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## Fuzzy Stability of Jensen-Type Quadratic Functional Equations

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We prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of the following quadratic functional equations  $2f((x+y)/2) + 2f((x-y)/2) = f(x) + f(y)$  and  $f(ax+ay) + (ax-ay) = 2a^2f(x) + 2a^2f(y)$  in fuzzy Banach spaces for a nonzero real number  $a$  with  $a \neq \pm 1/2$ .

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### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

The stability problem of functional equations originated from a question of Ulam [1] concerning the stability of group homomorphisms. Hyers [2] gave a first affirmative partial answer to the question of Ulam for Banach spaces. Hyers' theorem was generalized by Aoki [3] for additive mappings and by Th. M. Rassias [4] for linear mappings by considering an unbounded Cauchy difference. The work of Th. M. Rassias [4] has provided a lot of influence in the development of what we call *generalized Hyers-Ulam stability* of functional equations. A generalization of the Th. M. Rassias theorem was obtained by Găvruta [5] by replacing the unbounded Cauchy difference by a general control function in the spirit of Th. M. Rassias' approach.

J. M. Rassias [6] proved a similar stability theorem in which he replaced the factor  $\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p$  by  $\|x\|^p \cdot \|y\|^q$  for  $p, q \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $p + q \neq 1$  (see also [7, 8] for a number of other new results). The papers of J. M. Rassias [6–8] introduced the Ulam-Găvruta-Rassias stability of functional equations. See also [9–11].

The functional equation

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

is called a *quadratic functional equation*. In particular, every solution of the quadratic functional equation is said to be *aquadratic mapping*. A generalized Hyers-Ulam stability problem for the quadratic functional equation was proved by Skof [12] for mappings  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , where  $X$  is a normed space and  $Y$  is a Banach space. Cholewa [13] noticed that the theorem of Skof is still true if the relevant domain  $X$  is replaced by an Abelian group. In [14], Czerwik proved the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of the quadratic functional equation.

J. M. Rassias [15] introduced and solved the stability problem of Ulam for the Euler-Lagrange-type quadratic functional equation

$$f(rx + sy) + f(sx - ry) = (r^2 + s^2)[f(x) + f(y)], \quad (1.2)$$

motivated from the following pertinent algebraic equation

$$|ax + by|^2 + |bx - ay|^2 = (a^2 + b^2)(|x|^2 + |y|^2). \quad (1.3)$$

The solution of the functional equation (1.2) is called a *Euler-Lagrange-type quadratic mapping*. J. M. Rassias [16, 17] introduced and investigated the relative functional equations. In addition, J. M. Rassias [18] generalized the algebraic equation (1.3) to the following equation

$$mn|ax + by|^2 + |nbx - may|^2 = (ma^2 + nb^2)(n|x|^2 + m|y|^2), \quad (1.4)$$

and introduced and investigated the general pertinent Euler-Lagrange quadratic mappings. Analogous quadratic mappings were introduced and investigated in [19, 20].

These Euler-Lagrange mappings are named *Euler-Lagrange-Rassias mappings* and the corresponding Euler-Lagrange equations are called *Euler-Lagrange-Rassias equations*. Before 1992, these mappings and equations were not known at all in functional equations and inequalities. However, a completely different kind of Euler-Lagrange partial differential equations are known in calculus of variations. Therefore, we think that J. M. Rassias' introduction of Euler-Lagrange mappings and equations in functional equations and inequalities provides an interesting cornerstone in analysis. Already some mathematicians have employed these Euler-Lagrange mappings.

Recently, Jun and Kim [21] solved the stability problem of Ulam for another Euler-Lagrange-Rassias-type quadratic functional equation. Jun and Kim [22] introduced and investigated the following quadratic functional equation of Euler-Lagrange-Rassias type:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n r_i Q\left(\sum_{j=1}^n r_j (x_i - x_j)\right) + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n r_i\right) Q\left(\sum_{i=1}^n r_i x_i\right) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n r_i\right)^2 \sum_{i=1}^n r_i Q(x_i), \quad (1.5)$$

whose solution is said to be a generalized quadratic mapping of Euler-Lagrange-Rassias type.

During the last two decades a number of papers and research monographs have been published on various generalizations and applications of the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability to a number of functional equations and mappings (see [9, 23–26]).

Katsaras [27] defined a fuzzy norm on a vector space to construct a fuzzy vector topological structure on the space. Some mathematicians have defined fuzzy norms on

a vector space from various points of view [28–30]. In particular, Bag and Samanta [31], following Cheng and Mordeson [32], gave an idea of fuzzy norm in such a manner that the corresponding fuzzy metric is of Kramosil and Michálek type [33]. They established a decomposition theorem of a fuzzy norm into a family of crisp norms and investigated some properties of fuzzy normed spaces [34].

We use the definition of fuzzy normed spaces given in [31] and [35–38] to investigate a fuzzy version of the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability for the quadratic functional equations

$$2f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) + 2f\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right) = f(x) + f(y), \quad (1.6)$$

$$f(ax+ay) + f(ax-ay) = 2a^2f(x) + 2a^2f(y) \quad (1.7)$$

in the fuzzy normed vector space setting.

*Definition 1.1* (see [31, 35–38]). Let  $X$  be a real vector space. A function  $N : X \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is called a *fuzzy norm* on  $X$  if for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

- (N<sub>1</sub>)  $N(x, t) = 0$  for  $t \leq 0$ ;
- (N<sub>2</sub>)  $x = 0$  if and only if  $N(x, t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0$ ;
- (N<sub>3</sub>)  $N(cx, t) = N(x, t/|c|)$  if  $c \neq 0$ ;
- (N<sub>4</sub>)  $N(x + y, s + t) \geq \min\{N(x, s), N(y, t)\}$ ;
- (N<sub>5</sub>)  $N(x, \cdot)$  is a non-decreasing function of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(x, t) = 1$ ;
- (N<sub>6</sub>) for  $x \neq 0$ ,  $N(x, \cdot)$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

The pair  $(X, N)$  is called a *fuzzy normed vector space*.

The properties of fuzzy normed vector spaces and examples of fuzzy norms are given in [35–38].

*Definition 1.2* (see [31, 35–38]). Let  $(X, N)$  be a fuzzy normed vector space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to be *convergent* or *converge* if there exists an  $x \in X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N(x_n - x, t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0$ . In this case,  $x$  is called the *limit* of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  and we denote it by  $N\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ .

*Definition 1.3* (see [31, 35–38]). Let  $(X, N)$  be a fuzzy normed vector space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is called *Cauchy* if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  and each  $t > 0$  there exists an  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \geq n_0$  and all  $p > 0$ , we have  $N(x_{n+p} - x_n, t) > 1 - \varepsilon$ .

It is well known that every convergent sequence in a fuzzy normed vector space is Cauchy. If each Cauchy sequence is convergent, then the fuzzy norm is said to be *complete* and the fuzzy normed vector space is called a *fuzzy Banach space*.

We say that a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  between fuzzy normed vector spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  is continuous at a point  $x_0 \in X$  if for each sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converging to  $x_0$  in  $X$ , then the sequence  $\{f(x_n)\}$  converges to  $f(x_0)$ . If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous at each  $x \in X$ , then  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be *continuous* on  $X$  (see [34]).

In this paper, we prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of the quadratic functional equations (1.6) and (1.7) in fuzzy Banach spaces.

Throughout this paper, assume that  $X$  is a vector space and that  $(Y, N)$  is a fuzzy Banach space. Let  $a$  be a nonzero real number with  $a \neq (\pm 1/2)$ .

## 2. Fuzzy Stability of Quadratic Functional Equations

We prove the fuzzy stability of the quadratic functional equation (1.6).

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be an even mapping with  $f(0) = 0$ . Suppose that  $\varphi$  is a mapping from  $X$  to a fuzzy normed space  $(Z, N')$  such that*

$$N\left(2f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) + 2f\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right) - f(x) - f(y), t+s\right) \geq \min\left\{N'(\varphi(x), t), N'(\varphi(y), s)\right\} \quad (2.1)$$

for all  $x, y \in X \setminus \{0\}$  and all positive real numbers  $t, s$ . If  $\varphi(3x) = \alpha\varphi(x)$  for some positive real number  $\alpha$  with  $\alpha < 9$ , then there is a unique quadratic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $Q(x) = N\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(3^n x)/9^n$  and

$$N(Q(x) - f(x), t) \geq M\left(x, \frac{(9-\alpha)t}{18}\right), \quad (2.2)$$

where

$$M(x, t) := \min\left\{N'\left(\varphi(x), \frac{3}{2}t\right), N'\left(\varphi(2x), \frac{3}{2}t\right), N'\left(\varphi(3x), \frac{3}{2}t\right), N'\left(\varphi(0), \frac{3}{2}t\right)\right\}. \quad (2.3)$$

*Proof.* Putting  $y = 3x$  and  $s = t$  in (2.1), we get

$$N(2f(2x) + 2f(-x) - f(x) - f(3x), 2t) \geq \min\left\{N'(\varphi(x), t), N'(\varphi(3x), t)\right\} \quad (2.4)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $t > 0$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $2x$ ,  $y$  by  $0$ , and  $s$  by  $t$  in (2.1), we obtain

$$N(4f(x) - f(2x), 2t) \geq \min\left\{N'(\varphi(2x), t), N'(\varphi(0), t)\right\}. \quad (2.5)$$

Thus

$$N(9f(x) - f(3x), 6t) \geq \min\left\{N'(\varphi(x), t), N'(\varphi(2x), t), N'(\varphi(3x), t), N'(\varphi(0), t)\right\}, \quad (2.6)$$

and so

$$N\left(f(x) - \frac{f(3x)}{9}, t\right) \geq \min\left\{N'\left(\varphi(x), \frac{3}{2}t\right), N'\left(\varphi(2x), \frac{3}{2}t\right), N'\left(\varphi(3x), \frac{3}{2}t\right), N'\left(\varphi(0), \frac{3}{2}t\right)\right\}. \quad (2.7)$$

Then by the assumption,

$$M(3x, t) = M\left(x, \frac{t}{\alpha}\right). \quad (2.8)$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $3^n x$  in (2.7) and applying (2.8), we get

$$\begin{aligned} N\left(\frac{f(3^n x)}{9^n} - \frac{f(3^{n+1} x)}{9^{n+1}}, \frac{\alpha^n t}{9^n}\right) &= N\left(f(3^n x) - \frac{f(3^{n+1} x)}{9}, \alpha^n t\right) \\ &\geq M(3^n x, \alpha^n t) \\ &= M(x, t). \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

Thus for each  $n > m$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} &N\left(\frac{f(3^m x)}{9^m} - \frac{f(3^n x)}{9^n}, \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \frac{\alpha^k t}{9^k}\right) \\ &= N\left(\sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \left(\frac{f(3^k x)}{9^k} - \frac{f(3^{k+1} x)}{9^{k+1}}\right), \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \frac{\alpha^k t}{9^k}\right) \\ &\geq \min\left\{\bigcup_{k=m}^{n-1} \left\{N\left(\frac{f(3^k x)}{9^k} - \frac{f(3^{k+1} x)}{9^{k+1}}, \frac{\alpha^k t}{9^k}\right)\right\}\right\} \\ &\geq M(x, t). \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\delta > 0$  be given. Since  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} M(x, t) = 1$ , there is some  $t_0 > 0$  such that  $M(x, t_0) > 1 - \varepsilon$ . Since  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha^k t_0 / 9^k < \infty$ , there is some  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \alpha^k t_0 / 9^k < \delta$  for  $n > m \geq n_0$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} N\left(\frac{f(3^m x)}{9^m} - \frac{f(3^n x)}{9^n}, \delta\right) &\geq N\left(\frac{f(3^m x)}{9^m} - \frac{f(3^n x)}{9^n}, \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \frac{\alpha^k t}{9^k}\right) \\ &\geq M(x, t_0) \\ &\geq 1 - \varepsilon \end{aligned} \tag{2.11}$$

for all  $t \geq t_0$ . This shows that the sequence  $\{f(3^n x)/9^n\}$  is Cauchy in  $(Y, N)$ . Since  $(Y, N)$  is complete,  $\{f(3^n x)/9^n\}$  converges to some  $Q(x) \in Y$ . Thus we can define a mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  by  $Q(x) := N - \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(3^n x)/9^n$ . Moreover, if we put  $m = 0$  in (2.10), then we observe that

$$N\left(\frac{f(3^n x)}{9^n} - f(x), \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{\alpha^k t}{9^k}\right) \geq M(x, t). \tag{2.12}$$

Thus

$$N\left(\frac{f(3^n x)}{9^n} - f(x), t\right) \geq M\left(x, \frac{t}{\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (\alpha/9)^k}\right). \tag{2.13}$$

Next we show that  $Q$  is quadratic. Let  $x, y \in X$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & N\left(2Q\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) + 2Q\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right) - Q(x) - Q(y), t\right) \\
 & \geq \min\left\{N\left(2Q\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) - \frac{2f(3^n(x+y)/2)}{9^n}, \frac{t}{5}\right),\right. \\
 & \quad N\left(2Q\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right) - \frac{2f(3^n(x-y)/2)}{9^n}, \frac{t}{5}\right), \\
 & \quad N\left(\frac{f(3^n x)}{9^n} - Q(x), \frac{t}{5}\right), N\left(\frac{f(3^n y)}{9^n} - Q(y), \frac{t}{5}\right), \\
 & \quad \left.N\left(\frac{2f(3^n(x+y)/2)}{9^n} + \frac{2f(3^n(x-y)/2)}{9^n} - \frac{f(3^n x)}{9^n} - \frac{f(3^n y)}{9^n}, \frac{t}{5}\right)\right\}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.14}$$

The first four terms on the right-hand side of the above inequality tend to 1 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and the fifth term, by (2.1), is greater than or equal to

$$\min\left\{N'\left(\varphi(3^n x), \frac{9^n t}{10}\right), N'\left(\varphi(3^n y), \frac{9^n t}{10}\right)\right\} = \min\left\{N'\left(\varphi(x), \left(\frac{9}{\alpha}\right)^n \frac{t}{10}\right), N'\left(\varphi(y), \left(\frac{9}{\alpha}\right)^n \frac{t}{10}\right)\right\}, \tag{2.15}$$

which tends to 1 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence

$$N\left(2Q\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) + 2Q\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right) - Q(x) - Q(y), t\right) = 1 \tag{2.16}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $t > 0$ . This means that  $Q$  satisfies the Jensen quadratic functional equation and so it is quadratic.

Next, we approximate the difference between  $f$  and  $Q$  in a fuzzy sense. For every  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ , by (2.13), for large enough  $n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 N(Q(x) - f(x), t) & \geq \min\left\{N\left(Q(x) - \frac{f(3^n y)}{9^n}, \frac{t}{2}\right), N\left(\frac{f(3^n y)}{9^n} - f(x), \frac{t}{2}\right)\right\} \\
 & \geq M\left(x, \frac{t}{2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\alpha/9)^k}\right) \\
 & = M\left(x, \frac{(9-\alpha)t}{18}\right).
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.17}$$

The uniqueness assertion can be proved by a standard fashion; cf. [36]: Let  $Q'$  be another quadratic mapping from  $X$  into  $Y$ , which satisfies the required inequality. Then for each  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} N(Q(x) - Q'(x), t) &\geq \min \left\{ N\left(Q(x) - f(x), \frac{t}{2}\right), N\left(Q'(x) - f(x), \frac{t}{2}\right) \right\} \\ &\geq M\left(x, \frac{(9 - \alpha)t}{36}\right). \end{aligned} \tag{2.18}$$

Since  $Q$  and  $Q'$  are quadratic,

$$\begin{aligned} N(Q(x) - Q'(x), t) &= N(Q(3^n x) - Q'(3^n x), 9^n t) \\ &\geq M\left(x, \frac{(9/\alpha)^n (9 - \alpha)t}{36}\right). \end{aligned} \tag{2.19}$$

for all  $x \in X$ , all  $t > 0$  and all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Since  $0 < \alpha < 9$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (9/\alpha)^n = \infty$ . Hence the right-hand side of the above inequality tends to 1 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . It follows that  $Q(x) = Q'(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be an even mapping with  $f(0) = 0$ . Suppose that  $\varphi$  is a mapping from  $X$  to a fuzzy normed space  $(Z, N')$  satisfying (2.1). If  $\varphi(3x) = \alpha\varphi(x)$  for some real number  $\alpha$  with  $\alpha > 9$ , then there is a unique quadratic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $Q(x) = N\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 9^n f(x/3^n)$  and*

$$N(Q(x) - f(x), t) \geq M\left(x, \frac{(\alpha - 9)t}{2\alpha}\right), \tag{2.20}$$

where

$$M(x, t) := \min \left\{ N'\left(\varphi\left(\frac{x}{3}\right), \frac{t}{6}\right), N'\left(\varphi\left(\frac{2x}{3}\right), \frac{t}{6}\right), N'\left(\varphi(x), \frac{t}{6}\right), N'\left(\varphi(0), \frac{t}{6}\right) \right\}. \tag{2.21}$$

*Proof.* It follows from (2.7) that

$$N\left(f(x) - 9f\left(\frac{x}{3}\right), t\right) \geq \min \left\{ N'\left(\varphi\left(\frac{x}{3}\right), \frac{t}{6}\right), N'\left(\varphi\left(\frac{2x}{3}\right), \frac{t}{6}\right), N'\left(\varphi(x), \frac{t}{6}\right), N'\left(\varphi(0), \frac{t}{6}\right) \right\}. \tag{2.22}$$

Then by the assumption,

$$M\left(\frac{x}{3}, t\right) = M(x, \alpha t). \tag{2.23}$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $x/3^n$  in (2.22) and applying (2.23), we get

$$\begin{aligned} N\left(9^n f\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right) - 9^{n+1} f\left(\frac{x}{3^{n+1}}\right), \frac{9^n t}{\alpha^n}\right) &= N\left(f\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right) - 9f\left(\frac{x}{3^{n+1}}\right), \frac{t}{\alpha^n}\right) \\ &\geq M\left(\frac{x}{3^n}, \frac{t}{\alpha^n}\right) \\ &= M(x, t). \end{aligned} \quad (2.24)$$

Thus for each  $n > m$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} &N\left(9^m f\left(\frac{x}{3^m}\right) - 9^n f\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right), \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \frac{9^k t}{\alpha^k}\right) \\ &= N\left(\sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \left(9^k f\left(\frac{x}{3^k}\right) - 9^{k+1} f\left(\frac{x}{3^{k+1}}\right)\right), \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \frac{9^k t}{\alpha^k}\right) \\ &\geq \min\left\{\bigcup_{k=m}^{n-1} \left\{N\left(9^k f\left(\frac{x}{3^k}\right) - 9^{k+1} f\left(\frac{x}{3^{k+1}}\right), \frac{9^k t}{\alpha^k}\right)\right\}\right\} \\ &\geq M(x, t). \end{aligned} \quad (2.25)$$

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\delta > 0$  be given. Since  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} M(x, t) = 1$ , there is some  $t_0 > 0$  such that  $M(x, t_0) > 1 - \varepsilon$ . Since  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 9^k t_0 / \alpha^k < \infty$ , there is some  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\sum_{k=m}^{n-1} 9^k t_0 / \alpha^k < \delta$  for  $n > m \geq n_0$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} N\left(9^m f\left(\frac{x}{3^m}\right) - 9^n f\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right), \delta\right) &\geq N\left(9^m f\left(\frac{x}{3^m}\right) - 9^n f\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right), \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \frac{9^k t}{\alpha^k}\right) \\ &\geq M(x, t_0) \\ &\geq 1 - \varepsilon \end{aligned} \quad (2.26)$$

for all  $t \geq t_0$ . This shows that the sequence  $\{9^n f(x/3^n)\}$  is Cauchy in  $(Y, N)$ . Since  $(Y, N)$  is complete,  $\{9^n f(x/3^n)\}$  converges to some  $Q(x) \in Y$ . Thus we can define a mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  by  $Q(x) := N\text{-}\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} 9^n f(x/3^n)$ . Moreover, if we put  $m = 0$  in (2.8), then we observe that

$$N\left(9^n f\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right) - f(x), \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{9^k t}{\alpha^k}\right) \geq M(x, t). \quad (2.27)$$

Thus

$$N\left(9^n f\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right) - f(x), t\right) \geq M\left(x, \frac{t}{\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (9/\alpha)^k}\right). \quad (2.28)$$

The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.1.  $\square$



**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$ . Suppose that  $\varphi$  is a mapping from  $X$  to a fuzzy normed space  $(Z, N')$  satisfying (2.1). If  $\varphi(2x) = \alpha\varphi(x)$  for some positive real number  $\alpha$  with  $\alpha < 4$ , then there is a unique quadratic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $Q(x) = N\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(2^n x)/4^n$  and

$$N(Q(x) - f(x), t) \geq M\left(x, \frac{(4 - \alpha)t}{8}\right) \tag{2.29}$$

where  $M(x, t) := \min\{N'(\varphi(2x), 2t), N'(\varphi(0), 2t)\}$ .

*Proof.* Letting  $y = 0$  and replacing  $x$  by  $2x$  and  $s$  by  $t$  in (2.1), we obtain

$$N(4f(x) - f(2x), 2t) \geq \min\{N'(\varphi(2x), t), N'(\varphi(0), t)\}. \tag{2.30}$$

Thus

$$N\left(f(x) - \frac{f(2x)}{4}, t\right) \geq \min\{N'(\varphi(2x), 2t), N'(\varphi(0), 2t)\}. \tag{2.31}$$

Then by the assumption,

$$M(2x, t) = M\left(x, \frac{t}{\alpha}\right). \tag{2.32}$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $2^n x$  in (2.31) and applying (2.32), we get

$$\begin{aligned} N\left(\frac{f(2^n x)}{4^n} - \frac{f(2^{n+1} x)}{4^{n+1}}, \frac{\alpha^n t}{4^n}\right) &= N\left(f(2^n x) - \frac{f(4^{n+1} x)}{4}, \alpha^n t\right) \\ &\geq M(2^n x, \alpha^n t) \\ &= M(x, t). \end{aligned} \tag{2.33}$$

Thus for each  $n > m$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} &N\left(\frac{f(2^m x)}{4^m} - \frac{f(2^n x)}{4^n}, \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \frac{\alpha^k t}{4^k}\right) \\ &= N\left(\sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \left(\frac{f(2^k x)}{4^k} - \frac{f(2^{k+1} x)}{4^{k+1}}\right), \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \frac{\alpha^k t}{4^k}\right) \\ &\geq \min\left\{\bigcup_{k=m}^{n-1} \left\{N\left(\frac{f(2^k x)}{4^k} - \frac{f(2^{k+1} x)}{4^{k+1}}, \frac{\alpha^k t}{4^k}\right)\right\}\right\} \\ &\geq M(x, t). \end{aligned} \tag{2.34}$$

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\delta > 0$  be given. Since  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} M(x, t) = 1$ , there is some  $t_0 > 0$  such that  $M(x, t_0) > 1 - \varepsilon$ . Since  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha^k t_0 / 4^k < \infty$ , there is some  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \alpha^k t_0 / 4^k < \delta$  for  $n > m \geq n_0$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} N\left(\frac{f(2^m x)}{4^m} - \frac{f(2^n x)}{4^n}, \delta\right) &\geq N\left(\frac{f(2^m x)}{4^m} - \frac{f(2^n x)}{4^n}, \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \frac{\alpha^k t}{4^k}\right) \\ &\geq M(x, t_0) \\ &\geq 1 - \varepsilon \end{aligned} \quad (2.35)$$

for all  $t \geq t_0$ . This shows that the sequence  $\{f(2^n x)/4^n\}$  is Cauchy in  $(Y, N)$ . Since  $(Y, N)$  is complete,  $\{f(2^n x)/4^n\}$  converges to some  $Q(x) \in Y$ . Thus we can define a mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  by  $Q(x) := N\text{-}\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(2^n x)/4^n$ . Moreover, if we put  $m = 0$  in (2.34), then we observe that

$$N\left(\frac{f(2^n x)}{4^n} - f(x), \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{\alpha^k t}{4^k}\right) \geq M(x, t). \quad (2.36)$$

Thus

$$N\left(\frac{f(2^n x)}{4^n} - f(x), t\right) \geq M\left(x, \frac{t}{\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (\alpha/4)^k}\right). \quad (2.37)$$

The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$ . Suppose that  $\varphi$  is a mapping from  $X$  to a fuzzy normed space  $(Z, N')$  satisfying (2.1). If  $\varphi(2x) = \alpha\varphi(x)$  for some real number  $\alpha$  with  $\alpha > 4$ , then there is a unique quadratic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $Q(x) = N\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 4^n f(x/2^n)$  and

$$N(Q(x) - f(x), t) \geq M\left(x, \frac{(\alpha - 4)t}{2\alpha}\right), \quad (2.38)$$

where  $M(x, t) := \min\{N'(\varphi(x), t/2), N'(\varphi(0), t/2)\}$ .

*Proof.* It follows from (2.31) that

$$N\left(f(x) - 4f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right), t\right) \geq \min\left\{N'\left(\varphi(x), \frac{t}{2}\right), N'\left(\varphi(0), \frac{t}{2}\right)\right\}. \quad (2.39)$$

Then by the assumption,

$$M\left(\frac{x}{2}, t\right) = M(x, \alpha t). \quad (2.40)$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $x/2^n$  in (2.39) and applying (2.40), we get

$$\begin{aligned} N\left(4^n f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) - 4^{n+1} f\left(\frac{x}{2^{n+1}}\right), \frac{4^n t}{\alpha^n}\right) &= N\left(f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) - 4f\left(\frac{x}{2^{n+1}}\right), \frac{t}{\alpha^n}\right) \\ &\geq M\left(\frac{x}{2^n}, \frac{t}{\alpha^n}\right) \\ &= M(x, t). \end{aligned} \tag{2.41}$$

Thus for each  $n > m$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} &N\left(4^m f\left(\frac{x}{2^m}\right) - 4^n f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right), \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \frac{4^k t}{\alpha^k}\right) \\ &= N\left(\sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \left(4^k f\left(\frac{x}{2^k}\right) - 4^{k+1} f\left(\frac{x}{2^{k+1}}\right)\right), \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \frac{4^k t}{\alpha^k}\right) \\ &\geq \min\left\{\bigcup_{k=m}^{n-1} \left\{N\left(4^k f\left(\frac{x}{2^k}\right) - 4^{k+1} f\left(\frac{x}{2^{k+1}}\right), \frac{4^k t}{\alpha^k}\right)\right\}\right\} \\ &\geq M(x, t). \end{aligned} \tag{2.42}$$

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\delta > 0$  be given. Since  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} M(x, t) = 1$ , there is some  $t_0 > 0$  such that  $M(x, t_0) > 1 - \varepsilon$ . Since  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 4^k t_0 / \alpha^k < \infty$ , there is some  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\sum_{k=m}^{n-1} 4^k t_0 / \alpha^k < \delta$  for  $n > m \geq n_0$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} N\left(4^m f\left(\frac{x}{2^m}\right) - 4^n f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right), \delta\right) &\geq N\left(4^m f\left(\frac{x}{2^m}\right) - 4^n f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right), \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \frac{4^k t}{\alpha^k}\right) \\ &\geq M(x, t_0) \\ &\geq 1 - \varepsilon \end{aligned} \tag{2.43}$$

for all  $t \geq t_0$ . This shows that the sequence  $\{4^n f(x/2^n)\}$  is Cauchy in  $(Y, N)$ . Since  $(Y, N)$  is complete,  $\{4^n f(x/2^n)\}$  converges to some  $Q(x) \in Y$ . Thus we can define a mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  by  $Q(x) := N\text{-}\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} 4^n f(x/2^n)$ . Moreover, if we put  $m = 0$  in (2.42), then we observe that

$$N\left(4^n f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) - f(x), \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{4^k t}{\alpha^k}\right) \geq M(x, t). \tag{2.44}$$

Thus

$$N\left(4^n f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) - f(x), t\right) \geq M\left(x, \frac{t}{\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (4/\alpha)^k}\right). \tag{2.45}$$

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

Now we prove the fuzzy stability of the quadratic functional equation (1.7) for the case  $a \neq (\pm 1/2)$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $|2a| > 1$  and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$ . Suppose that  $\varphi$  is a mapping from  $X$  to a fuzzy normed space  $(Z, N')$  such that*

$$N\left(f(ax + ay) + f(ax - ay) - 2a^2f(x) - 2a^2f(y), t + s\right) \geq \min\left\{N'(\varphi(x), t), N'(\varphi(y), s)\right\} \quad (2.46)$$

for all  $x, y \in X \setminus \{0\}$  and all positive real numbers  $t, s$ . If  $\varphi(2ax) = \alpha\varphi(x)$  for some positive real number  $\alpha$  with  $0 < \alpha < 4a^2$ , then there is a unique quadratic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $Q(x) = N\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f((2a)^n x) / (2a)^{2n}$  and

$$N(Q(x) - f(x), t) \geq N'\left(\varphi(x), \frac{(4a^2 - \alpha)t}{4}\right) \quad (2.47)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $t > 0$ .

*Proof.* Putting  $y = x$  and  $s = t$  in (2.46), we get

$$N\left(f(2ax) - 4a^2f(x), 2t\right) \geq N'(\varphi(x), t) \quad (2.48)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $t > 0$ . Thus

$$N\left(f(x) - \frac{f(2ax)}{4a^2}, \frac{t}{2a^2}\right) \geq N'(\varphi(x), t) \quad (2.49)$$

and so

$$N\left(f(x) - \frac{f(2ax)}{4a^2}, t\right) \geq N'(\varphi(x), 2a^2t). \quad (2.50)$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $(2a)^n x$  in (2.50), we get

$$\begin{aligned} N\left(\frac{f((2a)^n x)}{(2a)^{2n}} - \frac{f((2a)^{n+1} x)}{(2a)^{2n+2}}, \frac{\alpha^n t}{(2a)^{2n}}\right) &= N\left(f((2a)^n x) - \frac{f((2a)^{n+1} x)}{4a^2}, \alpha^n t\right) \\ &\geq N'(\varphi(x), 2a^2t). \end{aligned} \quad (2.51)$$

Thus for each  $n > m$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & N\left(\frac{f((2a)^m x)}{(2a)^{2m}} - \frac{f((2a)^n x)}{(2a)^{2n}}, \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \frac{\alpha^k t}{(2a)^{2k}}\right) \\
 &= N\left(\sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \left(\frac{f((2a)^k x)}{(2a)^{2k}} - \frac{f((2a)^{k+1} x)}{(2a)^{2k+2}}\right), \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \frac{\alpha^k t}{(2a)^{2k}}\right) \\
 &\geq \min \left\{ \bigcup_{k=m}^{n-1} \left\{ N\left(\frac{f((2a)^k x)}{(2a)^{2k}} - \frac{f((2a)^{k+1} x)}{(2a)^{2k+2}}, \frac{\alpha^k t}{(2a)^{2k}}\right) \right\} \right\} \\
 &\geq N'(\varphi(x), 2a^2 t).
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.52}$$

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\delta > 0$  be given. Since  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N'(\varphi(x), 2a^2 t) = 1$ , there is some  $t_0 > 0$  such that  $N'(\varphi(x), 2a^2 t_0) > 1 - \varepsilon$ . Since  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha^k t_0 / (2a)^{2k} < \infty$ , there is some  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \alpha^k t_0 / (2a)^{2k} < \delta$  for  $n > m \geq n_0$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 N\left(\frac{f((2a)^m x)}{(2a)^{2m}} - \frac{f((2a)^n x)}{(2a)^{2n}}, \delta\right) &\geq N\left(\frac{f((2a)^m x)}{(2a)^{2m}} - \frac{f((2a)^n x)}{(2a)^{2n}}, \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \frac{\alpha^k t}{(2a)^{2k}}\right) \\
 &\geq N'(\varphi(x), 2a^2 t_0) \\
 &\geq 1 - \varepsilon
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.53}$$

for all  $t \geq t_0$ . This shows that the sequence  $\{f((2a)^n x)/(2a)^{2n}\}$  is Cauchy in  $(Y, N)$ . Since  $(Y, N)$  is complete,  $\{f((2a)^n x)/(2a)^{2n}\}$  converges to some  $Q(x) \in Y$ . Thus we can define a mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  by  $Q(x) := N\text{-}\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f((2a)^n x)/(2a)^{2n}$ . Moreover, if we put  $m = 0$  in (2.52), then we observe that

$$N\left(\frac{f((2a)^n x)}{(2a)^{2n}} - f(x), \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{\alpha^k t}{(2a)^{2k}}\right) \geq N'(\varphi(x), 2a^2 t). \tag{2.54}$$

Thus

$$N\left(\frac{f((2a)^n x)}{(2a)^{2n}} - f(x), t\right) \geq N'\left(\varphi(x), \frac{2a^2 t}{\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (\alpha/(2a)^2)^k}\right). \tag{2.55}$$

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

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $|2a| < 1$  and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$ . Suppose that  $\varphi$  is a mapping from  $X$  to a fuzzy normed space  $(Z, N')$  satisfying (2.46). If  $\varphi(2ax) = \alpha\varphi(x)$  for some real number

$\alpha$  with  $\alpha > 4a^2$ , then there is a unique quadratic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $Q(x) = N\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (2a)^{2n} f(x/(2a)^n)$  and

$$N(Q(x) - f(x), t) \geq M\left(x, \frac{(\alpha - 4a^2)t}{4}\right) \quad (2.56)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $t > 0$ .

*Proof.* It follows from (2.50) that

$$N\left(f(x) - (2a)^2 f\left(\frac{x}{2a}\right), 2t\right) \geq N'\left(\varphi\left(\frac{x}{2a}\right), t\right) \quad (2.57)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $t > 0$ . Thus

$$N\left(f(x) - 4a^2 f\left(\frac{x}{2a}\right), t\right) \geq N'\left(\varphi\left(\frac{x}{2a}\right), \frac{t}{2}\right) = N'\left(\varphi(x), \frac{\alpha}{2}t\right). \quad (2.58)$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $x/(2a)^n$  in (2.58), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & N\left((2a)^{2n} f\left(\frac{x}{(2a)^n}\right) - (2a)^{2n+2} f\left(\frac{x}{(2a)^{n+1}}\right), \frac{(2a)^{2n}t}{\alpha^n}\right) \\ &= N\left(f\left(\frac{x}{(2a)^n}\right) - 4a^2 f\left(\frac{x}{(2a)^{n+1}}\right), \alpha^n t\right) \\ &\geq N'\left(\varphi(x), \frac{\alpha}{2}t\right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.59)$$

Thus for each  $n > m$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & N\left((2a)^{2m} f\left(\frac{x}{(2a)^m}\right) - (2a)^{2n} f\left(\frac{x}{(2a)^n}\right), \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \frac{(2a)^{2k}t}{\alpha^k}\right) \\ &= N\left(\sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \left( (2a)^{2k} f\left(\frac{x}{(2a)^k}\right) - (2a)^{2k+2} f\left(\frac{x}{(2a)^{k+1}}\right) \right), \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \frac{(2a)^{2k}t}{\alpha^k}\right) \\ &\geq \min \left\{ \bigcup_{k=m}^{n-1} \left\{ N\left( (2a)^{2k} f\left(\frac{x}{(2a)^k}\right) - (2a)^{2k+2} f\left(\frac{x}{(2a)^{k+1}}\right), \frac{(2a)^{2k}t}{\alpha^k} \right) \right\} \right\} \\ &\geq N'\left(\varphi(x), \frac{\alpha}{2}t\right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.60)$$

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\delta > 0$  be given. Since  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N'(\varphi(x), (\alpha/2)t) = 1$ , there is some  $t_0 > 0$  such that  $N'(\varphi(x), (\alpha/2)t_0) > 1 - \varepsilon$ . Since  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (2a)^{2k} t_0 / \alpha^k < \infty$ , there is some  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\sum_{k=m}^{n-1} (2a)^{2k} t_0 / \alpha^k < \delta$  for  $n > m \geq n_0$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & N\left((2a)^{2m} f\left(\frac{x}{(2a)^m}\right) - (2a)^{2n} f\left(\frac{x}{(2a)^n}\right), \delta\right) \\ & \geq N\left((2a)^{2m} f\left(\frac{x}{(2a)^m}\right) - (2a)^{2n} f\left(\frac{x}{(2a)^n}\right), \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \frac{(2a)^{2k} t}{\alpha^k}\right) \\ & \geq N'\left(\varphi(x), \frac{\alpha}{2} t_0\right) \\ & \geq 1 - \varepsilon \end{aligned} \tag{2.61}$$

for all  $t \geq t_0$ . This shows that the sequence  $\{(2a)^{2n} f(x/(2a)^n)\}$  is Cauchy in  $(Y, N)$ . Since  $(Y, N)$  is complete,  $\{(2a)^{2n} f(x/(2a)^n)\}$  converges to some  $Q(x) \in Y$ . Thus we can define a mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  by  $Q(x) := N\text{-}\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (2a)^{2n} f(x/(2a)^n)$ . Moreover, if we put  $m = 0$  in (2.60), then we observe that

$$N\left((2a)^{2n} f\left(\frac{x}{(2a)^n}\right) - f(x), \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(2a)^{2k} t}{\alpha^k}\right) \geq N'\left(\varphi(x), \frac{\alpha}{2} t\right). \tag{2.62}$$

Thus

$$N\left((2a)^{2n} f\left(\frac{x}{(2a)^n}\right) - f(x), t\right) \geq N'\left(\varphi(x), \frac{\alpha t}{2 \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} ((2a)^2 / \alpha)^k}\right). \tag{2.63}$$

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

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