ , we first show the uniqueness property for  $Q_0$  and  $T_0$  and then we conclude the uniqueness property of  $Q$  and  $T$ . Let  $Q_1, T_1 : X \rightarrow Y$



be another quadratic and quartic mappings satisfying (3.92) and let  $Q_2 = (1/12)Q_0$ ,  $T_2 = (1/12)T_0$ ,  $Q_3 = Q_2 - Q_1$  and  $T_3 = T_2 - T_1$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} \|Q_3(x) - T_3(x)\|_Y &\leq M\{\|f(x) - Q_2(x) - T_2(x)\|_Y + \|f(x) - Q_1(x) - T_1(x)\|_Y\} \\ &\leq \frac{M^{10}}{96} \left(4[\tilde{\psi}_q(x)]^{1/p} + [\tilde{\psi}_t(x)]^{1/p}\right) \end{aligned} \tag{3.92}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Since

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 4^{mp} \tilde{\psi}_q\left(\frac{x}{2^m}\right) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{16^{mp}} \tilde{\psi}_t(2^m x) = 0 \tag{3.93}$$

for all  $x \in X$ , (3.62) implies that  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|4^m Q_3(x/2^m) + (1/16^m)T_3(2^m x)\|_Y = 0$  for all  $x \in X$ . Thus  $T_3 = Q_3$ . But  $T_3$  is only a quartic function and  $Q_3$  is only a quadratic function.

Therefore, we have  $T_3 = Q_3 = 0$  and this completes the uniqueness property of  $Q$  and  $T$ . We can prove the other results similarly.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.11.** *Let  $\theta, r, s$  be nonnegative real numbers such that  $r, s > 4$  or  $2 < r, s < 4$  or  $0 \leq r, s < 2$ . Suppose that a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies the inequality (3.51) for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exist a unique quadratic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  and a unique quartic mapping  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} &\|f(x) - Q(x) - T(x)\|_Y \\ &\leq \frac{M^9 \theta}{12n^2(n^2 - 1)} \begin{cases} \delta_q + \delta_t, & r = s = 0, \\ \alpha_q(x) + \alpha_t(x), & r > 0, s = 0, \\ \beta_q(x) + \beta_t(x), & r = 0, s > 0, \\ \left(\alpha_q^p(x) + \beta_q^p(x)\right)^{1/p} + \left(\alpha_t^p(x) + \beta_t^p(x)\right)^{1/p}, & r, s > 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned} \tag{3.94}$$

for all  $x \in X$ , where  $\delta_q, \delta_t, \alpha_q(x), \alpha_t(x), \beta_q(x)$ , and  $\beta_t(x)$  are defined as in Corollaries 3.4 and 3.8.

**Corollary 3.12.** *Let  $\theta \geq 0$  and  $r, s > 0$  be nonnegative real numbers such that  $\lambda := r + s \in (0, 2) \cup (2, 4) \cup (4, \infty)$ . Suppose that a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies the inequality (3.56) for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exist a unique quadratic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  and a unique quartic function  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} &\|f(x) - Q(x) - T(x)\|_Y \\ &\leq \frac{M^9 \theta}{12n^2(n^2 - 1)} \left\{ \frac{1}{|4^p - 2^{\lambda p}|} \left[ (n+2)^{sp} + (n-2)^{sp} + 4^p(n+1)^{sp} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + 4^p(n-1)^{sp} + 10^p n^{sp} + 2^{(r+s)p} + 4^p 2^{rp} + n^{2p} 3^{sp} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + 2^{sp} (6n^2 - 2)^p + (17n^2 - 8)^p \right] \right\} \|x\|_X^\lambda \end{aligned} \tag{3.95}$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

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