

## GENERALIZED JENSEN'S EQUATIONS IN BANACH MODULES OVER A $C^*$ -ALGEBRA AND ITS UNITARY GROUP

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**Abstract.** We prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of generalized Jensen's equations in Banach modules over a unital  $C^*$ -algebra associated with its unitary group. It is applied to show the stability of generalized Jensen's equations in a Hilbert module over a unital  $C^*$ -algebra associated with its unitary group.

### 1. GENERALIZED JENSEN'S EQUATIONS

Let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  be Banach spaces with norms  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $\|\cdot\|$ , respectively. Consider  $f : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  to be a mapping such that  $f(tx)$  is continuous in  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  for each fixed  $x \in E_1$ . Assume that there exist constants  $\epsilon \geq 0$  and  $p \in [0, 1)$  such that

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

for all  $x, y \in E_1$ . Th.M. Rassias [5] showed that there exists a unique  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear mapping  $T : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  such that

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

for all  $x \in E_1$ .

**Lemma A.** *Let  $V, W$  be vector spaces, and let  $r, s, t$  be positive integers. A mapping  $f : V \rightarrow W$  with  $f(0) = 0$  is a solution of the equation*

$$(A) \quad rf\left(\frac{sx+ty}{r}\right) = sf(x) + tf(y)$$

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for all  $x, y \in V$  if and only if the mapping  $f : V \rightarrow W$  satisfies the additive Cauchy equation  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in V$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $f : V \rightarrow W$  satisfies the equation (A). Then

$$\begin{aligned} rf\left(\frac{s}{r}x\right) &= rf\left(\frac{sx + t \cdot 0}{r}\right) = sf(x) + tf(0) = sf(x), \\ rf\left(\frac{t}{r}x\right) &= rf\left(\frac{s \cdot 0 + tx}{r}\right) = sf(0) + tf(x) = tf(x) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in V$ . So

$$f\left(\frac{s}{r}x\right) = \frac{s}{r}f(x) \quad \& \quad f\left(\frac{t}{r}x\right) = \frac{t}{r}f(x)$$

for all  $x \in V$ . And

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f\left(\frac{s}{r} \cdot \frac{r}{s}x\right) = \frac{s}{r}f\left(\frac{r}{s}x\right), \\ f(x) &= f\left(\frac{t}{r} \cdot \frac{r}{t}x\right) = \frac{t}{r}f\left(\frac{r}{t}x\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in V$ . So

$$f\left(\frac{r}{s}x\right) = \frac{r}{s}f(x) \quad \& \quad f\left(\frac{r}{t}x\right) = \frac{r}{t}f(x)$$

for all  $x \in V$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} f(x + y) &= \frac{1}{r} \cdot rf\left(\frac{s}{r} \cdot \frac{r}{s}x + \frac{t}{r} \cdot \frac{r}{t}y\right) = \frac{1}{r}(sf\left(\frac{r}{s}x\right) + tf\left(\frac{r}{t}y\right)) \\ &= \frac{1}{r}(s \cdot \frac{r}{s}f(x) + t \cdot \frac{r}{t}f(y)) = f(x) + f(y) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in V$ .

The converse is obvious. ■

Throughout this paper, let  $A$  be a unital  $C^*$ -algebra with norm  $|\cdot|$  and  $\mathcal{U}(A)$  the unitary group of  $A$ . Let  ${}_A\mathcal{B}$  and  ${}_A\mathcal{C}$  be left Banach  $A$ -modules with norms  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $\|\cdot\|$ , respectively, and  ${}_A\mathcal{H}$  a left Hilbert  $A$ -module with norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . Let  $s, t$  be different positive integers,  $r$  a positive integer, and  $d$  an integer greater than 1.

In this paper, we prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of the functional equation (A) in Banach modules over a unital  $C^*$ -algebra associated with its unitary group.

2. STABILITY OF GENERALIZED JENSEN'S EQUATIONS IN BANACH MODULES OVER A  $C^*$ -ALGEBRA

We are going to prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of the functional equation (A) in Banach modules over a unital  $C^*$ -algebra for the case  $s \neq t$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $f : {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}$  be a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  for which there exists a function  $\varphi : {}_A\mathcal{B} \times {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that*

$$(i) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{\varphi}(x, y) &:= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^{2k} \varphi\left(\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2k} x, \left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2k} y\right) < \infty \\ \|r u f\left(\frac{s x + t y}{r}\right) - s f(u x) - t f(u y)\| &\leq \varphi(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u \in \mathcal{U}(A)$  and all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . Then there exists a unique  $A$ -linear mapping  $T : {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}$  such that

$$(ii) \quad \|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{s} \tilde{\varphi}\left(x, -\frac{s}{t} x\right) + \frac{t}{s^2} \tilde{\varphi}\left(-\frac{s}{t} x, \left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^2 x\right)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ .

*Proof.* Put  $u = 1 \in \mathcal{U}(A)$ . For  $y = -\frac{s}{t} x$ ,

$$(1) \quad \|s f(x) + t f\left(-\frac{s}{t} x\right)\| \leq \varphi\left(x, -\frac{s}{t} x\right).$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $-\frac{s}{t} x$  and  $y$  by  $\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^2 x$ , one can obtain

$$(2) \quad \|s f\left(-\frac{s}{t} x\right) + t f\left(\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^2 x\right)\| \leq \varphi\left(-\frac{s}{t} x, \left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^2 x\right)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . From (1) and (2), we get

$$\|f(x) - \left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^2 f\left(\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^2 x\right)\| \leq \frac{1}{s} \varphi\left(x, -\frac{s}{t} x\right) + \frac{t}{s^2} \varphi\left(-\frac{s}{t} x, \left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^2 x\right)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . So

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} \|f(x) - \left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^{2n} f\left(\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} x\right)\| &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{1}{s}\right) \left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^{2k} \varphi\left(\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2k} x, -\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2k+1} x\right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{s} \left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^{2k+1} \varphi\left(-\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2k+1} x, \left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2k+2} x\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ .

We claim that the sequence  $\{(\frac{t}{s})^{2n} f((\frac{s}{t})^{2n} x)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Indeed, for  $n > m$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(\frac{t}{s})^{2n} f((\frac{s}{t})^{2n} x) - (\frac{t}{s})^{2m} f((\frac{s}{t})^{2m} x)\| \\ & \leq \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \|(\frac{t}{s})^{2k+2} f((\frac{s}{t})^{2k+2} x) - (\frac{t}{s})^{2k} f((\frac{s}{t})^{2k} x)\| \\ & \leq \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} (\frac{1}{s} (\frac{t}{s})^{2k} \varphi((\frac{s}{t})^{2k} x, -(\frac{s}{t})^{2k+1} x) + \frac{1}{s} (\frac{t}{s})^{2k+1} \varphi(-(\frac{s}{t})^{2k+1} x, (\frac{s}{t})^{2k+2} x)) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . It follows from (i) that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} (\frac{1}{s} (\frac{t}{s})^{2k} \varphi((\frac{s}{t})^{2k} x, -(\frac{s}{t})^{2k+1} x) + \frac{1}{s} (\frac{t}{s})^{2k+1} \varphi(-(\frac{s}{t})^{2k+1} x, (\frac{s}{t})^{2k+2} x)) = 0$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . Since  ${}_A\mathcal{C}$  is a Banach space, the sequence  $\{(\frac{t}{s})^{2n} f((\frac{s}{t})^{2n} x)\}$  converges. Define

$$T(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{t}{s})^{2n} f((\frac{s}{t})^{2n} x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . Taking the limit in (3) as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{s} \tilde{\varphi}(x, -\frac{s}{t}x) + \frac{t}{s^2} \tilde{\varphi}(-\frac{s}{t}x, (\frac{s}{t})^2 x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ , which is the inequality (ii). From the definition of  $T$ , we get

$$(4) \quad (\frac{s}{t})^{2n} T(x) = T((\frac{s}{t})^{2n} x) \text{ and } T(0) = 0.$$

By (i) and the definition of  $T$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|rT(\frac{sx + ty}{r}) - sT(x) - tT(y)\| \\ & = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{t}{s})^{2n} \|rf((\frac{s}{t})^{2n} \frac{sx + ty}{r}) - sf((\frac{s}{t})^{2n} x) - tf((\frac{s}{t})^{2n} y)\| \\ & \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{t}{s})^{2n} \varphi((\frac{s}{t})^{2n} x, (\frac{s}{t})^{2n} y) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . So

$$rT(\frac{sx + ty}{r}) = sT(x) + tT(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . By Lemma A,  $T$  is additive.

If  $F : {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}$  is another additive mapping satisfying (ii), then it follows from (ii), (4) and the proof of Lemma A that

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(x) - F(x)\| &= \left\| \left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^{2n} T\left(\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} x\right) - \left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^{2n} F\left(\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} x\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \left\| \left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^{2n} T\left(\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} x\right) - \left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^{2n} f\left(\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} x\right) \right\| + \left\| \left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^{2n} f\left(\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} x\right) - \left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^{2n} F\left(\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} x\right) \right\| \\ &\leq 2\left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^{2n} \left(\frac{1}{s} \tilde{\varphi}\left(\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} x, \left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} \left(-\frac{s}{t}\right) x\right) + \frac{t}{s^2} \tilde{\varphi}\left(\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} \left(-\frac{s}{t}\right) x, \left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} \left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^2 x\right)\right), \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  by (i). Thus we conclude that

$$T(x) = F(x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . This completes the uniqueness of  $T$ .

By the assumption, for each  $u \in \mathcal{U}(A)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| ruf\left(\frac{s+t}{r}\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} x\right) - (s+t)f\left(\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} ux\right) \right\| &\leq \varphi\left(\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} x, \left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} x\right), \\ \left\| rf\left(\frac{s+t}{r}\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} ux\right) - (s+t)f\left(\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} ux\right) \right\| &\leq \varphi\left(\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} ux, \left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} ux\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| rf\left(\frac{s+t}{r}\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} ux\right) - ruf\left(\frac{s+t}{r}\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} x\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \left\| rf\left(\frac{s+t}{r}\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} ux\right) - (s+t)f\left(\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} ux\right) \right\| \\ &\quad + \left\| ruf\left(\frac{s+t}{r}\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} x\right) - (s+t)f\left(\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} ux\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \varphi\left(\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} ux, \left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} ux\right) + \varphi\left(\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} x, \left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} x\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u \in \mathcal{U}(A)$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . Thus

$$\left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^{2n} \left\| rf\left(\frac{s+t}{r}\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} ux\right) - ruf\left(\frac{s+t}{r}\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} x\right) \right\| \rightarrow 0$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $u \in \mathcal{U}(A)$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} rT\left(\frac{s+t}{r}x\right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{t}{s}\right)^{2n} rf\left(\frac{s+t}{r}\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} ux\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ruf\left(\frac{s+t}{r}\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2n} x\right) \\ &= ruT\left(\frac{s+t}{r}x\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u \in \mathcal{U}(A)$ . So

$$T(ux) = \frac{r}{s+t} T\left(\frac{s+t}{r} ux\right) = \frac{r}{s+t} u T\left(\frac{s+t}{r} x\right) = u T(x)$$

for all  $u \in \mathcal{U}(A)$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ .

Now let  $a \in A$  ( $a \neq 0$ ) and  $M$  an integer greater than  $4|a|$ . Then

$$\left|\frac{a}{M}\right| = \frac{1}{M}|a| < \frac{|a|}{4|a|} = \frac{1}{4} < 1 - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3}.$$

By [3, Theorem 1], there exist three elements  $u_1, u_2, u_3 \in \mathcal{U}(A)$  such that  $3\frac{a}{M} = u_1 + u_2 + u_3$ . And  $T(x) = T(3 \cdot \frac{1}{3}x) = 3T(\frac{1}{3}x)$  for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . So  $T(\frac{1}{3}x) = \frac{1}{3}T(x)$  for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} T(ax) &= T\left(\frac{M}{3} \cdot 3\frac{a}{M}x\right) = M \cdot T\left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot 3\frac{a}{M}x\right) = \frac{M}{3} T\left(3\frac{a}{M}x\right) \\ &= \frac{M}{3} T(u_1x + u_2x + u_3x) = \frac{M}{3} (T(u_1x) + T(u_2x) + T(u_3x)) \\ &= \frac{M}{3} (u_1 + u_2 + u_3) T(x) = \frac{M}{3} \cdot 3\frac{a}{M} T(x) \\ &= aT(x) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . Obviously,  $T(0x) = 0T(x)$  for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . Hence

$$T(ax + by) = T(ax) + T(by) = aT(x) + bT(y)$$

for all  $a, b \in A$  and all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . So the unique additive mapping  $T : {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}$  is an  $A$ -linear mapping, as desired. ■

**Corollary 2.** *Let  $0 < p < 1$  and  $t < s$ . Let  $f : {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}$  be a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  such that*

$$\|ruf\left(\frac{sx+ty}{r}\right) - sf(ux) - tf(uy)\| \leq \|x\|^p + \|y\|^p$$

for all  $u \in \mathcal{U}(A)$  and all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . Then there exists a unique  $A$ -linear mapping  $T : {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}$  such that

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{s^{2(1-p)}}{s^{2(1-p)} - t^{2(1-p)}} \left( \frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{t^p s^{1-p}} + \frac{t^{1-p}}{s^{2-p}} + \frac{t^{1-2p}}{s^{2-2p}} \right) \|x\|^p$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ .

*Proof.* Define  $\varphi : {}_A\mathcal{B} \times {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow [t, \infty)$  by  $\varphi(x, y) = \|x\|^p + \|y\|^p$ , and apply Theorem 1. ■

**Corollary 3.** *Let  $p > 1$  and  $t > s$ . Let  $f : {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}$  be a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  such that*

$$\|ruf(\frac{sx + ty}{r}) - sf(ux) - tf(uy)\| \leq \|x\|^p + \|y\|^p$$

for all  $u \in \mathcal{U}(A)$  and all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . Then there exists a unique  $A$ -linear mapping  $T : {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}$  such that

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{t^{2(p-1)}}{t^{2(p-1)} - s^{2(p-1)}} (\frac{1}{s} + \frac{s^{p-1}}{t^p} + \frac{s^{p-1}}{t^{p-1}} + \frac{s^{2-2p}}{t^{2p-1}}) \|x\|^p$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ .

*Proof.* Define  $\varphi : {}_A\mathcal{B} \times {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by  $\varphi(x, y) = \|x\|^p + \|y\|^p$ , and apply Theorem 1. ■

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $f : {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}$  be a continuous mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  for which there exists a function  $\varphi : {}_A\mathcal{B} \times {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfying (i) such that*

$$\|ruf(\frac{sx + ty}{r}) - sf(ux) - tf(uy)\| \leq \varphi(x, y)$$

for all  $u \in \mathcal{U}(A)$  and all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . If the sequence  $\{(\frac{t}{s})^{2n} f((\frac{s}{t})^{2n} x)\}$  converges uniformly on  ${}_A\mathcal{B}$ , then there exists a unique continuous  $A$ -linear mapping  $T : {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}$  satisfying (ii).

*Proof.* By the same reasoning as the proof of Theorem 1, there exists a unique  $A$ -linear mapping  $T : {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}$  satisfying (ii). By the continuity of  $f$ , the uniform convergence and the definition of  $T$ , the  $A$ -linear mapping  $T : {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}$  is continuous, as desired. ■

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $h : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  be a continuous mapping with  $h(0) = 0$  for which there exists a function  $\varphi : {}_A\mathcal{H} \times {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfying (i) such that*

$$\|ruh(\frac{sx + ty}{r}) - sh(ux) - th(uy)\| \leq \varphi(x, y)$$

for all  $u \in \mathcal{U}(A)$  and all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ . Assume that  $h((\frac{s}{t})^{2n} x) = (\frac{s}{t})^{2n} h(x)$  for all positive integers  $n$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ . Then the mapping  $h : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  is a bounded  $A$ -linear operator. Furthermore,

(1) if the mapping  $h : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  satisfies the inequality

$$\|h(x) - h^*(x)\| \leq \varphi(x, x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ , then the mapping  $h : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  is a self-adjoint operator,

(2) if the mapping  $h : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  satisfies the inequality

$$\|h \circ h^*(x) - h^* \circ h(x)\| \leq \varphi(x, x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ , then the mapping  $h : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  is a normal operator,

(3) if the mapping  $h : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  satisfies the inequalities

$$\|h \circ h^*(x) - x\| \leq \varphi(x, x),$$

$$\|h^* \circ h(x) - x\| \leq \varphi(x, x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ , then the mapping  $h : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  is a unitary operator, and

(4) if the mapping  $h : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  satisfies the inequalities

$$\|h \circ h(x) - h(x)\| \leq \varphi(x, x),$$

$$\|h^*(x) - h(x)\| \leq \varphi(x, x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ , then the mapping  $h : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  is a projection.

*Proof.* The sequence  $\{(\frac{t}{s})^{2n}h((\frac{s}{t})^{2n}x)\}$  converges uniformly on  ${}_A\mathcal{H}$ . By Theorem 4, there exists a unique continuous  $A$ -linear operator  $T : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  satisfying (ii). By the assumption,

$$T(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{t}{s})^{2n}h((\frac{s}{t})^{2n}x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{t}{s})^{2n}(\frac{s}{t})^{2n}h(x) = h(x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ , where the mapping  $T : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  is given in the proof of Theorem 1. Hence the  $A$ -linear operator  $T$  is the mapping  $h$ . So the mapping  $h : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  is a continuous  $A$ -linear operator. Thus the  $A$ -linear operator  $h : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  is bounded (see [1, Proposition II.1.1]).

(1) By the assumption,

$$\|h((\frac{s}{t})^{2n}x) - h^*((\frac{s}{t})^{2n}x)\| \leq \varphi((\frac{s}{t})^{2n}x, (\frac{s}{t})^{2n}x)$$

for all positive integers  $n$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ . Thus

$$(\frac{t}{s})^{2n} \|h((\frac{s}{t})^{2n}x) - h^*((\frac{s}{t})^{2n}x)\| \rightarrow 0$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ . Hence

$$h(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{t}{s})^{2n}h((\frac{s}{t})^{2n}x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{t}{s})^{2n}h^*((\frac{s}{t})^{2n}x) = h^*(x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{H}$ . So the mapping  $h : {}_A\mathcal{H} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{H}$  is a self-adjoint operator.

The proofs of the others are similar to the proof of (1). ■

Now we are going to prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of the functional equation (A) in Banach modules over a unital  $C^*$ -algebra for the case  $s = t = 1$  and  $r = d$ .

**Theorem 6.** *Let  $f : {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}$  be a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  for which there exists a function  $\varphi : {}_A\mathcal{B} \times {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that*

$$(iii) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{\varphi}(x, y) &:= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(d-1)^k} \varphi((d-1)^k x, (d-1)^k y) < \infty \\ \|duf\left(\frac{x+y}{d}\right) - f(ux) - f(uy)\| &\leq \varphi(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u \in \mathcal{U}(A)$  and all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . Then there exists a unique  $A$ -linear mapping  $T : {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}$  such that

$$(iv) \quad \|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{d-1} \tilde{\varphi}(x, (d-1)x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ .

*Proof.* Put  $u = 1 \in \mathcal{U}(A)$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $(d-1)x$ , one can obtain

$$\|(d-1)f(x) - f((d-1)x)\| \leq \varphi(x, (d-1)x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . So

$$\|f(x) - \frac{f((d-1)x)}{d-1}\| \leq \frac{1}{d-1} \varphi(x, (d-1)x),$$

and hence

$$(5) \quad \|f(x) - \frac{f((d-1)^n x)}{(d-1)^n}\| \leq \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(d-1)^{k+1}} \varphi((d-1)^k x, (d-1) \cdot (d-1)^k x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ .

We claim that the sequence  $\{\frac{f((d-1)^n x)}{(d-1)^n}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Indeed, for  $n > m$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{f((d-1)^n x)}{(d-1)^n} - \frac{f((d-1)^m x)}{(d-1)^m} \right\| &\leq \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \left\| \frac{f((d-1)^{k+1} x)}{(d-1)^{k+1}} - \frac{f((d-1)^k x)}{(d-1)^k} \right\| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(d-1)^{k+1}} \varphi((d-1)^k x, (d-1) \cdot (d-1)^k x) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . It follows from (iii) that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(d-1)^{k+1}} \varphi((d-1)^k x, (d-1) \cdot (d-1)^k x) = 0$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . Since  ${}_A\mathcal{C}$  is a Banach space, the sequence  $\left\{ \frac{f((d-1)^n x)}{(d-1)^n} \right\}$  converges. Define

$$T(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f((d-1)^n x)}{(d-1)^n}$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . Taking the limit in (5) as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{d-1} \tilde{\varphi}(x, (d-1)x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ , which is the inequality (iv). From the definition of  $T$ , we get

$$(6) \quad (d-1)^n T(x) = T((d-1)^n x) \quad \text{and} \quad T(0) = 0.$$

By (iii) and the definition of  $T$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|dT\left(\frac{x+y}{d}\right) - T(x) - T(y)\| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(d-1)^n} \|df\left(\frac{(d-1)^n(x+y)}{d}\right) - f((d-1)^n x) - f((d-1)^n y)\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(d-1)^n} \varphi((d-1)^n x, (d-1)^n y) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . So

$$dT\left(\frac{x+y}{d}\right) = T(x) + T(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . By Lemma A,  $T$  is additive.

If  $F : {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}$  is another additive mapping satisfying (iv), then it follows from (iv), (6) and the proof of Lemma A that

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(x) - F(x)\| &= \left\| \frac{T((d-1)^n x)}{(d-1)^n} - \frac{F((d-1)^n x)}{(d-1)^n} \right\| \\ &\leq \left\| \frac{T((d-1)^n x)}{(d-1)^n} - \frac{f((d-1)^n x)}{(d-1)^n} \right\| \\ &\quad + \left\| \frac{f((d-1)^n x)}{(d-1)^n} - \frac{F((d-1)^n x)}{(d-1)^n} \right\| \\ &\leq 2 \frac{1}{(d-1)^{n+1}} \tilde{\varphi}((d-1)^n x, (d-1) \cdot (d-1)^n x), \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  by (iii). Thus we conclude that

$$T(x) = F(x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . This completes the uniqueness of  $T$ .

By the assumption, for each  $u \in \mathcal{U}(A)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|duf(\frac{2(d-1)^n}{d}x) - 2f((d-1)^nux)\| &\leq \varphi((d-1)^nx, (d-1)^nx), \\ \|df(\frac{2(d-1)^n}{d}ux) - 2f((d-1)^nux)\| &\leq \varphi((d-1)^nux, (d-1)^nux) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} &\|df(\frac{2(d-1)^n}{d}ux) - duf(\frac{2(d-1)^n}{d}x)\| \\ &\leq \|df(\frac{2(d-1)^n}{d}ux) - 2f((d-1)^nux)\| \\ &\quad + \|duf(\frac{2(d-1)^n}{d}x) - 2f((d-1)^nux)\| \\ &\leq \varphi((d-1)^nux, (d-1)^nux) + \varphi((d-1)^nx, (d-1)^nx) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u \in \mathcal{U}(A)$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . Thus

$$\frac{1}{(d-1)^n} \|df(\frac{2(d-1)^n}{d}ux) - duf(\frac{2(d-1)^n}{d}x)\| \rightarrow 0$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $u \in \mathcal{U}(A)$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . Hence

$$dT(\frac{2}{d}ux) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{df(\frac{2(d-1)^n}{d}ux)}{(d-1)^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{duf(\frac{2(d-1)^n}{d}x)}{(d-1)^n} = duT(\frac{2}{d}x)$$

for all  $u \in \mathcal{U}(A)$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . So

$$T(ux) = \frac{d}{2}T(\frac{2}{d}ux) = \frac{d}{2}uT(\frac{2}{d}x) = uT(x)$$

for all  $u \in \mathcal{U}(A)$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ .

The rest of the proof is the same as the proof of Theorem 1. ■

**Corollary 7.** *Let  $d$  be an integer greater than 2 and  $0 < p < 1$ . Let  $f : {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}$  be a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  such that*

$$\|duf(\frac{x+y}{d}) - f(ux) - f(uy)\| \leq \|x\|^p + \|y\|^p$$

for all  $u \in \mathcal{U}(A)$  and all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . Then there exists a unique  $A$ -linear mapping  $T : {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}$  such that

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{1 + (d-1)^p}{d-1 - (d-1)^p} \|x\|^p$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ .

*Proof.* Define  $\varphi : {}_A\mathcal{B} \times {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by  $\varphi(x, y) = \|x\|^p + \|y\|^p$ , and apply Theorem 6.  $\blacksquare$

**Theorem 8.** Let  $f : {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}$  be a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  for which there exists a function  $\varphi : {}_A\mathcal{B} \times {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that

$$(v) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{\varphi}(x, y) &:= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (d-1)^k \varphi\left(\frac{1}{(d-1)^k}x, \frac{1}{(d-1)^k}y\right) < \infty \\ \|duf\left(\frac{x+y}{d}\right) - f(ux) - f(uy)\| &\leq \varphi(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u \in \mathcal{U}(A)$  and all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . Then there exists a unique  $A$ -linear mapping  $T : {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}$  such that

$$(vi) \quad \|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \tilde{\varphi}\left(\frac{1}{d-1}x, x\right)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ .

*Proof.* Put  $u = 1 \in \mathcal{U}(A)$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $\frac{x}{d-1}$  and  $y$  by  $x$ , one can obtain

$$\|(d-1)f\left(\frac{x}{d-1}\right) - f(x)\| \leq \varphi\left(\frac{x}{d-1}, x\right)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . So

$$(7) \quad \|(d-1)^n f\left(\frac{x}{(d-1)^n}\right) - f(x)\| \leq \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (d-1)^k \varphi\left(\frac{x}{(d-1)^{k+1}}, \frac{x}{(d-1)^k}\right)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ .

We claim that the sequence  $\{(d-1)^n f\left(\frac{x}{(d-1)^n}\right)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Indeed, for  $n > m$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\|(d-1)^n f\left(\frac{x}{(d-1)^n}\right) - (d-1)^m f\left(\frac{x}{(d-1)^m}\right)\| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \|(d-1)^{k+1} f\left(\frac{x}{(d-1)^{k+1}}\right) - (d-1)^k f\left(\frac{x}{(d-1)^k}\right)\| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} (d-1)^k \varphi\left(\frac{x}{(d-1)^{k+1}}, \frac{x}{(d-1)^k}\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . It follows from (v) that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} (d-1)^k \varphi\left(\frac{x}{(d-1)^{k+1}}, \frac{x}{(d-1)^k}\right) = 0$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . Since  ${}_A\mathcal{C}$  is a Banach space, the sequence  $\{(d-1)^n f(\frac{x}{(d-1)^n})\}$  converges. Define

$$T(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (d-1)^n f\left(\frac{x}{(d-1)^n}\right)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . Taking the limit in (7) as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain

$$\|T(x) - f(x)\| \leq \tilde{\varphi}\left(\frac{x}{d-1}, x\right)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ , which is the inequality (vi). From the definition of  $T$ , we get

$$(8) \quad \frac{1}{(d-1)^n} T(x) = T\left(\frac{x}{(d-1)^n}\right) \text{ and } T(0) = 0.$$

By (v) and the definition of  $T$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|dT\left(\frac{x+y}{d}\right) - T(x) - T(y)\| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (d-1)^n \left\| df\left(\frac{x+y}{d(d-1)^n}\right) - f\left(\frac{x}{(d-1)^n}\right) - f\left(\frac{y}{(d-1)^n}\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (d-1)^n \varphi\left(\frac{x}{(d-1)^n}, \frac{y}{(d-1)^n}\right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . So

$$dT\left(\frac{x+y}{d}\right) = T(x) + T(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . By Lemma A,  $T$  is additive.

If  $F : {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}$  is another additive mapping satisfying (vi), then it follows from (vi), (8) and the proof of Lemma A that

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(x) - F(x)\| &= \|(d-1)^n T\left(\frac{x}{(d-1)^n}\right) - (d-1)^n F\left(\frac{x}{(d-1)^n}\right)\| \\ &\leq \|(d-1)^n T\left(\frac{x}{(d-1)^n}\right) - (d-1)^n f\left(\frac{x}{(d-1)^n}\right)\| \\ &\quad + \|(d-1)^n f\left(\frac{x}{(d-1)^n}\right) - (d-1)^n F\left(\frac{x}{(d-1)^n}\right)\| \\ &\leq 2(d-1)^n \tilde{\varphi}\left(\frac{x}{(d-1)^{n+1}}, \frac{x}{(d-1)^n}\right), \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  by (v). Thus we conclude that

$$T(x) = F(x)$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . This completes the uniqueness of  $T$ .

By the assumption, for each  $u \in \mathcal{U}(A)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|duf(\frac{2x}{d(d-1)^n}) - 2f(\frac{ux}{(d-1)^n})\| &\leq \varphi(\frac{x}{(d-1)^n}, \frac{x}{(d-1)^n}), \\ \|df(\frac{2ux}{d(d-1)^n}) - 2f(\frac{ux}{(d-1)^n})\| &\leq \varphi(\frac{ux}{(d-1)^n}, \frac{ux}{(d-1)^n}) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} &\|df(\frac{2ux}{d(d-1)^n}) - duf(\frac{2x}{d(d-1)^n})\| \\ &\leq \|df(\frac{2ux}{d(d-1)^n}) - 2f(\frac{ux}{(d-1)^n})\| + \|duf(\frac{2x}{d(d-1)^n}) - 2f(\frac{ux}{(d-1)^n})\| \\ &\leq \varphi(\frac{ux}{(d-1)^n}, \frac{ux}{(d-1)^n}) + \varphi(\frac{x}{(d-1)^n}, \frac{x}{(d-1)^n}) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u \in \mathcal{U}(A)$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . Thus

$$(d-1)^n \|df(\frac{2ux}{d(d-1)^n}) - duf(\frac{2x}{d(d-1)^n})\| \rightarrow 0$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $u \in \mathcal{U}(A)$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} dT(\frac{2}{d}ux) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (d-1)^n df(\frac{2ux}{d(d-1)^n}) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (d-1)^n duf(\frac{2x}{d(d-1)^n}) \\ &= duT(\frac{2}{d}x) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u \in \mathcal{U}(A)$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . So

$$T(ux) = \frac{d}{2}T(\frac{2}{d}ux) = \frac{d}{2}uT(\frac{2}{d}x) = uT(x)$$

for all  $u \in \mathcal{U}(A)$  and all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ .

The rest of the proof is the same as the proof of Theorem 1. ■

**Corollary 9.** *Let  $d$  be an integer greater than 2 and  $p > 1$ . Let  $f : {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}$  be a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  such that*

$$\|duf(\frac{x+y}{d}) - f(ux) - f(uy)\| \leq \|x\|^p + \|y\|^p$$

for all  $u \in \mathcal{U}(A)$  and  $x, y \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ . Then there exists a unique  $A$ -linear mapping  $T : {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{C}$  such that

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{(d-1)^p + 1}{(d-1)^p + 1 - d} \|x\|^p$$

for all  $x \in {}_A\mathcal{B}$ .

*Proof.* Define  $\varphi : {}_A\mathcal{B} \times {}_A\mathcal{B} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by  $\varphi(x, y) = \|x\|^p + \|y\|^p$ , and apply Theorem 8. ■

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