

**STABILITY OF  $n$ -JORDAN  $*$ -DERIVATIONS IN  $C^*$ -ALGEBRAS AND  
 $JC^*$ -ALGEBRAS**

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we investigate superstability and the Hyers-Ulam stability of  $n$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivations in  $C^*$ -algebras and  $JC^*$ -algebras for the generalized Jensen-type functional equation

$$rf\left(\frac{a+b}{r}\right) + rf\left(\frac{a-b}{r}\right) = 2f(a).$$

1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N} - \{1\}$  and let  $A$  be a ring and  $B$  be an  $A$ -module. An additive map  $D : A \rightarrow B$  is called  $n$ -Jordan derivation ( $n$ -ring derivation) if

$$D(a^n) = D(a)a^{n-1} + aD(a)a^{n-2} + \dots + a^{n-2}D(a)a + a^{n-1}D(a),$$

for all  $a \in A$ .

$$D\left(\prod_{i=1}^n a_i\right) = D(a_1)a_2 \dots a_n + a_1D(a_2)a_3 \dots a_n + a_1a_2 \dots a_{n-1}D(a_n)$$

for all  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in A$ ). The concept of  $n$ -jordan derivations was studied by Es-haghi Ghordji [4]. (see also [5, 6, 11]).

The stability of functional equations was first introduced by Ulam [26] in 1940. More precisely, he proposed the following problem: Given a group  $H_1$ , a metric group  $(H_2, d)$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ , does there exist a  $\delta > 0$  such that if a mapping  $f : H_1 \rightarrow H_2$  satisfies the inequality  $d(f(xy), f(x)f(y)) < \delta$  for all  $x, y \in H_1$ , then there exists a homomorphism  $T : H_1 \rightarrow H_2$  such that  $d(f(x), T(x)) < \epsilon$  for all  $x \in H_1$ ? As mentioned above, when this problem has a solution, we say that the homomorphisms from  $H_1$  to  $H_2$  are stable. In 1941, Hyers [13] gave a partial solution of *Ulam's*

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problem for the case of approximate additive mappings under the assumption that  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  are Banach spaces. In 1950, Aoki [1] generalized the Hyers' theorem for approximately additive mappings. In 1978, Th.M. Rassias [24] generalized the theorem of Hyers by considering the stability problem with unbounded Cauchy differences.

During the last decades several stability problems of functional equations have been investigated by many mathematicians (see [2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 18, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25]).

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $A, B$  be  $C^*$ -algebras. A  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear mapping  $D : A \rightarrow B$  is called  $n$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation if

$$D(a^n) = D(a)a^{n-1} + aD(a)a^{n-2} + \dots + a^{n-2}D(a)a + a^{n-1}D(a),$$

$$D(a^*) = D(a)^*$$

for all  $a \in A$ .

A  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$ , endowed with the Jordan product  $a \circ b = \frac{ab+ba}{2}$  on  $A$  is called a  $JC^*$ -algebra(see [20])

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $A, B$  be  $JC^*$ -algebras. A  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear mapping  $D : A \rightarrow B$  is called  $n$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation if

$$D(a^n) = D(a) \circ a^{n-1} + a \circ D(a) \circ a^{n-2} + \dots + a^{n-2} \circ D(a) \circ a + a^{n-1} \circ D(a),$$

$$D(a^*) = D(a)^*$$

for all  $a \in A$ .

Throughout this paper, in section 2, we investigate the Hyers-Ulam stability of  $n$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivations in  $C^*$ -algebras associated with the following functional inequality

$$(1.1) \quad \left\| rf\left(\frac{a+b}{r}\right) + rf\left(\frac{a-b}{r}\right) \right\| \leq 2\|f(a)\|.$$

We moreover prove the the Hyers-Ulam stability of  $n$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivations in  $C^*$ -algebras associated with the following functional equation

$$(1.2) \quad rf\left(\frac{a+b}{r}\right) + rf\left(\frac{a-b}{r}\right) = 2f(a).$$

In section 3, we investigate  $n$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivations in  $JC^*$ -algebras associated with the functional inequality (1.1), and prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of  $n$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivations in  $JC^*$ -algebras associated with the functional equation (1.2).

In this paper, assume that  $n$  is an integer greater than 1.

## 2. $n$ -JORDAN $*$ -DERIVATIONS ON $C^*$ -ALGEBRAS

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $A, B$  be  $C^*$ -algebras, and let  $D : A \rightarrow B$  be a mapping such that

$$(2.1) \quad \left\| rD\left(\frac{a+b}{r}\right) + rD\left(\frac{a-b}{r}\right) \right\|_B \leq 2\|D(a)\|_B$$

for all  $a, b \in A$ . Then  $D$  is additive.

*Proof.* Letting  $a = b = 0$  in (2.1), we get

$$\|2rD(0)\|_B \leq 2\|D(0)\|_B$$

So  $D(0) = 0$ .

Letting  $a = b$  in (2.1), we get

$$(2.2) \quad rD\left(\frac{2a}{r}\right) = 2D(a)$$

for all  $a \in A$ . Hence

$$(2.3) \quad rD\left(\frac{a+b}{r}\right) + rD\left(\frac{a-b}{r}\right) = D(a+b) + D(a-b) = 2D(a)$$

for all  $a, b \in A$ . Replace  $a$  by  $a+b$  in (2.3), we have

$$(2.4) \quad D(a+2b) + D(a) = 2D(a+b)$$

for all  $a, b \in A$ . By using (2.2), we have

$$(2.5) \quad 2D\left(\frac{a+2b}{2}\right) + 2D\left(\frac{a}{2}\right) = 2D(a+b)$$

for all  $a, b \in A$ . Hence,

$$D\left(\frac{a}{2} + b\right) + D\left(\frac{a}{2}\right) = D(a+b)$$

for all  $a, b \in A$ . Put  $x = \frac{a}{2}$ ,  $y = \frac{a}{2} + b$  in above equation, we get

$$D(x) + D(y) = D(x+y)$$

for all  $x, y \in A$ . Hence,  $D$  is Cauchy additive. ■

We prove the superstability of  $n$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivations.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $A, B$  be  $C^*$ -algebras, and let  $r, p > 1$  and  $\theta$  be nonnegative real numbers. Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a mapping such that

$$(2.6) \quad \left\| r\mu f\left(\frac{a+b}{r}\right) + r\mu f\left(\frac{a-b}{r}\right) - 2f(\mu a) + f(c^n) - f(c)c^{n-1} + cf(c)c^{n-2} \right. \\ \left. + \dots + c^{n-2}f(c)c + c^{n-1}f(c) + f(d^*) - f(d)^* \right\|_B \leq \theta$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1 := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : |\lambda| = 1\}$  and all  $a, b, c, d \in A$ . Then the mapping  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is an  $n$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation.

*Proof.* Let  $\mu = 1$ ,  $c = d = 0$  in (2.6). By Lemma 2.1, the mapping  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is additive. Letting  $a = b$ ,  $c = d = 0$  in (2.6), we get

$$\|\mu f(2a) - 2f(\mu a)\|_B \leq \theta$$

for all  $a \in A$  and all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ . So

$$\mu f(2a) = 2f(\mu a)$$

for all  $a \in A$  and all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ . Hence  $f(\mu a) = \mu f(a)$  for all  $a \in A$  and all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ . By [20, Theorem 2.1], the mapping  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear.

Letting  $a = b = d = 0$  in (2.6), we get

$$f(c^n) = f(c)c^{n-1} + cf(c)c^{n-2} + \dots + c^{n-2}f(c)c + c^{n-1}f(c)$$

for all  $c \in A$ . And by letting  $a = b = c = 0$  in (2.6), we have

$$f(d^*) = f(d)^*$$

for all  $d \in A$ . Hence the mapping  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is an  $n$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation. ■

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $A, B$  be  $C^*$ -algebras, and let  $p, r < 1$  and  $\theta$  be nonnegative real numbers. Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a mapping satisfying (2.6). Then the mapping  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is an  $n$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation.

*Proof.* The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.2. ■

Now we prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of  $n$ -Jordan derivations in  $C^*$ -algebras.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $A, B$  be  $C^*$ -algebras. Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a mapping for which there exists a function  $\varphi : A \times A \times A \times A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  such that

$$(2.7) \quad \psi(a, b, c, d) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} r^{-i} \varphi(r^i a, r^i b, r^i c, r^i d) < \infty,$$

$$(2.8) \quad \left\| r\mu f\left(\frac{a+b}{r}\right) + r\mu f\left(\frac{a-b}{r}\right) - 2f(\mu a) + f(c^n) - f(c)c^{n-1} + cf(c)c^{n-2} \right. \\ \left. + \dots + c^{n-2}f(c)c + c^{n-1}f(c) + f(d^*) - f(d)^* \right\|_B \leq \varphi(a, b, c, d)$$

for all  $a, b, c, d \in A$  and all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ . Then there exists a unique  $n$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation  $D : A \rightarrow B$  such that

$$(2.9) \quad \|f(a) - D(a)\|_B \leq \psi(a, a, 0, 0)$$

for all  $a \in A$ .

*Proof.* Letting  $\mu = 1, b = c = d = 0$  and replacing  $a$  by  $ra$  in (2.8), we get

$$(2.10) \quad \|f(a) - r^{-1}f(ra)\|_B \leq \frac{1}{2r}\varphi(ra, 0, 0, 0)$$

for all  $a \in A$ . Using the induction method, we have

$$(2.11) \quad \|f(a) - r^{-n}f(r^n a)\|_B \leq \frac{1}{2r^n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi(r^i a, 0, 0, 0)$$

for all  $a \in A$ . Replace  $a$  by  $a^m$  in (2.10) and then divide by  $r^m$ , we have

$$\|f(a^m) - r^{-n-m}f(r^{n+m}a)\|_B \leq \frac{1}{2r^{n+m}} \sum_{i=m}^{m+n} \varphi(r^i a, 0, 0, 0)$$

for all  $a \in A$ . Hence,  $\{r^{-n}f(r^n a)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $A$  is complete, then

$$D(a) = \lim_n r^{-n}f(r^n a)$$

exists for all  $a \in A$ . By (2.8) one can show that

$$(2.12) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|rD\left(\frac{a+b}{r}\right) + rD\left(\frac{a-b}{r}\right) - 2D(a)\|_B \\ &= \lim_n \frac{1}{r^n} \|rf(r^{n-1}(a+b)) + rf(r^{n-1}(a-b)) - 2f(r^n a)\|_B \\ &\leq \lim_n \frac{1}{r^n} \varphi(r^n a, r^n b, 0, 0) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a, b \in A$ . So

$$rD\left(\frac{a+b}{r}\right) + rD\left(\frac{a-b}{r}\right) = 2D(a)$$

for all  $a, b \in A$ . Put  $x = \frac{a+b}{r}, y = \frac{a-b}{r}$  in above equation, we have

$$r(D(x) + D(y)) = 2rD\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right)$$

for all  $x, y \in A$ . Hence,  $D$  is Cauchy additive. On the other hand, we have

$$D(\mu a) - \mu D(a) = \lim_n \frac{1}{r^n} \|f(\mu r^n a) - \mu f(r^n a)\|_B \leq \lim_n \frac{1}{r^n} \varphi(r^n a, r^n a, 0, 0) = 0$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ , and all  $a \in A$ . So it is easy to show that  $D$  is linear. It follow from (2.8) that

$$(2.13) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|D(c^n) - D(c)c^{n-1} + cD(c)c^{n-2} + \dots + c^{n-2}D(c)c + c^{n-1}D(c)\|_B \\ &= \lim_m \left\| \frac{1}{r^{mn}} f((r^m c)^n) - \frac{1}{r^{mn}} (f(r^m r^{m(n-1)} c) + f(r^{2m} r^{m(n-2)} c) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + f(r^{3m} r^{m(n-3)} c) + \dots + f(r^{m(n-1)} r^m c)) \right\|_B \leq \lim_m \frac{1}{r^{mn}} \varphi(0, 0, 0, r^m c) \\ &\leq \lim_m \frac{1}{r^m} \varphi(0, 0, 0, r^m c) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $c \in A$ . and we have

$$(2.14) \quad \begin{aligned} \|D(d^*) - D(d)^*\|_B &= \lim_n \left\| \frac{1}{r^n} f(r^n d^*) - \frac{1}{r^n} (f(r^n d))^* \right\|_B \\ &\leq \lim_n \frac{1}{r^{mn}} \varphi(0, 0, 0, r^n d) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $d \in A$ . Hence  $D : A \rightarrow B$  is a unique  $n$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation.  $\blacksquare$

**Corollary 2.5.** *Let  $A, B$  be  $C^*$ -algebras, and let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  for which there exist constants  $\theta \geq 0$  and  $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4 \in (-\infty, 1)$  such that*

$$(2.15) \quad \begin{aligned} &\left\| r\mu f\left(\frac{a+b}{r}\right) + r\mu f\left(\frac{a-b}{r}\right) - 2f(\mu a) + f(c^n) - f(c)c^{n-1} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + cf(c)c^{n-2} + \dots + c^{n-2}f(c)c + c^{n-1}f(c) + f(d^*) - f(d)^* \right\|_B \\ &\leq \theta(\|a\|^{p_1} + \|b\|^{p_2} + \|c\|^{p_3} + \|d\|^{p_4}) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a, b, c, d \in A$  and all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ . Then there exists a unique  $n$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation  $D : A \rightarrow B$  such that

$$(2.16) \quad \|f(a) - D(a)\|_B \leq \frac{r\theta\|a\|_A^{p_1}}{r^{1-p_1} - 1}$$

for all  $a \in A$ .

*Proof.* Letting  $\varphi(a, b, c, d) = \theta(\|a\|^{p_1} + \|b\|^{p_2} + \|c\|^{p_3} + \|d\|^{p_4})$  in Theorem 2.4, we have

$$\|f(a) - D(a)\|_B \leq \frac{r\theta\|a\|_A^{p_1}}{r^{1-p_1} - 1}$$

for all  $a \in A$ , as desired.  $\blacksquare$

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $A, B$  be  $C^*$ -algebras. Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a mapping for which there exists a function  $\varphi : A \times A \times A \times A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  such that*

$$(2.17) \quad \psi(a, b, c, d) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} r^i \varphi(r^{-i}a, r^{-i}b, r^{-i}c, r^{-i}d) < \infty,$$

$$(2.18) \quad \begin{aligned} &\left\| r\mu f\left(\frac{a+b}{r}\right) + r\mu f\left(\frac{a-b}{r}\right) - 2f(\mu a) + f(c^n) - f(c)c^{n-1} + cf(c)c^{n-2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \dots + c^{n-2}f(c)c + c^{n-1}f(c) + f(d^*) - f(d)^* \right\|_B \leq \varphi(a, b, c, d) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a, b, c, d \in A$  and all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ . Then there exists a unique  $n$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation  $D : A \rightarrow B$  such that

$$(2.19) \quad \|f(a) - D(a)\|_B \leq \psi(a, a, 0, 0)$$

for all  $a \in A$ .

*Proof.* Letting  $\mu = 1, b = c = d = 0$  in (2.18), we get

$$(2.20) \quad \|f(a) - rf(r^{-1}a)\|_B \leq \frac{1}{2}\varphi(a, 0, 0, 0)$$

for all  $a \in A$ . Using the induction method, we have

$$(2.21) \quad \|f(a) - r^n f(r^{-n}a)\|_B \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n r^i \varphi(r^{-i}a, 0, 0, 0)$$

for all  $a \in A$ . Replace  $a$  by  $a^m$  in (2.20) and then divide by  $r^m$ , we have

$$\|f(a^m) - r^{n+m} f(r^{-n-m}a)\|_B \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=m}^{m+n} r^i \varphi(r^{-i}a, 0, 0, 0)$$

for all  $a \in A$ . Hence,  $\{r^n f(r^{-n}a)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $A$  is complete, then

$$D(a) = \lim_n r^n f(r^{-n}a)$$

exists for all  $a \in A$ . By (2.18) one can show that

$$(2.22) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|rD\left(\frac{a+b}{r}\right) + rD\left(\frac{a-b}{r}\right) - 2D(a)\|_B \\ &= \lim_n r^n \|rf(r^{-n-1}(a+b)) + rf(r^{-n-1}(a-b)) - 2f(r^{-n}a)\|_B \\ &\leq \lim_n r^n \varphi(r^{-n}a, r^{-n}b, 0, 0) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a, b \in A$ . So

$$rD\left(\frac{a+b}{r}\right) + rD\left(\frac{a-b}{r}\right) = 2D(a)$$

for all  $a, b \in A$ . Put  $x = \frac{a+b}{r}, y = \frac{a-b}{r}$  in above equation, we have

$$r(D(x) + D(y)) = 2rD\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right)$$

for all  $x, y \in A$ . Hence,  $D$  is Cauchy additive.

The rest of proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.4. ■

**Corollary 2.7.** *Let  $A, B$  be  $C^*$ -algebras, and let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  for which there exist constants  $\theta \geq 0$  and  $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4 \in (-\infty, 1)$  such that*

$$(2.23) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|r\mu f\left(\frac{a+b}{r}\right) + r\mu f\left(\frac{a-b}{r}\right) - 2f(\mu a) + f(c^n) - f(c)c^{n-1} \\ &+ cf(c)c^{n-2} + \dots + c^{n-2}f(c)c + c^{n-1}f(c) + f(d^*) - f(d)^*\|_B \\ &\leq \theta(\|a\|^{p_1} + \|b\|^{p_2} + \|c\|^{p_3} + \|d\|^{p_4}) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a, b, c, d \in A$  and all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ . Then there exists a unique  $n$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation  $D : A \rightarrow B$  such that

$$(2.24) \quad \|f(a) - D(a)\|_B \leq \frac{r\theta\|a\|_A^{p_1}}{r^{1-p_1} - 1}$$

for all  $a \in A$ .

*Proof.* Letting  $\varphi(a, b, c, d) = \theta(\|a\|^{p_1} + \|b\|^{p_2} + \|c\|^{p_3} + \|d\|^{p_4})$  in Theorem 2.6, we have

$$\|f(a) - D(a)\|_B \leq \frac{r\theta\|a\|_A^{p_1}}{r^{1-p_1} - 1}$$

for all  $a \in A$ , as desired.  $\blacksquare$

### 3. $n$ -JORDAN $*$ -DERIVATIONS ON $JC^*$ -ALGEBRAS

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $A, B$  be  $JC^*$ -algebras, and let  $r, p > 1$  and  $\theta$  be nonnegative real numbers. Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a mapping such that

$$(3.1) \quad \left\| r\mu f\left(\frac{a+b}{r}\right) + r\mu f\left(\frac{a-b}{r}\right) - 2f(\mu a) + f(c^n) - f(c) \circ c^{n-1} + c \circ f(c) \circ c^{n-2} \right. \\ \left. + \dots + c^{n-2} \circ f(c) \circ c + c^{n-1} \circ f(c) + f(d^*) - f(d)^* \right\|_B \leq \theta$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1 := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : |\lambda| = 1\}$  and all  $a, b, c, d \in A$ . Then the mapping  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is an  $n$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation.

*Proof.* By the same reasoning as in the proof of Theorem 2.2, the mapping  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear.

Letting  $a = b = d = 0$  in (3.1), we get

$$f(c^n) = f(c) \circ c^{n-1} + c \circ f(c) \circ c^{n-2} + \dots + c^{n-2} \circ f(c) \circ c + c^{n-1} \circ f(c)$$

for all  $c \in A$ . And by letting  $a = b = c = 0$  in (3.1), we have

$$f(d^*) = f(d)^*$$

for all  $d \in A$ . Hence the mapping  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is an  $n$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation.  $\blacksquare$

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $A, B$  be  $JC^*$ -algebras, and let  $p, r < 1$  and  $\theta$  be nonnegative real numbers. Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a mapping satisfying (2.6) and (3.1). Then the mapping  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is an  $n$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation.

*Proof.* The proof is similar to the proofs of Theorems 2.2 and 3.1.  $\blacksquare$

We prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of  $n$ -Jordan derivations in  $JC^*$ -algebras.



**Theorem 3.3.** *Suppose that  $A, B$  be  $JC^*$ -algebras. Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a mapping for which there exists a function  $\varphi : A \times A \times A \times A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  satisfying (2.7) such that*

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|r\mu f\left(\frac{a+b}{r}\right) + r\mu f\left(\frac{a-b}{r}\right) - 2f(\mu a) + f(c^n) \\ & - f(c) \circ c^{n-1} + c \circ f(c) \circ c^{n-2} + \dots + c^{n-2} \circ f(c) \circ c \\ & + c^{n-1} \circ f(c) + f(d^*) - f(d)^*\|_B \leq \varphi(a, b, c, d) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a, b, c, d \in A$  and all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ . Then there exists a unique  $n$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation  $D : A \rightarrow B$  such that

$$\|f(a) - D(a)\|_B \leq \psi(a, a, 0, 0)$$

for all  $a \in A$ .

*Proof.* By the same reasoning as in the proof of Theorem 2.4. there exists a unique  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear  $D : A \rightarrow B$  such that

$$\|f(a) - D(a)\|_B \leq \psi(a, a, 0, 0)$$

for all  $a \in A$ . The mapping  $D : A \rightarrow B$  is given by

$$D(a) = \lim_n r^{-n} f(r^n a)$$

for all  $a \in A$ . Letting  $\mu = 1, b = c = d = 0$  and replacing  $a$  by  $ra$  in (3.3), we get

$$\|f(a) - r^{-1} f(ra)\|_B \leq \frac{1}{2r} \varphi(ra, 0, 0, 0)$$

for all  $a \in A$ . The rest of proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.4. ■

**Corollary 3.4.** *Let  $A, B$  be  $JC^*$ -algebras, and let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  for which there exist constants  $\theta \geq 0$  and  $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4 \in (-\infty, 1)$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} & \|r\mu f\left(\frac{a+b}{r}\right) + r\mu f\left(\frac{a-b}{r}\right) - 2f(\mu a) + f(c^n) - f(c) \circ c^{n-1} \\ & + c \circ f(c) \circ c^{n-2} + \dots + c^{n-2} \circ f(c) \circ c + c^{n-1} \circ f(c) + f(d^*) - f(d)^*\|_B \\ & \leq \theta(\|a\|^{p_1} + \|b\|^{p_2} + \|c\|^{p_3} + \|d\|^{p_4}) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a, b, c, d \in A$  and all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ . Then there exists a unique  $n$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation  $D : A \rightarrow B$  such that

$$\|f(a) - D(a)\|_B \leq \frac{r\theta\|a\|_A^{p_1}}{r^{1-p_1} - 1}$$

for all  $a \in A$ .

*Proof.* Letting  $\varphi(a, b, c, d) = \theta(\|a\|^{p_1} + \|b\|^{p_2} + \|c\|^{p_3} + \|d\|^{p_4})$  in Theorem 3.3, we obtain the result. ■

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $A, B$  be  $JC^*$ -algebras. Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a mapping for which there exists a function  $\varphi : A \times A \times A \times A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  satisfying (2.17) and (3.2). Then there exists a unique  $n$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation  $D : A \rightarrow B$  such that*

$$\|f(a) - D(a)\|_B \leq \psi(a, a, 0, 0)$$

for all  $a \in A$ .

*Proof.* The rest of the proof is similar to the proofs of Theorems 2.4 and 3.3. ■

**Corollary 3.6.** *Let  $A, B$  be  $JC^*$ -algebras, and let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  for which there exist constants  $\theta \geq 0$  and  $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4 \in (-\infty, 1)$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} & \|r\mu f\left(\frac{a+b}{r}\right) + r\mu f\left(\frac{a-b}{r}\right) - 2f(\mu a) + f(c^n) - f(c) \circ c^{n-1} \\ & + c \circ f(c) \circ c^{n-2} + \dots + c^{n-2} \circ f(c) \circ c + c^{n-1} \circ f(c) + f(d^*) - f(d)^*\|_B \\ & \leq \theta(\|a\|^{p_1} + \|b\|^{p_2} + \|c\|^{p_3} + \|d\|^{p_4}) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a, b, c, d \in A$  and all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ . Then there exists a unique  $n$ -Jordan  $*$ -derivation  $D : A \rightarrow B$  such that

$$\|f(a) - D(a)\|_B \leq \frac{r\theta\|a\|_A^{p_1}}{r^{1-p_1} - 1}$$

for all  $a \in A$ .

*Proof.* Letting  $\varphi(a, b, c, d) = \theta(\|a\|^{p_1} + \|b\|^{p_2} + \|c\|^{p_3} + \|d\|^{p_4})$  in Theorem 3.5, we obtain the result. ■

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