



# Stability of derivations in fuzzy normed algebras

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## Abstract

In this paper, we find a fuzzy approximation of derivation for an  $m$ -variable additive functional equation. In fact, using the fixed point method, we prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of derivations on fuzzy Lie  $C^*$ -algebras for the the following additive functional equation

$$\sum_{i=1}^m f\left(mx_i + \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^m x_j\right) + f\left(\sum_{i=1}^m x_i\right) = 2f\left(\sum_{i=1}^m mx_i\right)$$

for a given integer  $m$  with  $m \geq 2$ . ©2015 All rights reserved.

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## 1. Introduction and preliminaries

The stability problem of functional equations originated from a question of Ulam [9] concerning the stability of group homomorphisms:

Let  $(G_1, *)$  be a group and let  $(G_2, \diamond, d)$  be a metric group with the metric  $d(\cdot, \cdot)$ . Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , does there exist a  $\delta(\epsilon) > 0$  such that if a mapping  $h : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  satisfies the inequality  $d(h(x * y), h(x) \diamond h(y)) < \delta$  for all  $x, y \in G_1$ , then there is a homomorphism  $H : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  with  $d(h(x), H(x)) < \epsilon$  for all  $x \in G_1$ ?

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If the answer is affirmative, we would say that the equation of homomorphism  $H(x * y) = H(x) \diamond H(y)$  is *stable*.

We recall a fundamental result in fixed point theory.

Let  $\Omega$  be a set. A function  $d : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is called a *generalized metric* on  $\Omega$  if  $d$  satisfies the following:

- (1)  $d(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$  for all  $x, y \in \Omega$ ;
- (2)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in \Omega$ ;
- (3)  $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in \Omega$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** [3] *Let  $(\Omega, d)$  be a complete generalized metric space and let  $J : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  be a contractive mapping with Lipschitz constant  $L < 1$ . Then for each given element  $x \in \Omega$ , either  $d(J^n x, J^{n+1} x) = \infty$  for all nonnegative integers  $n$  or there exists a positive integer  $n_0$  such that*

- (1)  $d(J^n x, J^{n+1} x) < \infty$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ ;
- (2) the sequence  $\{J^n x\}$  converges to a fixed point  $y^*$  of  $J$ ;
- (3)  $y^*$  is the unique fixed point of  $J$  in the set  $\Gamma = \{y \in \Omega : d(J^{n_0} x, y) < \infty\}$ ;
- (4)  $d(y, y^*) \leq \frac{1}{1-L} d(y, Jy)$  for all  $y \in \Gamma$ .

In this paper, using the fixed point method, we prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of homomorphisms and derivations in fuzzy Lie  $C^*$ -algebras for the the following additive functional equation (see [10])

$$\sum_{i=1}^m f\left(mx_i + \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^m x_j\right) + f\left(\sum_{i=1}^m x_i\right) = 2f\left(\sum_{i=1}^m mx_i\right) \tag{1.1}$$

for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $m \geq 2$ .

We use the definition of fuzzy normed spaces given in [1, 4, 6, 7, 8] to investigate a fuzzy version of the Hyers-Ulam stability for the Cauchy-Jensen functional equation in the fuzzy normed algebra setting.

**Definition 1.2.** [6] Let  $X$  be a vector space. A function  $N : X \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is called a *fuzzy norm* on  $X$  if

- (N1)  $N(x, t) = 0$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $t \leq 0$ ;
- (N2)  $x = 0$  if and only if  $N(x, t) = 1$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ ;
- (N3)  $N(cx, t) = N(x, \frac{t}{|c|})$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $c \neq 0$ ;
- (N4)  $N(x + y, s + t) \geq \min\{N(x, s), N(y, t)\}$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ ;
- (N5)  $N(x, \cdot)$  is a non-decreasing function of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(x, t) = 1$  for all  $x \in X$   $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ;
- (N6) for all  $x \in X$  with  $x \neq 0$ ,  $N(x, \cdot)$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

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

**Definition 1.3.** [6] (1) Let  $(X, N)$  be a fuzzy normed vector space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to be *convergent* to a point  $x \in X$  or *converges* if there exists  $x \in X$  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  $N\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ .

(2) Let  $(X, N)$  be a fuzzy normed vector space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is called *Cauchy* if, for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $t > 0$ , 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 a Cauchy sequence. If each Cauchy sequence is convergent, then the fuzzy normed vector space is said to be *complete* and the complete 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  $X$ , 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 [6]).

**Definition 1.4.** [5] A *fuzzy normed algebra*  $(X, N)$  is a fuzzy normed space  $(X, N)$  with the algebraic structure such that

$$(N7) \quad N(xy, ts) \geq N(x, t)N(y, s) \text{ for all } x, y \in X \text{ and } t, s > 0.$$

Every normed algebra  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  defines a fuzzy normed algebra  $(X, N)$ , where  $N$  is defined by

$$N(x, t) = \frac{t}{t + \|x\|}$$

for all  $t > 0$ . This space is called the *induced fuzzy normed algebra*.

**Definition 1.5.** Let  $(X, N)$  and  $(Y, N)$  be fuzzy normed algebras. (1) An  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called a *homomorphism* if

$$f(xy) = f(x)f(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

(2) An  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear mapping  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is called a *derivation* if

$$f(xy) = f(x)y + xf(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Definition 1.6.** Let  $(\mathcal{U}, N)$  be a fuzzy Banach algebra. Then an *involution* on  $\mathcal{U}$  is a mapping  $u \rightarrow u^*$  from  $\mathcal{U}$  into  $\mathcal{U}$  which satisfies the following:

- (a)  $u^{**} = u$  for any  $u \in \mathcal{U}$ ;
- (b)  $(\alpha u + \beta v)^* = \bar{\alpha}u^* + \bar{\beta}v^*$ ;
- (c)  $(uv)^* = v^*u^*$  for any  $u, v \in \mathcal{U}$ .

If, in addition,  $N(u^*u, ts) = N(u, t)N(u, s)$  and  $N(u^*, t) = N(u, t)$  for all  $u \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $t, s > 0$ , then  $\mathcal{U}$  is a *fuzzy  $C^*$ -algebra*.

## 2. Stability of derivations on fuzzy $C^*$ -algebras

Throughout this section, assume that  $A$  is a fuzzy  $C^*$ -algebra with the norm  $N_A$ .

For any mapping  $f : A \rightarrow A$ , we define

$$D_\mu f(x_1, \dots, x_m) := \sum_{i=1}^m \mu f\left(mx_i + \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^m x_j\right) + f\left(\mu \sum_{i=1}^m x_i\right) - 2f\left(\mu \sum_{i=1}^m mx_i\right)$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1 := \{\nu \in \mathbb{C} : |\nu| = 1\}$  and  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in A$ .

Note that a  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear mapping

$$\delta : A \rightarrow A$$

is called a *fuzzy  $C^*$ -algebra derivation* on fuzzy  $C^*$ -algebras if  $\delta$  satisfies the following:

$$\delta(xy) = y\delta(x) + x\delta(y)$$

and

$$\delta(x^*) = \delta(x)^*$$

for all  $x, y \in A$ .

Now, we prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of fuzzy  $C^*$ -algebra derivations on fuzzy  $C^*$ -algebras for the functional equation

$$D_\mu f(x_1, \dots, x_m) = 0.$$

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $f : A \rightarrow A$  be a mapping for which there are functions  $\varphi : A^m \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ ,  $\psi : A^2 \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  and  $\eta : A \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that

$$N_A(D_\mu f(x_1, \dots, x_m), t) \geq \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_m, t), \tag{2.1}$$

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(m^j x_1, \dots, m^j x_m, m^j t) = 1, \tag{2.2}$$

$$N_A(f(xy) - xf(y) - xf(y), t) \geq \psi(x, y, t), \tag{2.3}$$

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \psi(m^j x, m^j y, m^{2j} t) = 1, \tag{2.4}$$

$$N_A(f(x^*) - f(x)^*, t) \geq \eta(x, t), \tag{2.5}$$

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \eta(m^j x, m^j t) = 1 \tag{2.6}$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ ,  $x_1, \dots, x_m, x, y \in A$  and  $t > 0$ . If there exists an  $L < 1$  such that

$$\varphi(mx, 0, \dots, 0, mLt) \geq \varphi(x, 0, \dots, 0, t) \tag{2.7}$$

for all  $x \in A$  and  $t > 0$ , then there exists a unique fuzzy  $C^*$ -algebra derivation  $\delta : A \rightarrow A$  such that

$$N_A(f(x) - \delta(x), t) \geq \varphi(x, 0, \dots, 0, (m - mL)t) \tag{2.8}$$

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

*Proof.* Consider the set  $X := \{g : A \rightarrow A\}$  and introduce the *generalized metric* on  $X$ :

$$d(g, h) = \inf\{C \in \mathbb{R}_+ : N_A(g(x) - h(x), Ct) \geq \varphi(x, 0, \dots, 0, t), \forall x \in A, t > 0\}.$$

It is easy to show that  $(X, d)$  is complete. Now, we consider the linear mapping  $J : X \rightarrow X$  such that  $Jg(x) := \frac{1}{m}g(mx)$  for all  $x \in A$ . By [2, Theorem 3.1], we have

$$d(Jg, Jh) \leq Ld(g, h)$$

for all  $g, h \in X$ . Letting  $\mu = 1$ ,  $x = x_1$  and  $x_2 = \dots = x_m = 0$  in (2.1), we get

$$N_A(f(mx) - mf(x), t) \geq \varphi(x, 0, \dots, 0, t) \tag{2.9}$$

for all  $x \in A$  and  $t > 0$ . So

$$N_A(f(x) - \frac{1}{m}f(mx), t) \geq \varphi(x, 0, \dots, 0, mt)$$

for all  $x \in A$  and  $t > 0$ . Hence  $d(f, Jf) \leq \frac{1}{m}$ . By Theorem 1.1, there exists a mapping  $\delta : A \rightarrow A$  such that (1)  $\delta$  is a fixed point of  $J$ , i.e.,

$$\delta(mx) = m\delta(x) \tag{2.10}$$

for all  $x \in A$ . The mapping  $\delta$  is a unique fixed point of  $J$  in the set

$$Y = \{g \in X : d(f, g) < \infty\}.$$

This implies that  $\delta$  is a unique mapping satisfying (2.10) such that there exists  $C \in (0, \infty)$  satisfying

$$N_A(\delta(x) - f(x), Ct) \geq \varphi(x, 0, \dots, 0, t)$$

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

(2)  $d(J^n f, \delta) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . This implies the equality

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(m^n x)}{m^n} = \delta(x) \tag{2.11}$$

for all  $x \in A$ .

(3)  $d(f, \delta) \leq \frac{1}{1-L}d(f, Jf)$ , which implies the inequality  $d(f, \delta) \leq \frac{1}{m-mL}$ . This implies that the inequality (2.8) holds.

It follows from (2.1), (2.2) and (2.11) that

$$\begin{aligned} & N_A\left(\sum_{i=1}^m \delta\left(mx_i + \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^m x_j\right) + \delta\left(\sum_{i=1}^m x_i\right) - 2\delta\left(\sum_{i=1}^m mx_i\right), t\right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N_A\left(\sum_{i=1}^m f\left(m^{n+1}x_i + \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^m m^n x_j\right) + f\left(\sum_{i=1}^m m^n x_i\right) - 2f\left(\sum_{i=1}^m m^{n+1}x_i\right), m^n t\right) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(m^n x_1, \dots, m^n x_m, m^n t) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in A$  and  $t > 0$  and so

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \delta\left(mx_i + \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^m x_j\right) + \delta\left(\sum_{i=1}^m x_i\right) = 2\delta\left(\sum_{i=1}^m mx_i\right)$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in A$ .

By the similar method to above, we get  $\mu\delta(mx) = \delta(m\mu x)$  for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$  and all  $x \in A$ . Thus one can show that the mapping  $\delta : A \rightarrow A$  is  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear.

It follows from (2.3), (2.4) and (2.11) that

$$\begin{aligned} & N_A(\delta(xy) - y\delta(x) - x\delta(y), t) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N_A(f(m^n xy) - m^n yf(m^n x) - m^n xf(m^n y), m^n t) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi(m^n x, m^n y, m^{2n} t) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in A$ . So  $\delta(xy) = y\delta(x) + x\delta(y)$  for all  $x, y \in A$ . Thus  $\delta : A \rightarrow A$  is a derivation satisfying (2.7).

Also, by (2.5), (2.6), (2.11) and a similar method, we have  $\delta(x^*) = \delta(x)^*$ . □

### 3. Stability of derivations on fuzzy Lie $C^*$ -algebras

A fuzzy  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{C}$ , endowed with the Lie product

$$[x, y] := \frac{xy - yx}{2}$$

on  $\mathcal{C}$ , is called a *fuzzy Lie  $C^*$ -algebra*.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $A$  be a fuzzy Lie  $C^*$ -algebra. A  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear mapping  $\delta : A \rightarrow A$  is called a *fuzzy Lie  $C^*$ -algebra derivation* if

$$\delta([x, y]) = [\delta(x), y] + [x, \delta(y)]$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Throughout this section, assume that  $A$  is a fuzzy Lie  $C^*$ -algebra with norm  $N_A$ . We prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of fuzzy Lie  $C^*$ -algebra derivations on fuzzy Lie  $C^*$ -algebras for the functional equation

$$D_\mu f(x_1, \dots, x_m) = 0.$$

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $f : A \rightarrow A$  be a mapping for which there are two functions  $\varphi : A^m \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  and  $\psi : A^2 \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(m^j x_1, \dots, m^j x_m, m^j t) = 1, \tag{3.1}$$

$$N_A(D_\mu f(x_1, \dots, x_m), t) \geq \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_m, t), \tag{3.2}$$

$$N_A(f([x, y]) - [f(x), y] - [x, f(y)], t) \geq \psi(x, y, t), \tag{3.3}$$

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \psi(m^j x, m^j y, m^{2j} t) = 1 \tag{3.4}$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ ,  $x_1, \dots, x_m, x, y \in A$  and  $t > 0$ . If there exists an  $L < 1$  such that

$$\varphi(mx, 0, \dots, 0, mx) \geq \varphi(x, 0, \dots, 0, t)$$

for all  $x \in A$  and  $t > 0$ , then there exists a unique fuzzy Lie  $C^*$ -algebra derivation  $\delta : A \rightarrow A$  such that

$$N_A(f(x) - \delta(x), t) \geq \varphi(x, 0, \dots, 0, (m - mL)t) \tag{3.5}$$

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

*Proof.* By the same reasoning as in the proof of Theorem 2.1, we can find the mapping  $\delta : A \rightarrow A$  given by

$$\delta(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(m^n x)}{m^n}$$

for all  $x \in A$ . It follows from (3.3) that

$$\begin{aligned} & N_A(\delta([x, y]) - [\delta(x), y] - [x, \delta(y)], t) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N_A(f(m^{2n}[x, y]) - [f(m^n x), \cdot m^n y] - [m^n x, f(m^n y)], m^{2n} t) \\ &\geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi(m^n x, m^n y, m^{2n} t) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in A$  and  $t > 0$ . So

$$\delta([x, y]) = [\delta(x), y] + [x, \delta(y)]$$

for all  $x, y \in A$ . Thus  $\delta : A \rightarrow B$  is a fuzzy Lie  $C^*$ -algebra derivation satisfying (3.5). This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.3.** Let  $A$  be a normed fuzzy Lie  $C^*$ -algebra with norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . Let  $0 < r < 1$  and  $\theta$  be nonnegative real numbers, and let  $f : A \rightarrow A$  be a mapping such that

$$N_A(D_\mu f(x_1, \dots, x_m), t) \geq \frac{t}{t + \theta(\|x_1\|_A^r + \|x_2\|_A^r + \dots + \|x_m\|_A^r)}$$

and

$$N_A(f([x, y]) - [f(x), y] - [x, f(y)], t) \geq \frac{t}{t + \theta \cdot \|x\|_A^r \cdot \|y\|_A^r}$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ , all  $x_1, \dots, x_m, x, y \in A$  and  $t > 0$ . Then there exists a unique fuzzy Lie  $C^*$ -algebra derivation  $\delta : A \rightarrow A$  such that

$$N_A(f(x) - \delta(x), t) \leq \frac{t}{t + \frac{\theta}{m-m^r} \|x\|_A^r}$$

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

*Proof.* The proof follows from Theorem 3.2 by taking

$$\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_m, t) = \frac{t}{t + \theta(\|x_1\|_A^r + \|x_2\|_A^r + \dots + \|x_m\|_A^r)}$$

and

$$\psi(x, y, t) := \frac{t}{t + \theta \cdot \|x\|_A^r \cdot \|y\|_A^r}$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_m, x, y \in A$  and  $t > 0$ . Putting  $L = m^{r-1}$ , we get the desired result.  $\square$

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