

ON THE STABILITY
OF ALMOST BI-MULTIPLICATIVE FUNCTIONALS

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Abstract: The goal of this paper is to investigate the stability of bi-multiplicative functionals $: \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, where \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are two normed algebra over a complex field \mathbb{C} .

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1. Introduction

Let X be real normed space and Y be real Banach spaces. S. M. Ulam [10] posed the problem: When does a linear mapping near an approximately additive mapping $f : X \rightarrow Y$ exist?

In 1941, Hyers [5] gave an affirmative answer to the question of Ulam for additive Cauchy equation in Banach spaces.

Let X and Y be two Banach spaces and let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a mapping satisfying:

$$\|f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \epsilon,$$

for all $x, y \in X$ and $\epsilon > 0$. Then there is a unique additive mapping $F : X \rightarrow Y$ which satisfies

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$$\|F(x) - f(x)\| \leq \epsilon,$$

for all $x \in X$.

Hyers in [5] called any solution of this equation a *linear* function, and he considered only the bounded Cauchy difference $f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)$.

Th. M. Rassias [7] considered a generalized version of the Hyers's result which permitted the Cauchy difference to become unbounded. That is, he proved:

Theorem 1. *Let X and Y be two real Banach spaces, $\epsilon \geq 0$ and $0 \leq p < 1$. If a mapping $f : X \rightarrow Y$ satisfies*

$$\|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \epsilon(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p),$$

for all $x, y \in X$, then there is a unique additive mapping $F : X \rightarrow Y$ such that

$$\|F(x) - f(x)\| \leq \frac{2\epsilon}{|2 - 2^p|} \|x\|^p,$$

for all $x \in X$. If, in addition, for each fixed $x \in X$ the function $t \mapsto f(tx)$ is continuous in $t \in \mathbb{R}$, then F is linear.

In [3], Gajda proved that Theorem 1 is valid for $p > 1$. He also gave an example showing that a similar result to the above does not hold for $p = 1$.

A generalization of Rassias's Theorem is also obtained by Gavruta [4], who replaced $\epsilon(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p)$ by a general control function $\varphi(x, y)$. For more details about the stability problems the reader is referred to [1], [6], [8] and [9].

Baker in [2] considered the stability of the multiplicative Cauchy equation. He demonstrated the following:

Theorem 2. *Let $\delta > 0$ and let f be a complex-valued function on a semigroup S such that $|f(xy) - f(x)f(y)| \leq \delta$, for all $x, y \in S$, then either f is multiplicative, or*

$$|f(x)| \leq \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{1 + 4\delta}),$$

for all $x \in S$.

Let \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} be a two normed algebra over a complex field \mathbb{C} and set $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B}$. Then \mathcal{U} is a normed algebra for the multiplication

$$(a, b)(x, y) = (ax, by), \quad (a, b), (x, y) \in \mathcal{U},$$

and with norm

$$\|(a, b)\| = \|a\| + \|b\|.$$

Let \mathcal{D} be a complex normed algebra and let $\varphi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ be a map. Then φ is called bi-multiplicative, if

$$\varphi(ax, by) = \varphi(a, b)\varphi(x, y), \quad (a, b), (x, y) \in \mathcal{U},$$

and it is called almost bi-multiplicative, if

$$\|\varphi(ax, by) - \varphi(a, b)\varphi(x, y)\| \leq \delta\|(a, b)\|^p\|(x, y)\|^p, \tag{1}$$

for some $\delta \geq 0$ and $p \geq 0$. The map φ is said to be bi-additive, if

$$\varphi(a + x, b + y) = \varphi(a, b) + \varphi(x, y),$$

for all $(a, b), (x, y) \in \mathcal{U}$. If φ is bi-additive and bi-multiplicative, then it is called bi-ring homomorphism.

In this paper, we shall prove that a Baker type stability result holds for the functionals $\varphi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ satisfying (1) for some $\delta \geq 0$ and $p \geq 0$. Moreover, if φ is almost bi-additive in the sense

$$|\varphi(a + x, b + y) - \varphi(a, b) - \varphi(x, y)| \leq \delta(\|(a, b)\|^p + \|(x, y)\|^p),$$

for all $(a, b), (x, y) \in \mathcal{U}$, then we show that either φ is a bi-ring homomorphism, or it satisfies

$$|\varphi(x, y)| \leq \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{1 + 4\delta})\|(x, y)\|^p,$$

for all $(x, y) \in \mathcal{U}$.

2. Stability of Bi-Multiplicative Functionals

We commence with the following Theorem which is the main one in the paper.

Theorem 3. *Let $\delta \geq 0$ and $p \geq 0$. If a functional $\varphi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ satisfies*

$$|\varphi(ax, by) - \varphi(a, b)\varphi(x, y)| \leq \delta\|(a, b)\|^p\|(x, y)\|^p, \tag{2}$$

for all $(a, b), (x, y) \in \mathcal{U}$, then φ is bi-multiplicative or there exists a constant $k > 0$ such that

$$|\varphi(x, y)| \leq k\|(x, y)\|^p,$$

for all $(x, y) \in \mathcal{U}$.

Proof. Suppose that φ is not bi-multiplicative, that is, there are $(a, b), (c, d) \in \mathcal{U}$ such that

$$\varphi(ac, bd) \neq \varphi(a, b)\varphi(c, d).$$

Pick $(x, y) \in \mathcal{U}$ arbitrarily. It follows from (2) that

$$\begin{aligned} |\varphi(x, y)| |\varphi(ac, bd) - \varphi(a, b)\varphi(c, d)| &\leq |\varphi(x, y)\varphi(ac, bd) - \varphi(a, b)\varphi(c, d)| \\ &\quad + |\varphi((x, y)(ac, bd)) - \varphi((x, y)(a, b))\varphi(c, d)| \\ &\quad + |\varphi((x, y)(a, b))\varphi(c, d) - \varphi(x, y)\varphi(a, b)\varphi(c, d)| \\ &\leq \delta \| (a, b) \|^p \| (x, y) \|^p (2 \| (c, d) \|^p + |\varphi(c, d)|). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, if we take

$$k = \frac{\delta \| (a, b) \|^p (2 \| (c, d) \|^p + |\varphi(c, d)|)}{|\varphi(ac, bd) - \varphi(a, b)\varphi(c, d)|},$$

then we get

$$|\varphi(x, y)| \leq k \| (x, y) \|^p,$$

for all $(x, y) \in \mathcal{U}$. This complete the proof. □

As Baker pointed out in his article, the above proof works for functions $\varphi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$, where \mathcal{D} is a normed algebra in which the norm is multiplicative, that is,

$$\|xy\| = \|x\| \|y\|, \quad (x, y \in \mathcal{D}).$$

However, Theorem 3 cannot hold for all normed algebras \mathcal{D} , as is shown by the following example. Let $\delta > 0$ and choose $\varepsilon > 0$ so that $|\varepsilon - \varepsilon^2| = \delta$, and define $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M_3(\mathbb{R})$ by

$$\varphi(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \varepsilon \end{bmatrix} \quad (x, y \in \mathbb{R}).$$

Then with the usual matrix norm

$$\|\varphi(ax, by) - \varphi(a, b)\varphi(x, y)\| = \delta,$$

for all $(a, b), (x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$. So φ satisfy (2) for $p = 0$, but neither φ is bounded nor it is bi-multiplicative.

Theorem 4. *Suppose that a functional $\varphi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ satisfies (2) for some $\delta \geq 0$ and $p \geq 0$. Then φ is bi-multiplicative or*

$$|\varphi(x, y)| \leq \frac{1}{2} (1 + \sqrt{1 + 4\delta}) \| (x, y) \|^p, \tag{3}$$

for all $(x, y) \in \mathcal{U}$.

Proof. Suppose that φ is not bi-multiplicative. Then by Theorem 3 there exists a constant $k > 0$ such that

$$|\varphi(x, y)| \leq k\|(x, y)\|^p, \tag{4}$$

for all $(x, y) \in \mathcal{U}$. Set

$$m = \begin{cases} \sup |\varphi(x, y)| & \text{if } p = 0 \\ \sup \frac{|\varphi(x, y)|}{\|(x, y)\|^p} & \text{if } p \neq 0, \text{ and } (x, y) \neq (0, 0). \end{cases}$$

Then $m \leq k < \infty$. Let $p \neq 0$, then by (4) we get $\varphi(0, 0) = 0$. Thus,

$$|\varphi(x, y)| \leq m\|(x, y)\|^p, \tag{5}$$

for all $(x, y) \in \mathcal{U}$. It follows from (2) that

$$|\varphi(x^2, y^2) - \varphi(x, y)^2| \leq \delta\|(x, y)\|^{2p}, \tag{6}$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} |\varphi(x, y)|^2 &\leq \delta\|(x, y)\|^{2p} + |\varphi(x^2, y^2)| \\ &\leq \delta\|(x, y)\|^{2p} + m\|(x^2, y^2)\|^p \\ &\leq (\delta + m)\|(x, y)\|^{2p}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $m^2 - m \leq \delta$, which proves that $m \leq \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{1 + 4\delta})$. Thus, we get (3) for all $(x, y) \in \mathcal{U}$. □

Theorem 5. *Let a functional $\varphi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ satisfies (2) and let*

$$|\varphi(a + x, b + y) - \varphi(a, b) - \varphi(x, y)| \leq \delta(\|(a, b)\|^p + \|(x, y)\|^p), \tag{7}$$

for some $\delta \geq 0$ and $p \geq 0$. Then φ is bi-ring homomorphism or it satisfies (3).

Proof. Suppose that φ is not bi-ring homomorphism. If φ is not bi-multiplicative, then by above Theorem we get (3). Assume that φ is not bi-additive, then there exist $(a, b), (c, d) \in \mathcal{U}$ such that

$$\varphi(a + c, b + d) \neq \varphi(a, b) + \varphi(c, d).$$

By using a similar argument as in the proof of Theorem 3 we have

$$|\varphi(x, y)| |\varphi(a + c, b + d) - \varphi(a, b) - \varphi(c, d)| \leq \delta M \|(x, y)\|^p,$$

where

$$M = \|(a + c, b + d)\|^p + 2\|(a, b)\|^p + 2\|(c, d)\|^p.$$

Take

$$k = \delta M (|\varphi(a + c, b + d) - \varphi(a, b)\varphi(c, d)|)^{-1}.$$

Then

$$|\varphi(x, y)| \leq k\|(x, y)\|^p, \quad (x, y) \in \mathcal{U}.$$

Now the rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 3. \square

By a same method of the proof of Rassias's Theorem we can prove the next result.

Theorem 6. *Let \mathcal{U} and E be two Banach spaces, $\epsilon \geq 0$ and $0 \leq p < 1$. If a mapping $\varphi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow E$ satisfies*

$$\|\varphi(a + x, b + y) - \varphi(a, b) - \varphi(x, y)\| \leq \delta(\|(a, b)\|^p + \|(x, y)\|^p),$$

for all $(a, b), (x, y) \in \mathcal{U}$, then there is a unique bi-additive mapping $F : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow E$ such that

$$\|F(x, y) - \varphi(x, y)\| \leq \frac{2\delta}{|2 - 2^p|} \|(x, y)\|^p,$$

for all $(x, y) \in \mathcal{U}$.

Corollary 7. *Let a functional $\varphi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ satisfies (2) and (7) for some $\delta \geq 0$ and $p \geq 0$ with $p \neq 1$. Then φ is bi-ring homomorphism or*

$$|\varphi(x, y)| \leq \frac{2\delta}{|2 - 2^p|} \|(x, y)\|^p,$$

for all $(x, y) \in \mathcal{U}$.

Proof. By Theorem 6 there is a unique bi-additive mapping $F : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that

$$|F(x, y) - \varphi(x, y)| \leq \frac{2\delta}{|2 - 2^p|} \|(x, y)\|^p, \quad (8)$$

for all $(x, y) \in \mathcal{U}$. Suppose that φ is not bi-ring homomorphism. Then by Theorem 5 we get (3) for all $(x, y) \in \mathcal{U}$. Hence

$$|F(x, y)| \leq |\varphi(x, y)| + \frac{2\delta}{|2 - 2^p|} \|(x, y)\|^p \leq k\|(x, y)\|^p, \quad (9)$$

for all $(x, y) \in \mathcal{U}$, where

$$k = \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4\delta}}{2} + \frac{2\delta}{|2 - 2^p|}.$$

We claim that $F(x, y) = 0$ for all $(x, y) \in \mathcal{U}$. Let $(x, y) \in \mathcal{U}$ be arbitrarily and set $t = \frac{|1-p|}{1-p}$. Then $t = \pm 1$. If $t = 1$, then by (9) for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$|F(nx, ny)| \leq k \|(nx, ny)\|^p = kn^p \|(x, y)\|^p.$$

Thus,

$$|F(x, y)| \leq kn^{p-1} \|(x, y)\|^p \longrightarrow 0,$$

as $n \longrightarrow \infty$, because $p - 1 < 0$. Since $(x, y) \in \mathcal{U}$ was arbitrary, we have $F(x, y) = 0$ for all $(x, y) \in \mathcal{U}$. So by (8) we get

$$|\varphi(x, y)| \leq \frac{2\delta}{|2 - 2^p|} \|(x, y)\|^p, \quad (x, y) \in \mathcal{U}.$$

This complete the proof for the case $t = 1$. The proof of the case $t = -1$ is completely similar. \square

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