# **Stability of a Quadratic Functional Equation**

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### Abstract

This paper deals with the Ulam-Hyers stability of a quadratic functional equation

$$q\left(x - \frac{y+z}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\left(q(x-z) + q(x-y)\right) - \frac{1}{4}q(z-y)$$

using direct and fixed point methods in fuzzy normed space.

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

One of the most interesting questions in the theory of functional analysis concerning the Ulam stability problem of functional equations is as follows: when is it true that a mapping satisfying a functional equation approximately must be close to an exact solution of the given functional equation? In 1940, Ulam [29] posed the famous Ulam stability problem. In 1941, Hyers [12] solved the well-known Ulam stability problem for additive mappings subject to the Hyers condition on approximately additive mappings. He gave rise to the stability theory for functional equations. In 1950, Aoki [2] generalized Hyers' theorem for approximately additive functions. In 1978, Rassias [25] provided a generalized version of Hyers for approximately linear mappings. In addition, Rassias [24, 27] generalized the Hyers stability result by introducing two weaker conditions controlled by a product of different powers of norms and a mixed product-sum of powers of norms, respectively.

The functional equation

$$f(x+y) + f(x-y) = 2f(x) + 2f(y)$$
(1.1)

is said to be quadratic functional equation because the quadratic function  $f(x) = ax^2$ is a solution of the functional equation (1.1).

This paper established the Ulam-Hyers stability of a quadratic functional equation

$$q\left(x - \frac{y+z}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\left(q(x-z) + q(x-y)\right) - \frac{1}{4}q(z-y)$$
(1.2)

using the direct and fixed point methods in fuzzy normed space.

#### PRELIMINARIES 2.

A.K. Katsaras [17] defined a fuzzy norm on a vector space to construct a fuzzy vector topological structure on the space. Some mathematicians have defined fuzzy norms on a vector space from various points of view [11, 19, 35]. In particular, T. Bag and S.K. Samanta [6], following S.C. Cheng and J.N. Mordeson [8], gave an idea of fuzzy norm in such a manner that the corresponding fuzzy metric is of Kramosil and Michalek type [18]. They established a decomposition theorem of a fuzzy norm into a family of crisp norms and investigated some properties of fuzzy normed spaces [7].

We use the definition of fuzzy normed spaces given in [6] and [22, 23, 24, 25].

**Definition 2.1.** Let X be a real linear space. A function  $N : X \times \mathbb{R} \to [0, 1]$  (the so-called fuzzy subset) is said to be a fuzzy norm on X if for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

- (F1) N(x,c) = 0 for c < 0;
- (F2) x = 0 if and only if N(x, c) = 1 for all c > 0;
- $\begin{array}{ll} (F3) & N(cx,t) = N\left(x,\frac{t}{|c|}\right) \text{ if } c \neq 0; \\ (F4) & N(x+y,s+t) \geq \min\{N(x,s),N(y,t)\}; \end{array}$

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 $\begin{array}{ll} (F5) & N(x,\cdot) \text{ is a non-decreasing function on } \mathbb{R} \text{ and } \lim_{t\to\infty} N(x,t)=1;\\ (F6) & \text{ for } x\neq 0, N(x,\cdot) \text{ is (upper semi) continuous on } \mathbb{R}. \end{array}$ 

The pair (X, N) is called a fuzzy normed linear space. One may regard N(X, t) as the truth-value of the statement the norm of x is less than or equal to the real number t'.

**Example 2.2.** Let  $(X, || \cdot ||)$  be a normed linear space. Then

$$N(x,t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t}{t+\|x\|}, & t > 0, \ x \in X, \\ 0, & t \le 0, \ x \in X \end{cases}$$

is a fuzzy norm on X.

**Definition 2.3.** Let (X, N) be a fuzzy normed linear space. Let  $x_n$  be a sequence in X. Then  $x_n$  is said to be convergent if there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $\lim_{n \to \infty} N(x_n - x, t) = 1$  for all t > 0. In that case, x is called the limit of the sequence  $x_n$  and we denote it by  $N - \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = x$ .

**Definition 2.4.** A sequence  $x_n$  in X is called Cauchy if for each  $\epsilon > 0$  and each t > 0there exists  $n_0$  such that for all  $n \ge n_0$  and all p > 0, we have  $N(x_{n+p} - x_n, t) > 1 - \epsilon$ .

**Definition 2.5.** Every convergent sequence in a fuzzy normed space is Cauchy. If each Cauchy sequence is convergent, then the fuzzy norm is said to be complete and the fuzzy normed space is called a fuzzy Banach space.

**Definition 2.6.** A mapping  $f : X \to Y$  between fuzzy normed spaces X and Y is continuous at a point  $x_0$  if for each sequence  $\{x_n\}$  covering to  $x_0$  in X, the sequence  $f\{x_n\}$  converges to  $f(x_0)$ . If f is continuous at each point of  $x_0 \in X$  then f is said to be continuous on X.

The stability of various functional equations in fuzzy normed spaces were investigated in [3, 4, 15, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 32].

Hereafter throughout this paper, assume that X, (Z, N') and (Y, N') are linear space, fuzzy normed space and fuzzy Banach space, respectively. We use the following abbreviation for a given function  $f: X \to Y$  by

$$D_q(x, y, z) = q\left(x - \frac{y+z}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\left(q(x-z) + q(x-y)\right) + \frac{1}{4}q(z-y)$$

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

# 3. FUZZY STABILITY RESULTS: DIRECT METHOD

Now, we investigate the generalized Ulam-Hyers stability of the functional equation (1.2) in fuzzy normed space using direct method.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $\varsigma \in \{-1,1\}$  be fixed and let  $\vartheta : X^3 \to Z$  be a mapping with  $0 < \left(\frac{d}{4}\right)^{\varsigma} < 1$ 

$$N\left(\vartheta\left(2^{\varsigma}x, 2^{\varsigma}y, 2^{\varsigma}z\right), r\right) \ge N\left(d^{\varsigma}\vartheta\left(x, y, z\right), r\right)$$
(3.1)

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and all d > 0 and

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} N'\left(\vartheta\left(2^{\varsigma n}x, 2^{\varsigma n}y, 2^{\varsigma n}z\right), 4^{\varsigma n}r\right) = 1$$
(3.2)

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and all r > 0. Suppose that a mapping  $q : X \to Y$  satisfies the inequality

$$N\left(D_q\left(x, y, z\right), r\right) \ge N'\left(\vartheta\left(x, y, z\right), r\right)$$
(3.3)

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and all r > 0. Then the limit

$$Q(z) = N - \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{q\left(2^{n\varsigma}z\right)}{4^{n\varsigma}}$$
(3.4)

exists for all  $z \in X$  and all r > 0 and the mapping  $Q : X \to Y$  is a unique quadratic mapping satisfying (1.2) and

$$N(q(z) - Q(z), r) \ge N'(\vartheta(0, -z, z), r|4 - d|)$$
(3.5)

for all  $z \in X$  and all r > 0.

*Proof.* First assume  $\varsigma = 1$ . Replacing (x, y, z) by (0, -z, z) in (3.3), we get

$$N(q(2z) - 4q(z), r) \ge N'(\vartheta(0, -z, z), r)$$
(3.6)

for all  $z \in X$  and all r > 0. Replacing z by  $2^n z$  in (3.6), we obtain

$$N\left(\frac{q(2^{n+1}z)}{2^2} - q(2^n z), \frac{r}{2^2}\right) \ge N'\left(\vartheta(0, -2^n z, 2^n z, r)\right)$$
(3.7)

for all  $z \in X$  and all r > 0. Using (3.1), (F3) in (3.7), we arrive

$$N\left(\frac{q(2^{n+1}z)}{2^2} - q(2^n z), \frac{r}{4}\right) \ge N'\left(\vartheta(0, -z, z, \frac{r}{d^n}\right)$$
(3.8)

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for all  $z \in X$  and all r > 0. It is easy to verify from (3.8), that

$$N\left(\frac{q(2^{n+1}z)}{2^{2(n+1)}} - \frac{q(2^nz)}{2^{2n}}, \frac{r}{2^2 \cdot 2^{2n}}\right) \ge N'\left(\vartheta(0, -z, z), \frac{r}{d^n}\right)$$
(3.9)

holds for all  $z \in X$  and all r > 0. Replacing r by  $d^n r$  in (3.9), we get

$$N\left(\frac{q(2^{n+1}z)}{2^{2(n+1)}} - \frac{q(2^nz)}{2^{2n}}, \frac{d^n r}{2^{2(n+1)}}\right) \ge N'\left(\vartheta(0, -z, z), r\right)$$
(3.10)

for all  $z \in X$  and all r > 0. It is easy to see that

$$\frac{q(2^n z)}{2^{2n}} - q(z) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left[ \frac{q(2^{i+1}z)}{2^{2(i+1)}} - \frac{q(2^i x)}{2^{2i}} \right]$$
(3.11)

for all  $z \in X$ . From equations (3.10) and (3.11), we have

$$N\left(\frac{q(2^{n}z)}{2^{2n}} - q(z), \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{d^{i}r}{2^{2(i+1)}}\right)$$

$$\geq \min \bigcup_{i=0}^{n-1} \left\{ \frac{q(2^{i+1}z)}{2^{2(i+1)}} - \frac{q(2^{i}z)}{2^{2i}}, \frac{d^{i}r}{2^{2(i+1)}} \right\}$$

$$\geq \min \bigcup_{i=0}^{n-1} \left\{ N'\left(\vartheta(0, -z, z), r\right) \right\}$$

$$\geq N'\left(\vartheta(0, -z, z), r\right)$$
(3.12)

for all  $z \in X$  and all r > 0. Replacing z by  $2^m z$  in (3.12) and using (3.1), (F3), we obtain

$$N\left(\frac{q(2^{n+m}z)}{2^{2(n+m)}} - \frac{q(2^{m}z)}{2^{2m}}, \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{d^{i}r}{2^{2(i+m)}}\right) \ge N'\left(\vartheta(0, -z, z), \frac{r}{d^{m}}\right)$$
(3.13)

for all  $z \in X$  and all r > 0 and all  $m, n \ge 0$ . Replacing r by  $d^m r$  in (3.13), we get

$$N\left(\frac{q(2^{n+m}z)}{2^{2(n+m)}} - \frac{q(2^mz)}{2^{2m}}, \sum_{i=m}^{m+n-1} \frac{d^i r}{2^{2i}}\right) \ge N'\left(\vartheta(0, -z, z), r\right)$$
(3.14)

for all  $z \in X$  and all r > 0 and all  $m, n \ge 0$ . Using (F3) in (3.14), we obtain

$$N\left(\frac{q(2^{n+m}z)}{2^{2(n+m)}} - \frac{q(2^{m}z)}{2^{2m}}, r\right) \ge N'\left(\vartheta(0, -z, z), \frac{r}{\sum_{i=m}^{m+n-1} \frac{d^{i}}{2^{2(i+1)}}}\right)$$
(3.15)

for all  $z \in X$  and all r > 0 and all  $m, n \ge 0$ . Since  $0 < d < 2^2$  and  $\sum_{i=0}^{n} \left(\frac{d}{2^2}\right)^i < \infty$ , the cauchy criterion for convergence and (F5) implies that  $\left\{\frac{q(2^n z)}{2^{2n}}\right\}$  is a Cauchy

sequence in (Y, N). Since (Y, N) is a fuzzy Banach space, this sequence converges to some point  $Q(z) \in Y$ . So one can define the mapping  $Q: X \to Y$  by

$$Q(z) = N - \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{q(2^n z)}{2^{2n}}$$

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for all  $z \in X$ . Letting m = 0 in (3.15), we get

$$N\left(\frac{q(2^{n}z)}{2^{2n}} - q(z), r\right) \ge N' \left(\vartheta(0, -z, z), \frac{r}{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{d^{i}}{2^{2i}}}\right)$$
(3.16)

for all  $z \in X$  and all r > 0. Letting  $n \to \infty$  in (3.16) and using (F6), we arrive

$$N\left(q(z) - Q(z), r\right) \ge N'\left(\vartheta(0, -z, z), r(2^2 - d)\right)$$

for all  $z \in X$  and all r > 0. To prove Q satisfies the functional equation (1.2), replacing (x, y, z) by  $(2^n x, 2^n y, 2^n z)$  in (3.3), respectively, we obtain

$$N\left(\frac{1}{2^{n}}D_{q}(2^{n}x,2^{n}y,2^{n}z),r\right) \ge N'\left(\vartheta(2^{n}x,2^{n}y,2^{n}z),2^{2n}r\right)$$
(3.17)

for all r > 0 and all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Now,

$$N\left(Q\left(x-\frac{y+z}{2}\right)-\frac{1}{2}\left(Q(x-z)+Q(x-y)\right)+\frac{1}{4}Q(z-y),r\right)$$

$$\geq \min\left\{N\left(Q\left(x-\frac{y+z}{2}\right)-\frac{1}{2^{2n}}q\left(2^{n}\left(x-\frac{y+z}{2}\right)\right),\frac{r}{5}\right),$$

$$N\left(-\frac{1}{2}Q(x-z)+\frac{1}{2^{2n}2}q\left(2^{n}\left(x-z\right)\right),\frac{r}{5}\right),$$

$$N\left(-\frac{1}{2}Q(x-y)+\frac{1}{2^{2n}2}q\left(2^{n}\left(x-y\right)\right),\frac{r}{5}\right),$$

$$N\left(\frac{1}{4}Q(z-y)-\frac{1}{2^{2n}4}q\left(2^{n}\left(z-y\right)\right),\frac{r}{5}\right),$$

$$N\left(\frac{1}{2^{2n}}q\left(2^{n}\left(x-\frac{y+z}{2}\right)\right)-\frac{1}{2^{2n}2}q\left(2^{n}\left(x-z\right)\right)-\frac{1}{2^{2n}2}q\left(2^{n}\left(x-z\right)\right),\frac{r}{5}\right)\right\}$$

$$(3.18)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and all r > 0. Using (3.17) and (F5) in (3.18), we arrive

$$N\left(Q\left(x-\frac{y+z}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\left(Q(x-z) + Q(x-y)\right) + \frac{1}{4}Q(z-y), r\right)$$
  

$$\geq \min\left\{1, 1, 1, 1, N'\left(\vartheta(2^{n}x, 2^{n}y, 2^{n}z), 2^{2n}r\right)\right\}$$
  

$$\geq N'\left(\vartheta(2^{n}x, 2^{n}y, 2^{n}z), 2^{2n}r\right)$$
(3.19)

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for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and all r > 0. Letting  $n \to \infty$  in (3.19) and using (3.2), we see that

$$N\left(Q\left(x-\frac{y+z}{2}\right)-\frac{1}{2}\left(Q(x-z)+Q(x-y)\right)+\frac{1}{4}Q(z-y),r\right)=1$$
 (3.20)

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and all r > 0. Using (F2) in the above inequality gives

$$Q\left(x - \frac{y+z}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\left(Q(x-z) + Q(x-y)\right) - \frac{1}{4}Q(z-y)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Hence, Q satisfies the quadratic functional equation (1.2). In order to prove Q(z) is unique, let Q'(z) be another quadratic functional equation satisfying (1.2) and (3.5). Hence,

$$\begin{split} N(Q(z) - Q'(z), r) &= N\left(\frac{Q(2^n z)}{2^{2n}} - \frac{Q'(2^n z)}{2^{2n}}, r\right) \\ &\geq \min\left\{N\left(\frac{Q(2^n z)}{2^{2n}} - \frac{q(2^n z)}{2^{2n}}, \frac{r}{2}\right), N\left(\frac{q(2^n z)}{2^{2n}} - \frac{Q'(2^n z)}{2^{2n}}, \frac{r}{2}\right)\right\} \\ &\geq N'\left(\vartheta(0, -2^n z, 2^n z), \frac{r}{2^{2n}(2^2 - d)}{2}\right) \\ &\geq N'\left(\vartheta(0, -z, z), \frac{r}{2^{2n}(2^2 - d)}{2d^n}\right) \end{split}$$

for all  $z \in X$  and all r > 0. Since

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{r \ 2^{2n}(2^2 - d)}{2d^n} = \infty,$$

we obtain

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} N'\left(\vartheta(0, -z, z), \frac{r \, 2^{2n}(2^2 - d)}{2d^n}\right) = 1.$$

Thus

$$N(Q(z) - Q'(z), r) = 1$$

for all  $z \in X$  and all r > 0, hence Q(z) = Q'(z). Therefore Q(z) is unique.

For  $\varsigma = -1$ , we can prove the result by a similar method. This completes the proof of the theorem.

From Theorem 3.1, we obtain the following corollaries concerning the Ulam-Hyers stability for the functional equation (1.2).

**Corollary 3.2.** Suppose that a mapping  $q: X \to Y$  satisfies the inequality

$$N\left(D_{q}(x, y, z), r\right) \\ \geq \begin{cases} N'\left(\epsilon, r\right), & s \neq 2; \\ N'\left(\epsilon\left\{||x||^{s} + ||y||^{s} + ||z||^{s}\right\}, r\right), & s \neq 2; \\ N'\left(\epsilon\left\{||x||^{s} ||y||^{s} ||z||^{s} + (||x||^{3s} + ||y||^{3s} + ||z||^{3s})\right\}, r\right), & s \neq \frac{2}{3}; \end{cases}$$
(3.21)

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and all r > 0, where  $\epsilon, s$  are constants. Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping  $Q : X \to Y$  such that

$$N(q(z) - Q(z), r) \ge \begin{cases} N'(\epsilon, 3r), \\ N'(2\epsilon ||z||^{s}, r|2^{2} - 2^{s}|), \\ N'(2\epsilon ||z||^{3s}, r|2^{2} - 2^{3s}|) \end{cases}$$
(3.22)

for all  $z \in X$  and all r > 0.

# 4. FUZZY STABILITY RESULTS: FIXED POINT METHOD

In this section, the authors present the generalized Ulam-Hyers stability of the functional equation (1.2) in fuzzy normed space using fixed point method.

Now we will recall the fundamental results in fixed point theory.

**Theorem 4.1.** (Banach's contraction principle) Let (X, d) be a complete metric space and consider a mapping  $T : X \to X$  which is strictly contractive mapping, that is

- (A1)  $d(Tx, Ty) \leq Ld(x, y)$  for some (Lipschitz constant) L < 1. Then, (i) The mapping T has one and only fixed point  $x^* = T(x^*)$ ; (ii) The fixed point for each given element  $x^*$  is globally attractive, that is
- (A2)  $\lim_{n\to\infty} T^n x = x^*$ , for any starting point  $x \in X$ ; (iii) One has the following estimation inequalities:
- (A3)  $d(T^n x, x^*) \leq \frac{1}{1-L} d(T^n x, T^{n+1} x), \forall n \geq 0, \forall x \in X;$

(A4)  $d(x, x^*) \leq \frac{1}{1-L} d(x, x^*), \forall x \in X.$ 

**Theorem 4.2.** [20](The alternative of fixed point) Suppose that for a complete generalized metric space (X, d) and a strictly contractive mapping  $T : X \to X$  with Lipschitz constant L. Then, for each given element  $x \in X$ , either (B1)  $d(T^nx, T^{n+1}x) = \infty \quad \forall n \ge 0$ , or (B2) there exists a natural number  $n_0$  such that:

(i)  $d(T^n x, T^{n+1} x) < \infty$  for all  $n \ge n_0$ ;

- (*ii*)*The sequence*  $(T^n x)$  *is convergent to a fixed point*  $y^*$  *of* T
- (*iii*)  $y^*$  is the unique fixed point of T in the set  $Y = \{y \in X : d(T^{n_0}x, y) < \infty\};$
- $(iv) d(y^*, y) \leq \frac{1}{1-L} d(y, Ty)$  for all  $y \in Y$ .

In order to prove the stability results we define the following:

 $\delta_i$  is a constant such that

$$\delta_i = \begin{cases} 2 & if \quad i = 1, \\ \frac{1}{2} & if \quad i = 0 \end{cases}$$

and  $\Omega$  is the set such that

$$\Omega = \{g \mid g : X \to Y, g(0) = 0\}$$

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $q : X \to Y$  be a mapping for which there exist a mapping  $\vartheta : X^3 \to Z$  with the condition

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} N' \left( \vartheta \left( \mu_i^n x, \mu_i^n y, \mu_i^n z \right), \mu_i^{2n} r \right) = 1$$
(4.1)

for all  $x, y, z \in X, r > 0$  and satisfying the functional inequality

$$N\left(D_q(x, y, z), r\right) \ge N'\left(\vartheta(x, y, z), r\right) \tag{4.2}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X, r > 0$ . If there exists L = L(i) > 0 such that the function

$$z \to \gamma(z) = \vartheta\left(0, -\frac{z}{2}, \frac{z}{2}\right),$$

has the property

$$N'\left(\frac{L\gamma(\mu_i z)}{\mu_i^2}, r\right) = N'\left(\gamma(z), r\right), \ \forall \ z \in X, r > 0.$$
(4.3)

Then there exists unique quadratic mapping  $Q : X \to Y$  satisfying the functional equation (1.2) and

$$N\left(q(z) - Q(z), r\right) \ge N'\left(\frac{L^{1-i}}{1-L}\gamma(z), r\right) \ \forall \ z \in X, r > 0.$$

$$(4.4)$$

*Proof.* Let d be a general metric on  $\Omega$ , such that

$$d(g,h) = \inf \left\{ K \in (0,\infty) | N(g(z) - h(z), r) \ge N'(\varsigma(z), Kr), z \in X, r > 0 \right\}.$$

It is easy to see that  $(\Omega, d)$  is complete. Define  $T : \Omega \to \Omega$  by  $Tg(z) = \frac{1}{\delta_i^2}g(\delta_i z)$ , for all  $z \in X$ . For  $g, h \in \Omega$ , we have  $d(g, h) \leq K$ 

$$\Rightarrow \qquad N\left(g(z) - h(z), r\right) \ge N'\left(K\gamma(z), r\right), \ \forall z \in X, r > 0 \Rightarrow \qquad N\left(\frac{g(\delta_i z)}{\delta_i^2} - \frac{h(\delta_i z)}{\delta_i^2}, r\right) \ge N'\left(K\gamma(\delta_i z), \delta_i^2 r\right), \ \forall z \in X, r > 0 \Rightarrow \qquad N\left(Tg(z) - Th(z), r\right) \ge N'\left(KL\gamma(z), r\right), \ \forall z \in X, r > 0 \Rightarrow \qquad d\left(Tg(z), Th(z)\right) \le KL, \ \forall z \in X \Rightarrow \qquad d\left(Tg, Th\right) \le Ld(g, h)$$

$$(4.5)$$

for all  $g, h \in \Omega$ . There fore T is strictly contractive mapping on  $\Omega$  with Lipschitz constant L. Replacing (x, y, z) by (0, -z, z) in (4.2), we get

$$N(q(2z) - 4q(z), r) \ge N'(\vartheta(0, -z, z), r)$$
(4.6)

for all  $z \in X, r > 0$ . Using (F3) in (4.6), we arrive

$$N\left(\frac{q(2z)}{2^2} - q(z), r\right) \ge N'\left(\vartheta(0, -z, z), 2^2 r\right)$$

$$(4.7)$$

for all  $z \in X, r > 0$  with the help of (4.3) when i = 0, it follows from (4.7), we get

$$\Rightarrow \qquad N\left(\frac{q(2z)}{2^2} - q(z), r\right) \ge N'\left(L\gamma(z), r\right)$$
$$\Rightarrow \qquad d(Tq, q) \le L = L^1 = L^{1-i}. \tag{4.8}$$

Replacing z by  $\frac{z}{2}$  in (4.6), we obtain

$$N\left(q(z) - 2^{2}q\left(\frac{z}{2}\right), r\right) \ge N'\left(\vartheta\left(0, -\frac{z}{2}, \frac{z}{2}\right), r\right)$$
(4.9)

for all  $z \in X$ , r > 0 with the help of (4.3) when i = 1, it follows from (4.9), we get

$$\Rightarrow N\left(q(z) - 2^2 q\left(\frac{z}{2}\right), r\right) \ge N'\left(\gamma(z), r\right)$$
$$\Rightarrow d(q, Tq) \le 1 = L^0 = L^{1-i}.$$
(4.10)

Then from (4.8) and (4.10), we can conclude

$$d(q, Tq) \le L^{1-i} < \infty.$$

Now from the fixed point alternative in both cases, it follows that there exists a fixed point Q of T in  $\Omega$  such that

$$Q(z) = N - \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{q(2^k z)}{2^{2k}}, \qquad \forall z \in X, r > 0.$$
(4.11)

Replacing (x, y, z) by  $(\delta_i x, \delta_i y, \delta_i z)$  in (4.2), we arrive

$$N\left(\frac{1}{\delta_i^{2n}}D_q(\delta_i x, \delta_i y, \delta_i z), r\right) \ge N'\left(\vartheta(\delta_i x, \delta_i y, \delta_i z), \delta_i^{2n} r\right)$$
(4.12)

for all r > 0 and all  $x, y, z \in X$ 

By proceeding the same procedure as in the Theorem 3.1, we can prove the mapping,  $Q: X \to Y$  satisfies the functional equation (1.2).

By fixed point alternative, since Q is unique fixed point of T in the set

$$\Delta = \left\{ q \in \Omega | d(q, Q) < \infty \right\},\$$

therefore Q is a unique function such that

$$N(q(z) - Q(z), r) \ge N'(K\gamma(z), r)$$

$$(4.13)$$

for all  $z \in X, r > 0$  and K > 0. Again using the fixed point alternative, we obtain

$$d(q,Q) \leq \frac{1}{1-L}d(q,Tq)$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad d(q,Q) \leq \frac{L^{1-i}}{1-L}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad N(q(z) - Q(z),r) \geq N'\left(\frac{L^{1-i}}{1-L}\gamma(z),r\right)$$
(4.14)

for all  $z \in X$  and r > 0. This completes the proof of the theorem.

From Theorem 4.3, we obtain the following corollary concerning the stability for the functional equation (1.2).

**Corollary 4.4.** Suppose that a mapping  $q: X \to Y$  satisfies the inequality

$$N\left(D_{q}(x, y, z), r\right) \\ \geq \begin{cases} N'\left(\epsilon, r\right), & s \neq 2; \\ N'\left(\epsilon \left\{ ||x||^{s} + ||y||^{s} + ||z||^{s} \right\}, r\right), & s \neq 2; \\ N'\left(\epsilon \left\{ ||x||^{s} ||y||^{s} ||z||^{s} + (||x||^{3s} + ||y||^{3s} + ||z||^{3s}) \right\}, r\right), & s \neq \frac{2}{3}; \end{cases}$$

$$(4.15)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and all r > 0, where  $\epsilon, s$  are constants. Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping  $Q: X \to Y$  such that

$$N(q(z) - Q(z), r) \ge \begin{cases} N'(\epsilon, 3r), \\ N'(2\epsilon ||z||^{s}, |2^{2} - 2^{s}|r), \\ N'(2\epsilon ||z||^{3s}, |2^{2} - 2^{3s}|r) \end{cases}$$
(4.16)

for all  $z \in X$  and all r > 0.

Proof. Setting

$$\vartheta(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} \epsilon, \\ \epsilon \left( ||x||^{s} + ||y||^{s} + ||z||^{s} \right), \\ \epsilon \left\{ ||x||^{s} ||y||^{s} ||z||^{s} + ||x||^{3s} + ||y||^{3s} + ||z||^{3s} \right\} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{split} \text{for all } x, y, z \in X. \text{ Then,} \\ N' \left( \vartheta(\delta_i^n x, \delta_i^n y, \delta_i^n z), \delta_i^{2n} r \right) \\ &= \begin{cases} N' \left( \frac{\epsilon}{\delta_i^{2n}}, r \right), \\ N' \left( \frac{\epsilon}{\delta_i^{2n}} (||\delta_i^n x||^s + ||\delta_i^n y||^s + ||\delta_i^n z||^s), r \right), \\ N' \left( \frac{\epsilon}{\delta_i^{2n}} \{ ||\delta_i^n x||^s ||\delta_i^n y||^s + ||\delta_i^n z||^s + ||\mu_i^n x||^{3s} + ||\mu_i^n y||^{3s} + ||\mu_i^n z||^{3s} \}, r \right), \\ &= \begin{cases} \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \\ \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \\ \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, (4.1) is holds. But we have  $\gamma(z) = \vartheta\left(0, \frac{z}{2}, \frac{z}{2}\right)$  has the property

$$N'\left(L\frac{1}{\delta_i^2}\gamma(\delta_i z), r\right) \ge N'\left(\gamma(z), r\right) \ \forall \ z \in X, r > 0.$$

Hence

$$N'(\gamma(z), r) = N'\left(\vartheta\left(0, \frac{z}{2}, \frac{z}{2}\right), r\right) = \begin{cases} N'(\epsilon, r), \\ N'(\epsilon 2^{1-s} ||z||^{s}, r), \\ N'(\epsilon 2^{1-3s} ||z||^{3s}, r). \end{cases}$$

Now,

$$N'\left(\frac{1}{\delta_i^2}\gamma(\delta_i z), r\right) = \begin{cases} N'\left(\frac{\epsilon}{\delta_i^2}, r\right), \\ N'\left(\frac{\epsilon}{\delta_i^2}\left(\frac{2}{2^s}\right)||\delta_i z||^s, r\right), \\ N'\left(\frac{\epsilon}{\delta_i^2}\left(\frac{2}{2^{3s}}\right)||\delta_i z||^{3s}, r\right), \end{cases} = \begin{cases} N'\left(\delta_i^{s-2}\gamma(x), r\right), \\ N'\left(\delta_i^{s-2}\gamma(z), r\right), \\ N'\left(\delta_i^{3s-2}\gamma(z), r\right), \end{cases}$$

for all  $z \in X$  and all r > 0. Hence the inequality (4.3) holds either,  $L = 2^{s-2}$  for s < 2if i = 0 and  $L = 2^{2-s}$  for s > 0 if i = 1.

**Case 1:**  $L = 2^{s-2}$  for s < 2 if i = 0

$$N(q(z) - Q(z), r) \ge N'\left(\epsilon\left(\frac{2^{s-2}}{1 - 2^{s-2}}\right)\gamma(z), r\right) = N'\left(2\epsilon||z||^s, \frac{r}{2^2 - 2^s}\right).$$

**Case 2:**  $L = 2^{2-s}$  for s > 2 if i = 1

$$N\left(q(z) - Q(z), r\right) \ge N'\left(\epsilon\left(\frac{1}{1 - 2^{2-s}}\right)\gamma(z), r\right) = N'\left(2\epsilon||z||^s, \frac{r}{2^s - 2^2}\right).$$

Similarly, the inequality (4.3) holds either,  $L = 2^{-2}$  if i = 0 and  $L = 2^2$  if i = 1 for condition (i) and also the inequality (4.3) holds either  $L = 2^{3s-2}$  for  $s < \frac{2}{3}$  if i = 0 and  $L = 2^{2-3s}$  for  $s > \frac{2}{3}$  if i = 1 for condition (iii). Hence the proof is complete.

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