

## Approximately Orthogonal Additive Set-valued Mappings

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ABSTRACT. We investigate the stability of orthogonally additive set-valued functional equation

$$F(x + y) = F(x) + F(y) \quad (x \perp y)$$

in Hausdorff topology on closed convex subsets of a Banach space.

### 1. Introduction

A functional equation  $\mathfrak{F}$  is called stable if for any function  $f$  satisfying approximately to the equation  $\mathfrak{F}$ , there is a true solution of  $\mathfrak{F}$  near to  $f$ . In 1940, S. M. Ulam [24] proposed the first stability problem for group homomorphisms. Hyers [9] gave the first significant partial solution to his problem for linear functions. Th. M. Rassias [20] improved Hyers' theorem by weakening the condition for the Cauchy difference controlled by  $\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p$ ,  $p \in [0, 1)$ . For some recent developments in this area, we refer the reader to the articles [5, 6, 11, 12, 15, 19] and the references therein.

In 1985, Rätz[21] gave a generalization of Birkhoff-James orthogonality [1, 10] in vector spaces. He also investigated some properties of orthogonally additive functional equation. This definition motivated some Mathematicians to discuss about the orthogonal stability of functional equations (see e. g. [8, 13, 16, 22]). On the other hand, set-valued mappings and their stability have been investigated by some authors from different point of view [2, 7, 14, 17, 23].

In the next section, we prove the stability of set-valued orthogonal additive functional equation

$$(1) \quad F(x + y) = F(x) + F(y) \quad (x \perp y).$$

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In fact, we will show if  $(X, \perp)$  is an orthogonal space,  $Y$  is a Banach space and  $F : X \rightarrow CC(Y)$  is an even function such that

$$\mathcal{H}\left(F(x+y), F(x) + F(y)\right) \leq \varepsilon \quad (x, y \in X, x \perp y),$$

for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then there exists a unique quadratic function  $Q : X \rightarrow CC(Y)$  such that

$$\mathcal{H}(F(x), Q(x)) \leq \frac{7\varepsilon}{4} \quad (x \in X).$$

In this case, we will show that there is a quadratic function  $q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$q(x) \in F(x) + \frac{7\varepsilon}{3} \overline{B(0,1)} \quad (x \in X).$$

## 2. Main Results

Throughout the paper, unless otherwise stated, we will assume that  $X$  and  $Y$  are topological vector spaces over  $\mathbb{R}$ . If  $A, B \subset Y$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , we use the following notions

$$A + B = \{a + b : a \in A, b \in B\}, \quad \lambda A = \{\lambda a : a \in A\}.$$

The following properties will often be used in the sequel:

For each  $A, B \subset Y$  and  $\lambda, \mu \geq 0$ , we have

$$\lambda(A + B) = \lambda A + \lambda B, \quad (\lambda + \mu)A \subseteq \lambda A + \mu A.$$

Moreover, if  $A$  is convex,  $(\lambda + \mu)A = \lambda A + \mu A$ .

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $Y$  be a normed space and  $A_1, A_2 \subseteq Y$  be non-empty closed bounded sets. Then the Hausdorff distance between  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  is defined by

$$\mathcal{H}(A_1, A_2) := \inf\{s > 0 : A_1 \subseteq A_2 + s\overline{B(0,1)} \text{ and } A_2 \subseteq A_1 + s\overline{B(0,1)}\}.$$

It is known that  $\mathcal{H}$  defines a metric on closed convex subsets of  $Y$ , which is called Hausdorff metric topology [3, 4]. Moreover, if  $Y$  is a Banach space,  $(CC(Y), \mathcal{H})$ , the space of all non-empty compact convex subsets of  $Y$  with the Hausdorff metric topology is a complete metric space [3].

In 1985, Rätz [21] introduced the following notion:

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $X$  be a real topological vector space of dimension  $\geq 2$ . A binary relation  $\perp \subset X \times X$  is called an *orthogonal relation* if the following properties hold.

- (1)  $x \perp 0, 0 \perp x$  for every  $x \in X$ ,

- (2) if  $x, y \in X \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $x \perp y$ , then  $x$  and  $y$  are linearly independent;
- (3) if  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \perp y$ ,  $\alpha x \perp \beta y$  for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,
- (4) if  $P$  is a two dimensional subspace of  $X$ ,  $x \in P$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , then there exists some  $y \in P$  such that  $x \perp y$  and  $x + y \perp \lambda x - y$ .

The space  $X$  with an orthogonal relation  $\perp$  is called an orthogonally space and is denoted by  $(X, \perp)$ .

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $X$  and  $Z$  be two sets. A function  $Q : X \rightarrow Z$  is called *quadratic* if  $Q(x + y) + Q(x - y) = 2Q(x) + 2Q(y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

We need to the following result due to Rådström [18].

**Lemma 2.4.** Let  $A, B$  and  $C$  be nonempty subsets of a topological vector space  $Y$ . Suppose that  $B$  is closed and convex and  $C$  is bounded. If  $A + C \subseteq B + C$ , then  $A \subseteq B$ . If moreover,  $A$  is closed and convex and  $A + C = B + C$ , then  $A = B$ .

Now, we are ready to state the main result of this paper.

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $X$  be a topological vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  which is also an orthogonal space and let  $Y$  be a Banach space. Let  $F : X \rightarrow CC(Y)$  be an even function and for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$(2.1) \quad \mathcal{H}(F(x + y), F(x) + F(y)) \leq \varepsilon \quad (x, y \in X, x \perp y).$$

Then there exists a unique quadratic and orthogonal additive function  $Q : X \rightarrow CC(Y)$  such that

$$\mathcal{H}(F(x), Q(x)) \leq \frac{7\varepsilon}{3} \quad (x \in X).$$

*Proof.* We divide the proof into several steps.

**Step 1.** For each  $x \in X$ ,

$$(2.2) \quad \mathcal{H}(F(2x), 4F(x)) \leq 7\varepsilon.$$

*Proof of step 1.* By Definition 2.2, for each  $x \in X$ , there is some  $y \in X$  such that  $x \perp y$  and  $x + y \perp x - y$ . Take some  $y \in X$  with this property. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
F(x) &= F\left(\frac{x+y}{2} + \frac{x-y}{2}\right) \\
&\subseteq F\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) + F\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right) + \varepsilon\overline{B(0,1)} \\
&= F\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) + F\left(\frac{y-x}{2}\right) + \varepsilon\overline{B(0,1)} \quad (\because F \text{ is even}) \\
&\subseteq F\left(\frac{x+y}{2} + \frac{y-x}{2}\right) + 2\varepsilon\overline{B(0,1)} \\
&= F(y) + 2\varepsilon\overline{B(0,1)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $x + y \perp y - x$ , by interchanging the role of  $x$  and  $y$ , we see that

$$F(y) \subseteq F(x) + 2\varepsilon\overline{B(0,1)}.$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
F(2x) &= F(x+y+x-y) \subseteq F(x+y) + F(x-y) + \varepsilon\overline{B(0,1)} \\
&\subseteq 2F(x) + 2F(y) + 3\varepsilon\overline{B(0,1)} \\
&\subseteq 4F(x) + 7\varepsilon\overline{B(0,1)}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
4F(x) &= 2F(x) + 2F(x) \subseteq 2F(x) + 2F(y) + 4\varepsilon\overline{B(0,1)} \\
&\subseteq F(x) + F(y) + F(x) + F(-y) + 4\varepsilon\overline{B(0,1)} \quad (\text{since } x \perp y) \\
&\subseteq F(x+y) + F(x-y) + 6\varepsilon\overline{B(0,1)} \quad (\text{since } x+y \perp x-y) \\
&\subseteq F(2x) + 7\varepsilon\overline{B(0,1)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore (2.2) holds.

**Step 2.** There is a unique orthogonal additive function  $Q : X \rightarrow CC(Y)$  such that

$$Q(2x) = 4Q(x) \text{ and}$$

$$(2.3) \quad \mathcal{H}(F(x), Q(x)) \leq \frac{7\varepsilon}{3}$$

for each  $x \in X$ .

*Proof of step 2.* Replace  $x$  by  $2^n x$  in (2.2) and multiply both sides of the obtained inequality by  $4^{-(n+1)}$  to obtain the following inequality

$$\mathcal{H}\left(4^{-(n+1)}F(2^{n+1}x), 4^{-n}F(2^n x)\right) \leq \frac{7\varepsilon}{4^{n+1}} \quad (n \geq 0, x \in X).$$

It follows that for each  $n > m \geq 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{H}\left(4^{-n}F(2^n x), 4^{-m}F(2^m x)\right) &\leq \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \mathcal{H}\left(4^{-(k+1)}F(2^{k+1}x), 4^{-k}F(2^k x)\right) \\
 (2.4) \qquad \qquad \qquad &\leq \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \frac{7\varepsilon}{4^{k+1}} \quad (x \in X).
 \end{aligned}$$

Since the right hand side of the above inequality tends to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\{4^{-n}F(2^n x)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $(CC(Y), \mathcal{H})$ . Completeness of  $CC(Y)$  with respect to the Hausdorff metric topology insures that

$$Q(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 4^{-n}F(2^n x) \quad (x \in X)$$

defines a function from  $X$  to  $CC(Y)$ . Put  $m = 0$  in (2.4) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{H}\left(Q(x), F(x)\right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{H}\left(4^{-n}F(2^n x), F(x)\right) \\
 (2.5) \qquad \qquad \qquad &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{7\varepsilon}{4^{k+1}} = \frac{7\varepsilon}{3} \quad (x \in X).
 \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, for every  $x \in X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q(2x) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 4^{-n}F(2^{n+1}x) \\
 (2.6) \qquad \qquad \qquad &= 4 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 4^{-(n+1)}F(2^{n+1}x) = 4Q(x).
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $x \perp y$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\mathcal{H}\left(Q(x) + Q(y), Q(x + y)\right) \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{H}\left(4^{-n}F(2^n x) + 4^{-n}F(2^n y), 4^{-n}F(2^n(x + y))\right) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 4^{-n}\varepsilon = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $Q$  is orthogonal additive. Suppose that  $Q' : X \rightarrow CC(Y)$  satisfies the following properties:

- (i)  $\mathcal{H}\left(Q'(x), F(x)\right) \leq \frac{7\varepsilon}{3}$  and
- (ii)  $Q'(2x) = 4Q'(x)$  for each  $x \in X$ .

Then for each  $x \in X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{H}\left(Q'(x), Q(x)\right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{H}\left(4^{-n}Q'(2^n x), 4^{-n}F(2^n x)\right) \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 4^{-n}\mathcal{H}\left(Q'(2^n x), F(2^n x)\right) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 4^{-n}\frac{7\varepsilon}{3} = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the uniqueness assertion of step 2 follows.

**Step 3.** *The function  $Q : X \rightarrow CC(Y)$  is quadratic.*

*Proof of step 3.* Let  $x, y \in X$ . Then the following cases may happen.

(i)  $y = \alpha x$ , where  $\alpha \geq 0$ . In this case, by property (4) of Definition 2.2, for each  $x \in X$ , there is some  $z \in X$  such that  $x \perp z$  and  $x + z \perp \alpha x - z$ . Therefore

$$Q(x + y) + Q(x - y) = Q(x + \alpha x) + Q(x - \alpha x) = Q(x + z + \alpha x - z) + Q(\alpha x - x).$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} Q(x + \alpha x) + Q(x - \alpha x) + Q(2z) &= Q(x + z) + Q(\alpha x - z) + Q(\alpha x - x + 2z) \\ &= Q(x) + 2Q(z) + Q(\alpha x) + Q(x + z + z - \alpha x) \\ &= Q(x) + 2Q(z) + Q(\alpha x) + Q(x + z) + Q(z - \alpha x) \\ &= 2Q(x) + 2Q(\alpha x) + 4Q(z) \\ &= 2Q(x) + 2Q(\alpha x) + Q(2z). \end{aligned}$$

Thanks to Lemma 2.4, the result follows in this case.

(ii)  $y = \alpha x$ , where  $\alpha < 0$ . Let  $\beta = -\alpha$ . Then  $\beta > 0$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} Q(x + \alpha x) + Q(x - \alpha x) &= Q(x - \beta x) + Q(x + \beta x) \\ &= 2Q(x) + 2Q(\beta x) = 2Q(x) + 2Q(\alpha x) \end{aligned}$$

since  $Q$  is even.

(iii)  $x$  and  $y$  are linearly independent.

By Definition 2.2, there is some  $z$  in linear span of  $\{x, y\}$  such that  $x \perp z$ . Let  $y = \alpha x + \beta z$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} Q(x + y) + Q(x - y) &= Q[(x + \alpha x) + \beta z] + Q[x - (\alpha x + \beta z)] \\ &= Q(x + \alpha x) + Q(\beta z) + Q(x - \alpha x) + Q(-\beta z) \\ &= 2Q(x) + 2Q(\alpha x) + 2Q(\beta z) \\ &= 2Q(x) + 2Q(\alpha x + \beta z) = 2Q(x) + 2Q(y). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

**Example 2.6.** Let  $X$  be an inner product space and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Define  $F : X \rightarrow CC(\mathbb{R})$  by  $F(x) = [0, \|x\|^2 + \varepsilon]$ . It is easy to see that  $F$  is  $[0, \varepsilon]$ -orthogonal additive even function. According to Theorem 2.5, there is a quadratic function  $Q : X \rightarrow CC(\mathbb{R})$  such that

$$\mathcal{H}(F(x), Q(x)) \leq \frac{7\varepsilon}{3} \quad (x \in X).$$

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two sets. By a selection of a set-valued function  $F : X \rightarrow 2^Y$ , we mean a single-valued mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $f(x) \in F(x)$  for each  $x \in X$ .

**Corollary 2.8.** Under conditions of Theorem 2.5, there is a quadratic function  $q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$q(x) \in F(x) + \frac{7\varepsilon}{3} \overline{B(0, 1)} \quad (x \in X).$$

*Proof.* It is known that if  $X$  is an abelian group with division by two and  $Y$  is a topological vector space, then every subquadratic set-valued function  $Q : X \rightarrow CC(Y)$  admits a quadratic selection  $q : X \rightarrow Y$  [4, Theorem 35.2]. So the result follows from Theorem 2.5.  $\square$

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