

Approximation of the Cubic Functional Equation in Non-Archimedean Normed Spaces : Direct and Fixed Point Method

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Abstract- In this paper, we will consider the following form of cubic functional equation: $f(kx+y) - f(x+ky) = (k-1)(k+1)^2[f(x) - f(y)] - k(k-1)f(x-y)$ for a positive integer k greater than 2. We will investigate the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of cubic functional equation using two different approaches i.e. direct and fixed point method in non-Archimedean normed spaces.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Ulam[1] was first who raised a question of stability of group homomorphisms, which is as following: "When is it true that a function which approximately satisfies a functional equation it must be close to an exact solution of ε ?". If the problem accepts a solution, we say that the equation ε is stable.

D. H. Hyers[9] answered Ulam by assuming the groups as Banach spaces. Then Th. M. Rassias[16] gave a generalized version of the theorem of Hyers for approximately linear mappings. The terminology Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability originates from this historical background. In 1994, Gavruta [6] proved a generalization of Rassias theorem by replacing the bound $\varepsilon(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p)$ by a general control function $\varphi(x, y)$.

The functional equation $f(2x+y)+f(2x-y)=2f(x+y)+2f(x-y)+12f(x)$ is said to be the cubic functional equation since cx^3 is its solution. The stability problem for the cubic functional equation was proved by Jun and Kim[10] for mappings $f: X \rightarrow Y$ where X is a real normed space and Y is Banach space. The stability problems of several functional equations have been extensively investigated by a number of authors[2,4,5,12,14,15]. Recently, we[8] introduced the following cubic functional equation

$$f(kx+y) - f(x+ky) = (k-1)(k+1)^2[f(x) - f(y)] - k(k-1)f(x-y) \quad (1)$$

and proved its generalized Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability in Random normed spaces. Now we will prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of it in non-Archimedean Normed spaces.

II. PRELIMINARIES

In 1897, Hensel[7] introduced a normed space which does not have the Archimedean property. The most important examples of non-Archimedean spaces are p -adic numbers. By a *Non-Archimedean* field we mean a field K equipped with a function $|\cdot|: K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, such that for any $a, b \in K$ we have

- $|a| \geq 0$ and equality holds iff $a=0$,
- $|ab|=|a||b|$,
- $|a+b| \leq \max\{|a|, |b|\}$.

The third condition is known as strict triangle inequality. By second, we have $|1|=|-1|=1$. From third, with the help of induction, it follows that $|n| \leq 1$ for each integer n . We always assume in addition that $|\diamond|$ is non trivial, i.e. there is an $a_0 \in K$ such that $|a_0| \notin \{0,1\}$.

Definition 1: Let X be a vector space over a field K with a non-Archimedean valuation $|\diamond|$. A function $\|\diamond\| : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is called a *non-Archimedean norm* if the following conditions hold:

- $\|x\| = 0$ if and if $x=0$ for all $x \in X$,
- $\|rx\| = |r|\|x\|$ for all $r \in K$ and $x \in X$,
- (strong triangle inequality) $\|x+y\| \leq \max\{\|x\|, \|y\|\}$ for all $x, y \in X$.

Then $(X, \|\diamond\|)$ is called a *non-Archimedean normed space*.

Definition 2: Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence in a non-Archimedean normed space X .

1. 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.
2. The sequence $\{x_n\}$ is said to be *convergent* if, for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there are a positive integer N and $x \in X$ such that $\|x_n - x\| \leq \varepsilon$ for all $n \geq N$. Then, the point $x \in X$ is called the limit of the sequence $\{x_n\}$, which is denoted by $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$.
3. If every Cauchy sequence in X converges, then the non-Archimedean normed space X is called a *non-Archimedean Banach space*.

Definition 2:[11] Let X be a non-empty set. A $d: X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is called a *complete generalized metric* on X if d satisfies the following conditions:

- $d(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $x = y$ for all $x, y \in X$,
- $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ for all $x, y \in X$,
- $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$ for all $x, y, z \in X$,
- Every d -Cauchy sequence in X is d -convergent, i.e. $\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, x_m) = 0$ for a sequence $x_n \in X$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$) implies the existence of an element $x \in X$ with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x, x_n) = 0$.

The ordered pair (X, d) is called complete generalized metric space. It differs from the usual complete metric space by the fact that not every two points in X have necessarily a finite distance.

Theorem 1:[3] Let (X, d) be a complete generalized metric space and $J: X \rightarrow X$ a strictly contractive mapping with Lipschitz constant $L < 1$. Then, for all $x \in X$, either $d(J^n x, J^{n+1} x) = \infty$ for all nonnegative integers n or there exists a positive integer n_0 such that

1. $d(J^n x, J^{n+1} x) < \infty$ for all $n \geq n_0$;
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 $Y = \{y \in X: d(J^{n_0} x, y) < \infty\}$;
4. $d(y, y^*) \leq (1/(1-L))d(y, Jy)$ for all $y \in Y$.

III. STABILITY OF FUNCTIONAL EQUATION (1) IN NON-ARCHIMEDEAN SPACE: A DIRECT METHOD

For this section, we suppose that G is an additive semigroup and X is a complete non-Archimedean space.

Theorem 2: Let $\Phi: G^2 \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ be a function such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |k|^{3n} \Phi\left(\frac{x}{k^n}, \frac{y}{k^n}\right) = 0 \quad (2)$$

for all $x, y \in G$ and let for each $x \in G$ the limit

$$\phi(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max\{|k|^{3m+3} \Phi\left(\frac{x}{k^{m+1}}, 0\right); 0 \leq m < n\} \quad (3)$$

exists. Suppose that $f: G \rightarrow X$ a mapping with $f(0) = 0$ and satisfying the following inequality

$$||f(kx + y) - f(x + ky) - (k - 1)(k + 1)^2[f(x) - f(y)] + k(k - 1)f(x - y)|| \leq \Phi(x, y) \quad (4)$$

Then, the limit $C(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k^{3n} f(\frac{x}{k^n})$ exists for all $x \in G$ and defines a cubic mapping $C: G \rightarrow X$ such that

$$||f(x) - C(x)|| \leq \frac{\phi(x)}{|k|^3} \quad (5)$$

Also C is the unique cubic mapping satisfying (5), if

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max\{|k|^{3m+3} \Phi(\frac{x}{k^{m+1}}, 0); j \leq m < n + j\} = 0. \quad (6)$$

Proof: Existence- Putting $y=0$ in (4), we get

$$||f(kx) - k^3 f(x)|| \leq \Phi(x, 0) \quad (7)$$

for all $x \in G$. Replacing x by x/k^{n+1} in (7) and multiplying by $|k|^{3n}$, we obtain

$$||k^{3n} f(\frac{x}{k^{n+1}}) - k^{3n+3} f(\frac{x}{k^{n+1}})|| \leq |k|^{3n} \Phi(\frac{x}{k^{n+1}}, 0)$$

i.e.

$$||k^{3n+3} f(\frac{x}{k^{n+1}}) - k^{3n} f(\frac{x}{k^n})|| \leq |k|^{3n} \Phi(\frac{x}{k^{n+1}}, 0) \quad (8)$$

It can be easily seen from (2) and (8) that the sequence $\{k^{3n} f(\frac{x}{k^n})\}_{n \geq 1}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Since X is complete, therefore $\{k^{3n} f(\frac{x}{k^n})\}_{n \geq 1}$ is convergent. Set $C(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{k^{3n} f(\frac{x}{k^n})\}$.

With the help of induction, we can easily show that

$$||k^{3n} f(\frac{x}{k^n}) - f(x)|| \leq \frac{1}{|k|^3} \max\{|k|^{3m+3} \Phi(\frac{x}{k^{m+1}}, 0); 0 \leq m < n\} \quad (9)$$

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and for all $x \in G$. By taking limit $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (9) and using (3), we get.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ||k^{3n} f(\frac{x}{k^n}) - f(x)|| \leq \frac{1}{|k|^3} \phi(x) \quad (10)$$

which proves the inequality (5). By (2) and (4), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & ||C(kx + y) - C(x + ky) - (k - 1)(k + 1)^2[C(x) - C(y)] + k(k - 1)C(x - y)|| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ||k^{3n} f(\frac{kx+y}{k^n}) - k^{3n} f(\frac{x+ky}{k^n}) - (k - 1)(k + 1)^2 k^{3n} [f(\frac{x}{k^n}) - f(\frac{y}{k^n})] + \\ & \quad k^{3n+1} (k - 1) f(\frac{x-y}{k^n})|| \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |k|^{3n} \Phi(\frac{x}{k^n}, \frac{y}{k^n}) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

for all $x, y \in G$. Therefore, the function $C: G \rightarrow X$ satisfies (1).

Uniqueness- To prove the uniqueness of C , let $Q: G \rightarrow X$ be another function which satisfies (5). Then,

$$||C(x) - Q(x)|| = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} |k|^{3j} ||C(\frac{x}{k^j}) - Q(\frac{x}{k^j})||$$

$$\leq \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} |k|^{3j} \max\{||C(\frac{x}{k^j}) - f(\frac{x}{k^j})||, ||f(\frac{x}{k^j}) - Q(\frac{x}{k^j})||\}$$

$$\leq \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max\{|k|^{3m+3} \Phi(\frac{x}{k^{m+1}}, 0); j \leq m < n + j\} = 0$$

for all $x \in G$, therefore $C = Q$. Hence the proof.

Corollary 1: Let $\tau: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a function satisfying

$$\tau(\frac{t}{|k|}) \leq \tau(\frac{1}{|k|}) \tau(t), (t \geq 0);$$

$$\tau(\frac{1}{|k|}) < |k|^{-3} \text{ and } \tau(0) = 0.$$

Also let $\delta > 0$ and $f: G \rightarrow X$ a mapping with $f(0) = 0$ and satisfying the following inequality

$$||f(kx + y) - f(x + ky) - (k - 1)(k + 1)^2[f(x) - f(y)] + k(k - 1)f(x - y)|| \leq \delta(\tau(|x|) + \tau(|y|)) \quad (12)$$

for all $x, y \in G$. Then, the limit $C(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k^{3n} f(\frac{x}{k^n})$ exists for all $x \in G$ and defines a cubic mapping $C: G \rightarrow X$ such that

$$||f(x) - C(x)|| \leq \frac{\delta \tau(|x|)}{|k|^3}. \quad (13)$$

Proof: Defining $\Phi: G^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ by $\Phi(x, y) = \delta(\tau(|x|) + \tau(|y|))$, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |k|^{3n} \Phi(\frac{x}{k^n}, \frac{y}{k^n}) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (|k|^3 \tau(\frac{1}{|k|}))^n \Phi(x, y) = 0$$

$$\text{and } \phi(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max\{|k|^{3m+3} \Phi(\frac{x}{k^{m+1}}, 0); 0 \leq m < n\} = |k|^3 \Phi(\frac{x}{k}, 0) = \delta \tau(|x|)$$

for all $x, y \in G$. Applying previous theorem we get the desired result.

Theorem 3: Let $\Phi: G^2 \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ be a function such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Phi(k^n x, k^n y)}{|k|^{3n}} = 0 \quad (14)$$

for all $x, y \in G$ and let for each $x \in G$ the limit

$$\phi(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max\left\{\frac{\Phi(k^m x, 0)}{|k|^{3m+3}}; 0 \leq m < n\right\} \quad (15)$$

exists. Suppose that $f: G \rightarrow X$ a mapping with $f(0) = 0$ and satisfying (4). Then, the limit $C(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(k^n x)}{k^{3n}}$ exists for all $x \in G$ and defines a cubic mapping $C: G \rightarrow X$ such that

$$\|f(x) - C(x)\| \leq \phi(x) \quad (16)$$

Also C is the unique cubic mapping satisfying (16), if

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max\left\{\frac{\Phi(k^m x, 0)}{|k|^{3m+3}}; j \leq m < n + j\right\} = 0. \quad (17)$$

Proof: Putting $y=0$ and replacing x by $k^n x$, then applying similar arguments as in previous theorem we can get the desired result.

Corollary 2: Let $\tau: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ be a function satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(|k|t) &\leq \tau(|k|)\tau(t), (t \geq 0); \\ \tau(|k|) &< |k|^3 \text{ and } \tau(0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Also let $\delta > 0$ and $f: G \rightarrow X$ a mapping with $f(0) = 0$ and satisfying (12) then, the limit $C(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(k^n x)}{k^{3n}}$ exists for all $x \in G$ and defines a cubic mapping $C: G \rightarrow X$ such that

$$\|f(x) - C(x)\| \leq \delta \tau(|x|). \quad (18)$$

Proof: Defining $\Phi: G^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ by $\Phi(x, y) = \delta(\tau(|x|) + \tau(|y|))$, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Phi(k^n x, k^n y)}{|k|^{3n}} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\tau(|k|)}{|k|^3}\right)^n \Phi(x, y) = 0$$

$$\phi(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max\left\{\frac{\Phi(k^m x, 0)}{|k|^{3m+3}}; 0 \leq m < n\right\} = \frac{\Phi(kx, 0)}{|k|^3} = \delta \tau(|x|)$$

for all $x, y \in G$. Applying previous theorem we get the desired result.

IV. STABILITY OF FUNCTIONAL EQUATION (1) IN NON-ARCHIMEDEAN SPACE: A FIXED POINT METHOD

For this section, X is an non-Archimedean normed space and Y is a complete non-Archimedean space. Also $|m^3| \neq 1$.

Theorem 4: Let $\Phi: X^2 \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ be a function such that there exists an $\delta < 1$ with

$$\Phi\left(\frac{x}{k}, \frac{y}{k}\right) \leq \frac{\delta \Phi(x, y)}{|k|^3} \quad (19)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Suppose that $f: X \rightarrow Y$ a mapping with $f(0) = 0$ and satisfying the following inequality

$$\|f(kx + y) - f(x + ky) - (k-1)(k+1)^2[f(x) - f(y)] + k(k-1)f(x-y)\| \leq \Phi(x, y) \quad (20)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Then there exists a unique cubic mapping $C: X \rightarrow Y$ such that

$$\|f(x) - C(x)\| \leq \frac{\delta \Phi(x, 0)}{|k|^3(1-\delta)} \quad (21)$$

for all $x \in X$.

Proof: Putting $y = 0$ in (20) and replacing x by $\frac{x}{k}$, we have

$$\|k^3 f\left(\frac{x}{k}\right) - f(x)\| \leq \Phi\left(\frac{x}{k}, 0\right) \quad (22)$$

for all $x \in X$. Consider the set

$$S = \{g: X \rightarrow Y; g(0) = 0\} \quad (23)$$

and the generalised metric d in S is defined by

$$d(g, h) = \inf_{\delta \in \mathbb{R}^+} \{ \|g(x) - h(x)\| \leq \delta \Phi(x, 0), \forall x \in X \} \quad (24)$$

where $\inf \emptyset = +\infty$. Then, as in the proof of [13], we can show that (S, d) is a generalised complete metric space.

Now, let us define an operator $\Delta: S \rightarrow S$ such that

$$(\Delta h)(x) = k^3 h\left(\frac{x}{k}\right) \quad (25)$$

for all $x \in X$. We assert that Δ is strictly contractive on S .

Given $g, h \in S$, let $c \in R^+$ be an arbitrary constant with $d(g, h) < c$, that is

$$||g(x) - h(x)|| \leq c\Phi(x, 0) \quad (26)$$

for all $x \in X$, and so

$$\begin{aligned} ||(\Delta g)(x) - (\Delta h)(x)|| &= ||k^3 g(\frac{x}{k}) - k^3 h(\frac{x}{k})|| \\ &\leq |k|^3 \delta \Phi(\frac{x}{k}, 0) \leq |k|^3 \frac{\delta c}{|k|^3} \Phi(x, 0) \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

for all $x \in X$. Thus $d(g, h) = c$ implies that $d(\Delta g, \Delta h) = d(k^3 g(\frac{x}{k}), k^3 h(\frac{x}{k})) \leq \delta c$. i.e.

$$d(\Delta g, \Delta h) = \delta d(g, h) \quad (28)$$

for any $g, h \in S$, where δ is Lipschitz constant with $0 < \delta < 1$. Thus Δ is strictly contractive.

It follows from (22) that

$$d(f, \Delta f) = d(f, k^3 f(\frac{x}{k})) \leq \frac{\delta}{|k|^3} \quad (29)$$

By theorem (1.4), there exists a mapping $C: X \rightarrow Y$ satisfying the following

1. C is a fixed point of Δ , that is,

$$C(\frac{x}{k}) = \frac{1}{k^3} C(x) \quad (30)$$

for all $x \in X$. The mapping C is a unique fixed point of Δ in the set

$$\Omega = \{h \in S: d(g, h) < \infty\} \quad (31)$$

Thus we can say that C is a unique mapping satisfying (30) such that there exist $c \in (0, \infty)$ satisfying

$$||f(x) - C(x)|| \leq \delta \Phi(x, 0) \quad (32)$$

for all $x \in X$.

2. $d(\Delta^n f, C) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, which implies that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k^{3n} f(\frac{x}{k^n}) = C(x). \quad (33)$$

for all $x \in X$.

4. $d(f, C) \leq d(f, \Delta f)/(1 - \delta)$ with $f \in \Omega$. And by using (29) we can say that

$d(f, C) \leq \delta/|k|^3(1 - \delta)$ and so

$$||f(x) - C(x)|| \leq \frac{\delta \Phi(x, 0)}{|k|^3(1 - \delta)} \quad (34)$$

for all $x \in X$. Which proves the inequality (22).

Now by using (19) and (20), we can say that

$$\begin{aligned} &||C(kx + y) - C(x + ky) - (k - 1)(k + 1)^2[C(x) - C(y)] + k(k - 1)C(x - y)|| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |k|^{3n} \Phi(\frac{x}{k^n}, \frac{y}{k^n}) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |k|^{3n} \frac{\delta^n}{|k|^{3n}} \Phi(x, y) \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

for all $x, y \in X$ and $n \geq 1$. So for all $x, y \in X$, we have

$$C(kx + y) - C(x + ky) = (k - 1)(k + 1)^2[C(x) - C(y)] - k(k - 1)C(x - y)$$

Thus the mapping $C: X \rightarrow Y$ is cubic. Hence the proof.

Corollary 3 Let X be a linear space, $\vartheta \geq 0$ and $p \in (0, 1)$. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a mapping with $f(0) = 0$ and satisfying

$$||f(kx + y) - f(x + ky) - (k - 1)(k + 1)^2[f(x) - f(y)] + k(k - 1)f(x - y)|| \leq \theta(||x||^r + ||y||^r) \quad (36)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Then, for all $x \in X$, $C(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} k^{3n} f(\frac{x}{k^n})$ exists and $C: X \rightarrow Y$ is a unique cubic mapping such that for all $x \in X$, we have

$$||f(x) - C(x)|| \leq \frac{\delta ||x||^r}{|m^3|^r - |m^3|} \quad (37)$$

Proof: The proof follows from above theorem by assuming $\Phi(x, y) = \theta(||x||^r + ||y||^r)$ for all $x, y \in X$ and taking $\delta = |k^3|^{1-r}$.

Theorem 5: Let $\Phi: X^2 \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ be a function such that there exists an $\delta < 1$ with

$$\Phi(x, y) \leq |k|^3 \delta \Phi(\frac{x}{k}, \frac{y}{k}) \quad (38)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Suppose that $f: X \rightarrow Y$ a mapping with $f(0) = 0$ and satisfying the inequality (20). Then there exists a unique cubic mapping $C: X \rightarrow Y$ such that for all $x \in X$, we have,

$$||f(x) - C(x)|| \leq \frac{\Phi(x, 0)}{|k|^3(1 - \delta)} \quad (39)$$

Proof: The proof can be easily generated from the theorem 4.

Corollary 4: Let X be a linear space, $\square \geq 0$ and $p \in (1, \infty)$. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a mapping with $f(0) = 0$ and satisfying (36). Then, for all $x \in X$, $C(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(k^n x)}{k^{3n}}$ exists and $C: X \rightarrow Y$ is a unique cubic mapping such that

$$\|f(x) - C(x)\| \leq \frac{\delta \|x\|^r}{|m^3| - |m^3|^r} \quad (40)$$

for all $x \in X$.

Proof: The proof follows from above theorem by assuming $\Phi(x, y) = \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r)$ for all $x, y \in X$ and taking $\delta = |k^3|^{r-1}$.

Remark 1: In corollaries 3 and 4 if we assume $\square(x, y) = (\|x\|^p \|y\|^p) z_0$, then we get Ulam-Gavruta-Rassias[26] product stability. Since we put $y=0$ in the functional equation, therefore this stability is obvious.

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