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# On the stability of pexider functional equation in non-archimedean spaces

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## Abstract

In this paper, the Hyers-Ulam stability of the Pexider functional equation

$$f_1(x + y) + f_2(x + \sigma(y)) = f_3(x) + f_4(y)$$

in a non-Archimedean space is investigated, where  $\sigma$  is an involution in the domain of the given mapping  $f$ .

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## 1. Introduction

The stability problem for functional equations first was planed in 1940 by Ulam [1]:

Let  $G_1$  be group and  $G_2$  be a metric group with the metric  $d(\cdot, \cdot)$ . Does, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that, for any mapping  $f: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  which satisfies  $d(f(xy), f(x)f(y)) \leq \delta$  for all  $x, y \in G_1$ , there exists a homomorphism  $h: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  so that, for any  $x \in G_1$ , we have  $d(f(x), h(x)) \leq \varepsilon$ ?

In 1941, Hyers [2] answered to the Ulam's question when  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are Banach spaces. Subsequently, the result of Hyers was generalized by Aoki [3] for additive mappings and Rassias [4] for linear mappings by considering an unbounded Cauchy difference. The paper of Rassias [4] has provided a lot of influences in the development of the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of functional equations (for more details, see [5] where a discussion on definitions of the Hyers-Ulam stability is provided by Moszner, also [6-12]).

In this paper, we give a modification of the approach of Belaid et al. [13] in non-Archimedean spaces. Recently, Ciepliński [14] studied and proved stability of multi-additive mappings in non-Archimedean normed spaces, also see [15-22].

**Definition 1.1.** The function  $|\cdot|: K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called a *non-Archimedean valuation* or *absolute value* over the field  $K$  if it satisfies following conditions: for any  $a, b \in K$ ,

- (1)  $|a| \geq 0$ ;
- (2)  $|a| = 0$  if and only if  $a = 0$ ;
- (3)  $|ab| = |a| |b|$
- (4)  $|a + b| \leq \max\{|a|, |b|\}$ ;

(5) there exists a member  $a_0 \in K$  such that  $|a_0| \neq 0, 1$ .

A field  $K$  with a non-Archimedean valuation is called a *non-Archimedean field*.

**Corollary 1.2.**  $|-1| = |1| = 1$  and so, for any  $a \in K$ , we have  $|-a| = |a|$ . Also, if  $|a| < |b|$  for any  $a, b \in K$ , then  $|a + b| = |b|$ .

In a non-Archimedean field, the triangle inequality is satisfied and so a metric is defined. But an interesting inequality changes the usual *Archimedean* sense of the absolute value. For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $|n \cdot 1| \leq \mathbb{R}$ . Thus, for any  $a \in K$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and nonzero divisor  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  of  $n$ , the following inequalities hold:

$$|na| \leq |ka| \leq |a| \leq \left| \frac{a}{k} \right| \leq \left| \frac{a}{n} \right|. \tag{1.1}$$

**Definition 1.3.** Let  $V$  be a vector space over a non-Archimedean field  $K$ . A *non-Archimedean norm* over  $V$  is a function  $\|\cdot\| : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying the following conditions: for any  $\alpha \in K$  and  $u, v \in V$ ,

- (1)  $\|u\| = 0$  if and only if  $u = 0$ ;
- (2)  $\|\alpha u\| = |\alpha| \|u\|$ ;
- (3)  $\|u + v\| \leq \max\{\|u\|, \|v\|\}$ .

Since  $0 = \|0\| = \|v - v\| \leq \max\{\|v\|, \|-v\|\} = \|v\|$  for any  $v \in V$ , we have  $\|v\| \geq 0$ . Any vector space  $V$  with a non-Archimedean norm  $\|\cdot\| : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called a *non-Archimedean space*. If the metric  $d(u, v) = \|u - v\|$  is induced by a non-Archimedean norm  $\|\cdot\| : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  on a vector space  $V$  which is complete, then  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$  is called a *complete non-Archimedean space*.

**Proposition 1.4.** ([23]) A sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  in a non-Archimedean space is a Cauchy sequence if and only if the sequence  $\{x_{n+1} - x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converges to zero.

Since any non-Archimedean norm satisfies the triangle inequality, any non-Archimedean norm is a continuous function from its domain to real numbers.

**Proposition 1.5.** Let  $V$  be a normed space and  $E$  be a non-Archimedean space. Let  $f : V \rightarrow E$  be a function, continuous at  $0 \in V$  such that, for any  $x \in V$ ,  $f(2x) = 2f(x)$  (for example, additive functions). Then,  $f = 0$ .

*Proof.* Since  $f(0) = 0$ , for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  that, for any  $x \in V$  with  $\|x\| \leq \delta$ ,

$$\|f(x) - f(0)\| = \|f(x)\| \leq \varepsilon$$

and, for any  $x \in V$ , there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  that  $\left\| \frac{x}{2^n} \right\| \leq \delta$  and hence

$$\|f(x)\| = \left\| 2^n f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) \right\| \leq \left\| f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) \right\| \leq \varepsilon.$$

Since this inequality holds for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ , it follows that, for any  $x \in V$ ,  $f(x) = 0$ . This completes the proof.

The preceding fact is a special case of a general result for non-Archimedean spaces, that is, *every continuous function from a connected space to a non-Archimedean space is constant*. This is a consequence of *totally disconnectedness* of every non-Archimedean space (see [23]).

## 2. Stability of quadratic and Cauchy functional equations

Throughout this section, we assume that  $V_1$  is a normed space and  $V_2$  is a complete non-Archimedean space. Let  $\sigma : V_1 \rightarrow V_1$  be a continuous involution (i.e.,  $\sigma(x + y) = \sigma(x) + \sigma(y)$  and  $\sigma(\sigma(x)) = x$ ) and  $\phi : V_1 \times V_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function with

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \phi(x, y) = 0 \tag{2.1}$$

and define a function  $\varphi : V_1 \times V_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi(x, y) \\ = & \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left\{ \varphi\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2}, \frac{y + \sigma(y)}{2}\right), \varphi\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^n}, \frac{y + \sigma(y)}{2^n}\right), \varphi\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^n}, \frac{y - \sigma(y)}{2^n}\right) \right\}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

which easily implies

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \phi(x, y) = 0. \tag{2.3}$$

**Theorem 2.1.** *Suppose that  $\phi$  satisfies the condition 2.1 and let  $\varphi$  is defined by Equation 2.2. If  $f : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  satisfies the inequality*

$$\left\| \frac{1}{2}f(x + y) + \frac{1}{2}f(x + \sigma(y)) - f(x) - f(y) \right\| \leq \varphi(x, y) \tag{2.4}$$

for all  $x, y \in V_1$ , then there exists a unique solution  $q : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  of the functional equation

$$f(x + y) + f(x + \sigma(y)) = 2f(x) + 2f(y) \tag{2.5}$$

such that

$$\|f(x) - q(x)\| \leq \phi(x, x) \tag{2.6}$$

for all  $x \in V_1$ .

*Proof.* Replacing  $x$  and  $y$  in Equation 2.4 with  $\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2}$  and  $\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2}$ , respectively, we obtain

$$\left\| f(x) - f\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2}\right) - f\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2}\right) \right\| \leq \varphi\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2}, \frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2}\right). \tag{2.7}$$

Replacing  $x$  and  $y$  in Equation 2.4 with  $\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2}$  and  $\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2}$ , respectively, we obtain

$$\left\| \frac{f(x) + f(\sigma(x))}{2} - f\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2}\right) - f\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2}\right) \right\| \leq \varphi\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2}, \frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2}\right) \tag{2.8}$$

Also, replacing both of  $x, y$  in Equation 2.4 with  $\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2}$ , we get

$$\left\| f(x + \sigma(x)) - 2f\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2}\right) \right\| \leq \varphi\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2}, \frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2}\right)$$

and so, for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we get

$$\left\| f\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) - 2f\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^{n+1}}\right) \right\| \leq \varphi\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^{n+1}}, \frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^{n+1}}\right). \tag{2.9}$$

Similarly, replacing both of  $x, y$  in Equation 2.4 with  $\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| f\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2}\right) + f(0) - 4f\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2}\right) \right\| &\leq \left\| \frac{1}{2}f(x - \sigma(x)) + \frac{1}{2}f(0) - 2f\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2}\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \varphi\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2}, \frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

Replacing  $x$  in Equation 2.7 with  $\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2}$ , we obtain

$$\|f(0)\| \leq \varphi\left(0, \frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2}\right)$$

for all  $x \in V_1$  and so, by assumption Equation 2.1,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi\left(0, \frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) = 0.$$

Thus,  $f(0) = 0$  and the inequality Equation 2.10 reduces to

$$\left\| f(x - \sigma(x)) - 4f\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2}\right) \right\| \leq \varphi\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2}, \frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2}\right)$$

and so,

$$\left\| f\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) - 4f\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^{n+1}}\right) \right\| \leq \varphi\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^{n+1}}, \frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^{n+1}}\right). \quad (2.11)$$

For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , define

$$q_n(x) = 2^{n-1}f\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) + 2^{2n-2}f\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right)$$

and

$$\phi_n(x, \gamma) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \varphi\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2}, \frac{\gamma + \sigma(\gamma)}{2}\right), \varphi\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^i}, \frac{\gamma + \sigma(\gamma)}{2^i}\right), \varphi\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^i}, \frac{\gamma - \sigma(\gamma)}{2^i}\right) \right\}.$$

Then,

$$\phi_n(x, \gamma) \leq \phi(x, \gamma) \quad (2.12)$$

for all  $x, \gamma \in V_1$ .

From Equations (2.9) and (2.11), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|q_n(x) - q_{n+1}(x)\| &\leq \max \left\{ \left\| 2^{n-1}f\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) - 2^n f\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^{n+1}}\right) \right\|, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left\| 2^{2n-2}f\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) - 2^{2n} f\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^{n+1}}\right) \right\| \right\} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \left\| f\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) - 2f\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^{n+1}}\right) \right\|, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left\| f\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) - 4f\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^{n+1}}\right) \right\| \right\} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \varphi\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^{n+1}}, \frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^{n+1}}\right), \varphi\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^{n+1}}, \frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^{n+1}}\right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

and so Proposition 1.4 and the hypothesis Equation 2.1 imply that  $\{q_n(x)\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $V_2$  is complete, the sequence  $\{q_n(x)\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converges to a point of  $V_2$  which defines a mapping  $q : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ .

Now, we prove

$$\|f(x) - q_n(x)\| \leq \phi(x, x) \tag{2.13}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since Equation 2.7 implies

$$\|f(x) - q_1(x)\| \leq \varphi\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2}, \frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2}\right) \leq \phi_1(x, x).$$

Assume that  $\|f(x) - q_n(x)\| \leq \phi_n(x, x)$  holds for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(x) - q_{n+1}(x)\| &\leq \max\{\|f(x) - q_n(x)\|, \|q_n(x) - q_{n+1}(x)\|\} \\ &\leq \max\left\{\phi_n(x, x), \varphi\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^{n+1}}, \frac{y + \sigma(y)}{2^{n+1}}\right), \varphi\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^{n+1}}, \frac{y - \sigma(y)}{2^{n+1}}\right)\right\} \\ &= \phi_{n+1}(x, x). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by induction on  $n$ , Equation 2.13 follows from Equation 2.12. Taking the limit of both sides of Equation 2.13, we prove that  $q$  satisfies Equation 2.6.

For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x, y \in V_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\|q_n(x + y) + q_n(x + \sigma(y)) - 2q_n(x) - 2q_n(y)\| \\ &\leq \max\left\{\left\|f\left(\frac{x + y + \sigma(x + y)}{2^n}\right) + f\left(\frac{x + \sigma(y) + \sigma(x) + y}{2^n}\right) - 2f\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) - 2f\left(\frac{y + \sigma(y)}{2^n}\right)\right\|, \right. \\ &\quad \left.\left\|f\left(\frac{x + y - \sigma(x + y)}{2^n}\right) + f\left(\frac{x + \sigma(y) - \sigma(x) - y}{2^n}\right) - 2f\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) - 2f\left(\frac{y - \sigma(y)}{2^n}\right)\right\|\right\} \\ &\leq \max\left\{\varphi\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^n}, \frac{y + \sigma(y)}{2^n}\right), \varphi\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^n}, \frac{y - \sigma(y)}{2^n}\right)\right\} \end{aligned}$$

and so, by the continuity of non-Archimedean norm and taking the limit of both sides of the above inequality, we get

$$\|q(x + y) + q(x + \sigma(y)) - 2q(x) - 2q(y)\| = 0.$$

Thus,  $q$  is a solution of the Equation 2.5 which satisfies Equation 2.6.

Then, by replacing  $x, y$  with  $\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2}$  in Equation 2.5, we obtain the following identities: for any solution  $g : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  of the Equation (2.5),

$$g(x + \sigma(x)) = 2g\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2}\right), \quad g(x - \sigma(x)) = 4g\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2}\right)$$

and

$$g(x) = g\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2}\right) + g\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2}\right). \tag{2.14}$$

By induction on  $n$ , one can show that

$$g(x + \sigma(x)) = 2^n g\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) \tag{2.15}$$

and

$$g(x - \sigma(x)) = 4^n g\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) \tag{2.16}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Now, suppose that  $q' : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  is another solution of 2.5 that satisfies the Equation 2.6. It follows from Equations 2.14 to 2.16 that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|q(x) - q'(x)\| \\ & \leq \max \left\{ \left\| 2^{n-1} q\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) - 2^{n-1} q'\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) \right\|, \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left\| 2^{2n-2} q\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) - 2^{2n-2} q'\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) \right\| \right\} \\ & \leq \max \left\{ \left\| q\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) - q'\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) \right\|, \left\| q\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) - q'\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) \right\| \right\} \\ & \leq \max \left\{ \left\| f\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) - q\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) \right\|, \left\| f\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) - q'\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) \right\|, \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left\| f\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) - q\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) \right\|, \left\| f\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) - q'\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) \right\| \right\} \\ & \leq \max \left\{ \phi\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^n}, \frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right), \phi\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^n}, \frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi\left(\frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^n}, \frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi\left(\frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^n}, \frac{x - \sigma(x)}{2^n}\right) = 0,$$

we have  $q(x) = q'(x)$  for all  $x \in V_1$ . This completes the proof.

In the proof of the next theorem, we need a result concerning the Cauchy functional equation

$$f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y), \tag{2.17}$$

which has been established in [20].

**Theorem 2.2.** ([20]) *Suppose that  $\phi(x, y)$  satisfies the condition 2.1 and, for a mapping  $f : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ ,*

$$\|f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \phi(x, y) \tag{2.18}$$

*for all  $x, y \in V_1$ . Then, there exists a unique solution  $q : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  of the Equation 2.17 such that*

$$\|f(x) - q(x)\| \leq \psi(x, x) \tag{2.19}$$

*for all  $x \in V_1$ , where*

$$\psi(x, y) = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \phi\left(\frac{x}{2^n}, \frac{y}{2^n}\right)$$

*for all  $x, y \in V_1$*

### 3. Stability of the Pexider functional equation

In this section, we assume that  $V_1$  is a normed space and  $V_2$  is a complete non-Archimedean space. For any mapping  $f : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ , we define two mappings  $F^e$  and  $F^o$  as

follows:

$$F^e(x) = \frac{F(x) + F(\sigma(x))}{2}, \quad F^o(x) = \frac{F(x) - F(\sigma(x))}{2}$$

and also define  $F(x) = f(x) - f(0)$ . Then, we have obviously

$$\begin{aligned} F(0) = F^e(0) = F^o(0) = 0, \quad F^e(x + \sigma(x)) = F(x + \sigma(x)), \quad F^o(x + \sigma(x)) = 0 \\ F^o(\sigma(x)) = -F^o(x), \quad F^e(\sigma(x)) = F^e(x). \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $\sigma : V_1 \rightarrow V_1$  be a continuous involution and the mappings  $f_i : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$  and  $\delta > 0$ , satisfy*

$$\|f_1(x + y) + f_2(x + \sigma(y)) - f_3(x) - f_4(y)\| \leq \delta \quad (3.2)$$

for all  $x, y \in V_1$ , then there exists a unique solution  $q : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  of the Equation 2.5 and a mapping  $v : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  which satisfies

$$v(x + y) = v(x + \sigma(y))$$

for all  $x, y \in V_1$  and exists two additive mappings  $\mathbb{A}_1, \mathbb{A}_2 : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  such that  $\mathbb{A}_i \circ \sigma = -\mathbb{A}_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$  and, for all  $x \in V_1$ ,

$$\|2f_1(x) - \mathbb{A}_1(x) - \mathbb{A}_2(x) - v(x) - q(x) - 2f_1(0)\| \leq \frac{1}{|2|}\delta, \quad (3.3)$$

$$\|2f_2(x) - \mathbb{A}_1(x) + \mathbb{A}_2(x) + v(x) - q(x) - 2f_2(0)\| \leq \frac{1}{|2|}\delta, \quad (3.4)$$

$$\|f_3(x) - \mathbb{A}_2(x) - q(x) - f_3(0)\| \leq \frac{1}{|2|}\delta, \quad (3.5)$$

$$\|f_4(x) - \mathbb{A}_1(x) - q(x) - f_4(0)\| \leq \frac{1}{|2|}\delta. \quad (3.6)$$

*Proof.* It follows from (3.2) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|F_1(x + y) + F_2(x + \sigma(y)) - F_3(x) - F_4(y)\| \\ & \leq \max \{ \|f_1(x + y) + f_2(x + \sigma(y)) - f_3(x) - f_4(y)\|, \\ & \quad \|f_1(0) + f_2(0) - f_3(0) - f_4(0)\| \} \\ & \leq \max\{\delta, \delta\} \\ & = \delta \end{aligned}$$

and so, for all  $x, y \in V_1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|2F_1^e(x + y) + 2F_2^e(x + \sigma(y)) - 2F_3^e(x) - 2F_4^e(y)\| \\ & \leq \max \{ \|F_1(x + y) + F_2(x + \sigma(y)) - F_3(x) - F_4(y)\|, \\ & \quad \|F_1(\sigma(x) + \sigma(y)) + F_2(\sigma(x) + \sigma(\sigma(y))) - F_3(\sigma(x)) - F_4(\sigma(y))\| \} \\ & \leq \delta. \end{aligned}$$

then,

$$\|F_1^e(x + y) + F_2^e(x + \sigma(y)) - F_3^e(x) - F_4^e(y)\| \leq \frac{1}{|2|}\delta. \quad (3.7)$$

Similarly, we have

$$\|F_1^o(x + y) + F_2^o(x + \sigma(y)) - F_3^o(x) - F_4^o(y)\| \leq \frac{1}{|2|} \delta \tag{3.8}$$

for all  $x, y \in V_1$ .

Now, first by putting  $y = 0$  in Equation 3.7 and applying Equation 3.2 and second by putting  $x = 0$  in Equation 3.7 and applying Equation 3.2 once again, we obtain

$$\|F_1^e(x) + F_2^e(x) - F_3^e(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{|2|} \delta, \tag{3.9}$$

$$\|F_1^e(y) + F_2^e(y) - F_4^e(y)\| \leq \frac{1}{|2|} \delta, \tag{3.10}$$

for all  $x, y \in V_1$  and so these inequalities with Equation 3.7 imply

$$\begin{aligned} & \|F_1^e(x + y) + F_2^e(x + \sigma(y)) - (F_1^e + F_2^e)(x) - (F_1^e + F_2^e)(y)\| \\ & \leq \max \{ \|F_1^e(x + y) + F_2^e(x + \sigma(y)) - F_3^e(x) - F_4^e(y)\|, \\ & \quad \|F_1^e(x) + F_2^e(x) - F_3^e(x)\|, \|F_1^e(y) + F_2^e(y) - F_4^e(y)\| \} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{|2|} \delta. \end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

Replacing  $y$  with  $\sigma(y)$  in Equation 3.11, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \|F_1^e(x + \sigma(y)) + F_2^e(x + y) - (F_1^e + F_2^e)(x) - (F_1^e + F_2^e)(\sigma(y))\| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{|2|} \delta. \end{aligned} \tag{3.12}$$

It follows from Equations 3.1, 3.11 and 3.12 that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(F_1^e + F_2^e)(x + y) + (F_1^e + F_2^e)(x + \sigma(y)) - 2(F_1^e + F_2^e)(x) - 2(F_1^e + F_2^e)(y)\| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{|2|} \delta. \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 2.1 of [24], there exists a unique solution  $q : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  of the functional Equation 2.5 such that

$$\|(F_1^e + F_2^e)(x) - q(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{|2|} \delta \tag{3.13}$$

for all  $x \in V_1$ .

As a result of the inequalities Equations 3.11 and 3.12, we have

$$\|(F_1^e - F_2^e)(x + y) - (F_1^e - F_2^e)(x + \sigma(y))\| \leq \frac{1}{|2|} \delta. \tag{3.14}$$

It is easily seen that the mapping  $\nu : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  defined by

$$\nu(x) = (F_1^e - F_2^e) \left( \frac{x + \sigma(x)}{2} \right)$$

is a solution of the functional equation

$$\nu(x + y) = \nu(x + \sigma(y))$$



for all  $x, y \in V_1$ .

Replacing both of  $x, y$  in Equation 3.14 with  $\frac{x}{2}$ , We get

$$\|(F_1^e - F_2^e)(x) - v(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{|2|} \delta \tag{3.15}$$

for all  $x \in V_1$ . Now, Equations 3.13 and 3.15 imply

$$\begin{aligned} \|2F_1^e(x) - q(x) - v(x)\| &\leq \|(F_1^e + F_2^e)(x) - q(x) + (F_1^e - F_2^e)(x) - v(x)\| \\ &\leq \max\{\|(F_1^e + F_2^e)(x) - q(x)\|, \|(F_1^e - F_2^e)(x) - v(x)\|\} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{|2|} \delta \end{aligned} \tag{3.16}$$

and

$$\|2F_2^e(x) - q(x) + v(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{|2|} \delta. \tag{3.17}$$

Similarly, it follows from the inequalities Equations 3.7, 3.10 and 3.13 that

$$\|F_3^e(x) - q(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{|2|} \delta, \tag{3.18}$$

$$\|F_4^e(x) - q(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{|2|} \delta. \tag{3.19}$$

Since Equation 3.8 implies

$$\|F_3^o(x) - F_1^o(x) - F_2^o(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{|2|} \delta, \tag{3.20}$$

$$\|F_4^o(y) - F_1^o(y) - F_2^o(y)\| \leq \frac{1}{|2|} \delta \tag{3.21}$$

for all  $x, y \in V_1$ , we have

$$\|2F_1^o(x) - F_3^o(x) - F_4^o(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{|2|} \delta, \tag{3.22}$$

$$\|2F_2^o(x) - F_3^o(x) + F_4^o(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{|2|} \delta \tag{3.23}$$

for all  $x \in V_1$ . Now, from Equations 3.8 and 3.20, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\|F_3^o(x + y) + F_3^o(x + \sigma(y)) - 2F_3^o(x)\| \\ &\leq \max\{\|F_3^o(x + y) - F_1^o(x + y) - F_2^o(x + y)\|, \\ &\quad \|F_3^o(x + \sigma(y)) - F_1^o(x + \sigma(y)) - F_2^o(x + \sigma(y))\|, \\ &\quad \|F_1^o(x + y) + F_2^o(x + \sigma(y)) - F_3^o(x) - F_4^o(y)\|, \\ &\quad \|F_1^o(x + \sigma(y)) + F_2^o(x + y) - F_3^o(x) - F_4^o(\sigma(y))\|\} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{|2|} \delta \end{aligned} \tag{3.24}$$

and so, by interchanging role of  $x, y$  in the preceding inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|F_3^o(y+x) + F_3^o(y+\sigma(x)) - 2F_3^o(y)\| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{|2|}\delta \end{aligned} \tag{3.25}$$

for all  $x, y \in V_1$ . Since  $y + \sigma(x) = \sigma(x + \sigma(y))$ , it follows from Equations 3.1, 3.24 and 3.25 that

$$\|2F_3^o(x+y) - 2F_3^o(x) - 2F_3^o(y)\| \leq \frac{1}{|2|}\delta. \tag{3.26}$$

By Theorem 2.2, there exists a unique additive mapping  $\mathbb{A}_1 : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  such that

$$\|F_3^o(x) - \mathbb{A}_1(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{|2|}\delta. \tag{3.27}$$

Since

$$\|\mathbb{A}_1(x) + \mathbb{A}_1(\sigma(x))\| \leq \frac{1}{|2|}\delta,$$

for all  $x \in V_1$ , we deduce  $\mathbb{A}_1(\sigma(x)) = -\mathbb{A}_1(x)$  for all  $x \in V_1$ .

By a similar deduction, Equations 3.8 and 3.21 imply that there exists a unique additive mapping  $\mathbb{A}_2 : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  such that

$$\|F_4^o(x) - \mathbb{A}_2(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{|2|}\delta. \tag{3.28}$$

Moreover, we have  $\mathbb{A}_2(\sigma(x)) = -\mathbb{A}_2(x)$  for all  $x \in V_1$ . Thus, by Equations 3.16, 3.22, 3.27 and 3.28, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \|2F_1(x) - q(x) - v(x) - \mathbb{A}_1(x) - \mathbb{A}_2(x)\| \\ & \leq \max \{ \|2F_1^o(x) - q(x) - v(x)\|, \|2F_1^o(x) - F_3^o(x) - F_4^o(x)\|, \\ & \quad \|F_3^o(x) - \mathbb{A}_1(x)\|, \|F_4^o(x) - \mathbb{A}_2(x)\| \} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{|2|}\delta. \end{aligned} \tag{3.29}$$

This proves Equation 3.3. Similarly, one can prove Equations 3.4 to 3.6.

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