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# Superstability for Generalized Module Left Derivations and Generalized Module Derivations on a Banach Module (I)

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We discuss the superstability of generalized module left derivations and generalized module derivations on a Banach module. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a Banach algebra and  $X$  a Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ -module,  $f : X \rightarrow X$  and  $g : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ . The mappings  $\Delta_{f,g}^1$ ,  $\Delta_{f,g}^2$ ,  $\Delta_{f,g}^3$  and  $\Delta_{f,g}^4$  are defined and it is proved that if  $\|\Delta_{f,g}^1(x, y, z, w)\|$  (resp.,  $\|\Delta_{f,g}^3(x, y, z, w, \alpha, \beta)\|$ ) is dominated by  $\varphi(x, y, z, w)$ , then  $f$  is a generalized (resp., linear) module- $\mathcal{A}$  left derivation and  $g$  is a (resp., linear) module- $X$  left derivation. It is also shown that if  $\|\Delta_{f,g}^2(x, y, z, w)\|$  (resp.,  $\|\Delta_{f,g}^4(x, y, z, w, \alpha, \beta)\|$ ) is dominated by  $\varphi(x, y, z, w)$ , then  $f$  is a generalized (resp., linear) module- $\mathcal{A}$  derivation and  $g$  is a (resp., linear) module- $X$  derivation.

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## 1. Introduction

The study of stability problems had been formulated by Ulam in [1] during a talk in 1940: under what condition does there exist a homomorphism near an approximate homomorphism? In the following year 1941, Hyers in [2] has answered affirmatively the question of Ulam for Banach spaces, which states that if  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a map with  $X$ , a normed space,  $Y$ , a Banach space, such that

$$\|f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \varepsilon, \quad (1.1)$$

for all  $x, y$  in  $X$ , then there exists a unique additive mapping  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \varepsilon, \quad (1.2)$$

for all  $x$  in  $X$ . In addition, if the mapping  $t \mapsto f(tx)$  is continuous in  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  for each fixed  $x$  in  $X$ , then the mapping  $T$  is real linear. This stability phenomenon is called the *Hyers-Ulam stability* of the additive functional equation  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$ . A generalized version of the theorem of Hyers for approximately additive mappings was given by Aoki in [3] and for approximate linear mappings was presented by Rassias in [4] by considering the case when the left-hand side of (1.1) is controlled by a sum of powers of norms. The stability result concerning derivations between operator algebras was first obtained by Šemrl in [5], Badora in [6] gave a generalization of Bourgin's result [7]. He also discussed the Hyers-Ulam stability and the Bourgin-type superstability of derivations in [8].

Singer and Wermer in [9] obtained a fundamental result which started investigation into the ranges of linear derivations on Banach algebras. The result, which is called the Singer-Wermer theorem, states that any continuous linear derivation on a commutative Banach algebra maps into the Jacobson radical. They also made a very insightful conjecture, namely, that the assumption of continuity is unnecessary. This was known as the Singer-Wermer conjecture and was proved in 1988 by Thomas in [10]. The Singer-Wermer conjecture implies that any linear derivation on a commutative semisimple Banach algebra is identically zero [11]. After then, Hatori and Wada in [12] proved that the zero operator is the only derivation on a commutative semisimple Banach algebra with the maximal ideal space without isolated points. Based on these facts and a private communication with Watanabe [13], Miura et al. proved the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability and Bourgin-type superstability of derivations on Banach algebras in [13]. Various stability results on derivations and left derivations can be found in [14–20]. More results on stability and superstability of homomorphisms, special functionals, and equations can be found in [21–30].

Recently, Kang and Chang in [31] discussed the superstability of generalized left derivations and generalized derivations. Indeed, these superstabilities are the so-called “Hyers-Ulam superstabilities.” In the present paper, we will discuss the superstability of generalized module left derivations and generalized module derivations on a Banach module.

To give our results, let us give some notations. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an algebra over the real or complex field  $\mathbb{F}$  and  $X$  an  $\mathcal{A}$ -bimodule.

*Definition 1.1.* A mapping  $d : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is said to be *module- $X$  additive* if

$$xd(a + b) = xd(a) + xd(b), \quad \forall a, b \in \mathcal{A}, x \in X. \quad (1.3)$$

A module- $X$  additive mapping  $d : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is said to be a *module- $X$  left derivation* (resp., *module- $X$  derivation*) if the functional equation

$$xd(ab) = axd(b) + bxd(a), \quad \forall a, b \in \mathcal{A}, x \in X \quad (1.4)$$

respectively,

$$xd(ab) = axd(b) + d(a)xb, \quad \forall a, b \in \mathcal{A}, x \in X. \quad (1.5)$$

holds.

*Definition 1.2.* A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is said to be *module- $\mathcal{A}$  additive* if

$$af(x_1 + x_2) = af(x_1) + af(x_2), \quad \forall x_1, x_2 \in X, a \in \mathcal{A}. \quad (1.6)$$

A module- $\mathcal{A}$  additive mapping  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is called a *generalized module- $\mathcal{A}$  left derivation* (resp., *generalized module- $\mathcal{A}$  derivation*) if there exists a module- $X$  left derivation (resp., module- $X$  derivation)  $\delta : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  such that

$$af(bx) = abf(x) + ax\delta(b), \quad \forall x \in X, a, b \in \mathcal{A} \quad (1.7)$$

respectively,

$$af(bx) = abf(x) + a\delta(b)x, \quad \forall x \in X, a, b \in \mathcal{A}. \quad (1.8)$$

In addition, if the mappings  $f$  and  $\delta$  are all linear, then the mapping  $f$  is called a *linear generalized module- $\mathcal{A}$  left derivation* (resp., *linear generalized module- $\mathcal{A}$  derivation*).

*Remark 1.3.* Let  $\mathcal{A} = X$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  be one of the following cases: (a) a unital algebra; (b) a Banach algebra with an approximate unit; (c) a  $C^*$ -algebra. Then module- $\mathcal{A}$  left derivations, module- $\mathcal{A}$  derivations, generalized module- $\mathcal{A}$  left derivations, and generalized module- $\mathcal{A}$  derivations on  $\mathcal{A}$  become left derivations, derivations, generalized left derivations, and generalized derivations on  $\mathcal{A}$  discussed in [31].

## 2. Main Results

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a Banach algebra,  $X$  a Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ -bimodule,  $k$  and  $l$  integers greater than 1, and  $\varphi : X \times X \times \mathcal{A} \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfy the following conditions:

- (a)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k^{-n}[\varphi(k^n x, k^n y, 0, 0) + \varphi(0, 0, k^n z, w)] = 0$ , for all  $x, y, w \in X, z \in \mathcal{A}$ ,
- (b)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k^{-2n}\varphi(0, 0, k^n z, k^n w) = 0$ , for all  $z \in \mathcal{A}, w \in X$ ,
- (c)  $\tilde{\varphi}(x) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} k^{-n+1}\varphi(k^n x, 0, 0, 0) < \infty$  ( $\forall x \in X$ ).

Suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow X$  and  $g : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  are mappings such that  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $\delta(z) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1/k^n)g(k^n z)$  exists for all  $z \in \mathcal{A}$  and

$$\left\| \Delta_{f,g}^1(x, y, z, w) \right\| \leq \varphi(x, y, z, w) \quad (2.1)$$

for all  $x, y, w \in X$  and  $z \in \mathcal{A}$ , where

$$\Delta_{f,g}^1(x, y, z, w) = f\left(\frac{x}{k} + \frac{y}{l} + zw\right) + f\left(\frac{x}{k} - \frac{y}{l} + zw\right) - \frac{2f(x)}{k} - 2zf(w) - 2wg(z). \quad (2.2)$$

Then  $f$  is a generalized module- $\mathcal{A}$  left derivation and  $g$  is a module- $X$  left derivation.

*Proof.* By taking  $w = z = 0$ , we see from (2.1) that

$$\left\| f\left(\frac{x}{k} + \frac{y}{l}\right) + f\left(\frac{x}{k} - \frac{y}{l}\right) - \frac{2f(x)}{k} \right\| \leq \varphi(x, y, 0, 0) \quad (2.3)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Letting  $y = 0$  and replacing  $x$  by  $kx$  in (2.3) yield that

$$\left\| f(x) - \frac{f(kx)}{k} \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2}\varphi(kx, 0, 0, 0) \quad (2.4)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . From [32, Theorem 1] (analogously as in [33, the proof of Theorem 1] or [34]), one can easily deduce that the limit  $d(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(k^n x)/k^n$  exists for every  $x \in X$ ,  $f(0) = d(0) = 0$  and

$$\|f(x) - d(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{2}\tilde{\varphi}(x), \quad \forall x \in X. \quad (2.5)$$

Next, we show that the mapping  $d$  is additive. To do this, let us replace  $x, y$  by  $k^n x, k^n y$  in (2.3), respectively. Then

$$\left\| \frac{1}{k^n} f\left(\frac{k^n x}{k} + \frac{k^n y}{l}\right) + \frac{1}{k^n} f\left(\frac{k^n x}{k} - \frac{k^n y}{l}\right) - \frac{1}{k} \cdot \frac{2f(k^n x)}{k^n} \right\| \leq k^{-n}\varphi(k^n x, k^n y, 0, 0) \quad (2.6)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . If we let  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality, then the condition (a) yields that

$$d\left(\frac{x}{k} + \frac{y}{l}\right) + d\left(\frac{x}{k} - \frac{y}{l}\right) = \frac{2}{k}d(x) \quad (2.7)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Since  $d(0) = 0$ , taking  $y = 0$  and  $y = (l/k)x$ , respectively, we see that  $d(x/k) = d(x)/k$  and  $d(2x) = 2d(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . Now, for all  $u, v \in X$ , put  $x = (k/2)(u + v)$ ,  $y = (l/2)(u - v)$ . Then by (2.7), we get that

$$d(u) + d(v) = d\left(\frac{x}{k} + \frac{y}{l}\right) + d\left(\frac{x}{k} - \frac{y}{l}\right) = \frac{2}{k}d(x) = \frac{2}{k}d\left(\frac{k}{2}(u + v)\right) = d(u + v). \quad (2.8)$$

This shows that  $d$  is additive.

Now, we are going to prove that  $f$  is a generalized module- $\mathcal{A}$  left derivation. Letting  $x = y = 0$  in (2.1) gives that

$$\|f(zw) + f(zw) - 2zf(w) - 2wg(z)\| \leq \varphi(0, 0, z, w), \quad (2.9)$$

that is,

$$\|f(zw) - zf(w) - wg(z)\| \leq \frac{1}{2}\varphi(0, 0, z, w) \quad (2.10)$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $w \in X$ . By replacing  $z, w$  with  $k^n z, k^n w$  in (2.10), respectively, we deduce that

$$\left\| \frac{1}{k^{2n}} f(k^{2n}zw) - z \frac{1}{k^n} f(k^n w) - w \frac{1}{k^n} g(k^n z) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2} k^{-2n} \varphi(0, 0, k^n z, k^n w) \quad (2.11)$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $w \in X$ . Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , the condition (b) yields that

$$d(zw) = zd(w) + w\delta(z) \quad (2.12)$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $w \in X$ . Since  $d$  is additive,  $\delta$  is module- $X$  additive. Put  $\Delta(z, w) = f(zw) - zf(w) - wg(z)$ . Then by (2.10) we see from the condition (a) that

$$k^{-n} \|\Delta(k^n z, w)\| \leq \frac{1}{2} k^{-n} \varphi(0, 0, k^n z, w) \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty) \quad (2.13)$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $w \in X$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} d(zw) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(k^n z \cdot w)}{k^n} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{k^n z f(w) + w g(k^n z) + \Delta(k^n z, w)}{k^n} \right) \\ &= z f(w) + w \delta(z) \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $w \in X$ . It follows from (2.12) that  $zf(w) = zd(w)$  for all  $z \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $w \in X$ , and then  $d(w) = f(w)$  for all  $w \in X$ . Since  $d$  is additive,  $f$  is module- $\mathcal{A}$  additive. So, for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $x \in X$  by (2.12)

$$\begin{aligned} af(bx) &= ad(bx) = abf(x) + ax\delta(b), \\ x\delta(ab) &= d(abx) - abf(x) \\ &= af(bx) + bx\delta(a) - abf(x) \\ &= a(d(bx) - bf(x)) + bx\delta(a) \\ &= ax\delta(b) + bx\delta(a). \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

This shows that  $\delta$  is a module- $X$  left derivation on  $\mathcal{A}$  and then  $f$  is a generalized module- $\mathcal{A}$  left derivation on  $X$ .

Lastly, we prove that  $g$  is a module- $X$  left derivation on  $\mathcal{A}$ . To do this, we compute from (2.10) that

$$\left\| \frac{f(k^n zw)}{k^n} - z \frac{f(k^n w)}{k^n} - w g(z) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2} k^{-n} \varphi(0, 0, z, k^n w) \quad (2.16)$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{A}, w \in X$ . By letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get from the condition (a) that

$$d(zw) = zd(w) + wg(z) \quad (2.17)$$

for all  $z \in \mathcal{A}, w \in X$ . Now, (2.12) implies that  $wg(z) = w\delta(z)$  for all  $z \in \mathcal{A}$  and all  $w \in X$ . Hence,  $g$  is a module- $X$  left derivation on  $\mathcal{A}$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

*Remark 2.2.* It is easy to check that the functional  $\varphi(x, y, z, w) = \varepsilon(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^q + \|z\|^s \|w\|^t)$  satisfies the conditions (a), (b), and (c) in Theorem 2.1, where  $\varepsilon \geq 0, p, q, s, t \in [0, 1)$ . Especially, if  $\mathcal{A}$  has a unit and  $f, g : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  are mappings with  $f(0) = 0$  such that  $\|\Delta_{f,g}^1(x, y, z, w)\| \leq \varepsilon$  for all  $x, y, w, z \in \mathcal{A}$ , then  $f$  is a generalized left derivation and  $g$  is a left derivation.

*Remark 2.3.* In Theorem 2.1, if the condition (2.1) is replaced with

$$\|\Delta_{f,g}^2(x, y, z, w)\| \leq \varphi(x, y, z, w) \quad (2.18)$$

for all  $x, y, w \in X$  and  $z \in \mathcal{A}$  where

$$\Delta_{f,g}^2(x, y, z, w) = f\left(\frac{x}{k} + \frac{y}{l} + zw\right) + f\left(\frac{x}{k} - \frac{y}{l} + zw\right) - \frac{2f(x)}{k} - 2zf(w) - 2g(z)w, \quad (2.19)$$

then  $f$  is a generalized module- $\mathcal{A}$  derivation and  $g$  is a module- $X$  derivation. Especially, if  $\mathcal{A}$  has a unit and  $f, g : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  are mappings with  $f(0) = 0$  such that  $\|\Delta_{f,g}^2(x, y, z, w)\| \leq \varepsilon(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^q + \|z\|^s \|w\|^t)$  for all  $x, y, w, z \in \mathcal{A}$  and some constants  $p, q, s, t \in [0, 1)$ , then  $f$  is a generalized derivation and  $g$  is a derivation.

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $X, Y$  be complex vector spaces. Then a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is linear if and only if*

$$f(\alpha x + \beta y) = \alpha f(x) + \beta f(y) \quad (2.20)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{T} := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$ .

*Proof.* It suffices to prove the sufficiency. Suppose that  $f(\alpha x + \beta y) = \alpha f(x) + \beta f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{T} := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$ . Then  $f$  is additive and  $f(\alpha x) = \alpha f(x)$  for all  $x \in X$  and all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{T}$ . Let  $\alpha$  be any nonzero complex number. Take a positive integer  $n$  such that  $|\alpha/n| < 2$ . Take a real number  $\theta$  such that  $0 \leq a := e^{-i\theta} \alpha/n < 2$ . Put  $\beta = \arccos(a/2)$ . Then  $\alpha = n(e^{i(\beta+\theta)} + e^{-i(\beta-\theta)})$  and, therefore,

$$f(\alpha x) = nf\left(e^{i(\beta+\theta)} x\right) + nf\left(e^{-i(\beta-\theta)} x\right) = ne^{i(\beta+\theta)} f(x) + ne^{-i(\beta-\theta)} f(x) = \alpha f(x) \quad (2.21)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . This shows that  $f$  is linear. The proof is completed.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a Banach algebra,  $X$  a Banach  $\mathcal{A}$ -bimodule,  $k$  and  $l$  integers greater than 1, and  $\varphi : X \times X \times \mathcal{A} \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfy the following conditions:

- (a)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k^{-n} [\varphi(k^n x, k^n y, 0, 0) + \varphi(0, 0, k^n z, w)] = 0$ , for all  $x, y, w \in X, z \in \mathcal{A}$ ,
- (b)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k^{-2n} \varphi(0, 0, k^n z, k^n w) = 0$ , for all  $z \in \mathcal{A}, w \in X$ .
- (c)  $\tilde{\varphi}(x) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} k^{-n+1} \varphi(k^n x, 0, 0, 0) < \infty$ , for all  $x \in X$ .

Suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow X$  and  $g : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  are mappings such that  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $\delta(z) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1/k^n)g(k^n z)$  exists for all  $z \in \mathcal{A}$  and

$$\left\| \Delta_{f,g}^3(x, y, z, w, \alpha, \beta) \right\| \leq \varphi(x, y, z, w) \quad (2.22)$$

for all  $x, y, w \in X, z \in \mathcal{A}$  and all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{T} := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$ , where  $\Delta_{f,g}^3(x, y, z, w, \alpha, \beta)$  stands for

$$f\left(\frac{\alpha x}{k} + \frac{\beta y}{l} + zw\right) + f\left(\frac{\alpha x}{k} - \frac{\beta y}{l} + zw\right) - \frac{2\alpha f(x)}{k} - 2zf(w) - 2wg(z). \quad (2.23)$$

Then  $f$  is a linear generalized module- $\mathcal{A}$  left derivation and  $g$  is a linear module- $X$  left derivation.

*Proof.* Clearly, the inequality (2.1) is satisfied. Hence, Theorem 2.1 and its proof show that  $f$  is a generalized left derivation and  $g$  is a left derivation on  $\mathcal{A}$  with

$$f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(k^n x)}{k^n}, \quad g(x) = f(x) - xf(e) \quad (2.24)$$

for every  $x \in X$ . Taking  $z = w = 0$  in (2.22) yields that

$$\left\| f\left(\frac{\alpha x}{k} + \frac{\beta y}{l}\right) + f\left(\frac{\alpha x}{k} - \frac{\beta y}{l}\right) - \frac{2\alpha f(x)}{k} \right\| \leq \varphi(x, y, 0, 0) \quad (2.25)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{T}$ . If we replace  $x$  and  $y$  with  $k^n x$  and  $k^n y$  in (2.25), respectively, then we see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \frac{1}{k^n} f\left(\frac{\alpha k^n x}{k} + \frac{\beta k^n y}{l}\right) + \frac{1}{k^n} f\left(\frac{\alpha k^n x}{k} - \frac{\beta k^n y}{l}\right) - \frac{1}{k^n} \frac{2\alpha f(k^n x)}{k} \right\| \\ & \leq k^{-n} \varphi(k^n x, k^n y, 0, 0) \\ & \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2.26)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{T}$ . Hence,

$$f\left(\frac{\alpha x}{k} + \frac{\beta y}{l}\right) + f\left(\frac{\alpha x}{k} - \frac{\beta y}{l}\right) = \frac{2\alpha f(x)}{k} \quad (2.27)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{T}$ . Since  $f$  is additive, taking  $y = 0$  in (2.27) implies that

$$f(\alpha x) = \alpha f(x) \quad (2.28)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{T}$ . Lemma 2.4 yields that  $f$  is linear and so is  $g$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

*Remark 2.6.* It is easy to check that the functional  $\varphi(x, y, z, w) = \varepsilon(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^q + \|z\|^s \|w\|^t)$  satisfies the conditions (a), (b), and (c) in Theorem 2.5, where  $\varepsilon \geq 0$ ,  $p, q, s, t \in [0, 1)$  are constants. Especially, if  $\mathcal{A}$  is a complex semiprime Banach algebra with unit and  $f, g : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  are mappings with  $f(0) = 0$  such that

$$\left\| \Delta_{f,g}^3(x, y, z, w, \alpha, \beta) \right\| \leq \varepsilon(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^q + \|z\|^s \|w\|^t) \quad (2.29)$$

for all  $x, y, w, z \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{T}$ . Then  $f$  is a linear generalized left derivation and  $g$  is a linear derivation which maps  $\mathcal{A}$  into the intersection of the center  $Z(\mathcal{A})$  and the Jacobson radical  $\text{rad}(\mathcal{A})$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

*Remark 2.7.* In Theorem 2.5, if the condition (2.22) is replaced with

$$\left\| \Delta_{f,g}^4(x, y, z, w, \alpha, \beta) \right\| \leq \varphi(x, y, z, w) \quad (2.30)$$

for all  $x, y, w \in X$ ,  $z \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{T}$  where  $\Delta_{f,g}^4(x, y, z, w, \alpha, \beta)$  stands for

$$f\left(\frac{\alpha x}{k} + \frac{\beta y}{l} + zw\right) + f\left(\frac{\alpha x}{k} - \frac{\beta y}{l} + zw\right) - \frac{2\alpha f(x)}{k} - 2zf(w) - 2g(z)w, \quad (2.31)$$

then  $f$  is a linear generalized module- $\mathcal{A}$  derivation on  $X$  and  $g$  is a linear module- $X$  derivation on  $\mathcal{A}$ . Especially, if  $\mathcal{A}$  is a unital commutative Banach algebra and  $f, g : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  are mappings with  $f(0) = 0$  such that  $\left\| \Delta_{f,g}^4(x, y, z, w, \alpha, \beta) \right\| \leq \varepsilon(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^q + \|z\|^s \|w\|^t)$  for all  $x, y, w, z \in \mathcal{A}$ , all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{T}$  and some constants  $p, q, s, t \in [0, 1)$ , then  $f$  is a linear generalized derivation and  $g$  is a linear derivation which maps  $\mathcal{A}$  into the Jacobson radical  $\text{rad}(\mathcal{A})$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

*Remark 2.8.* The controlling function

$$\varphi(x, y, z, w) = \varepsilon(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^q + \|z\|^s \|w\|^t) \quad (2.32)$$

consists of the "mixed sum-product of powers of norms," introduced by Rassias (in 2007) [28] and applied afterwards by Ravi et al. (2007-2008). Moreover, it is easy to check that the functional

$$\varphi(x, y, z, w) = P\|x\|^p + Q\|y\|^q + S\|z\|^s + T\|w\|^t \quad (2.33)$$

satisfies the conditions (a), (b), and (c) in Theorems 2.1 and 2.5, where  $P, Q, T, S \in [0, \infty)$  and  $p, q, s, t \in [0, 1)$  are all constants.



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