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# Local stability of the Pexiderized Cauchy and Jensen's equations in fuzzy spaces

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## Abstract

Let  $X$  be a normed space and  $Y$  be a Banach fuzzy space. Let  $D = \{(x, y) \in X \times X : \|x\| + \|y\| \geq d\}$  where  $d > 0$ . We prove that the Pexiderized Jensen functional equation is stable in the fuzzy norm for functions defined on  $D$  and taking values in  $Y$ . We consider also the Pexiderized Cauchy functional equation.

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## 1. Introduction

The functional equation  $(\xi)$  is *stable* if any function  $g$  satisfying the equation  $(\xi)$  approximately is near to the true solution of  $(\xi)$ .

The stability problem of functional equations originated from a question of Ulam [1] concerning the stability of group homomorphisms:

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

In other words, we are looking for situations when the homomorphisms are stable, i. e., if a mapping is almost a homomorphism, then there exists a true homomorphism near it. If we turn our attention to the case of functional equations, then we can ask the question: When the solutions of an equation differing slightly from a given one must be close to the true solution of the given equation.

In 1941, Hyers [2] gave a partial solution of Ulam's problem for the case of approximate additive mappings under the assumption that  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are Banach spaces. In 1950, Aoki [3] provided a generalization of the Hyers' theorem for additive mappings, and in 1978, Th.M. Rassias [4] succeeded in extending the result of Hyers for linear mappings by allowing the Cauchy difference to be unbounded (see also [5]). The stability phenomenon that was introduced and proved by Th.M. Rassias is called the *generalized Hyers-Ulam stability*. Forti [6] and Găvruta [7] have generalized the result of Th.M. Rassias, which permitted the Cauchy difference to become arbitrary unbounded. The stability problems of several functional equations have been extensively investigated by a number of authors, and there are many interesting results concerning this problem. A large list of references can be found, for example, in [8-29].

Following [30], we give the following notion of a fuzzy norm.

**Definition 1.1.** [30] Let  $X$  be a real vector space. A function  $N : X \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is called a *fuzzy norm* on  $X$  if, for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

- ( $N_1$ )  $N(x, t) = 0$  for all  $t \leq 0$ ;
- ( $N_2$ )  $x = 0$  if and only if  $N(x, t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0$ ;
- ( $N_3$ )  $N(cx, t) = N(x, \frac{t}{|c|})$  if  $c \neq 0$ ;
- ( $N_4$ )  $N(x + y, s + t) \geq \min\{N(x, s), N(y, t)\}$ ;
- ( $N_5$ )  $N(x, \cdot)$  is a nondecreasing function on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(x, t) = 1$ ;
- ( $N_6$ ) for  $x \neq 0$ ,  $N(x, \cdot)$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

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

*Example 1.2.* Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed linear space and let  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ . Then,

$$N(x, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha t}{\alpha t + \beta \|x\|}, & t > 0, x \in X, \\ 0, & t \leq 0, x \in X \end{cases}$$

is a fuzzy norm on  $X$ .

*Example 1.3.* Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed linear space and let  $\beta > \alpha > 0$ . Then,

$$N(x, t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t \leq \alpha \|x\|, \\ \frac{t}{t + (\beta - \alpha)\|x\|}, & \alpha \|x\| < t \leq \beta \|x\|; \\ 1, & t > \beta \|x\| \end{cases}$$

is a fuzzy norm on  $X$ .

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $(X, N)$  be a fuzzy normed space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to be *convergent* 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  $N - \lim x_n = x$ .

The limit of the convergent sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $(X, N)$  is unique. Since if  $N - \lim x_n = x$  and  $N - \lim x_n = y$  for some  $x, y \in X$ , it follows from ( $N_4$ ) that

$$N(x - y, t) \geq \min \left\{ N \left( x - x_n, \frac{t}{2} \right), N \left( x_n - y, \frac{t}{2} \right) \right\}$$

for all  $t > 0$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . So,  $N(x - y, t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0$ . Hence, ( $N_2$ ) implies that  $x = y$ .

**Definition 1.5.** Let  $(X, N)$  be a fuzzy normed space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is called a *Cauchy sequence* if, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $t > 0$ , there exists  $M \in \mathbb{N}$  such that, for all  $n \geq M$  and  $p > 0$ ,

$$N(x_{n+p} - x_n, t) > 1 - \varepsilon.$$

It follows from ( $N_4$ ) that every convergent sequence in a fuzzy normed space is a Cauchy sequence. If, in a fuzzy normed space, every Cauchy sequence is convergent,

then the fuzzy norm is said to be *complete*, and the fuzzy normed space is called a *fuzzy Banach space*.

*Example 1.6.* [21] Let  $N : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a fuzzy norm on  $\mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$N(x, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t}{t + |x|}, & t > 0, \\ 0, & t \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

Then,  $(\mathbb{R}, N)$  is a fuzzy Banach space.

Recently, several various fuzzy stability results concerning a Cauchy sequence, Jensen and quadratic functional equations were investigated in [17-20].

## 2. A local Hyers-Ulam stability of Jensen's equation

In 1998, Jung [16] investigated the Hyers-Ulam stability for Jensen's equation on a restricted domain. In this section, we prove a local Hyers-Ulam stability of the Pexiderized Jensen functional equation in fuzzy normed spaces.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $X$  be a normed space,  $(Y, N)$  be a fuzzy Banach space, and  $f, g, h : X \rightarrow Y$  be mappings with  $f(0) = 0$ . Suppose that  $\delta > 0$  is a positive real number, and  $z_0$  is a fixed vector of a fuzzy normed space  $(Z, N')$  such that*

$$N\left(2f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) - g(x) - h(y), t+s\right) \geq \min\{N'(\delta z_0, t), N'(\delta z_0, s)\} \tag{2.1}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $\|x\| + \|y\| \geq d$  and positive real numbers  $t, s$ . Then, there exists a unique additive mapping  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$N(f(x) - T(x), t) \geq N'(40\delta z_0, t), \tag{2.2}$$

$$N(T(x) - g(x) + g(0), t) \geq N'(30\delta z_0, t), \tag{2.3}$$

$$N(T(x) - h(x) + h(0), t) \geq N'(30\delta z_0, t) \tag{2.4}$$

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

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\|x\| + \|y\| < d$  holds. If  $\|x\| + \|y\| = 0$ , let  $z \in X$  with  $\|z\| = d$ . Otherwise,

$$z := \begin{cases} (d + \|x\|) \frac{x}{\|x\|}, & \text{if } \|x\| \geq \|y\|, \\ (d + \|y\|) \frac{y}{\|y\|}, & \text{if } \|x\| < \|y\|. \end{cases}$$

It is easy to verify that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x - z\| + \|y + z\| &\geq d, & \|2z\| + \|x - z\| &\geq d, & \|y\| + \|2z\| &\geq d, \\ \|y + z\| + \|z\| &\geq d, & \|x\| + \|z\| &\geq d. \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

It follows from  $(N_4)$ , (2.1) and (2.5) that

$$\begin{aligned} & N\left(2f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) - g(x) - h(y), t+s\right) \\ & \geq \min\left\{N\left(2f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) - g(y+z) - h(x-z), \frac{t+s}{5}\right),\right. \\ & \quad N\left(2f\left(\frac{x+z}{2}\right) - g(2z) - h(x-z), \frac{t+s}{5}\right), \\ & \quad N\left(2f\left(\frac{y+2z}{2}\right) - g(2z) - h(y), \frac{t+s}{5}\right), \\ & \quad N\left(2f\left(\frac{y+2z}{2}\right) - g(y+z) - h(z), \frac{t+s}{5}\right), \\ & \quad \left.N\left(2f\left(\frac{x+z}{2}\right) - g(x) - h(z), \frac{t+s}{5}\right)\right\} \\ & \geq \min\{N'(5\delta z_0, t), N'(5\delta z_0, s)\} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $\|x\| + \|y\| < d$  and positive real numbers  $t, s$ . Hence, we have

$$N\left(2f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) - g(x) - h(y), t+s\right) \geq \min\{N'(5\delta z_0, t), N'(5\delta z_0, s)\} \quad (2.6)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and positive real numbers  $t, s$ . Letting  $x = 0$  ( $y = 0$ ) in (2.6), we get

$$\begin{aligned} N\left(2f\left(\frac{y}{2}\right) - g(0) - h(y), t+s\right) & \geq \min\{N'(5\delta z_0, t), N'(5\delta z_0, s)\}, \\ N\left(2f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - g(x) - h(0), t+s\right) & \geq \min\{N'(5\delta z_0, t), N'(5\delta z_0, s)\} \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and positive real numbers  $t, s$ . It follows from (2.6) and (2.7) that

$$\begin{aligned} & N\left(2f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) - 2f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - 2f\left(\frac{y}{2}\right), t+s\right) \\ & \geq \min\left\{N\left(2f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) - g(x) - h(y), \frac{t+s}{4}\right),\right. \\ & \quad N\left(2f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - g(x) - h(0), \frac{t+s}{4}\right), \\ & \quad \left.N\left(2f\left(\frac{y}{2}\right) - g(0) - h(y), \frac{t+s}{4}\right), N(g(0) + h(0), \frac{t+s}{4})\right\} \\ & \geq \min\{N'(20\delta z_0, t), N'(20\delta z_0, s)\} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and positive real numbers  $t, s$ . Hence,

$$N(f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y), t+s) \geq \min\{N'(10\delta z_0, t), N'(10\delta z_0, s)\} \quad (2.8)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and positive real numbers  $t, s$ . Letting  $y = x$  and  $t = s$  in (2.8), we infer that

$$N\left(\frac{f(2x)}{2} - f(x), t\right) \geq N'(10\delta z_0, t) \quad (2.9)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and positive real number  $t$ . replacing  $x$  by  $2^n x$  in (2.9), we get

$$N\left(\frac{f(2^{n+1}x)}{2^{n+1}} - \frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n}, \frac{t}{2^n}\right) \geq N'(10\delta z_0, t) \quad (2.10)$$

for all  $x \in X$ ,  $n \geq 0$  and positive real number  $t$ . It follows from (2.10) that

$$N\left(\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n} - \frac{f(2^m x)}{2^m}, \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \frac{t}{2^k}\right) \geq \min \bigcup_{k=m}^{n-1} \left\{ N\left(\frac{f(2^{k+1} x)}{2^{k+1}} - \frac{f(2^k x)}{2^k}, \frac{t}{2^k}\right) \right\} \geq N'(10\delta z_0, t) \quad (2.11)$$

for all  $x \in X$ ,  $t > 0$  and integers  $n \geq m \geq 0$ . For any  $s, \varepsilon > 0$ , there exist an integer  $l > 0$  and  $t_0 > 0$  such that  $N'(10\delta z_0, t_0) > 1 - \varepsilon$  and  $\sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \frac{t_0}{2^k} > s$  for all  $n \geq m \geq l$ . Hence, it follows from (2.11) that

$$N\left(\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n} - \frac{f(2^m x)}{2^m}, s\right) > 1 - \varepsilon$$

for all  $n \geq m \geq l$ . So  $\{\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $Y$  for all  $x \in X$ . Since  $(Y, N)$  is complete,  $\{\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n}\}$  converges to a point  $T(x) \in Y$ . Thus, we can define a mapping  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  by  $T(x) := N - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n}$ . Moreover, if we put  $m = 0$  in (2.11), then we observe that

$$N\left(\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n} - f(x), \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{t}{2^k}\right) \geq N'(10\delta z_0, t).$$

Therefore, it follows that

$$N\left(\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n} - f(x), t\right) \geq N'\left(10\delta z_0, \frac{t}{\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} 2^{-k}}\right) \quad (2.12)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and positive real number  $t$ .

Next, we show that  $T$  is additive. Let  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & N(T(x+y) - T(x) - T(y), t) \\ & \geq \min \left\{ N\left(T(x+y) - \frac{f(2^n(x+y))}{2^n}, \frac{t}{4}\right), \right. \\ & \quad N\left(\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n} - T(x), \frac{t}{4}\right), N\left(\frac{f(2^n y)}{2^n} - T(y), \frac{t}{4}\right), \\ & \quad \left. N\left(\frac{f(2^n(x+y))}{2^n} - \frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n} - \frac{f(2^n y)}{2^n}, \frac{t}{4}\right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

Since, by (2.8),

$$N\left(\frac{f(2^n(x+y))}{2^n} - \frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n} - \frac{f(2^n y)}{2^n}, \frac{t}{4}\right) \geq N'(40\delta z_0, 2^n t),$$

we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N\left(\frac{f(2^n(x+y))}{2^n} - \frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n} - \frac{f(2^n y)}{2^n}, \frac{t}{4}\right) = 1.$$

By the definition of  $T$ , the first three terms on the right hand side of the inequality (2.13) tend to 1 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore, by tending  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.13), we observe that  $T$  is additive.

Next, we approximate the difference between  $f$  and  $T$  in a fuzzy sense. For all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ , we have

$$N(T(x) - f(x), t) \geq \min \left\{ N\left(T(x) - \frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n}, \frac{t}{2}\right), N\left(\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n} - f(x), \frac{t}{2}\right) \right\}.$$

Since  $T(x) := N - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n}$ , letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality and using (N) and (2.12), we get (2.2). It follows from the additivity of  $T$  and (2.7) that

$$\begin{aligned} N(T(x) - g(x) + g(0), t) &\geq \min \left\{ N\left(2T\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - 2f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right), \frac{t}{3}\right), \right. \\ &\quad N\left(2f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - g(x) - h(0), \frac{t}{3}\right), \\ &\quad \left. N\left(g(0) + h(0), \frac{t}{3}\right) \right\} \\ &\geq N'(30\delta z_0, t) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . So, we get (2.3). Similarly, we can obtain (2.4).

To prove the uniqueness of  $T$ , let  $S : X \rightarrow Y$  be another additive mapping satisfying the required inequalities. Then, for any  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} N(T(x) - S(x), t) &\geq \min \left\{ N\left(T(x) - f(x), \frac{t}{2}\right), N\left(f(x) - S(x), \frac{t}{2}\right) \right\} \\ &\geq N'(80\delta z_0, t). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by the additivity of  $T$  and  $S$ , it follows that

$$N(T(x) - S(x), t) = N(T(nx) - S(nx), nt) \geq N'(80\delta z_0, nt)$$

for all  $x \in X$ ,  $t > 0$  and  $n \geq 1$ . Hence, the right hand side of the above inequality tends to 1 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore,  $T(x) = S(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

The following is a local Hyers-Ulam stability of the Pexiderized Cauchy functional equation in fuzzy normed spaces.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $X$  be a normed space,  $(Y, N)$  be a fuzzy Banach space, and  $f, g, h : X \rightarrow Y$  be mappings with  $f(0) = 0$ . Suppose that  $\delta > 0$  is a positive real number, and  $z_0$  is a fixed vector of a fuzzy normed space  $(Z, N')$  such that*

$$N(f(x + y) - g(x) - h(y), t + s) \geq \min\{N'(\delta z_0, t), N'(\delta z_0, s)\} \tag{2.14}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $\|x\| + \|y\| \geq d$  and positive real numbers  $t, s$ . Then, there exists a unique additive mapping  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} N(f(x) - T(x), t) &\geq N'(80\delta z_0, t), \\ N(T(x) - g(x) + g(0), t) &\geq N'(60\delta z_0, t), \\ N(T(x) - h(x) + h(0), t) &\geq N'(60\delta z_0, t) \end{aligned}$$

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

*Proof.* For the case  $\|x\| + \|y\| < d$ , let  $z$  be an element of  $X$  which is defined in the proof of Theorem 2.1. It follows from  $(N_4)$ , (2.5) and (2.14) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & N(f(x+y) - g(x) - h(y), t+s) \\
 & \geq \min \left\{ N\left(f(x+y) - g(y+z) - h(x-z), \frac{t+s}{5}\right), \right. \\
 & \quad N\left(f(x+z) - g(2z) - h(x-z), \frac{t+s}{5}\right), \\
 & \quad N\left(f(y+2z) - g(2z) - h(y), \frac{t+s}{5}\right), \\
 & \quad N\left(f(y+2z) - g(y+z) - h(z), \frac{t+s}{5}\right), \\
 & \quad \left. N\left(f(x+z) - g(x) - h(z), \frac{t+s}{5}\right) \right\} \\
 & \geq \min\{N'(5\delta z_0, t), N'(5\delta z_0, s)\}
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $\|x\| + \|y\| < d$  and positive real numbers  $t, s$ . Hence, we have

$$N(f(x+y) - g(x) - h(y), t+s) \geq \min\{N'(5\delta z_0, t), N'(5\delta z_0, s)\} \quad (2.15)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and positive real numbers  $t, s$ . Letting  $x = 0$  ( $y = 0$ ) in (2.15), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 N(f(y) - g(0) - h(y), t+s) & \geq \min\{N'(5\delta z_0, t), N'(5\delta z_0, s)\}, \\
 N(f(x) - g(x) - h(0), t+s) & \geq \min\{N'(5\delta z_0, t), N'(5\delta z_0, s)\}
 \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and positive real numbers  $t, s$ . It follows from (2.15) and (2.16) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & N(f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y), t+s) \\
 & \geq \min \left\{ N\left(f(x+y) - g(x) - h(y), \frac{t+s}{4}\right), \right. \\
 & \quad N\left(f(x) - g(x) - h(0), \frac{t+s}{4}\right), \\
 & \quad N\left(f(y) - g(0) - h(y), \frac{t+s}{4}\right), \\
 & \quad \left. N(g(0) + h(0), \frac{t+s}{4}) \right\} \\
 & \geq \min\{N'(20\delta z_0, t), N'(20\delta z_0, s)\}
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and positive real numbers  $t, s$ . The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.1, and we omit the details.  $\square$

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