

A FIXED POINT APPROACH TO THE STABILITY OF AN ADDITIVE-CUBIC-QUARTIC FUNCTIONAL EQUATION

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we investigate the stability of an additive-cubic-quartic functional equation

$$f(x + 2y) - 4f(x + y) + 6f(x) - 4f(x - y) + f(x - 2y) - 12f(y) - 12f(-y) = 0$$

by applying the fixed point theory in the sense of L. Cădariu and V. Radu.

1. INTRODUCTION

In 1940, Ulam [17] questioned the stability of group homomorphisms, and the following year Hyers [11] gave an affirmative answer to this problem for additive mappings between Banach spaces. Hyers' result has motivated many mathematicians to deal with this problem (cf. [8, 14]).

Throughout this paper, let V and W be real vector spaces and Y a real Banach space. For a given mapping $f : V \rightarrow W$, we use the following abbreviations

$$Af(x, y) := f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y),$$

$$Cf(x, y) := f(x + 2y) - 3f(x + y) + 3f(x) - f(x - y) - 6f(y),$$

$$Q'f(x, y) := f(x + 2y) - 4f(x + y) + 6f(x) - 4f(x - y) + f(x - 2y) - 24f(y)$$

for all $x, y \in V$. Solution of the functional equations $Af(x, y) = 0$, $Cf(x, y) = 0$ and $Q'f(x, y) = 0$ are called an additive mapping, a cubic mapping, and a quartic mapping, respectively. A mapping f is called an additive-cubic-quartic mapping if f is represented by sum of an additive mapping, a cubic mapping, and a quartic mapping. A functional equation is called an additive-cubic-quartic functional equation provided that each solution of that equation is an additive-cubic-quartic mapping and every additive-cubic-quartic mapping is a solution of that equation.

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M. E. Gordji et al. [9] investigated the additive-cubic-quartic functional equation

$$f(x + ky) + f(x - ky) - k^2 f(x + y) - k^2 f(x - y) - (k^2 - 1)(k^2 f(y) + k^2 f(-y) - 2f(x)) = 0,$$

where $k \neq 0, \pm 1$ is an integer, J. M. Rassias [13] investigated the additive-cubic-quartic functional equation

$$11f(x + 2y + 2w) + 11f(x - 2y - 2w) - 44f(x + y + w) - 44f(x - y - w) - 12f(3y + 3w) + 48f(2y + 2w) - 60f(y + w) + 66f(x) = 0,$$

and many mathematicians [6, 10, 16, 18] investigated the additive-cubic-quartic functional equation

$$11f(x + 2y) + 11f(x - 2y) = 44f(x + y) + 44f(x - y) + 12f(3y) - 48f(2y) + 60f(y) - 66f(x).$$

Now we consider the following functional equation

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{aligned} & f(x + 2y) - 4f(x + y) + 6f(x) - 4f(x - y) + f(x - 2y) \\ & - 12f(y) - 12f(-y) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

The mapping $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f(x) = ax^4 + bx^3 + cx$ is a solution of this functional equation, where a, b, c are real constants.

In this paper, we will show that the functional equation (1.1) is an additive-cubic-quartic functional equation and we introduce a strictly contractive mapping which allows us to use the fixed point theory for proving the stability of the functional equation (1.1) in the sense of L. Cădariu and V. Radu [4, 5]. Namely, starting from the given mapping f that approximately satisfies the functional equation (1.1), a solution F of the functional equation (1.1) is explicitly constructed by the formula

$$F(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{i=0}^n {}_n C_i \frac{(-1)^{n-i} 10^i}{16^n} f_o(2^{2n-i}x) + \frac{f_e(2^n x)}{16^n} \right)$$

or

$$F(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^n {}_n C_i \left(10^i (-16)^{n-i} f_o\left(\frac{x}{2^{2n-i}}\right) + 10^i (-96)^{n-i} f_e\left(\frac{x}{2^{2n-i}}\right) \right),$$

which approximates the mapping f .

2. MAIN RESULTS

Recall the following result of Margolis and Diaz’s fixed point theory.

Theorem 2.1 ([7, 15]). *Suppose that a complete generalized metric space (X, d) , which means that the metric d may assume infinite values, and a strictly contractive mapping $J : X \rightarrow X$ with the Lipschitz constant $0 < L < 1$ are given. Then, for each given element $x \in X$, either*

$$d(J^n x, J^{n+1} x) = +\infty, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\},$$

or there exists a nonnegative integer k such that:

- (1) $d(J^n x, J^{n+1} x) < +\infty$ for all $n \geq k$;
- (2) the sequence $\{J^n x\}$ is convergent to a fixed point y^* of J ;
- (3) y^* is the unique fixed point of J in $Y := \{y \in X, d(J^k x, y) < +\infty\}$;
- (4) $d(y, y^*) \leq (1/(1 - L))d(y, Jy)$ for all $y \in Y$.

Throughout this paper, for a given mapping $f : V \rightarrow W$, we use the following abbreviations

$$\begin{aligned} f_o(x) &:= \frac{f(x) - f(-x)}{2}, & f_e(x) &:= \frac{f(x) + f(-x)}{2}, \\ Df(x, y) &:= f(x + 2y) - 4f(x + y) + 6f(x) - 4f(x - y) + f(x - 2y) \\ &\quad - 12f(y) - 12f(-y) \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y \in V$. As we stated in the previous section, a solution of $Af = 0$, $Cf = 0$, and $Q'f = 0$ is called an additive, a cubic, and a quartic mapping, respectively. Now we will show that f is an additive-cubic-quartic mapping if f is a solution of the functional equation $Df(x, y) = 0$ for all $x, y \in V$.

Lee and Jung [12] proved the following lemma from Baker’s theorem [2].

Lemma 2.2 ([12, Corollary 2.2]). *Let V and W are vector spaces over \mathbb{Q} , \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} , and $r \in \mathbb{Q} - \{0, \pm 1\}$. Suppose that n_1, \dots, n_m are natural numbers, and $c_l, d_l, \alpha_0, \beta_0, \dots, \alpha_m, \beta_m$ are scalar such that $\alpha_j \beta_l - \alpha_l \beta_j \neq 0$ whenever $0 \leq j < l \leq m$. If a mapping $f : V \rightarrow W$ satisfies the equality $f(rx) = r^k f(x)$ for all $x \in V$ and the inequality*

$$f(\alpha_0 x + \beta_0 y) + \sum_{l=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^{n_l} c_{li} f(d_{li}(\alpha_l x + \beta_l y)) = 0$$

for all $x, y \in V$, then f is a monomial mapping of degree k .

Theorem 2.3. *A mapping $f : V \rightarrow W$ satisfies $Df(x, y) = 0$ for all $x, y \in V$ if and only if f is an additive-cubic-quartic mapping.*

Proof. Define the mappings f_1 and f_2 by $f_1(x) := \frac{-f_o(2x)+8f_o(x)}{6}$ and $f_2(x) := \frac{f_o(2x)-2f_o(x)}{6}$. If a mapping $f : V \rightarrow W$ satisfies $Df(x, y) = 0$ for all $x, y \in V$, then f_1, f_2, f_e satisfy the equalities $Df_1(x, y) = 0$, $Df_2(x, y) = 0$, and $Df_e(x, y) = 0$ for all $x, y \in V$. We can obtain the equalities $f_1(2x) = 2f_1(x)$, $f_2(2x) = 2^3 f_2(x)$, $f_e(2x) = 2^4 f_e(x)$ from the equalities $f_e(2x) - 16f_e(x) = \frac{Df_e(0, x)}{2}$ and $f_o(4x) - 10f_o(2x) + 16f_o(x) = Df_o(2x, x) + 4Df_o(x, x)$ for all $x \in V$. According to Lemma 2.2, f_1, f_2, f_e are an additive mapping, a cubic mapping, and a quartic mapping, respectively. Since the equality $f = f_1 + f_2 + f_e$ holds, f is an additive-cubic-quartic mapping.

Conversely, assume that f_1, f_2, f_3 are mappings satisfying the equalities $f := f_1 + f_2 + f_3$, $Af_1(x, y) = 0$, $Cf_2(x, y) = 0$, and $Q'f_3(x, y) = 0$ for all $x, y \in V$. Then the equalities $f_1(x) = -f_1(-x)$, $f_2(x) = -f_2(-x)$, $f_3(x) = f_3(-x)$, $f_1(2x) = 2f_1(x)$, $f_2(2x) = 8f_2(x)$, and $f_3(2x) = 16f_3(x)$ hold for all $x \in V$. From the above equalities, we obtain the equalities

$$\begin{aligned} Df(x, y) &= Df_1(x, y) + Df_2(x, y) + Df_3(x, y) \\ &= -Af_1(x + 2y, x - 2y) + 4Af_1(x + y, x - y) + Cf_2(x, y) \\ &\quad - Cf_2(x - y, y) + Q'f_3(x, y) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

as we desired. □

In the following theorem, we can prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of the functional equation (1.1) by using the fixed point theory.

Theorem 2.4. *Let $f : V \rightarrow Y$ be a mapping for which there exists a mapping $\varphi : V^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ such that the inequality*

$$(2.1) \quad \|Df(x, y)\| \leq \varphi(x, y)$$

holds for all $x, y \in V$ and let $f(0) = 0$. If there exists a constant $0 < L < 1$ such that φ has the property

$$(2.2) \quad \varphi(2x, 2y) \leq (\sqrt{41} - 5)L\varphi(x, y)$$

for all $x, y \in V$, then there exists a unique solution $F : V \rightarrow Y$ of (1.1) satisfying the inequality

$$(2.3) \quad \|f(x) - F(x)\| \leq \frac{\Phi(x)}{32(1 - L)}$$

for all $x \in V$, where $\Phi(x) = \varphi(2x, x) + \varphi(-2x, -x) + 4\varphi(x, x) + 4\varphi(-x, -x) + \varphi(0, x) + \varphi(0, -x)$. In particular, F is represented by

$$(2.4) \quad F(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{i=0}^n {}_n C_i \frac{(-1)^{n-i} 10^i}{16^n} f_o(2^{2n-i}x) + \frac{f_e(2^n x)}{16^n} \right)$$

for all $x \in V$.

Proof. Let S be the set of all functions $g : V \rightarrow Y$ with $g(0) = 0$. We introduce a generalized metric on S by

$$d(g, h) = \inf \{ K \in \mathbb{R}_+ \mid \|g(x) - h(x)\| \leq K\Phi(x) \text{ for all } x \in V \}.$$

It is easy to show that (S, d) is a generalized complete metric space. Now we consider the mapping $J : S \rightarrow S$, which is defined by

$$Jg(x) := -\frac{g(4x)}{32} + \frac{g(-4x)}{32} + \frac{11g(2x)}{32} - \frac{9g(-2x)}{32}$$

for all $x \in V$. Notice that the equality

$$J^n g(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n {}_n C_i \frac{(-1)^{n-i} 10^i}{16^n} g_o(2^{2n-i}x) + \frac{g_e(2^n x)}{16^n}$$

holds for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x \in V$. Let $g, h \in S$ and let $K \in [0, \infty]$ be an arbitrary constant with $d(g, h) \leq K$. From the definition of d , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Jg(x) - Jh(x)\| &\leq \frac{1}{32} \|g(4x) - h(4x)\| + \frac{1}{32} \|g(-4x) - h(-4x)\| \\ &\quad + \frac{11}{32} \|g(2x) - h(2x)\| + \frac{9}{32} \|g(-2x) - h(-2x)\| \\ &\leq K \left(\frac{\Phi(4x)}{32} + \frac{\Phi(-4x)}{32} + \frac{11}{32} \Phi(2x) + \frac{9}{32} \Phi(-2x) \right) \\ &\leq K \left(\frac{1}{16} \Phi(4x) + \frac{10}{16} \Phi(2x) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq K\left(\frac{\sqrt{41}-5}{16}L\Phi(2x) + \frac{10}{16}\Phi(2x)\right) \\
&\leq K\left(\frac{(\sqrt{41}-5)^2}{16}L^2\Phi(x) + \frac{10(\sqrt{41}-5)}{16}L\Phi(x)\right) \\
&\leq K\frac{(\sqrt{41}-5)^2 + 10(\sqrt{41}-5)}{16}L\Phi(x) \\
&\leq LK\Phi(x)
\end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in V$, which implies that

$$d(Jg, Jh) \leq Ld(g, h)$$

for any $g, h \in S$. That is, J is a strictly contractive self-mapping of S with the Lipschitz constant L . Moreover, by (2.1) we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\|f(x) - Jf(x)\| \\
&= \frac{\|Df(2x, x) - Df(-2x, -x) + 4Df(x, x) - 4Df(-x, -x) - Df(0, x)\|}{32} \\
&\leq \frac{\varphi(2x, x) + \varphi(-2x, -x) + 4\varphi(x, x) + 4\varphi(-x, -x) + \varphi(0, x)}{32} \\
&\leq \frac{\Phi(x)}{32}
\end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in V$. It means that $d(f, Jf) \leq \frac{1}{32} < \infty$ by the definition of d . Therefore according to Theorem 2.1, the sequence $\{J^n f\}$ converges to the unique fixed point $F : V \rightarrow Y$ of J in the set $T = \{g \in S | d(f, g) < \infty\}$, which is represented by (2.4) for all $x \in V$. Notice that

$$d(f, F) \leq \frac{1}{1-L}d(f, Jf) \leq \frac{1}{32(1-L)},$$

which implies (2.3). By the definition of F , together with (2.1) and (2.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|DF(x, y)\| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|DJ^n f(x, y)\| \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sum_{i=0}^n {}_n C_i \frac{(-1)^{n-i} (10)^i}{16^n} Df_o(2^{2n-i}x, 2^{2n-i}y) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{Df_e(2^n x, 2^n y)}{16^n} \right\| \\
&\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{{}_n C_i}{2} \frac{10^i}{16^n} (\varphi(2^{2n-i}x, 2^{2n-i}y) + \varphi(-2^{2n-i}x, -2^{2n-i}y)) \\
&\quad + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\varphi(2^n x, 2^n y) + \varphi(-2^n x, -2^n y))}{2 \cdot 16^n}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{i=0}^n {}_n C_i \frac{10^i}{16^n} (\sqrt{41} - 5)^{n-i} L^{n-i} (\varphi(2^n x, 2^n y) + \varphi(-2^n x, -2^n y)) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{16^n} (\varphi(2^n x, 2^n y) + \varphi(-2^n x, -2^n y)) \right) \\
 &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{i=0}^n {}_n C_i \frac{(\sqrt{41} - 5)^{n-i} 10^i}{16^n} + \frac{1}{16^n} \right) (\varphi(2^n x, 2^n y) + \varphi(-2^n x, -2^n y)) \\
 &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{((\sqrt{41} - 5) + 10)^n}{16^n} + \frac{1}{16^n} \right) (\varphi(2^n x, 2^n y) + \varphi(-2^n x, -2^n y)) \\
 &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{(\sqrt{41} + 5)^n}{16^n} + \frac{1}{16^n} \right) (\varphi(2^n x, 2^n y) + \varphi(-2^n x, -2^n y)) \\
 &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{(\sqrt{41} + 5)^n (\sqrt{41} - 5)^n}{16^n} + \frac{(\sqrt{41} - 5)^n}{16^n} \right) L^n (\varphi(x, y) + \varphi(-x, -y)) \\
 &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2L^n (\varphi(x, y) + \varphi(-x, -y)) \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y \in V$ i.e., F is a solution of the functional equation (1.1). Notice that if F is a solution of the functional equation (1.1), then the equality $F(x) - JF(x) = \frac{DF(2x,x) - DF(-2x,-x) + 4DFx,x - 4DF(-x,-x) - DF(0,x)}{32}$ implies that F is a fixed point of J . □

Theorem 2.5. *Let $f : V \rightarrow Y$ be a mapping for which there exists a mapping $\varphi : V^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ such that the inequality (2.1) holds for all $x, y \in V$ and let $f(0) = 0$. If there exists a constant $0 < L < 1$ such that φ has the property*

$$(2.5) \quad L\varphi(2x, 2y) \geq 16\varphi(x, y)$$

for all $x, y \in V$, then there exists a unique solution $F : V \rightarrow Y$ of (1.1) satisfying the inequality

$$(2.6) \quad \|f(x) - F(x)\| \leq \frac{\Psi(x)}{1 - L}$$

for all $x \in V$, where $\Psi(x)$ is given by

$$\Psi(x) := 4\varphi\left(\frac{x}{4}, \frac{x}{4}\right) + \varphi\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{4}\right) + 4\varphi\left(\frac{-x}{4}, \frac{-x}{4}\right) + \varphi\left(\frac{-x}{2}, \frac{-x}{4}\right).$$

In particular, F is represented by

$$(2.7) \quad F(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^n {}_n C_i \left(10^i (-16)^{n-i} f_o\left(\frac{x}{2^{2n-i}}\right) + 10^i (-96)^{n-i} f_e\left(\frac{x}{2^{2n-i}}\right) \right)$$

for all $x \in V$.

Proof. Let the set S be the set as in the proof of Theorem 2.4. We give a generalized metric on S by

$$d(g, h) = \inf \left\{ K \in \mathbb{R}_+ \mid \|g(x) - h(x)\| \leq K\Psi(x) \text{ for all } x \in V \right\}.$$

Now we consider the mapping $J : S \rightarrow S$ defined by

$$Jg(x) := 10g\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + 40g\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) + 56g\left(\frac{-x}{4}\right)$$

for all $x \in V$. Notice that the equality

$$J^n g(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n {}_n C_i \left(10^i (-16)^{n-i} g_o\left(\frac{x}{2^{2n-i}}\right) + 10^i (-96)^{n-i} g_e\left(\frac{x}{2^{2n-i}}\right) \right)$$

holds for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x \in V$. Let $g, h \in S$ and let $K \in [0, \infty]$ be an arbitrary constant with $d(g, h) \leq K$. From the definition of d , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Jg(x) - Jh(x)\| &\leq 10 \left\| g\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - h\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \right\| \\ &\quad + 40 \left\| g\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) - h\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) \right\| + 56 \left\| g\left(\frac{-x}{4}\right) - h\left(\frac{-x}{4}\right) \right\| \\ &\leq 96K\Psi\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) + 10K\Psi\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \\ &\leq L^2 \frac{6}{16} K\Psi(x) + \frac{10}{16} LK\Psi(x) \\ &\leq LK\Psi(x) \end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in V$, which implies that

$$d(Jg, Jh) \leq Ld(g, h)$$

for any $g, h \in S$. That is, J is a strictly contractive self-mapping of S with the Lipschitz constant L . Moreover, by (2.1) we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(x) - Jf(x)\| &= \left\| Df\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{4}\right) + 4Df\left(\frac{x}{4}, \frac{x}{4}\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \varphi\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{4}\right) + \varphi\left(\frac{-x}{2}, \frac{-x}{4}\right) + 4\varphi\left(\frac{x}{4}, \frac{x}{4}\right) + 4\varphi\left(\frac{-x}{4}, \frac{-x}{4}\right) \\ &\leq \Psi(x) \end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in V$. It means that $d(f, Jf) \leq 1 < \infty$ by the definition of d . Therefore according to Theorem 2.1, the sequence $\{J^n f\}$ converges to the unique fixed point $F : V \rightarrow Y$ of J in the set $T = \{g \in S \mid d(f, g) < \infty\}$, which is represented by (2.7)

for all $x \in V$. Notice that

$$d(f, F) \leq \frac{1}{1-L} d(f, Jf) \leq \frac{1}{1-L},$$

which implies (2.6). By the definition of F , together with (2.1) and (2.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|DF(x, y)\| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|DJ^n f(x, y)\| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sum_{i=0}^n {}_n C_i 10^i (-16)^{n-i} Df_o \left(\frac{x}{2^{2n-i}}, \frac{y}{2^{2n-i}} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 10^i (-96)^{n-i} Df_e \left(\frac{x}{2^{2n-i}}, \frac{y}{2^{2n-i}} \right) \right\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^n {}_n C_i 10^i 96^{n-i} \left(\varphi \left(\frac{x}{2^{2n-i}}, \frac{y}{2^{2n-i}} \right) + \varphi \left(\frac{-x}{2^{2n-i}}, \frac{-y}{2^{2n-i}} \right) \right) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{i=0}^n {}_n C_i 10^i 6^{n-i} L^{n-i} \left(\varphi \left(\frac{x}{2^n}, \frac{y}{2^n} \right) + \varphi \left(\frac{-x}{2^n}, \frac{-y}{2^n} \right) \right) \right) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (10+6)^n \left(\varphi \left(\frac{x}{2^n}, \frac{y}{2^n} \right) + \varphi \left(\frac{-x}{2^n}, \frac{-y}{2^n} \right) \right) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L^n (\varphi(x, y) + \varphi(-x, -y)) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y \in V$ i.e., F is a solution of the functional equation (1.1). Notice that if F is a solution of the functional equation (1.1), then the equality $F(x) - JF(x) = DF(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{4}) + 4DF(\frac{x}{4}, \frac{x}{4})$ implies that F is a fixed point of J . \square

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