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# Stability of homomorphisms on fuzzy Lie $C^*$ -algebras via fixed point method

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## Abstract

In this paper, first, we define fuzzy C\*-algebras and fuzzy Lie C\*-algebras; then, using fixed point methods, we prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of homomorphisms in fuzzy C\*-algebras and fuzzy Lie C\*-algebras for an *m*-variable additive functional equation.

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# 1 Introduction and preliminaries

The stability problem of functional equations originated with a question of Ulam [1] 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  $h: G_1 \to G_2$  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  $H: G_1 \to G_2$  with  $d(h(x), H(x)) < \epsilon$  for all  $x \in G_1$ ? 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  $d: \Omega \times \Omega \to [0, \infty]$  is called a *generalized metric* on  $\Omega$  if d satisfies

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

**Theorem 1.1** [2] Let  $(\Omega, d)$  be a complete generalized metric space and let  $J : \Omega \to \Omega$  be a contractive mapping with Lipschitz constant L < 1. Then for each given element  $x \in \Omega$ , either  $d(J^nx, J^{n+1}x) = \infty$  for all nonnegative integers n or there exists a positive integer  $n_0$ such that

- (1)  $d(J^n x, J^{n+1} x) < \infty, \forall n \ge n_0;$
- (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  $\Gamma = \{y \in \Omega \mid d(J^{n_0}x, y) < \infty\};$
- (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 generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of homomorphisms and derivations in fuzzy Lie  $C^*$ -algebras for the following additive



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$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} f\left(mx_i + \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{m} x_j\right) + f\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} x_i\right) = 2f\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} mx_i\right) \quad (m \in \mathbb{N}, m \ge 2).$$
(1.1)

We use the definition of fuzzy normed spaces given in [4-10] to investigate a fuzzy version of the Hyers-Ulam stability for the Cauchy-Jensen functional equation in the fuzzy normed algebra setting (see also [11-16]).

**Definition 1.2** [4] Let *X* be a real vector space. A function  $N : X \times \mathbb{R} \to [0,1]$  is called a *fuzzy norm* on *X* if for all *x*, *y*  $\in$  *X* and all *s*, *t*  $\in \mathbb{R}$ ,

 $(N_1) N(x,t) = 0$  for  $t \le 0$ ;

 $(N_2)$  x = 0 if and only if N(x, t) = 1 for all t > 0;

- (N<sub>3</sub>)  $N(cx, t) = N(x, \frac{t}{|c|})$  if  $c \neq 0$ ;
- $(N_4) \ N(x+y,s+t) \ge \min\{N(x,s),N(y,t)\};$
- (*N*<sub>5</sub>)  $N(x, \cdot)$  is a non-decreasing function of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\lim_{t\to\infty} N(x, t) = 1$ ;
- (*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*.

**Definition 1.3** [4] (1) 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  $\lim_{n\to\infty} N(x_n - x, t) = 1$  for all t > 0. In this case, x is called the *limit* of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  and we denote it by N-lim<sub> $n\to\infty$ </sub>  $x_n = x$ .

(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 each t > 0 there exists an  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \ge n_0$  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  $f : X \to Y$  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  $f : X \to Y$  is continuous at each  $x \in X$ , then  $f : X \to Y$  is said to be *continuous* on X (see [4, 10]).

**Definition 1.4** [12] A *fuzzy normed algebra*  $(X, \mu, *, *')$  is a fuzzy normed space (X, N, \*) with algebraic structure such that

(*N*<sub>7</sub>)  $N(xy, ts) \ge N(x, t) * N(y, s)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and all t, s > 0, in which \*' is a continuous *t*-norm.

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

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

for all t > 0 iff

$$||xy|| \le ||x|| ||y|| + s||y|| + t||x||$$
  $(x, y \in X; t, s > 0).$ 

This space is called the induced fuzzy normed algebra.

**Definition 1.5** (1) Let (X, N, \*) and (Y, N, \*) be fuzzy normed algebras. An  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear mapping  $f : X \to Y$  is called a *homomorphism* if f(xy) = f(x)f(y) for all  $x, y \in X$ .

(2) An  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear mapping  $f : X \to X$  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  $u \to u^*$  from  $\mathcal{U}$  into  $\mathcal{U}$  which satisfies

- (i)  $u^{**} = u$  for  $u \in \mathcal{U}$ ;
- (ii)  $(\alpha u + \beta v)^* = \overline{\alpha} u^* + \overline{\beta} v^*$ ;
- (iii)  $(uv)^* = v^*u^*$  for  $u, v \in \mathcal{U}$ .

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

### 2 Stability of homomorphisms in fuzzy C\*-algebras

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

For a given mapping  $f : A \rightarrow B$ , we define

$$D_{\mu}f(x_{1},...,x_{m}) := \sum_{i=1}^{m} \mu f\left(mx_{i} + \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^{m} x_{j}\right) + f\left(\mu \sum_{i=1}^{m} x_{i}\right) - 2f\left(\mu \sum_{i=1}^{m} mx_{i}\right)$$

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

Note that a  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear mapping  $H : A \to B$  is called a *homomorphism* in fuzzy  $C^*$ -algebras if H satisfies H(xy) = H(x)H(y) and  $H(x^*) = H(x)^*$  for all  $x, y \in A$ .

We prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of homomorphisms in fuzzy  $C^*$ -algebras for the functional equation  $D_{\mu}f(x_1, \dots, x_m) = 0$ .

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

 $N_B(D_\mu f(x_1,\ldots,x_m),t) \ge \varphi(x_1,\ldots,x_m,t), \tag{2.1}$ 

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

 $N_B(f(xy) - f(x)f(y), t) \ge \psi(x, y, t),$ (2.3)

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

 $N_B(f(x^*) - f(x)^*, t) \ge \eta(x, t),$ (2.5)

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

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

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

for all  $x \in A$  and t > 0, then there exists a unique homomorphism  $H : A \rightarrow B$  such that

$$N_B(f(x) - H(x), t) \ge \varphi(x, 0, \dots, 0, (m - mL)t)$$

$$(2.8)$$

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

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

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

It is easy to show that (X, d) is complete. Now, we consider the linear mapping  $J : X \to X$  such that  $Jg(x) := \frac{1}{m}g(mx)$  for all  $x \in A$ . By Theorem 3.1 of [17],  $d(Jg, Jh) \leq Ld(g, h)$  for all  $g, h \in X$ . Letting  $\mu = 1, x = x_1$  and  $x_2 = \cdots = x_m = 0$  in equation (2.1), we get

$$N_B(f(mx) - mf(x), t) \ge \varphi(x, 0, \dots, 0, t)$$

$$(2.9)$$

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

$$N_B\left(f(x)-\frac{1}{m}f(mx),t\right)\geq\varphi(x,0,\ldots,0,mt)$$

for all  $x \in A$  and t > 0. Hence  $d(f, Jf) \le \frac{1}{m}$ . By Theorem 1.1, there exists a mapping  $H : A \to B$  such that

(1) *H* is a fixed point of *J*, *i.e.*,

$$H(mx) = mH(x) \tag{2.10}$$

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

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

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

$$N_B(H(x)-f(x),Ct) \geq \varphi(x,0,\ldots,0,t)$$

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

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

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

for all  $x \in A$ .

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

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

$$N_B\left(\sum_{i=1}^m H\left(mx_i + \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^m x_j\right) + H\left(\sum_{i=1}^m x_i\right) - 2H\left(\sum_{i=1}^m mx_i\right), t\right)$$
$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} N_B\left(\sum_{i=1}^m f\left(m^{n+1}x_i + \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^m m^n x_j\right) + f\left(\sum_{i=1}^m m^n x_i\right) - 2f\left(\sum_{i=1}^m m^{n+1}x_i\right), m^n t\right)$$
$$\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \varphi(m^n x_1, \dots, m^n x_m, m^n t) = 1$$

for all  $x_1, \ldots, x_m \in A$  and t > 0. So

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

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

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

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

$$N_B(H(xy) - H(x)H(y), t) = \lim_{n \to \infty} N_B(f(m^n xy) - f(m^n x)f(m^n y), m^n t)$$
$$\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \psi(m^n x, m^n y, m^{2n} t) = 1$$

for all  $x, y \in A$ . So H(xy) = H(x)H(y) for all  $x, y \in A$ . Thus  $H : A \to B$  is a homomorphism satisfying equation (2.7), as desired.

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

## 3 Stability of homomorphisms in fuzzy Lie C\*-algebras

A fuzzy  $C^*$ -algebra C, endowed with the Lie product

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

on C, is called a *fuzzy Lie*  $C^*$ -algebra (see [18–20]).

**Definition 3.1** Let *A* and *B* be fuzzy Lie *C*<sup>\*</sup>-algebras. A  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear mapping  $H : A \to B$  is called a *fuzzy Lie C*<sup>\*</sup>-*algebra homomorphism* if H([x, y]) = [H(x), H(y)] for all  $x, y \in A$ .

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

We prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of homomorphisms in fuzzy Lie  $C^*$ -algebras for the functional equation  $D_{\mu}f(x_1, \ldots, x_m) = 0$ .

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

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

$$N_B(D_\mu f(x_1,\ldots,x_m),t) \ge \varphi(x_1,\ldots,x_m,t), \tag{3.2}$$

$$N_B(f([x,y]) - [f(x),f(y)],t) \ge \psi(x,y,t),$$

$$(3.3)$$

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

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

$$\varphi(mx, 0, \dots, 0, mlt) \ge \varphi(x, 0, \dots, 0, t)$$

for all  $x \in A$  and t > 0, then there exists a unique homomorphism  $H : A \rightarrow B$  such that

$$N_B(f(x) - H(x), t) \ge \varphi(x, 0, \dots, 0, (m - mL)t)$$

$$(3.5)$$

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

*Proof* By the same reasoning as the proof of Theorem 2.1, we can find that the mapping  $H: A \rightarrow B$  is given by

$$H(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{f(m^n x)}{m^n}$$

for all  $x \in A$ .

It follows from equation (3.3) that

$$N_B(H([x,y]) - [H(x),H(y)],t) = \lim_{n \to \infty} N_B(f(m^{2n}[x,y]) - [f(m^n x),f(m^n y)],m^{2n}t)$$
$$\geq \lim_{n \to \infty} \psi(m^n x,m^n y,m^{2n}t) = 1$$

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

$$H([x,y]) = [H(x),H(y)]$$

for all  $x, y \in A$ .

Thus  $H : A \to B$  is a fuzzy Lie  $C^*$ -algebra homomorphism satisfying equation (3.5), as desired.

**Corollary 3.3** Let 0 < r < 1 and  $\theta$  be nonnegative real numbers, and let  $f : A \to B$  be a mapping such that

$$N_B(D_{\mu}f(x_1,\ldots,x_m),t) \ge \frac{t}{t+\theta(\|x_1\|_A^r+\|x_2\|_A^r+\cdots+\|x_m\|_A^r)},$$
(3.6)

$$N_B(f([x,y]) - [f(x),f(y)],t) \ge \frac{t}{t + \theta \cdot ||x||_A^r \cdot ||y||_A^r}$$
(3.7)

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ , all  $x_1, \ldots, x_m, x, y \in A$  and t > 0. Then there exists a unique homomorphism  $H : A \to B$  such that

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

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

*Proof* The proof follows from Theorem 3.2 by taking

$$\varphi(x_1,...,x_m,t) = \frac{t}{t + \theta(\|x_1\|_A^r + \|x_2\|_A^r + \dots + \|x_m\|_A^r)},$$
  
$$\psi(x,y,t) := \frac{t}{t + \theta \cdot \|x\|_A^r \cdot \|y\|_A^r}$$

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

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