

## HYPERSTABILITY OF A CAUCHY FUNCTIONAL EQUATION

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**ABSTRACT.** The aim of this paper is to offer hyperstability results for the Cauchy functional equation

$$f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i)$$

in Banach spaces. Namely, we show that a function satisfying the equation approximately must be actually a solution to it.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces. A mapping  $X \rightarrow Y$  is called, additive function, if it satisfies the Cauchy functional equation

$$f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y) \quad \text{for all } x, y \in X.$$

In 1940, S. M. Ulam [15] raised the question concerning the stability of group homomorphisms: “when is it true that the solution of an equation differing slightly from a given one, must of necessity be close to the solution of the given equation?”. The first answer to Ulams question, concerning the Cauchy equation, was given by D. H. Hyers [10]. Thus we speak about the Hyers-Ulam stability. This terminology is also applied to the case of other functional equations. Th. M. Rassias [14] generalized the theorem of Hyers for approximately linear mappings [14]. The stability phenomena that was proved by Th. M. Rassias [14] is called the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability. The modified Ulams stability problem with the generalized control function was proved by P. Găvruta [8].

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In 1994, J. M. Rassias [13] studied the Ulams problem of the following equation

$$f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \quad (1.1)$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X$ .

We say a functional equation  $\mathfrak{D}$  is *hyperstable* if any function  $f$  satisfying the equation  $\mathfrak{D}$  approximately is a true solution of  $\mathfrak{D}$ . It seems that the first hyperstability result was published in [2] and concerned the ring homomorphisms. However, The term *hyperstability* has been used for the first time in [11]. Quite often the hyperstability is confused with superstability, which admits also bounded functions.

The hyperstability problem of various types of functional equations have been investigated by a number of authors, we refer, for example, to [1], [6], [4], [5], [9] and [12]. Throughout this paper, we present the hyperstability results for the additive functional equation (1.1).

The method of the proofs used in the main results is based on a fixed point result that can be derived from [3, Theorem 1]. To present it we need the following three hypotheses:

**(H1)**  $X$  is a nonempty set,  $Y$  is a Banach space,  $f_1, \dots, f_k : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $L_1, \dots, L_k : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  are given.

**(H2)**  $\mathcal{T} : Y^X \rightarrow Y^X$  is an operator satisfying the inequality

$$\|\mathcal{T}\xi(x) - \mathcal{T}\mu(x)\| \leq \sum_{i=1}^k L_i(x) \|\xi(f_i(x)) - \mu(f_i(x))\|, \quad \xi, \mu \in Y^X, \quad x \in X.$$

**(H3)**  $\Lambda : \mathbb{R}_+^X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^X$  is a linear operator defined by

$$\Lambda\delta(x) := \sum_{i=1}^k L_i(x) \delta(f_i(x)), \quad \delta \in \mathbb{R}_+^X, \quad x \in X.$$

The following theorem is the basic tool in this paper. We use it to assert the existence of a unique fixed point of operator  $\mathcal{T} : Y^X \rightarrow Y^X$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let hypotheses (H1)-(H3) be valid and functions  $\varepsilon : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  and  $\varphi : X \rightarrow Y$  fulfil the following two conditions*

$$\|\mathcal{T}\varphi(x) - \varphi(x)\| \leq \varepsilon(x), \quad x \in X,$$

$$\varepsilon^*(x) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \Lambda^n \varepsilon(x) < \infty, \quad x \in X.$$

*Then there exists a unique fixed point  $\psi$  of  $\mathcal{T}$  with*

$$\|\varphi(x) - \psi(x)\| \leq \varepsilon^*(x), \quad x \in X.$$

*Moreover,*

$$\psi(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{T}^n \varphi(x), \quad x \in X.$$

Numerous papers on this subject have been published and we refer to [1], [6], [4], [5], [9], [12].

## 2. HYPERSTABILITY RESULTS

The following theorems and corollaries are the main results in this paper and concern the hyperstability of equation (1.1).

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $X$  be a normed space,  $Y$  be a Banach space,  $c \geq 0$ ,  $p < 0$  and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfy*

$$\left\| f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right) - \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \right\| \leq c \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|^p \right) \quad (2.1)$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X \setminus \{0\}$  where  $n$  is an integer with  $n \geq 2$ . Then  $f$  is additive on  $X \setminus \{0\}$ .

*Proof.* We study two cases as follows:

**Case 1:  $n$  is even**

In this case, let  $n = 2r + 2$  where  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then, the inequality (2.1) can be written as follows

$$\left\| f\left(\sum_{i=1}^{2r+2} x_i\right) - \sum_{i=1}^{2r+2} f(x_i) \right\| \leq c \left( \sum_{i=1}^{2r+2} \|x_i\|^p \right) \quad (2.2)$$

where  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Replacing  $x_{(2r+2)}$  by  $((2r+1)m+1)x$ ,  $x_i$  by  $(-m - \frac{i}{2})x$  where  $i = 2, 4, \dots, 2r$  and  $x_j$  by  $(-m + \frac{j-1}{2})x$  where  $j = 1, 3, \dots, (2r+1)$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  in (2.2), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| f(x) - f\left(\left((2r+1)m+1\right)x\right) - f(-mx) - \sum_{\ell=1}^r f\left(\left(-m+\ell\right)x\right) - \sum_{\ell=1}^r f\left(\left(-m-\ell\right)x\right) \right\| \\ & \leq c \left( \left(\left((2r+1)m+1\right)\right)^p + m^p + \sum_{\ell=1}^r |\ell-m|^p + \sum_{\ell=1}^r |\ell+m|^p \right) \|x\|^p \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

for all  $x \in X \setminus \{0\}$ .

Further put

$$\mathcal{T}_m \xi(x) := \xi\left(\left((2r+1)m+1\right)x\right) + \xi(-mx) + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \xi\left(\left(-m+\ell\right)x\right) + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \xi\left(\left(-m-\ell\right)x\right)$$

and

$$\varepsilon_m(x) := c \left( \left(\left((2r+1)m+1\right)\right)^p + m^p + \sum_{\ell=1}^r |\ell-m|^p + \sum_{\ell=1}^r |\ell+m|^p \right) \|x\|^p$$

for all  $x \in X \setminus \{0\}$  and all  $\xi \in Y^{X \setminus \{0\}}$ . The inequality (2.3) now takes the following form

$$\|\mathcal{T}_m f(x) - f(x)\| \leq \varepsilon_m(x), \quad x \in X \setminus \{0\}.$$

The following operator

$$\Lambda_m \delta(x) := \delta\left(\left((2r+1)m+1\right)x\right) + \delta(-mx) + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \delta\left(\left(-m+\ell\right)x\right) + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \delta\left(\left(-m-\ell\right)x\right)$$

for all  $x \in X \setminus \{0\}$  and all  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}_+^{X \setminus \{0\}}$ , has the form described in (H3) with  $k = 2r+2$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} f_i(x) &= (-m \pm i)x, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, r, \\ f_{(2r+1)}(x) &= ((2r+1)m+1)x, \\ f_{(2r+2)}(x) &= -mx, \\ L_i(x) &= 1, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, (2r+2). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, for every  $\xi, \mu \in Y^{X \setminus \{0\}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{T}_m \xi(x) - \mathcal{T}_m \mu(x)\| &= \left\| \xi\left(\left((2r+1)m+1\right)x\right) + \xi(-mx) \right. \\ &+ \sum_{\ell=1}^r \xi\left((-m+\ell)x\right) + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \xi\left((-m-\ell)x\right) \\ &- \mu\left(\left((2r+1)m+1\right)x\right) - \mu(-mx) \\ &- \left. \sum_{\ell=1}^r \mu\left((-m+\ell)x\right) - \sum_{\ell=1}^r \mu\left((-m-\ell)x\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \left\| (\xi - \mu)\left(\left((2r+1)m+1\right)x\right) \right\| + \|(\xi - \mu)(-mx)\| \\ &+ \sum_{\ell=1}^r \left\| (\xi - \mu)\left((-m+\ell)x\right) \right\| + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \left\| (\xi - \mu)\left((-m-\ell)x\right) \right\| \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{(2r+2)} L_i(x) \|\xi(f_i(x)) - \mu(f_i(x))\|, \end{aligned}$$

and so **(H2)** is valid. Next, we can find  $m_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\alpha_m = \left( (2r+1)m+1 \right)^p + m^p + \sum_{\ell=1}^r |\ell - m|^p + \sum_{\ell=1}^r (m + \ell)^p < 1$$

for all  $m \geq m_0$ . Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_m^*(x) &:= \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \Lambda_m^s \varepsilon_m(x) \\ &= c \alpha_m \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \alpha_m^s \|x\|^p \\ &= \frac{c \alpha_m}{1 - \alpha_m} \|x\|^p, \quad x \in X \setminus \{0\}, m \geq m_0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, according to Theorem 1.1, for each  $m \geq m_0$  there exists a unique solution  $F_m : X \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow Y$  of the equation

$$F_m(x) = F_m\left(\left((2r+1)m+1\right)x\right) + F_m(-mx) + \sum_{\ell=1}^r F_m\left((-m+\ell)x\right) + \sum_{\ell=1}^r F_m\left((-m-\ell)x\right)$$

such that

$$\|f(x) - F_m(x)\| \leq \frac{c \alpha_m}{1 - \alpha_m} \|x\|^p, \quad x \in X \setminus \{0\}, m \geq m_0.$$

Moreover,

$$F_m(x) := \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{T}_m^s f(x), \quad x \in X \setminus \{0\}.$$

To prove that  $F_m(x)$  satisfies the Cauchy equation (1.1) on  $X \setminus \{0\}$  observe that

$$\left\| \mathcal{T}_m^s f \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) - \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{T}_m^s f(x_i) \right\| \leq c \alpha_m^s \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|^p \right) \quad (2.4)$$

for every  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X \setminus \{0\}$  and  $s \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

Indeed, if  $s = 0$ , then (2.4) is simply (2.1). So, take  $t \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and suppose that (2.4) holds for  $s = t$  and  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X \setminus \{0\}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \mathcal{T}_m^{t+1} f \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) - \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{T}_m^{t+1} f(x_i) \right\| = \left\| \mathcal{T}_m^t f \left( \sum_{i=1}^n ((2r+1)m+1)x_i \right) \right. \\ & + \mathcal{T}_m^t f \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (-mx_i) \right) + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \mathcal{T}_m^t f \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (-m+\ell)x_i \right) + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \mathcal{T}_m^t f \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (-m-\ell)x_i \right) \\ & \left. - \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{T}_m^t f \left( ((2r+1)m+1)x_i \right) - \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{T}_m^t f(-mx_i) \right. \\ & \left. - \sum_{\ell=1}^r \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{T}_m^t f \left( (-m+\ell)x_i \right) \right) - \sum_{\ell=1}^r \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{T}_m^t f \left( (-m-\ell)x_i \right) \right) \right\| \\ & \leq \left\| \mathcal{T}_m^t f \left( \sum_{i=1}^n ((2r+1)m+1)x_i \right) - \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{T}_m^t f \left( ((2r+1)m+1)x_i \right) \right\| \\ & + \left\| \mathcal{T}_m^t f \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (-mx_i) \right) - \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{T}_m^t f(-mx_i) \right\| \\ & + \left\| \sum_{\ell=1}^r \mathcal{T}_m^t f \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (-m+\ell)x_i \right) - \sum_{\ell=1}^r \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{T}_m^t f \left( (-m+\ell)x_i \right) \right) \right\| \\ & + \left\| \sum_{\ell=1}^r \mathcal{T}_m^t f \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (-m-\ell)x_i \right) - \sum_{\ell=1}^r \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{T}_m^t f \left( (-m-\ell)x_i \right) \right) \right\| \\ & \leq c \alpha_m^t \left( ((2r+1)m+1)^p + m^p + \sum_{\ell=1}^r |\ell-m|^p + \sum_{\ell=1}^r |-m-\ell|^p \right) \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|^p \\ & = c \alpha_m^{t+1} \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|^p. \end{aligned}$$

By induction, we have shown that (2.4) holds for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X \setminus \{0\}$  and  $s \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Letting  $s \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.4), we obtain that

$$F_m \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n F_m(x_i), \quad x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X \setminus \{0\}.$$

Thus, we have proved that for every  $m \geq m_0$  there exists a unique function  $F_m : X \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow Y$  such that  $F_m$  is a solution of the Cauchy equation (1.1) on  $X \setminus \{0\}$  and

$$\|f(x) - F_m(x)\| \leq \frac{c \alpha_m}{1 - \alpha_m} \|x\|^p, \quad x \in X \setminus \{0\}.$$

Since  $p < 0$ , the sequence

$$\left\{ \frac{c \alpha_m}{1 - \alpha_m} \|x\|^p \right\}_{m \geq m_0}$$

tends to zero when  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . Consequently,  $f$  satisfies the Cauchy equation (1.1) on  $X \setminus \{0\}$  as the pointwise of  $(F_m)_{m \geq m_0}$ .

**Case 2:  $n$  is odd**

Letting  $n = 2r + 1$  where  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ , we can rewrite the inequality (2.1) as follows

$$\left\| f\left(\sum_{i=1}^{2r+1} x_i\right) - \sum_{i=1}^{2r+1} f(x_i) \right\| \leq c \left( \sum_{i=1}^{2r+1} \|x_i\|^p \right). \quad (2.5)$$

Replacing  $x_{2r+1}$  by  $(2rm + 1)x$ ,  $x_i$  by  $(-m - \frac{i}{2})x$  where  $i = 2, 4, \dots, 2r$  and  $x_j$  by  $(-m + \frac{j+1}{2})x$  where  $j = 1, 3, \dots, (2r - 1)$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  in (2.5), we get that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| f(x) - f((2rm + 1)x) - \sum_{\ell=1}^r f((-m + \ell)x) - \sum_{\ell=1}^r f((-m - \ell)x) \right\| \\ & \leq c \left( |2rm + 1|^p + \sum_{\ell=1}^r |-m + \ell|^p + \sum_{\ell=1}^r |m + \ell|^p \right) \|x\|^p \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

for all  $x \in X \setminus \{0\}$ .

Further put

$$\mathcal{T}_m \xi(x) := \xi((2rm + 1)x) + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \xi((-m + \ell)x) + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \xi((-m - \ell)x)$$

and

$$\varepsilon_m(x) := c \left( |2rm + 1|^p + \sum_{\ell=1}^r |-m + \ell|^p + \sum_{\ell=1}^r |m + \ell|^p \right) \|x\|^p$$

for all  $x \in X \setminus \{0\}$  and all  $\xi \in Y^{X \setminus \{0\}}$ . Then the inequality (2.6) takes the form

$$\|\mathcal{T}_m f(x) - f(x)\| \leq \varepsilon_m(x), \quad x \in X \setminus \{0\}.$$

The following operator

$$\Lambda_m \delta(x) := \delta((2rm + 1)x) + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \delta((-m + \ell)x) + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \delta((-m - \ell)x)$$

for all  $x \in X \setminus \{0\}$  and all  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}_+^{X \setminus \{0\}}$ , has the form described in (H3) with  $k = 2r + 1$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} f_i(x) &= (-m \pm i)x, & i = 1, 2, \dots, r, \\ f_{2r+1}(x) &= (2rm + 1)x, \\ L_i(x) &= 1, & i = 1, 2, \dots, (2r + 1). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, for every  $\xi, \mu \in Y^{X \setminus \{0\}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{T}_m \xi(x) - \mathcal{T}_m \mu(x)\| &= \left\| \xi((2rm + 1)x) + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \xi((-m + \ell)x) + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \xi((-m - \ell)x) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \mu((2rm + 1)x) - \sum_{\ell=1}^r \mu((-m + \ell)x) - \sum_{\ell=1}^r \mu((-m - \ell)x) \right\| \\ &\leq \left\| (\xi - \mu)((2rm + 1)x) \right\| + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \left\| (\xi - \mu)((-m + \ell)x) \right\| + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \left\| (\xi - \mu)((-m - \ell)x) \right\| \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{(2r+1)} L_i(x) \left\| \xi(f_i(x)) - \mu(f_i(x)) \right\|,$$

so **(H2)** is valid. Now, we can find  $m_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\alpha_m = |2rm + 1|^p + \sum_{\ell=1}^r |-m + \ell|^p + \sum_{\ell=1}^r |m + \ell|^p < 1$$

for all  $m \geq m_0$ . Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_m^*(x) &:= \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \Lambda_m^s \varepsilon_m(x) \\ &= c \alpha_m \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \alpha_m^s \|x\|^p \\ &= \frac{c \alpha_m}{1 - \alpha_m} \|x\|^p, \quad x \in X \setminus \{0\}, m \geq m_0. \end{aligned}$$

The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of case 1.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $X$  be a normed space,  $Y$  be a Banach space,  $c \geq 0$ ,  $p < 0$  and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfy*

$$\|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \theta(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p) \quad (2.7)$$

for all  $x, y \in X \setminus \{0\}$  where  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Then  $f$  is additive on  $X \setminus \{0\}$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $X$  be a normed space,  $Y$  be a Banach space,  $c \geq 0$ ,  $p_i \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i < 0$  and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfy*

$$\left\| f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right) - \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \right\| \leq c \left( \prod_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|^{p_i} \right) \quad (2.8)$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X \setminus \{0\}$  where  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Then  $f$  is additive on  $X \setminus \{0\}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i < 0$ , some of  $p_i$  must be negative. Assume that these are  $p_j < 0$  where  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . By using the same technic of the proof of Theorem 2.1, we study two cases as follows:

**Case 1:  $n$  is even**

In this case, suppose that  $n = 2r + 2$  where  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then the inequality (2.8) can be written as follows

$$\left\| f\left(\sum_{i=1}^{2r+2} x_i\right) - \sum_{i=1}^{2r+2} f(x_i) \right\| \leq c \left( \prod_{i=1}^{2r+2} \|x_i\|^{p_i} \right). \quad (2.9)$$

Replacing  $x_{(2r+2)}$  by  $((2r+1)m+1)x$ ,  $x_i$  by  $(-m - \frac{i}{2})x$  where  $i = 2, 4, \dots, 2r$  and  $x_j$  by  $(-m + \frac{j-1}{2})x$  where  $j = 1, 3, \dots, (2r+1)$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  in (2.9), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| f(x) - f\left(\left((2r+1)m+1\right)x\right) - f(-mx) - \sum_{\ell=1}^r f\left(\left(-m+\ell\right)x\right) - \sum_{\ell=1}^r f\left(\left(-m-\ell\right)x\right) \right\| \\ &\leq c|m|^{p_1} \cdot \left| \left((2r+1)m+1\right)^{p_{2r+2}} \cdot \prod_{\ell=1}^r \left( |m+\ell|^{p_{2\ell}} \cdot |-m+\ell|^{p_{2\ell+1}} \right) \right| \|x\|^\beta \quad (2.10) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X \setminus \{0\}$  where  $\beta = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i$ .

Further put

$$\mathcal{T}_m \xi(x) := \xi\left(\left((2r+1)m+1\right)x\right) + \xi(-mx) + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \xi\left((-m+\ell)x\right) + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \xi\left((-m-\ell)x\right)$$

and

$$\varepsilon_m(x) := \theta|m|^{p_1} \cdot \left|(2r+1)m+1\right|^{p_{2r+2}} \cdot \prod_{\ell=1}^r \left(\left|m+\ell\right|^{p_{2\ell}} \cdot \left|-m+\ell\right|^{p_{2\ell+1}}\right) \|x\|^\beta$$

for all  $x \in X \setminus \{0\}$  and all  $\xi \in Y^X$ . Thus, the inequality (2.10) takes the following form

$$\|\mathcal{T}_m f(x) - f(x)\| \leq \varepsilon_m(x), \quad x \in X \setminus \{0\}.$$

The following operator

$$\Lambda_m \delta(x) := \delta\left(\left((2r+1)m+1\right)x\right) + \delta(-mx) + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \delta\left((-m+\ell)x\right) + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \delta\left((-m-\ell)x\right)$$

for all  $x \in X \setminus \{0\}$  and all  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}_+^{X \setminus \{0\}}$ , has the form described in (H3) with  $k = 2r+2$  and

$$\begin{aligned} f_i(x) &= (-m \pm i)x, & i = 1, 2, \dots, r, \\ f_{(2r+1)}(x) &= \left((2r+1)m+1\right)x, \\ f_{(2r+2)}(x) &= -mx, \\ L_i(x) &= 1, & i = 1, 2, \dots, (2r+2). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, for every  $\xi, \mu \in Y^{X \setminus \{0\}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \mathcal{T}_m \xi(x) - \mathcal{T}_m \mu(x) \right\| &= \left\| \xi\left(\left((2r+1)m+1\right)x\right) + \xi(-mx) + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \xi\left((-m+\ell)x\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \xi\left((-m-\ell)x\right) - \mu\left(\left((2r+1)m+1\right)x\right) - \mu(-mx) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sum_{\ell=1}^r \mu\left((-m+\ell)x\right) - \sum_{\ell=1}^r \mu\left((-m-\ell)x\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \left\| (\xi - \mu)\left(\left((2r+1)m+1\right)x\right) \right\| + \left\| (\xi - \mu)(-mx) \right\| \\ &\quad + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \left\| (\xi - \mu)\left((-m+\ell)x\right) \right\| + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \left\| (\xi - \mu)\left((-m-\ell)x\right) \right\| \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{(2r+2)} L_i(x) \left\| \xi\left(f_i(x)\right) - \mu\left(f_i(x)\right) \right\|, \end{aligned}$$

and so (H2) is valid. Next, we can find  $m_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\lambda_m = |m|^{p_1} \cdot \left|(2r+1)m+1\right|^{p_{2r+2}} \cdot \prod_{\ell=1}^r \left(\left|m+\ell\right|^{p_{2\ell}} \cdot \left|-m+\ell\right|^{p_{2\ell+1}}\right) < 1$$

for all  $m \geq m_0$ . Therefore, we have

$$\varepsilon_m^*(x) := \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \Lambda_m^s \varepsilon_m(x)$$



$$= \frac{\theta \lambda_m}{1 - \lambda_m} \|x\|^\beta,$$

for all  $x \in X \setminus \{0\}$  where  $m \geq m_0$ .

The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.1.

**Case 2:  $n$  is odd**

Let  $n = 2r + 1$  where  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then, we can rewrite the inequality (2.8) as follows

$$\left\| f\left(\sum_{i=1}^{2r+1} x_i\right) - \sum_{i=1}^{2r+1} f(x_i) \right\| \leq c \left( \prod_{i=1}^{2r+1} \|x_i\|^p \right). \quad (2.11)$$

Replacing  $x_{2r+1}$  by  $(2rm + 1)x$ ,  $x_i$  by  $(-m - \frac{i}{2})x$  where  $i = 2, 4, \dots, 2r$  and  $x_j$  by  $(-m + \frac{j+1}{2})x$  where  $j = 1, 3, \dots, (2r - 1)$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  in (2.13), we get that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| f(x) - f((2rm + 1)x) - \sum_{\ell=1}^r f((-m + \ell)x) - \sum_{\ell=1}^r f((-m - \ell)x) \right\| \\ & \leq c |2rm + 1|^{p_{2r+1}} \cdot \prod_{\ell=1}^r \left( |m + \ell|^{p_{2\ell}} \cdot |-m + \ell|^{p_{2\ell+1}} \right) \|x\|^\beta \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

where  $\sum_{i=1}^{2r+1} p_i = \beta$  for all  $x \in X \setminus \{0\}$ .

Further put

$$\mathcal{T}_m \xi(x) := \xi((2rm + 1)x) + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \xi((-m + \ell)x) + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \xi((-m - \ell)x)$$

and

$$\varepsilon_m(x) := \theta |2rm + 1|^{p_{2r+1}} \cdot \prod_{\ell=1}^r \left( |m + \ell|^{p_{2\ell}} \cdot |-m + \ell|^{p_{2\ell+1}} \right) \|x\|^\beta$$

for all  $x \in X \setminus \{0\}$  and all  $\xi \in Y^{X \setminus \{0\}}$ . Then the inequality (2.12) takes the form

$$\|\mathcal{T}_m f(x) - f(x)\| \leq \varepsilon_m(x), \quad x \in X \setminus \{0\}.$$

The following operator

$$\Lambda_m \delta(x) := \delta((2rm + 1)x) + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \delta((-m + \ell)x) + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \delta((-m - \ell)x)$$

for all  $x \in X \setminus \{0\}$  and all  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}_+^{X \setminus \{0\}}$ , has the form described in (H3) with  $k = 2r + 1$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} f_i(x) &= (-m \pm i)x, & i = 1, 2, \dots, r, \\ f_{2r+1}(x) &= (2rm + 1)x, \\ L_i(x) &= 1, & i = 1, 2, \dots, (2r + 1). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, for every  $\xi, \mu \in Y^{X \setminus \{0\}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{T}_m \xi(x) - \mathcal{T}_m \mu(x)\| &= \left\| \xi((2rm + 1)x) + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \xi((-m + \ell)x) + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \xi((-m - \ell)x) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \mu((2rm + 1)x) - \sum_{\ell=1}^r \mu((-m + \ell)x) \right\| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\| -\sum_{\ell=1}^r \mu((-m-\ell)x) \right\| \\
& \leq \left\| (\xi-\mu)((2rm+1)x) \right\| + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \left\| (\xi-\mu)((-m+\ell)x) \right\| \\
& + \sum_{\ell=1}^r \left\| (\xi-\mu)((-m-\ell)x) \right\| \\
& = \sum_{i=1}^{(2r+1)} L_i(x) \left\| \xi(f_i(x)) - \mu(f_i(x)) \right\|,
\end{aligned}$$

and so **(H2)** is valid. Now, we can find  $m_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\lambda_m = |2rm+1|^{p_{2r+1}} \cdot \prod_{\ell=1}^r \left( |m+\ell|^{p_{2\ell}} \cdot |-m+\ell|^{p_{2\ell+1}} \right) < 1$$

for all  $m \geq m_0$ . Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\varepsilon_m^*(x) & := \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \Lambda_m^s \varepsilon_m(x) \\
& = c \left( |2rm+1|^{p_{2r+1}} \cdot \prod_{\ell=1}^r \left( |m+\ell|^{p_{2\ell}} \cdot |-m+\ell|^{p_{2\ell+1}} \right) \right) \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \Lambda_m^s \|x\|^\beta \\
& = \frac{c \lambda_m}{1 - \lambda_m} \|x\|^\beta, \quad x \in X \setminus \{0\}, m \geq m_0.
\end{aligned}$$

The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of case 1.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.4.** Let  $X$  be a normed space,  $Y$  be a Banach space,  $c \geq 0$ ,  $p, q \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $p+q < 0$  and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfy

$$\|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq c(\|x\|^p \cdot \|y\|^q) \quad (2.13)$$

for all  $x, y \in X \setminus \{0\}$  where  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Then  $f$  is additive on  $X \setminus \{0\}$ .

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