

MULTILINEAR TRIF d -MAPPINGS IN BANACH MODULES OVER A C^* -ALGEBRA

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ABSTRACT. We define a multilinear Trif d -mapping, and prove the stability of multilinear Trif d -functional equations in Banach modules over a unital C^* -algebra.

1. Introduction. 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 $t \in \mathbf{R}$ for each fixed $x \in E_1$. Assume that there exist constants $\varepsilon \geq 0$ and $p \in [0, 1)$ such that

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

for all $x, y \in E_1$. Rassias [4] showed that there exists a unique \mathbf{R} -linear mapping $T : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$ such that

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

for all $x \in E_1$.

Recently, Trif [6, Theorem 2.1] proved that, for vector spaces V and W , a mapping $f : V \rightarrow W$ with $f(0) = 0$ satisfies the functional equation

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(A)} \quad n_{n-2}C_{k-2}f\left(\frac{x_1 + \cdots + x_n}{n}\right) + n_{n-2}C_{k-1} \sum_{l=1}^n f(x_l) \\ = k \sum_{1 \leq l_1 < \cdots < l_k \leq n} f\left(\frac{x_{l_1} + \cdots + x_{l_k}}{k}\right) \end{aligned}$$

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for all $x_1, \dots, x_n \in V$ if and only if the mapping $f : V \rightarrow W$ satisfies the additive Cauchy equation $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$ for all $x, y \in V$. And he proved the stability of the functional equation (A).

Throughout this paper, let A be a unital C^* -algebra with norm $|\cdot|$, $\mathcal{U}(A)$ the unitary group of A , $A_1 = \{a \in A \mid |a| = 1\}$ and A_1^+ the set of positive elements in A_1 . Let ${}_A\mathcal{B}_l$ be a left A -module with norm $\|\cdot\|$ for each $l = 1, \dots, d$. Let ${}_A\mathcal{D}$ be a left Banach A -module with norm $\|\cdot\|$. Let n and k be integers such that $2 \leq k \leq n - 1$.

In [2, Definition 4.2.3], the authors defined a linear 2-functional. A mapping $f : \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{D}$ is called a *multilinear Trif d -mapping* if f satisfies the condition $D_{a_1, \dots, a_d} f(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n}, \dots, x_{d1}, \dots, x_{dn}) = 0$, where D is defined in the beginning of the next section.

The main purpose of this paper is to prove the stability of multilinear Trif d -functional equations in Banach modules over a unital C^* -algebra.

2. Stability of multilinear Trif d -functional equations in Banach modules over a C^* -algebra. For a given mapping $f : \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{D}$ and given $a_1, \dots, a_d \in A$, we set

$$\begin{aligned}
 & D_{a_1, \dots, a_d} f(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n}, \dots, x_{d1}, \dots, x_{dn}) \\
 & := n^d {}_{n-2}C_{k-2} f\left(\frac{a_1 x_{11} + \dots + a_1 x_{1n}}{n}, \dots, \frac{a_l x_{l1} + \dots + a_l x_{ln}}{n}, \dots, \right. \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad \left. \frac{a_d x_{d1} + \dots + a_d x_{dn}}{n}\right) \\
 & \quad + {}_{n-2}C_{k-1} \sum_{j_1, \dots, j_d=1}^n f(a_1 x_{1j_1}, \dots, a_l x_{lj_l}, \dots, a_d x_{dj_d}) \\
 & \quad - k^d \sum_{\substack{1 \leq j_{11} < \dots < j_{1k} \leq n \\ \vdots \\ 1 \leq j_{d1} < \dots < j_{dk} \leq n}} a_1 \cdots a_d f\left(\frac{x_{1j_{11}} + \dots + x_{1j_{1k}}}{k}, \dots, \right. \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad \left. \frac{x_{dj_{d1}} + \dots + x_{dj_{dk}}}{k}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

for all $x_{l1}, \dots, x_{ln} \in {}_A\mathcal{B}_l$, $l = 1, \dots, d$.

Theorem 1. Let $q = k(n - 1)/(n - k)$ and $r = -k/(n - k)$. Let $f : \prod_{s=1}^d A\mathcal{B}_s \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{D}$ be a mapping for which there exists a function $\varphi : \prod_{s=1}^d A\mathcal{B}_s^n \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n}, \dots, x_{l1}, \dots, x_{ln}, \dots, x_{d1}, \dots, x_{dn}) \\ & := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^d q^{1-l-jd} \varphi \left(\underbrace{q^{j+1}x_{11}, \dots, q^{j+1}x_{11}}_{n \text{ times}}, \dots, \right. \\ (\ddagger) \quad & \underbrace{q^{j+1}x_{l-1\ 1}, \dots, q^{j+1}x_{l-1\ 1}}_{n \text{ times}}, q^{j+1}x_{l1}, \underbrace{rq^jx_{l2}, \dots, rq^jx_{ln}}_{n-1 \text{ times}}, \\ & \left. \underbrace{q^jx_{l+1\ 1}, \dots, q^jx_{l+1\ 1}}_{n \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{q^jx_{d1}, \dots, q^jx_{d1}}_{n \text{ times}} \right) < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

$$(i) \quad \tilde{\varphi}(x_1, \dots, x_l, \dots, x_d) := \psi \left(\underbrace{x_1, \dots, x_1}_{n \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{x_l, \dots, x_l}_{n \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{x_d, \dots, x_d}_{n \text{ times}} \right),$$

$$(ii) \quad \|D_{u_1, \dots, u_d} f(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n}, \dots, x_{d1}, \dots, x_{dn})\| \leq \varphi(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n}, \dots, x_{d1}, \dots, x_{dn})$$

for all $u_1, \dots, u_d \in \mathcal{U}(A)$, all $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{s=1}^d A\mathcal{B}_s$, and all $x_{l1}, \dots, x_{ln} \in A\mathcal{B}_l$, $l = 1, \dots, d$. Assume that $f(x_1, \dots, x_d) = 0$ if $x_l = 0$ for any $l = 1, \dots, d$. Then there exists a unique A -multilinear mapping $M : \prod_{s=1}^d A\mathcal{B}_s \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{D}$ such that

$$(iii) \quad \|f(x_1, \dots, x_d) - M(x_1, \dots, x_d)\| \leq \frac{1}{k_{n-1} C_{k-1}} \tilde{\varphi}(x_1, \dots, x_d)$$

for all $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{s=1}^d A\mathcal{B}_s$.

Proof. Put $u_1 = \dots = u_d = 1 \in \mathcal{U}(A)$. For each fixed l , let $x_{11} = \dots = x_{1n} = x_1, \dots, x_{l-1\ 1} = \dots = x_{l-1\ n} = x_{l-1}, x_{l+1\ 1} = \dots = x_{l+1\ n} = x_{l+1}, \dots, x_{d1} = \dots = x_{dn} = x_d$ and $x_{l1} = qx_l, x_{l2} = \dots = x_{ln} = rx_l$ in (ii). Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \|_{n-2} C_{k-1} f(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, qx_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) \\ & \quad - k_{n-1} C_{k-1} f(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, x_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d)\| \\ & \leq \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, \dots, x_{l-1}, qx_l, rx_l, \dots, rx_l, \\ & \quad \quad \quad x_{l+1}, \dots, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d, \dots, x_d), \end{aligned}$$

for all $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s$.

For each $l = 1, \dots, d$, let x_l be an element in ${}_A\mathcal{B}_l$. For positive integers p and m with $p > m$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|q^{-md}f(q^m x_1, \dots, q^m x_d) - q^{-pd}f(q^p x_1, \dots, q^p x_d)\| \\ & \leq \sum_{j=m}^{p-1} \sum_{l=1}^d \frac{q^{1-l}}{k_{n-1} C_{k-1}} q^{-jd} \varphi(q^{j+1} x_1, \dots, q^{j+1} x_1, \dots, \\ & \quad q^{j+1} x_{l-1}, \dots, q^{j+1} x_{l-1}, q^{j+1} x_l, \\ & \quad r q^j x_l, \dots, r q^j x_l, q^j x_{l+1}, \dots, q^j x_{l+1}, \dots, q^j x_d, \dots, q^j x_d), \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as $m \rightarrow \infty$ by (\ddagger) and (i). So $\{q^{-jd}f(q^j x_1, \dots, q^j x_d)\}$ is a Cauchy sequence for all $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s$. Since ${}_A\mathcal{D}$ is complete, the sequence $\{q^{-jd}f(q^j x_1, \dots, q^j x_d)\}$ converges for all $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s$. We can define a mapping $M : \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{D}$ by

$$(2) \quad M(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} q^{-jd}f(q^j x_1, \dots, q^j x_d)$$

for all $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s$.

By (\ddagger) and (2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \|D_{1, \dots, 1} M(x_1, \dots, x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, \dots, x_{l-1}, x_{l1}, \dots, x_{ln}, \\ & \quad x_{l+1}, \dots, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d, \dots, x_d)\| \\ & = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} q^{-jd} \|D_{1, \dots, 1} f(q^j x_1, \dots, q^j x_1, \dots, q^j x_{l-1}, \dots, q^j x_{l-1}, \\ & \quad q^j x_{l1}, \dots, q^j x_{ln}, q^j x_{l+1}, \dots, q^j x_{l+1}, \dots, q^j x_d, \dots, q^j x_d)\| \\ & \leq \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} q^{-jd} \varphi(q^j x_1, \dots, q^j x_1, \dots, q^j x_{l-1}, \dots, q^j x_{l-1}, \\ & \quad q^j x_{l1}, \dots, q^j x_{ln}, q^j x_{l+1}, \dots, q^j x_{l+1}, \dots, q^j x_d, \dots, q^j x_d) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} & D_{1, \dots, 1} M(x_1, \dots, x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, \dots, x_{l-1}, x_{l1}, \dots, x_{ln}, \\ & \quad x_{l+1}, \dots, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d, \dots, x_d) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all $(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, x_{l1}, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s$ and all $x_{l2}, \dots, x_{ln} \in {}_A\mathcal{B}_l$, which implies that the mapping $M : \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{D}$

satisfies the functional equation (A) in the l th variable for each $l = 1, \dots, d$. So M is additive in the l th variable for each $l = 1, \dots, d$. Moreover, by passing to the limit in (1) as $p \rightarrow \infty$, we get the inequality (iii).

Now let $L : \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{D}$ be another multi-additive mapping satisfying

$$\|f(x_1, \dots, x_d) - L(x_1, \dots, x_d)\| \leq \frac{1}{k_{n-1}C_{k-1}} \tilde{\varphi}(x_1, \dots, x_d)$$

for all $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \|M(x_1, \dots, x_d) - L(x_1, \dots, x_d)\| \\ &= q^{-jd} \|M(q^j x_1, \dots, q^j x_d) - L(q^j x_1, \dots, q^j x_d)\| \\ &\leq q^{-jd} \|M(q^j x_1, \dots, q^j x_d) - f(q^j x_1, \dots, q^j x_d)\| \\ &\quad + q^{-jd} \|f(q^j x_1, \dots, q^j x_d) - L(q^j x_1, \dots, q^j x_d)\| \\ &\leq 2 \cdot q^{-jd} \tilde{\varphi}(q^j x_1, \dots, q^j x_d), \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as $j \rightarrow \infty$ by (‡) and (i). Thus $M(x_1, \dots, x_d) = L(x_1, \dots, x_d)$ for all $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s$. This proves the uniqueness of M .

By the assumption, for each $u_l \in \mathcal{U}(A)$ and all $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s$,

$$\begin{aligned} & q^{-jd} \|D_{1, \dots, 1, u_l, 1, \dots, 1} f(q^j x_1, \dots, q^j x_1, \dots, q^j x_l, \dots, \\ & \quad q^j x_l, \dots, q^j x_d, \dots, q^j x_d)\| \\ & \leq q^{-jd} \varphi(q^j x_1, \dots, q^j x_1, \dots, q^j x_l, \dots, q^j x_l, \dots, q^j x_d, \dots, q^j x_d), \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as $j \rightarrow \infty$ by (‡). So

$$\begin{aligned} & D_{1, \dots, 1, u_l, 1, \dots, 1} M(x_1, \dots, x_1, \dots, x_l, \dots, x_l, x_d, \dots, x_d) \\ &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} q^{-jd} D_{1, \dots, 1, u_l, 1, \dots, 1} f(q^j x_1, \dots, q^j x_1, \dots, q^j x_l, \dots, \\ & \quad q^j x_l, \dots, q^j x_d, \dots, q^j x_d) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all $u_l \in \mathcal{U}(A)$ and all $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s$. So we get

$$\begin{aligned} & M(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, u_l x_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) \\ &= u_l M(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, x_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) \end{aligned}$$

for all $u_l \in \mathcal{U}(A)$ and all $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{s=1}^d A\mathcal{B}_s$.

Now let $a \in A$, $a \neq 0$, and let K be an integer greater than $4|a|$. Then

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

By [3, Theorem 1], there exist three elements $u_1, u_2, u_3 \in \mathcal{U}(A)$ such that $3a/K = u_1 + u_2 + u_3$. And

$$\begin{aligned} M(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, x_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) &= M\left(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, 3 \cdot \frac{1}{3}x_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d\right) \\ &= 3M\left(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, \frac{1}{3}x_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{s=1}^d A\mathcal{B}_s$. So

$$\begin{aligned} M\left(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, \frac{1}{3}x_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d\right) &= \frac{1}{3}M(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, x_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) \end{aligned}$$

for all $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{s=1}^d A\mathcal{B}_s$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} M(x_1, \dots, ax_l, \dots, x_d) &= M\left(x_1, \dots, \frac{K}{3} \cdot 3 \frac{a}{K} x_l, \dots, x_d\right) \\ &= \frac{K}{3} M\left(x_1, \dots, 3 \frac{a}{K} x_l, \dots, x_d\right) \\ &= \frac{K}{3} M(x_1, \dots, u_1x_l + u_2x_l + u_3x_l, \dots, x_d) \\ &= \frac{K}{3} (u_1 + u_2 + u_3)M(x_1, \dots, x_l, \dots, x_d) \\ &= \frac{K}{3} \cdot 3 \frac{a}{K} M(x_1, \dots, x_l, \dots, x_d) \\ &= aM(x_1, \dots, x_l, \dots, x_d) \end{aligned}$$

for all $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{s=1}^d A\mathcal{B}_s$. Obviously,

$$M(x_1, \dots, 0x_l, \dots, x_d) = 0M(x_1, \dots, x_l, \dots, x_d)$$

for all $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} M(x_1, \dots, ax_l + by_l, \dots, x_d) &= M(x_1, \dots, ax_l, \dots, x_d) \\ &\quad + M(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, by_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) \\ &= aM(x_1, \dots, x_l, \dots, x_d) \\ &\quad + bM(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, y_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) \end{aligned}$$

for all $a, b \in A$ and all $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s$ and all $y_l \in {}_A\mathcal{B}_l$. So the unique multi-additive mapping $M : \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{D}$ is an A -multilinear mapping. \square

Corollary 1. *Let $q = k(n-1)/n - k$ and $r = -k/(n-k)$. Let $\theta \geq 0$, and let $\eta : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a function such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(\alpha\beta) &\leq \eta(\alpha)\eta(\beta), \\ \eta(q) &< q^d \end{aligned}$$

for all $\alpha, \beta \in [0, \infty)$. Assume that a mapping $f : \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{D}$ satisfies

$$\|D_{u_1, \dots, u_d} f(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n}, \dots, x_{d1}, \dots, x_{dn})\| \leq \theta \sum_{l=1}^d \sum_{\nu=1}^n \eta(\|x_{l\nu}\|)$$

for all $u_1, \dots, u_d \in \mathcal{U}(A)$, and all $x_{l1}, \dots, x_{ln} \in {}_A\mathcal{B}_l$, $l = 1, \dots, d$, and that $f(x_1, \dots, x_d) = 0$ if $x_l = 0$ for any $l = 1, \dots, d$. Then there exists a unique A -multilinear mapping $M : \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{D}$ such that

(iv)

$$\begin{aligned} &\|f(x_1, \dots, x_d) - M(x_1, \dots, x_d)\| \\ &\leq \frac{\theta}{k} \frac{1}{n-1} C_{k-1} \sum_{l=1}^d \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} q^{1-l-jd} (n \eta(q^j \|qx_1\|) + \dots \\ &\quad + n \eta(q^j \|qx_{l-1}\|) + \eta(q^j \|qx_l\|) \\ &\quad + (n-1)\eta(q^j \|rx_l\|) + n \eta(q^j \|x_{l+1}\|) + \dots + n \eta(q^j \|x_d\|)) \end{aligned}$$

for all $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s$.

Proof. It follows from Theorem 1. Indeed, for all $x_{l1}, \dots, x_{ln} \in {}_A\mathcal{B}_l$, $l = 1, \dots, d$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n}, \dots, x_{l1}, \dots, x_{ln}, \dots, x_{d1}, \dots, x_{dn}) \\ &= \theta \sum_{l=1}^d \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} q^{1-l-jd} (n \eta(q^j \|qx_{11}\|) + \dots + n \eta(q^j \|qx_{l-1\ 1}\|) \\ &\quad + \eta(q^j \|qx_{l1}\|) + \eta(q^j \|rx_{l2}\|) + \dots + \eta(q^j \|rx_{ln}\|) \\ &\quad\quad\quad + n \eta(q^j \|x_{l+1\ 1}\|) + \dots + n \eta(q^j \|x_{d1}\|)) \\ &\leq \theta \sum_{l=1}^d \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} q^{1-l-jd} \eta(q)^j (n \eta(\|qx_{11}\|) + \dots + n \eta(\|qx_{l-1\ 1}\|) \\ &\quad + \eta(\|qx_{l1}\|) + \eta(\|rx_{l2}\|) + \dots + \eta(\|rx_{ln}\|) \\ &\quad\quad\quad + n \eta(\|x_{l+1\ 1}\|) + \dots + n \eta(\|x_{d1}\|)) \\ &= \theta \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\eta(q)}{q^d}\right)^j \sum_{l=1}^d q^{1-l} (n \eta(\|qx_{11}\|) + \dots + n \eta(\|qx_{l-1\ 1}\|) \\ &\quad + \eta(\|qx_{l1}\|) + \eta(\|rx_{l2}\|) + \dots + \eta(\|rx_{ln}\|) \\ &\quad\quad\quad + n \eta(\|x_{l+1\ 1}\|) + \dots + n \eta(\|x_{d1}\|)) \\ &= \frac{q^d \theta}{q^d - \eta(q)} \sum_{l=1}^d q^{1-l} (n \eta(\|qx_{11}\|) + \dots + n \eta(\|qx_{l-1\ 1}\|) \\ &\quad + \eta(\|qx_{l1}\|) + \eta(\|rx_{l2}\|) + \dots + \eta(\|rx_{ln}\|) \\ &\quad\quad\quad + n \eta(\|x_{l+1\ 1}\|) + \dots + n \eta(\|x_{d1}\|)) < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi(\underbrace{x_1, \dots, x_1}_{n \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{x_l, \dots, x_l}_{n \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{x_d, \dots, x_d}_{n \text{ times}}) \\ &= \theta \sum_{l=1}^d \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} q^{1-l-jd} (n \eta(q^j \|qx_1\|) + \dots \\ &\quad + n \eta(q^j \|qx_{l-1}\|) + \eta(q^j \|qx_l\|) \\ &\quad + (n-1)\eta(q^j \|rx_l\|) + n \eta(q^j \|x_{l+1}\|) + \dots + n \eta(q^j \|x_d\|)) \end{aligned}$$

for all $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s$. So one can obtain (iv). \square

Corollary 2. *Let $q = k(n - 1)/n - k$ and $r = -k/(n - k)$. Let $\theta \geq 0$, $0 < p < d$, and let $\mu : [0, \infty)^{nd} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a function such that*

$$\begin{aligned} &\mu(\lambda\beta_{11}, \dots, \lambda\beta_{1n}, \dots, \lambda\beta_{d1}, \dots, \lambda\beta_{dn}) \\ &= \lambda^p \mu(\beta_{11}, \dots, \beta_{1n}, \dots, \beta_{d1}, \dots, \beta_{dn}) \end{aligned}$$

for all $\lambda, \beta_{11}, \dots, \beta_{1n}, \dots, \beta_{d1}, \dots, \beta_{dn} \in [0, \infty)$. Assume that a mapping $f : \prod_{s=1}^d A\mathcal{B}_s \rightarrow A\mathcal{D}$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} &\|D_{u_1, \dots, u_d} f(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n}, \dots, x_{d1}, \dots, x_{dn})\| \\ &\leq \theta \mu(\|x_{11}\|, \dots, \|x_{1n}\|, \dots, \|x_{d1}\|, \dots, \|x_{dn}\|) \end{aligned}$$

for all $u_1, \dots, u_d \in \mathcal{U}(A)$, and all $x_{l1}, \dots, x_{ln} \in A\mathcal{B}_l$, $l = 1, \dots, d$, and that $f(x_1, \dots, x_d) = 0$ if $x_l = 0$ for any $l = 1, \dots, d$. Then there exists a unique A -multilinear mapping $M : \prod_{s=1}^d A\mathcal{B}_s \rightarrow A\mathcal{D}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} &\|f(x_1, \dots, x_d) - M(x_1, \dots, x_d)\| \\ &\leq \frac{\theta}{k \binom{n-1}{k-1}} \cdot \frac{q^d}{q^d - q^p} \sum_{l=1}^d q^{1-l} \mu(\underbrace{\|qx_1\|, \dots, \|qx_1\|}_{n \text{ times}}, \dots, \\ &\quad \underbrace{\|qx_{l-1}\|, \dots, \|qx_{l-1}\|}_{n \text{ times}}, \|qx_l\|, \underbrace{\|rx_l\|, \dots, \|rx_l\|}_{n-1 \text{ times}}, \underbrace{\|x_{l+1}\|, \dots, \|x_{l+1}\|}_{n \text{ times}}, \\ &\quad \dots, \underbrace{\|x_d\|, \dots, \|x_d\|}_{n \text{ times}}) \end{aligned}$$

for all $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{s=1}^d A\mathcal{B}_s$.

Proof. It follows from Theorem 1. Indeed, for all $x_{l1}, \dots, x_{ln} \in {}_A\mathcal{B}_l$, $l = 1, \dots, d$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n}, \dots, x_{l1}, \dots, x_{ln}, \dots, x_{d1}, \dots, x_{dn}) \\ &= \theta \sum_{l=1}^d \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} q^{1-l-jd} \mu(q^j \|qx_{11}\|, \dots, q^j \|qx_{11}\|, \dots, q^j \|qx_{l-1\ 1}\|, \dots, \\ & \quad q^j \|qx_{l-1\ 1}\|, q^j \|qx_{l1}\|, q^j \|rx_{l2}\|, \dots, q^j \|rx_{ln}\|, q^j \|x_{l+1\ 1}\|, \dots, \\ & \quad q^j \|x_{l+1\ 1}\|, \dots, q^j \|x_{d1}\|, \dots, q^j \|x_{d1}\|) \\ &= \theta \sum_{l=1}^d q^{1-l} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} q^{-jd} q^{jp} \mu(\|qx_{11}\|, \dots, \|qx_{11}\|, \dots, \|qx_{l-1\ 1}\|, \dots, \\ & \quad \|qx_{l-1\ 1}\|, \|qx_{l1}\|, \|rx_{l2}\|, \dots, \|rx_{ln}\|, \|x_{l+1\ 1}\|, \dots, \\ & \quad \|x_{l+1\ 1}\|, \dots, \|x_{d1}\|, \dots, \|x_{d1}\|) \\ &= \frac{q^d \theta}{q^d - q^p} \sum_{l=1}^d q^{1-l} \mu(\|qx_{11}\|, \dots, \|qx_{11}\|, \dots, \|qx_{l-1\ 1}\|, \dots, \\ & \quad \|qx_{l-1\ 1}\|, \|qx_{l1}\|, \|rx_{l2}\|, \dots, \|rx_{ln}\|, \|x_{l+1\ 1}\|, \dots, \\ & \quad \|x_{l+1\ 1}\|, \dots, \|x_{d1}\|, \dots, \|x_{d1}\|) < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi(\underbrace{x_1, \dots, x_1}_{n \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{x_l, \dots, x_l}_{n \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{x_d, \dots, x_d}_{n \text{ times}}) \\ &= \frac{q^d \theta}{q^d - q^p} \sum_{l=1}^d q^{1-l} \mu(\|qx_1\|, \dots, \|qx_1\|, \dots, \|qx_{l-1}\|, \dots, \\ & \quad \|qx_{l-1}\|, \|qx_l\|, \|rx_l\|, \dots, \|rx_l\|, \|x_{l+1}\|, \dots, \\ & \quad \|x_{l+1}\|, \dots, \|x_d\|, \dots, \|x_d\|) \end{aligned}$$

for all $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s$. So one can obtain (v). \square

Corollary 3. Let $q = k(n - 1)/(n - k)$ and $r = -k/(n - k)$. Let $\theta \geq 0$, and let $0 < p < d$. Assume that a mapping $f : \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{D}$ satisfies

$$\|D_{u_1, \dots, u_d} f(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n}, \dots, x_{d1}, \dots, x_{dn})\| \leq \theta \sum_{l=1}^d \sum_{\nu=1}^n \|x_{l\nu}\|^p$$

for all $u_1, \dots, u_d \in \mathcal{U}(A)$, and all $x_{l1}, \dots, x_{ln} \in {}_A\mathcal{B}_l$, $l = 1, \dots, d$, and that $f(x_1, \dots, x_d) = 0$ if $x_l = 0$ for any $l = 1, \dots, d$. Then there exists a unique A -multilinear mapping $M : \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{D}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(x_1, \dots, x_d) - M(x_1, \dots, x_d)\| \\ & \leq \frac{\theta}{k_{n-1}C_{k-1}} \cdot \frac{q^d}{q^d - q^p} \sum_{l=1}^d q^{1-l} (n\|qx_1\|^p + \dots + n\|qx_{l-1}\|^p \\ & \quad + \|qx_l\|^p + (n-1)\|rx_l\|^p + n\|x_{l+1}\|^p + \dots + n\|x_d\|^p) \end{aligned}$$

for all $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s$.

Proof. It follows either from Corollary 1 for $\eta(t) = t^p$, or from Corollary 2 for $\mu(\beta_{11}, \dots, \beta_{1n}, \dots, \beta_{d1}, \dots, \beta_{dn}) = \beta_{11}^p + \dots + \beta_{1n}^p + \dots + \beta_{d1}^p + \dots + \beta_{dn}^p$. \square

Theorem 2. Let $q = k(n-1)/(n-k)$ and $r = -k/(n-k)$. Let $f : \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{D}$ be a mapping for which there exists a function $\varphi : \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s^n \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ satisfying (\ddagger) such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|D_{a_1, \dots, a_d} f(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n}, \dots, x_{d1}, \dots, x_{dn})\| \\ & \leq \varphi(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n}, \dots, x_{d1}, \dots, x_{dn}) \end{aligned}$$

for all $a_1, \dots, a_d \in A_1^+ \cup \{i\}$ and all $x_{l1}, \dots, x_{ln} \in {}_A\mathcal{B}_l$, $l = 1, \dots, d$. Assume that $f(x_1, \dots, x_d) = 0$ if $x_l = 0$ for any $l = 1, \dots, d$, and that for each $l = 1, \dots, d$, $f(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, \lambda x_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d)$ is continuous in $\lambda \in \mathbf{R}$ for each fixed $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s$. Then there exists a unique A -multilinear mapping $M : \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{D}$ satisfying (iii).

Proof. Put $a_1 = \dots = a_d = 1 \in A_1^+$. By the same reasoning as in the proof of Theorem 1, there exists a unique multi-additive mapping $M : \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{D}$ satisfying (iii).

For each fixed $l = 1, \dots, d$, since $f(x_1, \dots, \lambda x_l, \dots, x_d)$ is continuous in $\lambda \in \mathbf{R}$ for each fixed $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s$, by the same reasoning as in the proof of [4, Theorem], the multi-additive mapping $M : \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{D}$ is \mathbf{R} -linear in the l th variable. So the multi-additive mapping $M : \prod_{s=1}^d {}_A\mathcal{B}_s \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{D}$ is \mathbf{R} -multilinear.

By the same reasoning as in the proof of Theorem 1,

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} M(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, ax_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) \\ = aM(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, x_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) \end{aligned}$$

for all $a \in A_1^+ \cup \{i\}$ and $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{s=1}^d A\mathcal{B}_s$.

For any element $a \in A$, $a = (a + a^*)/2 + i(a - a^*)/2i$, and $(a + a^*)/2$ and $(a - a^*)/2i$ are self-adjoint elements; furthermore, $a = ((a + a^*)/2)^+ - ((a + a^*)/2)^- + i((a - a^*)/2i)^+ - i((a - a^*)/2i)^-$, where $((a + a^*)/2)^+$, $((a + a^*)/2)^-$, $i((a - a^*)/2i)^+$, and $i((a - a^*)/2i)^-$ are positive elements, see [1, Lemma 38.8]. Using the \mathbf{R} -multilinearity and (3), one can easily show that

$$\begin{aligned} M(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, ax_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) \\ = aM(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, x_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) \end{aligned}$$

for all $a \in A$ and all $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{s=1}^d A\mathcal{B}_s$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} M(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, ax_l + by_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) \\ = M(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, ax_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) \\ + M(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, by_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) \\ = aM(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, x_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) \\ + bM(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, y_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) \end{aligned}$$

for all $a, b \in A$, all $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{s=1}^d A\mathcal{B}_s$ and $y_l \in A\mathcal{B}_l$. So the unique multi-additive mapping $M : \prod_{s=1}^d A\mathcal{B}_s \rightarrow {}_A\mathcal{D}$ is an A -multilinear mapping. \square

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