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### Research Article

# **Approximately** *n***-Jordan Homomorphisms on Banach Algebras**

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Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and let A, B be two rings. An additive map  $h: A \to B$  is called n-Jordan homomorphism if  $h(a^n) = (h(a))^n$  for all  $a \in A$ . In this paper, we establish the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of n-Jordan homomorphisms on Banach algebras. Also we show that (a) to each approximate 3-Jordan homomorphism h from a Banach algebra into a semisimple commutative Banach algebra there corresponds a unique 3-ring homomorphism near to f, (b) to each approximate n-Jordan homomorphism h between two commutative Banach algebras there corresponds a unique n-ring homomorphism near to f for all  $n \in \{3,4,5\}$ .

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#### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Let A, B be two rings (algebras). An additive map  $h:A\to B$  is called n-Jordan homomorphism (n-ring homomorphism) if  $h(a^n)=(h(a))^n$  for all  $a\in A$ ,  $(h(\Pi_{i=1}^n a_i)=\Pi_{i=1}^n h(a_i)$ , for all  $a_1,a_2,\ldots,a_n\in A$ ). If  $h:A\to B$  is a linear n-ring homomorphism, we say that h is n-homomorphism. The concept of n-homomorphisms was studied for complex algebras by Hejazian et al. [1] (see also [2, 3]). A 2-Jordan homomorphism is a Jordan homomorphism, in the usual sense, between rings. Every Jordan homomorphism is an n-Jordan homomorphism, for all  $n\geq 2$ , (e.g., [4, Lemma 6.3.2]), but the converse is false, in general. For instance, let A be an algebra over  $\mathbb C$  and let  $h:A\to A$  be a nonzero Jordan homomorphism on A. Then, -h is a 3-Jordan homomorphism. It is easy to check that -h is not 2-Jordan homomorphism or 4-Jordan homomorphism. The concept of n-Jordan homomorphisms was studied by the first author [5]. A classical question in the theory of functional equations is that "when is it true that a mapping which approximately satisfies a functional equation  $\mathcal E$  must be somehow close to an exact solution of  $\mathcal E$ ?" Such

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a problem was formulated by Ulam [6] in 1940 and solved in the next year for the Cauchy functional equation by Hyers [7]. It gave rise to the *stability theory* for functional equations. Subsequently, various approaches to the problem have been introduced by several authors. For the history and various aspects of this theory we refer the reader to monographs [8–12]. Applying a theorem of Hyers [7], Rassias [13], and Gajda [14], Bourgin [15] proved the stability problem of ring homomorphisms between unital Banach algebras. Badora [16] proved the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of ring homomorphisms, which generalizes the result of Bourgin. Recently, Miura et al. [17] proved the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of Jordan homomorphisms. The stability problem of *n*-homomorphisms between Banach algebras, has been proved by the first author [18]. In this paper, we consider the stability, in the sense of Hyers-Ulam-Rassias, of *n*-Jordan homomorphisms on Banach algebras.

#### 2. Main Result

By a following similar way as in [17], we obtain the next theorem.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let A be a normed algebra, let B be a Banach algebra, let  $\delta$  and  $\varepsilon$  be nonnegative real numbers, and let p,q be a real numbers such that p,q < 1 or p,q > 1, and that q > 0. Assume that  $f: A \to B$  satisfies the system of functional inequalities

$$||f(a+b) - f(a) - f(b)|| \le \varepsilon (||a||^p + ||b||^p),$$
 (2.1)

$$||f(a^n) - f(a)^n|| \le \delta ||a||^{nq}$$
 (2.2)

for all  $a, b \in A$ . Then, there exists a unique n-Jordan homomorphism  $h : A \to B$  such that

$$||f(a) - h(a)|| \le \frac{2\varepsilon}{|2 - 2^p|} ||a||^p$$
 (2.3)

for all  $a \in A$ .

*Proof.* Put  $s := -\operatorname{sgn}(p-1)$ , and  $h(a) := \lim_m (1/2^{sm}) f(2^{sm}a)$  for all  $a \in A$ . It follows from [13, 14] that h is additive map satisfies (2.3). We will show that h is n-Jordan homomorphism. Since  $\lim_m 2^{smn(q-1)} = 0$ , it follows from (2.2) that

$$\lim_{m} \frac{1}{2^{smn}} \{ \| f((2^{sm}a)(2^{sm}a) \cdots (2^{sm}a)) - (f(2^{sm}a))^{n} \| \}$$

$$\leq \lim_{m} \frac{1}{2^{smn}} \delta \| 2^{sm}a \|^{nq}$$

$$= \lim_{m} (2^{smn(q-1)}) \delta \| a \|^{nq} = 0.$$
(2.4)

Hence, we have

$$h(a^{n}) = \lim_{m} \frac{1}{2^{smn}} f(2^{smn}(a^{n}))$$

$$= \lim_{m} \frac{1}{2^{smn}} f((2^{sm}a)(2^{sm}a) \cdots (2^{sm}a))$$

$$= \lim_{m} \frac{1}{2^{smn}} \{ f((2^{sm}a)(2^{sm}a) \cdots (2^{sm}a)) - (f(2^{sm}a))^{n} + (f(2^{sm}a))^{n} \}$$

$$= (h(a))^{n}$$
(2.5)

for all  $a \in A$ . In other words, h is n-Jordan homomorphism. The uniqueness property of h follows from [13, 14].

**Theorem 2.2.** Let A be a normed algebra, let B be a Banach algebra, let  $\delta$  and  $\varepsilon$  be nonnegative real numbers, and let p, q be real numbers such that p < 1 and q < 0. If  $f : A \to B$  is a mapping, with f(0) = 0, such that the inequalities (2.1) and (2.2) are valid. Then, there exists a unique n-Jordan homomorphism  $h : A \to B$  such that

$$||f(a) - h(a)|| \le \frac{2\varepsilon}{|2 - 2^p|} ||a||^p$$
 (2.6)

for all  $a \in A$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $||0||^p = \infty$ . It follows from [13] that there exists an additive map  $h: A \to B$  satisfies (2.6). It suffices to show that  $h(a^n) = h(a)^n$  for all  $a \in A$ . Since h is additive, we get h(0) = 0, and so the case a = 0 is omitted. Let  $a \in A - \{0\}$  be arbitrarily. If  $a^n \neq 0$ , then the proof of Theorem 2.1 works well, and  $h(a^n) = h(a)^n$ . Thus we need to consider only the case  $a^n = 0$ . Since f(0) = 0, it follows from (2.2), that

$$\left\| \frac{1}{2^{mn}} (f(2^m a))^n \right\| \le \frac{1}{2^{mn}} \delta \|2^m a\|^{nq} = 2^{mn(q-1)} \delta \|a\|^{nq}. \tag{2.7}$$

Hence, we have

$$\lim_{m} \frac{1}{2^{mn}} (f(2^{m}a))^{n} = 0.$$
 (2.8)

On the other hand, we have

$$h(a) = \lim_{m} \frac{1}{2^{m}} (f(2^{m}a)). \tag{2.9}$$

It follows from (2.8) and (2.9) that

$$h(a)^{n} = \lim_{m} \left\{ \frac{1}{2^{mn}} (f(2^{m}a))^{n} \right\} = 0, \tag{2.10}$$

which proves  $h(a^n) = 0 = h(a)^n$ , whenever  $a^n = 0$ . This completes the proof.

By [17, Theorem 1.1] and [5, Theorem 2.5], we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $n \in \{2,3\}$  be fixed. Suppose A is a Banach algebra, which needs not to be commutative, and suppose B is a semisimple commutative Banach algebra. Then, each n-Jordan homomorphism  $h: A \to B$  is a n-ring homomorphism.

Let  $n \in \{2,3\}$  be fixed. As a direct corollary, we show that to each approximate n-Jordan homomorphism f from a Banach algebra into a semisimple commutative Banach algebra there corresponds a unique n-ring homomorphism near to f.

**Corollary 2.4.** Let  $n \in \{2,3\}$  be fixed. Suppose A is a Banach algebra, which needs not to be commutative, and suppose B is a semisimple commutative Banach algebra. Let  $\delta$  and  $\varepsilon$  be nonnegative real numbers and let p, q be a real numbers such that (p-1)(q-1) > 0,  $q \ge 0$  or (p-1)(q-1) > 0, q < 0 and f(0) = 0. Assume that  $f: A \to B$  satisfies the system of functional inequalities

$$||f(a+b) - f(a) - f(b)|| \le \varepsilon (||a||^p + ||b||^p),$$
  
$$||f(a^n) - f(a)^n|| \le \delta ||a||^{nq}$$
(2.11)

for all  $a,b \in A$ . Then, there exists a unique n-ring homomorphism  $h:A \to B$  such that

$$||f(a) - h(a)|| \le \frac{2\varepsilon}{|2 - 2^p|} ||a||^p$$
 (2.12)

for all  $a \in A$ .

*Proof.* It follows from Theorems 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3.

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $n \in \{3,4,5\}$  be fixed, A, B be two commutative algebras, and let  $h: A \to B$  be a n-Jordan homomorphism. Then, h is n-ring homomorphism.

*Proof.* For n = 3, 4, (see [5, Theorem 2.2]). Now suppose n = 5. Then, h is additive and  $h(a^5) = (h(a))^5$  for all  $a \in A$ . Replacing a by a + b to get

$$h(5a^{4}b + 10a^{3}b^{2} + 10a^{2}b^{3} + 5ab^{4})$$

$$= 5h(a^{4})h(b) + 10h(a^{3})h(b^{2}) + 10h(a^{2})h(b^{3}) + 5h(a)h(b^{4}).$$
(2.13)

Now, replacing a by x + y in (2.13), we obtain that

$$h\{5(x^{4} + 4x^{3}y + 6x^{2}y^{2} + 4xy^{3} + y^{4})b + 10(x^{3} + 3x^{2}y + 3xy^{2} + y^{3})b^{2} + 10(x^{2} + 2xy + y^{2})b^{3} + 5(x + y)b^{4}\}$$

$$= 5[h(x)^{4} + 4h(x)^{3}h(y) + 6h(x)^{2}h(y)^{2} + 4h(x)h(y)^{3} + h(y)^{4}]h(b)$$

$$+ 10[h(x)^{3} + 3h(x)^{2}h(y) + 3h(x)h(y)^{2} + h(y)^{3}]h(b)^{2} + 10[h(x)^{2} + 2h(x)h(y) + h(y)^{2}]h(b)^{3} + 5[h(x) + h(y)]h(b)^{4}.$$
(2.14)

By (2.13) and (2.14), we get

$$h\{(20x^{3}yb + 30x^{2}y^{2}b + 20xy^{3}b + 30x^{2}yb^{2} + 30xy^{2}b^{2} + 20xyb^{3})\}$$

$$= 20h(x)^{3}h(y)h(b) + 30h(x)^{2}h(y)^{2}h(b) + 20h(x)h(y)^{3}h(b)$$

$$+ 30h(x)^{2}h(y)h(b)^{2} + 30h(x)h(y)^{2}h(b)^{2} + 20h(x)h(y)h(b)^{3}.$$
(2.15)

By (2.15) it follows that

$$h\{xyb[20(x^{2} + y^{2} + b^{2}) + 30(xy + xb + yb)]\}$$

$$= h(x)h(y)h(b)[20h(x)^{2} + 30h(x)h(y) + 20h(y)^{2}$$

$$+ 30h(x)h(b) + 30h(y)h(b) + 20h(b)^{2}].$$
(2.16)

Replacing *b* by z + w in (2.16), we obtain

$$h\{xyz[20(w^{2}+2zw)+30(xy+xw+yw)] + xyw[20(z^{2}+2zw)+30(xy+xz+yz)]\}$$

$$= h(x)h(y)h(z)[20(h(w)^{2}+2h(z)h(w))+30(h(x)h(y)+h(x)h(w)+h(y)h(w))]$$

$$+h(x)h(y)h(w)[20(h(z)^{2}+2h(z)h(w))+30(h(x)h(y)+h(x)h(z)+h(y)h(z))].$$
(2.17)

Replacing z by t + s in (2.17), we get

$$h\{xy(t+s)[20(w^{2}+2(t+s)w)+30(xy+xw+yw)]$$

$$+xyw[20((t+s)^{2}+2(t+s)w)+30(xy+x(t+s)+y(t+s))]\}$$

$$=h(x)h(y)h(t+s)[20(h(w)^{2}+2h(t+s)h(w))$$

$$+30(h(x)h(y)+h(x)h(w)+h(y)h(w))]$$

$$+h(x)h(y)h(w)[20(h(t+s)^{2}+2h(t+s)h(w))$$

$$+30(h(x)h(y)+h(x)h(t+s)+h(y)h(t+s))].$$
(2.18)

Hence, we get

$$h[40xywts - 30x^{2}y^{2}w - 30xys(xy + xw + yw)]$$

$$= 40h(x)h(y)h(w)h(t)h(s) - 30h(x)^{2}h(y)^{2}h(w)$$

$$- 30h(x)h(y)h(s)[h(x)h(y) + h(x)h(w) + h(y)h(w)],$$

$$h[40xywts - 30x^{2}y^{2}w - 30xyt(xy + xw + yw)]$$

$$= 40h(x)h(y)h(w)h(t)h(s) - 30h(x)^{2}h(y)^{2}h(w)$$

$$- 30h(x)h(y)h(t)[h(x)h(y) + h(x)h(w) + h(y)h(w)].$$
(2.19)

By (2.19) it follows that

$$h[xy(s-t)(xy + xw + yw)] = h(x)h(y)(h(s) - h(t))[h(x)h(y) + h(x)h(w) + h(y)h(w)].$$
(2.20)

Replacing t by -s in (2.20), we obtain

$$h[2xys(xy + xw + yw)] = 2h(x)h(y)h(s)[h(x)h(y) + h(x)h(w) + h(y)h(w)].$$
(2.21)

Replacing y, w by x in (2.21), we get

$$h(x^4s) = h(x)^4h(s).$$
 (2.22)

Replacing x by x + y in above equality to get

$$h((4x^3y + 6x^2y^2 + 4xy^3)s) = (4h(x)^3h(y) + 6h(x)^2h(y)^2 + 4h(x)h(y)^3)h(s).$$
 (2.23)

Replacing x by x + z in (2.23), we obtain

$$h\{[(4x^{3}y + 6x^{2}y^{2} + 4xy^{3}) + (4z^{3}y + 6z^{2}y^{2} + 4zy^{3}) + 12(x^{2}zy + xz^{2}y + xzy^{2})]s\}$$

$$= \{(4h(x)^{3}h(y) + 6h(x)^{2}h(y)^{2} + 4h(x)h(y)^{3})$$

$$+ (4h(z)^{3}h(y) + 6h(z)^{2}h(y)^{2} + 4h(z)h(y)^{3})$$

$$+ 12(h(x)^{2}h(z)h(y) + h(x)h(z)^{2}h(y) + h(x)h(z)h(y)^{2})\}h(s).$$
(2.24)

Combining (2.23) by (2.24), we get

$$h\{(xyz)(x+y+z)s\} = [(h(x)h(y)h(z))(h(x)+h(y)+h(z))]h(s).$$
 (2.25)

Replacing z by -x in (2.25) to obtain

$$h(x^2y^2s) = h(x)^2h(y)^2h(s), (2.26)$$

replacing y by y + w in (2.26), we get

$$h(x^2yws) = h(x)^2h(y)h(w)h(s).$$
 (2.27)

Now, replace x by x + t in (2.27), we obtain

$$h(xtyws) = h(x)h(t)h(y)h(w)h(s). (2.28)$$

Hence, *h* is 5-ring homomorphism.

**Corollary 2.6.** Let  $n \in \{3,4,5\}$  be fixed. Suppose A, B are commutative Banach algebras. Let  $\delta$  and  $\varepsilon$  be nonnegative real numbers and let p, q be a real numbers such that (p-1)(q-1) > 0,  $q \ge 0$  or (p-1)(q-1) > 0, q < 0, and f(0) = 0. Assume that  $f: A \to B$  satisfies the system of functional inequalities

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$$||f(a^n) - f(a)^n|| \le \delta ||a||^{nq}$$
(2.29)

for all  $a, b \in A$ . Then, there exists a unique n-ring homomorphism  $h : A \to B$  such that

$$||f(a) - h(a)|| \le \frac{2\varepsilon}{|2 - 2^p|} ||a||^p$$
 (2.30)

for all  $a \in A$ .

*Proof.* It follows from Theorems 2.1, 2.2, and 2.5.

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