

GENERAL SYSTEM OF MULTI-SEXTIC MAPPINGS AND STABILITY RESULTS

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ABSTRACT. In this study, we characterize the structure of the multivariable mappings which are sextic in each component. Indeed, we unify the general system of multi-sextic functional equations defining a multi-sextic mapping to a single equation. We also establish the Hyers-Ulam and Găvruta stability of multi-sextic mappings by a fixed point theorem in non-Archimedean normed spaces. Moreover, we generalize some known stability results in the setting of quasi- β -normed spaces. Using a characterization result, we indicate an example for the case that a multi-sextic mapping is non-stable.

1. Introduction

We say a functional equation Γ is *stable* if any function f satisfying the equation Γ approximately must be near to an exact solution of Γ . Moreover, Γ is *hyperstable* if any function ϕ fulfilling Γ approximately (under some conditions), then it is an exact solution of Γ .

In two last decade, the stability problem for functional equations which was initiated by Ulam [24] for group homomorphisms (answered by Hyers [14], Aoki [2], Th. M. Rassias [20] and Găvruta [23]) has been studied for multiple variable mappings such as multi-additive, multi-quadratic, multi-cubic and multi-quartic mappings which can be found for instance in [8], [10], [11], [18] and [27]. We state their definitions as follows:

Let $(V, +)$ be a commutative group, W be a linear space over rationals, and n be an integer with $n \geq 2$. A mapping $f : V^n \rightarrow W$ is called

- (i) *multi-additive* if it satisfies the Cauchy's functional equation $A(x+y) = A(x) + A(y)$ in each variable [10];
- (ii) *multi-quadratic* if it fulfills the quadratic functional equation $Q(x+y) + Q(x-y) = 2Q(x) + 2Q(y)$ in all components [4, 11, 27];
- (iii) *multi-cubic* if it satisfies the cubic equation $C(2x+y) + C(2x-y) = 2C(x+y) + 2C(x-y) + 12C(x)$ in each variable [8];

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(iv) *multi-quartic* if it satisfies one of the following quartic equation in all variables [1, 6, 17].

$$\begin{aligned}\mathfrak{Q}(x+2y) + \mathfrak{Q}(x-2y) &= 4\mathfrak{Q}(x+y) + 4\mathfrak{Q}(x-y) - 6\mathfrak{Q}(x) + 24\mathfrak{Q}(y); \\ \mathfrak{Q}(2x+y) + \mathfrak{Q}(2x-y) &= 4\mathfrak{Q}(x+y) + 4\mathfrak{Q}(x-y) + 24\mathfrak{Q}(x) - 6\mathfrak{Q}(y).\end{aligned}$$

Note that the equations above have been introduced in [19] and [16], respectively.

In [25], Xu et al. obtained the general solution of the sextic functional equation

$$\begin{aligned}f(x+3y) - 6f(x+2y) + 15f(x+y) - 20f(x) + 15f(x-y) \\ - 6f(x-2y) + f(x-3y) = 720f(y)\end{aligned}$$

for the first time. They also investigated the Ulam stability problem for it in quasi- β -normed spaces via a fixed point method. Recall that the Hyers-Ulam stability of the sextic functional equation

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{aligned}S(2x+y) + S(2x-y) + S(x+2y) + S(x-2y) \\ = 20[S(x+y) + S(x-y)] + 90[S(x) + S(y)]\end{aligned}$$

has been studied by Ravi et al. [21].

It is worth mentioning that an alternative fixed point theorem presented in [9] have been considered as a tool for the stability of multivariable mappings such as multi-Jensen, multi-additive, multi-quadratic, multi-cubic and multi-quartic mappings in non-Archimedean spaces which are available for instance in [1], [3], [7], [12] and [26].

In this article, we introduce the multi-sextic mappings (taken from (1.1)). We also include a characterization of such mappings. In fact, we prove that every multi-sextic mapping can be shown a single functional equation and vice versa (under some extra conditions). Moreover, we investigate the Hyers-Ulam and Găvruta stability for the multi-sextic mappings by applying two fixed point methods in non-Archimedean normed and quasi- β -normed spaces [9]. As a result, we show that under some mild conditions a multi-sextic functional equation can be hyperstable. Lastly, an appropriate counterexample is supplied to invalidate the results in the case of singularity for the multi-sextic mappings.

2. Characterization of multi-sextic mappings

Throughout this paper, \mathbb{N} and \mathbb{Q} are the set of all positive integers and rationals, respectively, and moreover $\mathbb{N}_0 := \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, $\mathbb{R}_+ := [0, \infty)$. For any $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $t = (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \{-1, 1\}^n$ and $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in V^n$ we write $lx := (lx_1, \dots, lx_n)$ and $tx := (t_1x_1, \dots, t_nx_n)$, where lx stands, as usual, for the scalar product of l on x in the commutative group V .

Definition 2.1. Let V and W be vector spaces over \mathbb{Q} , $n \in \mathbb{N}$. A multivariable mapping $f : V^n \rightarrow W$ is called *n-sextic* or *multi-sextic* if f satisfies (1.1) in

each of its n arguments, that is

$$\begin{aligned} & f(v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, 2v_i + v'_i, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_n) + f(v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, 2v_i - v'_i, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_n) \\ & + f(v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, v_i + 2v'_i, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_n) + f(v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, v_i - 2v'_i, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_n) \\ = & 20[f(v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, v_i + v'_i, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_n) + f(v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, v_i - v'_i, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_n)] \\ & + 90[f(v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, v_i, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_n) + f(v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}, v'_i, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_n)]. \end{aligned}$$

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $n \geq 2$ and $x_i^n = (x_{i1}, \dots, x_{in}) \in V^n$, where $i \in \{1, 2\}$. We shall denote x_i^n by x_i when no confusion can arise. For $x_1, x_2 \in V^n$ set

$$\mathbb{A}^n = \{\mathfrak{A}_n = (A_1, \dots, A_n) \mid A_j \in \{x_{1j}, x_{2j}, x_{1j} \pm x_{2j}, x_{1j} \pm 2x_{2j}\}\}$$

for all $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. Moreover, for $p_l \in \mathbb{N}_0$ with $0 \leq p_l \leq n$, where $l \in \{1, 2, 3\}$, consider the subset $\mathbb{A}_{(p_1, p_2, p_3)}^n$ of \mathbb{A}^n as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{A}_{(p_1, p_2, p_3)}^n := & \{\mathfrak{A}_n \in \mathbb{A}^n \mid \text{Card}\{A_j : A_j = x_{1j}\} = p_1, \text{Card}\{A_j : A_j = x_{2j}\} = p_2, \\ & \text{Card}\{A_j : A_j = x_{1j} \pm x_{2j}\} = p_3\}. \end{aligned}$$

From now on, for the multi-sextic mappings, we use the following notations:

$$(2.1) \quad f\left(\mathbb{A}_{(p_1, p_2, p_3)}^n\right) := \sum_{\mathfrak{A}_n \in \mathbb{A}_{(p_1, p_2, p_3)}^n} f(\mathfrak{A}_n),$$

and

$$f\left(\mathbb{A}_{(p_1, p_2, p_3)}^n, z\right) := \sum_{\mathfrak{A}_n \in \mathbb{A}_{(p_1, p_2, p_3)}^n} f(\mathfrak{A}_n, z) \quad (z \in V).$$

In the next theorem, we describe a multi-sextic mapping as an equation.

Theorem 2.2. *If $f : V^n \rightarrow W$ is a multi-sextic mapping, then it fulfills the equation*

$$\begin{aligned} (2.2) \quad & \sum_{q \in \{-1, 1\}^n} f(2x_1 + qx_2) \\ = & \sum_{p_1=0}^n \sum_{p_2=0}^{n-p_1} \sum_{p_3=0}^{n-p_1-p_2} (-1)^{n-p_1-p_2-p_3} 20^{p_3} 90^{p_1+p_2} f\left(\mathbb{A}_{(p_1, p_2, p_3)}^n\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all $x_1, x_2 \in V^n$, where $f\left(\mathbb{A}_{(p_1, p_2, p_3)}^n\right)$ is defined in (2.1).

Proof. We prove f satisfies equation (2.2) by induction on n . For $n = 1$, it is trivial that f fulfills equation (1.1). Suppose that (2.2) holds for some positive integer $n > 1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{q \in \{-1, 1\}^{n+1}} f(2x_1^{n+1} + qx_2^{n+1}) \\ = & - \sum_{q \in \{-1, 1\}^n} \sum_{t \in \{-1, 1\}} f(x_1^n + qx_2^n, x_{1, n+1} + 2tx_{2, n+1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + 20 \sum_{q \in \{-1,1\}^n} \sum_{t \in \{-1,1\}} f(x_1^n + qx_2^n, x_{1,n+1} + tx_{2,n+1}) \\
 & + 90 \left[\sum_{q \in \{-1,1\}^n} f(x_1^n + qx_2^n, x_{1,n+1}) + \sum_{q \in \{-1,1\}^n} f(x_1^n + qx_2^n, x_{2,n+1}) \right] \\
 = & - \sum_{p_1=0}^n \sum_{p_2=0}^{n-p_1} \sum_{p_3=0}^{n-p_1-p_2} \sum_{t \in \{-1,1\}} (-1)^{n-p_1-p_2-p_3} 20^{p_3} 90^{p_1+p_2} \\
 & \quad \times f\left(\mathbb{A}_{(p_1,p_2,p_3)}^n, x_{1,n+1} + 2tx_{2,n+1}\right) \\
 & + 20 \sum_{p_1=0}^n \sum_{p_2=0}^{n-p_1} \sum_{p_3=0}^{n-p_1-p_2} \sum_{t \in \{-1,1\}} (-1)^{n-p_1-p_2-p_3} 20^{p_3} 90^{p_1+p_2} \\
 & \quad \times f\left(\mathbb{A}_{(p_1,p_2,p_3)}^n, x_{1,n+1} + tx_{2,n+1}\right) \\
 & + 90 \sum_{p_1=0}^n \sum_{p_2=0}^{n-p_1} \sum_{p_3=0}^{n-p_1-p_2} (-1)^{n-p_1-p_2-p_3} 20^{p_3} 90^{p_1+p_2} f\left(\mathbb{A}_{(p_1,p_2,p_3)}^n, x_{1,n+1}\right) \\
 & + 90 \sum_{p_1=0}^n \sum_{p_2=0}^{n-p_1} \sum_{p_3=0}^{n-p_1-p_2} (-1)^{n-p_1-p_2-p_3} 20^{p_3} 90^{p_1+p_2} f\left(\mathbb{A}_{(p_1,p_2,p_3)}^n, x_{2,n+1}\right) \\
 = & \sum_{p_1=0}^{n+1} \sum_{p_2=0}^{n+1-p_1} \sum_{p_3=0}^{n+1-p_1-p_2} (-1)^{n+1-p_1-p_2-p_3} 20^{p_3} 90^{p_1+p_2} f\left(\mathbb{A}_{(p_1,p_2,p_3)}^{n+1}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Comparing the first and the last terms, we can obtain the desired result. \square

We remember that the binomial coefficient for all $n, r \in \mathbb{N}_0$ with $n \geq r$ is defined and denoted by $\binom{n}{r} := \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$.

Definition 2.3. Given a mapping $f : V^n \rightarrow W$.

(i) We say f satisfies (has) the *6-power condition* in the j th variable if

$$f(z_1, \dots, z_{j-1}, 2z_j, z_{j+1}, \dots, z_n) = 2^6 f(z_1, \dots, z_{j-1}, z_j, z_{j+1}, \dots, z_n)$$

for all $z_1, \dots, z_n \in V^n$. The 6-power condition is also called the *sextic condition*.

(ii) If $f(z_1, \dots, z_n) = 0$ when the fixed z_j is zero, then we say that f has *zero functional equation* in the j th variable. Moreover, if $f(z_1, \dots, z_n) = 0$ for any $(z_1, \dots, z_n) \in V^n$ with at least one z_j is zero, we say f has *zero functional equation*.

It is clear that every multi-sextic mapping fulfills the sextic condition in each variable and thus it has zero functional equation. In other words, if a mapping $f : V^n \rightarrow W$ satisfies the sextic condition in the j th variable, then it has zero functional equation in the same component. Under the sextic condition in all components, every mapping satisfying equation (2.2) can be multi-sextic as follows.

Theorem 2.4. *If $f : V^n \rightarrow W$ fulfills equation (2.2) and has the sextic condition in each variable, then f is a multi-sextic mapping.*

Proof. Fix $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. Set

$$f^*(2x_{1j}, x_{2j}) := f(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1,j-1}, 2x_{1j} + x_{2j}, x_{1,j+1}, \dots, x_{1n}) \\ + f(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1,j-1}, 2x_{1j} - x_{2j}, x_{1,j+1}, \dots, x_{1n}),$$

$$f^*(x_{1j}, 2x_{2j}) := f(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1,j-1}, x_{1j} + 2x_{2j}, x_{1,j+1}, \dots, x_{1n}) \\ + f(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1,j-1}, x_{1j} - 2x_{2j}, x_{1,j+1}, \dots, x_{1n}),$$

$$f^*(x_{1j}, x_{2j}) := f(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1,j-1}, x_{1j} + x_{2j}, x_{1,j+1}, \dots, x_{1n}) \\ + f(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1,j-1}, x_{1j} - x_{2j}, x_{1,j+1}, \dots, x_{1n}),$$

$$f^*(x_{1j}) := f(x_{1j}) = f(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n}),$$

and

$$f^*(x_{2j}) := f(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1,j-1}, x_{2j}, x_{1,j+1}, \dots, x_{1n}).$$

Putting $x_{2k} = 0$ for all $k \in \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus \{j\}$ in (2.2) and using the property of having the sextic condition in each component, we get

(2.3)

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{n-1} \times 2^{6(n-1)} f^*(2x_{1j}, x_{2j}) \\ = & 2^{n-1} [f(2x_{11}, \dots, 2x_{1,j-1}, 2x_{1j} + x_{2j}, 2x_{1,j+1}, \dots, 2x_{1n}) \\ & + f(2x_{11}, \dots, 2x_{1,j-1}, 2x_{1j} - x_{2j}, 2x_{1,j+1}, \dots, 2x_{1n})] \\ = & \sum_{p_1=0}^{n-1} \sum_{p_2=0}^{n-1-p_1} \left[\binom{n-1}{p_1} \binom{n-1-p_1}{p_2} 2^{n-1-p_1-p_2} 2^{p_2} (-1)^{n-p_1-p_2} 20^{p_2} 90^{p_1} \right] f^*(x_{1j}, 2x_{2j}) \\ & + \sum_{p_1=0}^{n-1} \sum_{p_2=1}^{n-1-p_1} \left[\binom{n-1}{p_1} \binom{n-p_1}{p_2-1} 2^{n-p_1-p_2} 2^{p_2-1} (-1)^{n-p_1-p_2} 20^{p_2} 90^{p_1} \right] f^*(x_{1j}, x_{2j}) \\ & + \sum_{p_1=1}^n \sum_{p_2=0}^{n-p_1} \left[\binom{n-1}{p_1-1} \binom{n-p_1}{p_2} 2^{n-p_1-p_2} 2^{p_2} (-1)^{n-p_1-p_2} 20^{p_2} 90^{p_1} \right] f^*(x_{1j}) \\ & + 90 \sum_{p_1=0}^{n-1} \sum_{p_2=0}^{n-1-p_1} \left[\binom{n-1}{p_1} \binom{n-1-p_1}{p_2} 2^{n-1-p_1-p_2} 2^{p_2} (-1)^{n-1-p_1-p_2} 20^{p_2} 90^{p_1} \right] f^*(x_{2j}) \\ = & - \sum_{p_1=0}^{n-1} \sum_{p_2=0}^{n-1-p_1} \left[\binom{n-1}{p_1} \binom{n-1-p_1}{p_2} (-2)^{n-1-p_1-p_2} 40^{p_2} 90^{p_1} \right] f^*(x_{1j}, 2x_{2j}) \\ & + \sum_{p_1=0}^{n-1} \sum_{p_2=0}^{n-1-p_1} \left[\binom{n-1}{p_1} \binom{n-p_1}{p_2} 2^{n-1-p_1-p_2} 2^{p_2} (-1)^{n-1-p_1-p_2} 20^{p_2+1} 90^{p_1} \right] f^*(x_{1j}, x_{2j}) \\ & + \sum_{p_1=0}^{n-1} \sum_{p_2=0}^{n-1-p_1} \left[\binom{n-1}{p_1} \binom{n-1-p_1}{p_2} 2^{n-1-p_1-p_2} 2^{p_2} (-1)^{n-1-p_1-p_2} 20^{p_2} 90^{p_1+1} \right] f^*(x_{1j}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ 90 \sum_{p_1=0}^{n-1} \sum_{p_2=0}^{n-1-p_1} \left[\binom{n-1}{p_1} \binom{n-1-p_1}{p_2} 2^{n-1-p_1-p_2} 2^{p_2} (-1)^{n-1-p_1-p_2} 20^{p_2} 90^{p_1} \right] f^*(x_{2j}) \\
 = & - \sum_{p_1=0}^{n-1} \left[\binom{n-1}{p_1} 38^{n-1-p_1} 90^{p_1} \right] f^*(x_{1j}, 2x_{2j}) \\
 &+ 20 \sum_{p_1=0}^{n-1} \left[\binom{n-1}{p_1} 38^{n-1-p_1} 90^{p_1} \right] f^*(x_{1j}, x_{2j}) \\
 &+ 90 \sum_{p_1=0}^{n-1} \left[\binom{n-1}{p_1} 38^{n-1-p_1-p_2} 90^{p_1} \right] f^*(x_{1j}) \\
 &+ 90 \sum_{p_1=0}^{n-1} \left[\binom{n-1}{p_1} 38^{n-1-p_1-p_2} 90^{p_1} \right] f^*(x_{2j}) \\
 = & - 128^{n-1} f^*(x_{1j}, 2x_{2j}) + 20 \times 128^{n-1} f^*(x_{1j}, x_{2j}) \\
 &+ 90 \times 128^{n-1} [f^*(x_{1j}) + f^*(x_{2j})].
 \end{aligned}$$

Relation (2.3) implies that

$$2f^*(2x_{1j}, x_{2j}) = -f^*(x_{1j}, 2x_{2j}) + 20f^*(x_{1j}, x_{2j}) + 90[f^*(x_{1j}) + f^*(x_{2j})].$$

It follows from equality above that f is sextic in the j th variable. □

By means of Theorem 2.4, it is easily seen that the mapping $f(z_1, \dots, z_n) = c \prod_{j=1}^n z_j^6$ satisfies (2.2) and so this equation is called *multi-sextic* functional equation.

3. Stability results for (2.2) in non-Archimedean normed spaces

In this section, we prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of the multi-sextic functional equation (2.2) in non-Archimedean normed by applying a fixed point theorem. We recall that for a field \mathbb{K} with multiplicative identity 1, the characteristic of \mathbb{K} is the smallest positive number n such that $\overbrace{1 + \dots + 1}^{n\text{-times}} = 0$. Throughout, for two sets X and Y , the set of all mappings from X to Y is denoted by Y^X . The next theorem which is a key tool in obtaining our aim in this paper, taken from [9, Theorem 1].

Theorem 3.1. *Let the following hypotheses hold.*

- (H1) E is a nonempty set, Y is a complete non-Archimedean normed space over a non-Archimedean field of the characteristic different from 2, $j \in \mathbb{N}$, $g_1, \dots, g_j : E \rightarrow E$ and $L_1, \dots, L_j : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$;
- (H2) $\mathcal{T} : Y^E \rightarrow Y^E$ is an operator satisfying the inequality

$$\|\mathcal{T}\lambda(x) - \mathcal{T}\mu(x)\| \leq \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, j\}} L_i(x) \|\lambda(g_i(x)) - \mu(g_i(x))\|$$

for all $\lambda, \mu \in Y^E$, $x \in E$;

(H3) $\Lambda : \mathbb{R}_+^E \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^E$ is an operator defined through

$$\Lambda\delta(x) := \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, j\}} L_i(x)\delta(g_i(x)), \quad \delta \in \mathbb{R}_+^E, \quad x \in E.$$

Moreover, a function $\theta : E \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ and a mapping $\varphi : E \longrightarrow Y$ fulfill the next two conditions:

$$\|\mathcal{T}\varphi(x) - \varphi(x)\| \leq \theta(x), \quad \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \Lambda^l \theta(x) = 0, \quad (x \in E).$$

Then, for every $x \in E$, the limit $\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{T}^l \varphi(x) =: \psi(x)$ exists and the mapping $\psi \in Y^E$, defined in this way, is a fixed point of \mathcal{T} with

$$\|\varphi(x) - \psi(x)\| \leq \sup_{l \in \mathbb{N}_0} \Lambda^l \theta(x) \quad (x \in E).$$

For the rest of this section, given a mapping $f : V^n \longrightarrow W$, we consider the difference operator $\Gamma f : V^n \times V^n \longrightarrow W$ defined via

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma f(x_1, x_2) := & \sum_{q \in \{-1, 1\}^n} f(2x_1 + qx_2) \\ & - \sum_{p_1=0}^n \sum_{p_2=0}^{n-p_1} \sum_{p_3=0}^{n-p_1-p_2} (-1)^{n-p_1-p_2-p_3} 20^{p_3} 90^{p_1+p_2} f\left(\mathbb{A}_{(p_1, p_2, p_3)}^n\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all $x_1, x_2 \in V^n$, where $f\left(\mathbb{A}_{(p_1, p_2, p_3)}^n\right)$ is defined in (2.1).

In the sequel, it is assumed that all mappings as $f : V^n \longrightarrow W$ satisfying zero condition. In the upcoming theorem, we establish the stability of functional equation (2.2) from linear spaces to complete non-Archimedean normed spaces.

Theorem 3.2. *Let $\beta \in \{-1, 1\}$ be fixed, V be a linear space and W be a complete non-Archimedean normed space over a non-Archimedean field of the characteristic different from 2. Suppose that $\varphi : V^n \times V^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ is a mapping satisfying the equality*

$$(3.1) \quad \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{|2|^{6n\beta}}\right)^l \varphi(2^{l\beta}x_1, 2^{l\beta}x_2) = 0$$

for all $x_1, x_2 \in V^n$. Assume also $f : V^n \longrightarrow W$ is a mapping satisfying the inequality

$$(3.2) \quad \|\Gamma f(x_1, x_2)\| \leq \varphi(x_1, x_2)$$

for all $x_1, x_2 \in V^n$. Then, there exists a unique solution $\mathcal{S} : V^n \longrightarrow W$ of (2.2) such that

$$(3.3) \quad \|f(x) - \mathcal{S}(x)\| \leq \sup_{l \in \mathbb{N}_0} \frac{1}{|2|^n |2|^{6n\frac{\beta+1}{2}}} \left(\frac{1}{|2|^{6n\beta}}\right)^l \varphi\left(2^{l\beta+\frac{\beta-1}{2}}, 0\right)$$

for all $x \in V^n$. Moreover, if \mathcal{S} satisfies the sextic condition in each variable, then it is a unique multi-sextic mapping.

Proof. Putting $x_2 = 0$ in (3.2) and using our assumptions, we have

$$(3.4) \quad \|2^n f(2x) - Tf(x)\| \leq \varphi(x, 0)$$

for all $x := x_1 \in V^n$ (and for the rest of this proof, all the equations and inequalities are valid for all $x \in V^n$), where

$$T = \sum_{p_1=0}^n \sum_{p_2=1}^{n-p_1} \binom{n}{p_1} \binom{n-p_1}{p_2} 2^{n-p_1-p_2} 2^{p_2} (-1)^{n-p_1-p_2} 20^{p_2} 90^{p_1}.$$

On the other hand, we have

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{aligned} T &= \sum_{p_1=0}^n \sum_{p_2=1}^{n-p_1} \binom{n}{p_1} \binom{n-p_1}{p_2} 2^{n-p_1-p_2} 2^{p_2} (-1)^{n-p_1-p_2} 20^{p_2} 90^{p_1} \\ &= \sum_{p_1=0}^n \binom{n}{p_1} 38^{p_2} 90^{p_1} = (38 + 90)^n = 2^{7n}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (3.4) and (3.5) that

$$(3.6) \quad \|f(2x) - 2^{6n} f(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{|2|^n} \varphi(x, 0).$$

Relation (3.6) can be rewritten as

$$(3.7) \quad \|f(x) - \mathcal{T}f(x)\| \leq \theta(x),$$

where

$$\theta(x) := \frac{1}{|2|^n |2|^{6n \frac{\beta+1}{2}}} \varphi\left(2^{\frac{\beta-1}{2}} x, 0\right), \quad \mathcal{T}\xi(x) := \frac{1}{2^{6n\beta}} \xi(2^\beta x)$$

for all $\xi \in W^{V^n}$. Define $\Lambda\eta(x) := \frac{1}{|2|^{6n\beta}} \eta(2^\beta x)$ for all $\eta \in \mathbb{R}_+^{V^n}$, $x \in V^n$. It is easily seen that Λ has the form described in (H3) with $E = V^n$, $g_1(x) := 2^\beta x$ for $L_1(x) = \frac{1}{|2|^{6n\beta}}$. On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{T}\lambda(x) - \mathcal{T}\mu(x)\| &= \left\| \frac{1}{2^{6n\beta}} \lambda(2^\beta x) - \frac{1}{2^{6n\beta}} \mu(2^\beta x) \right\| \\ &\leq L_1(x) \|\lambda(g_1(x)) - \mu(g_1(x))\| \end{aligned}$$

for all $\lambda, \mu \in W^{V^n}$. It follows from the above relation that the hypothesis (H2) is true. Moreover, one can check by induction on l that for any $l \in \mathbb{N}$, we find

$$(3.8) \quad \Lambda^l \theta(x) := \left(\frac{1}{|2|^{6n\beta}} \right)^l \theta(2^{l\beta} x) = \frac{1}{|2|^n |2|^{6n \frac{\beta+1}{2}}} \left(\frac{1}{|2|^{6n\beta}} \right)^l \varphi\left(2^{l\beta + \frac{\beta-1}{2}} x, 0\right).$$

It concludes from (3.7) and (3.8) that all assumptions of Theorem 3.1 are satisfied and so there exists a unique solution $\mathcal{S} : V^n \rightarrow W$ of (2.2) such that

$\mathcal{S}(x) = \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} (\mathcal{T}^l f)(x)$, and (3.3) holds as well. We also can checked by induction on l that

$$(3.9) \quad \|\Gamma(\mathcal{T}^l f)(x_1, x_2)\| \leq \left(\frac{1}{|2|^{6n\beta}}\right)^l \varphi(2^{l\beta}x_1, 2^{l\beta}x_2)$$

for all $x_1, x_2 \in V^n$. Taking $l \rightarrow \infty$ in (3.9) and using (3.1), we obtain $\Gamma\mathcal{S}(x_1, x_2) = 0$ for all $x_1, x_2 \in V^n$ and hence equation (2.2) is valid for \mathcal{S} . The last assertion follows from Theorem 2.4. This finishes the proof. \square

From here to the rest of this section, V is a non-Archimedean normed space and W is a complete non-Archimedean normed space over a non-Archimedean field of the characteristic different from 2. In addition, we assume that $|2| < 1$. The following corollaries are taken from Theorem 3.2 regarding the stability of (2.2).

Corollary 3.3. *Given $\delta > 0$. Let $f : V^n \rightarrow W$ be a mapping satisfying the inequality*

$$\|\Gamma f(x_1, x_2)\| \leq \delta$$

for all $x_1, x_2 \in V^n$. Then, there exists a unique solution $\mathcal{S} : V^n \rightarrow W$ of (2.2) such that

$$\|f(x) - \mathcal{S}(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{|2|^n} \delta$$

for all $x \in V^n$. In addition, if \mathcal{S} satisfies the sextic condition in each variable, then it is a multi-sextic mapping.

Proof. Note that $|2| < 1$. Choosing $\varphi(x_1, x_2) = \delta$ for the case $\beta = -1$ of Theorem 3.2, we get $\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} |2|^{6nl} \delta = 0$, and hence (3.1) is true in Theorem 3.2. The last result follows from Theorem 2.4. \square

Corollary 3.4. *Let $p \in \mathbb{R}$ fulfills $p \neq 6n$. If $f : V^n \rightarrow W$ is a mapping satisfying the inequality*

$$\|\Gamma f(x_1, x_2)\| \leq \sum_{k=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^n \|x_{kj}\|^p$$

for all $x_1, x_2 \in V^n$, then there exists a unique solution $\mathcal{S} : V^n \rightarrow W$ of (2.2) such that

$$\|f(x) - \mathcal{S}(x)\| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{1}{|2|^n |2|^{6n}} \sum_{j=1}^n \|x_{1j}\|^p, & p > 6n, \\ \frac{1}{|2|^n |2|^p} \sum_{j=1}^n \|x_{1j}\|^p, & p < 6n \end{cases}$$

for all $x = x_1 \in V^n$. Moreover, if \mathcal{S} has the sextic condition in all components, then it is a multi-sextic mapping.

Proof. Set $\varphi(x_1, x_2) = \sum_{k=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^n \|x_{kj}\|^p$. Then, $\varphi(2^l x_1, 2^l x_2) = |2|^{lp} \varphi(x_1, x_2)$. Now, Theorem 3.2 and Theorem 2.4 can be applied to arrive the result. \square

Under some conditions the functional equation (2.2) can be hyperstable as follows.

Corollary 3.5. *Let $p_{kj} > 0$ for $k \in \{1, 2\}$ and $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that*

$$\sum_{k=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^n p_{kj} \neq 6n.$$

If $f : V^n \rightarrow W$ is a mapping satisfying the inequality

$$\|\Gamma f(x_1, x_2)\| \leq \prod_{k=1}^2 \prod_{j=1}^n \|x_{kj}\|^{p_{kj}}$$

for all $x_1, x_2 \in V^n$, then f satisfies (2.2). In particular, if f has the sextic condition in each variable, then it is multi-sextic.

Proof. Defining $\varphi(x_1, x_2) = \prod_{k=1}^2 \prod_{j=1}^n \|x_{kj}\|^{p_{kj}}$ in Theorem 3.2, and applying Theorem 2.4, we reach the desired result. \square

4. Stability Results for (2.2) in quasi- β -normed spaces

Here, we recall some basic facts regarding the setting of quasi- β -normed space.

Definition 4.1. Let β be a fix real number with $0 < \beta < 1$, and \mathbb{K} denote either \mathbb{R} (real numbers) or \mathbb{C} (complex numbers). Suppose that X is a linear space over \mathbb{K} . A quasi- β -norm is a real-valued function on X fulfilling the following conditions:

- (i) $\|x\| \geq 0$ for all $x \in X$ and $\|x\| = 0$ if and only if $x = 0$;
- (ii) $\|tx\| = |t|^\beta \|x\|$ for all $x \in X$ and $t \in \mathbb{K}$;
- (iii) There is a constant $M \geq 1$ such that $\|x + y\| \leq M(\|x\| + \|y\|)$ for all $x, y \in X$.

When $\beta = 1$, the norm above is a quasinorm. Recall that M is the *modulus of concavity* of the norm $\|\cdot\|$. Moreover, if $\|\cdot\|$ is a quasi- β -norm on X , the pair $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is said to be a *quasi- β -normed space*. Similar to normed spaces, a complete quasi- β -normed space is called a *quasi- β -Banach space*. For $0 < p \leq 1$, if $\|x + y\|^p \leq \|x\|^p + \|y\|^p$ for all $x, y \in X$, then the quasi- β -norm $\|\cdot\|$ is called a (β, p) -norm. In this case, every quasi- β -Banach space is said to be a (β, p) -Banach space. By the Aoki-Rolewicz Theorem [22], each quasi-norm is equivalent to some p -norm.

Next, by using an idea of Găvruta [23], we prove the stability of (2.2) in quasi- β -normed spaces by applying the following fixed point lemma which was proved in [25, Lemma 3.1].

Lemma 4.2. *Let $j \in \{-1, 1\}$ be fixed, $\mathbf{a}, s \in \mathbb{N}$ with $\mathbf{a} \geq 2$. Suppose that X is a linear space, Y is a (β, p) -Banach space with (β, p) -norm $\|\cdot\|_Y$. If $\psi : X \rightarrow$*

$[0, \infty)$ is a function such that there exists an $L < 1$ with $\psi(\mathbf{a}^j x) < L\mathbf{a}^{js\beta}\psi(x)$ for all $x \in X$ and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a mapping satisfying

$$\|f(\mathbf{a}x) - \mathbf{a}^s f(x)\|_Y \leq \psi(x)$$

for all $x \in X$, then there exists a uniquely determined mapping $F : X \rightarrow Y$ such that $F(\mathbf{a}x) = \mathbf{a}^s F(x)$ and

$$\|f(x) - F(x)\|_Y \leq \frac{1}{\mathbf{a}^{s\beta}|1 - L^j|} \psi(x)$$

for all $x \in X$. Moreover, $F(x) = \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(\mathbf{a}^{jl}x)}{\mathbf{a}^{jls}}$ for all $x \in X$.

Theorem 4.3. Let $j \in \{-1, 1\}$ be fixed, V be a linear space and W be a (β, p) -Banach space and $\varphi : V^n \times V^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ be a function such that there exists an $0 < L < 1$ with $\varphi(2^j x_1, 2^j x_2) \leq 2^{6nj\beta} L \varphi(x_1, x_2)$ for all $x_1, x_2 \in V^n$. Suppose that a mapping $f : V^n \rightarrow W$ fulfilling the inequality

$$(4.1) \quad \|\Gamma f(x_1, x_2)\|_W \leq \varphi(x_1, x_2)$$

for all $x_1, x_2 \in V^n$. Then, there exists a unique solution $\mathcal{S} : V^n \rightarrow W$ of (2.2) such that

$$(4.2) \quad \|f(x) - \mathcal{S}(x)\|_W \leq \frac{1}{|1 - L^j|} \frac{1}{2^{7n\beta}} \varphi(x, 0)$$

for all $x \in V^n$. Moreover, if \mathcal{S} satisfies the sextic condition in each variable, then it is a unique multi-sextic mapping.

Proof. Similar to the proof of Theorem 3.2, by putting $x_2 = 0$ in (4.1) and using our assumptions, we have

$$\|f(2x) - 2^{6n} f(x)\|_W \leq \frac{1}{2^{n\beta}} \varphi(x, 0)$$

for all $x := x_1 \in V^n$. By Lemma 4.2, there exists a unique mapping $\mathcal{S} : V^n \rightarrow W$ such that $\mathcal{S}(2x) = 2^{6n} \mathcal{S}(x)$ and

$$\|f(x) - \mathcal{S}(x)\|_W \leq \frac{1}{|1 - L^j|} \frac{1}{2^{7n\beta}} \varphi(x, 0)$$

for all $x \in V^n$. It remains to show that \mathcal{S} is a multi-sextic map. Here, we note from Lemma 4.2 that for all $x \in V^n$, $\mathcal{S}(x) = \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(2^{jl}x)}{2^{6njl}}$. Now, by (4.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{\Gamma f(2^{jl}x_1, 2^{jl}x_2)}{2^{6njl}} \right\|_W &\leq 2^{-6njl\beta} \varphi(2^{jl}x_1, 2^{jl}x_2) \\ &\leq 2^{-6njl\beta} (2^{6nj\beta} L)^l \varphi(x_1, x_2) \\ &= L^l \varphi(x_1, x_2) \end{aligned}$$

for all $x_1, x_2 \in V^n$ and $l \in \mathbb{N}$. Letting $l \rightarrow \infty$ in the above inequality, we observe that $\Gamma \mathcal{S}(x_1, x_2) = 0$ for all $x_1, x_2 \in V^n$. This means that \mathcal{S} satisfies (2.2). The last assertion follows from Theorem 2.4. \square

The next corollary is a direct consequences of Theorem 3.2 concerning the stability of (2.2) when the norm of $\Gamma f(x_1, x_2)$ is controlled by sum of variables norms of x_1 and x_2 with positive powers.

Corollary 4.4. *Let V be a quasi- α -normed space with quasi- α -norm $\|\cdot\|_V$, and W be a (β, p) -Banach space with (β, p) -norm $\|\cdot\|_W$. Let θ and λ be positive numbers with $\lambda \neq 6n\frac{\beta}{\alpha}$. If a mapping $f : V^n \rightarrow W$ fulfilling the inequality*

$$\|\Gamma f(x_1, x_2)\|_W \leq \theta \sum_{k=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^n \|x_{kj}\|_V^\lambda$$

for all $x_1, x_2 \in V^n$, then there exists a unique solution $\mathcal{S} : V^n \rightarrow W$ of (2.2) such that

$$\|f(x) - \mathcal{S}(x)\|_W \leq \begin{cases} \frac{\theta}{2^{n\beta}(2^{6n\beta} - 2^{\alpha\lambda})} \sum_{j=1}^n \|x_{1j}\|_V^\lambda, & \lambda \in \left(0, 6n\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right), \\ \frac{2^{\alpha\lambda}\theta}{2^{7n\beta}(2^{\alpha\lambda} - 2^{6n\beta})} \sum_{j=1}^n \|x_{1j}\|_V^\lambda, & \lambda \in \left(6n\frac{\beta}{\alpha}, \infty\right) \end{cases}$$

for all $x = x_1 \in V^n$. In particular, if \mathcal{S} satisfies the sextic condition in all variables, then it is a unique multi-sextic mapping.

Here, we present an elementary lemma without proof as follows.

Lemma 4.5. *If a function $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous and satisfies (1.1), then it has the form $g(x) = cx^6$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, where $c = f(1)$.*

In the following result, we extend Lemma 4.5 for several variables functions. For doing this, we use an idea taken from the proof of [15, Theorem 13.4.3].

Proposition 4.6. *Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous n -sextic function. Then, there exists a constant $c \in \mathbb{R}$ such that*

$$(4.3) \quad f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = c \prod_{j=1}^n x_j^6$$

for all $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. We argue the proof by induction on n . For $n = 1$, (4.3) is true in view of Lemma 4.5. Let (4.3) hold for $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Assume that $f : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous $(n + 1)$ -sextic function. Fix the n variables x_1, \dots, x_n . Then, the function $y \mapsto f(x_1, \dots, x_n, y)$ as a function of y is sextic and continuous, and so there exists a constant $c \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$(4.4) \quad f(x_1, \dots, x_n, y) = cy^6, \quad (y \in \mathbb{R}).$$

Note that c depends on x_1, \dots, x_n , and indeed

$$(4.5) \quad c = c(x_1, \dots, x_n).$$

Letting $y = 1$ in (4.4) and applying (4.5), we get

$$c = c(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n, 1).$$

Since f is $(n + 1)$ -sextic, it follows that c is an n -sextic function and hence by the induction hypothesis there exists a real number c' such that

$$(4.6) \quad c = c(x_1, \dots, x_n) = c' \prod_{j=1}^n x_j^6.$$

Now, the result follows from (4.4) and (4.6). □

We end the paper by the following counterexample for multi-sextic mappings on \mathbb{R}^n that its idea is taken from [5] (see also [13]). In fact, we show the hypothesis $\lambda \neq 6n$ can not be removed in Corollary 4.4 when $V = W = \mathbb{R}$ in the case that $\alpha = \beta = 1$.

Example 4.7. Let $\delta > 0$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Put $\mu = \frac{2^{6n}-1}{2^{12n}5} \delta$, where

$$S \geq 2^{2n} + \sum_{p_1=0}^n \sum_{p_2=0}^{n-p_1} \sum_{p_3=0}^{n-p_1-p_2-p_3} 20^{p_3} 90^{p_1+p_2}.$$

Define the function $\psi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ through

$$\psi(r_1, \dots, r_n) = \begin{cases} \mu \prod_{j=1}^n r_j^6 & \text{for all } r_j \text{ with } |r_j| < 1, \\ \mu & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Hence, $\psi(r_1, \dots, r_n) \leq \mu$ for all $(r_1, \dots, r_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Using the function ψ , consider the function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined via

$$f(r_1, \dots, r_n) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{\psi(2^l r_1, \dots, 2^l r_n)}{2^{6nl}}, \quad (r_j \in \mathbb{R}).$$

It is obvious that f is an even function in each variable and non-negative. Moreover, ψ is continuous and bounded by μ . It is known that f is a uniformly convergent series of continuous functions and thus it is continuous and bounded. In other words, for each $(r_1, \dots, r_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we have $f(r_1, \dots, r_n) \leq \frac{2^{6n}}{2^{6n}-1} \mu$. Put $x_i = (x_{i1}, \dots, x_{in})$, where $i \in \{1, 2\}$. We claim that

$$(4.7) \quad |\Gamma f(x_1, x_2)| \leq \delta \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij}^{6n}$$

for all $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$. It is clear that (4.7) is valid for $x_1 = x_2 = 0$. Assume that $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with $\sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij}^{6n} < \frac{1}{2^{6n}}$. Thus, there exists a positive integer N such that

$$(4.8) \quad \frac{1}{2^{6n(N+1)}} < \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij}^{6n} < \frac{1}{2^{6nN}}.$$

Hence, $x_{ij}^{6n} < \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij}^{6n} < \frac{1}{2^{6nN}}$ and so $2^{N-1}|x_{ij}| < 1$ for all $i \in \{1, 2\}$ and $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. If $y_1, y_2 \in \{x_{ij} \mid i \in \{1, 2\}, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}\}$, then

$$\{2^{N-1}|y_1 \pm y_2|, 2^{N-1}|y_1 \pm 2y_2|, 2^{N-1}|2y_1 \pm y_2|\} \subseteq (-1, 1).$$

Since ψ is a multi-sextic function on $(-1, 1)^n$, $\Gamma\psi(2^l x_1, 2^l x_2) = 0$ for all $l \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, N - 1\}$. It follows from the last equality and relation (4.8) that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|\Gamma f(2^l x_1, 2^l x_2)|}{\sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij}^{6n}} &\leq \sum_{l=N}^{\infty} \frac{|\Gamma\psi(2^l x_1, 2^l x_2)|}{2^{6nl} \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij}^{6n}} \\ &\leq \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mu S}{2^{6n(l+N)} \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij}^{6n}} \\ &\leq \mu S 2^{6n} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{6nl}} \\ &= \mu S \frac{2^{12n}}{2^{6n} - 1} = \delta \end{aligned}$$

for all $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$. If $\sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij}^{6n} \geq \frac{1}{2^{6n}}$, then

$$\frac{|\Gamma f(2^l x_1, 2^l x_2)|}{\sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij}^{6n}} \leq \frac{2^{12n}}{2^{6n} - 1} \mu S = \delta.$$

Therefore, f fulfills (4.7) for all $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Now, suppose contrary to our claim, that there are a number $\gamma \in [0, \infty)$ and a multi-sextic function $\mathcal{S} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$|f(r_1, \dots, r_n) - \mathcal{S}(r_1, \dots, r_n)| < \gamma \sum_{j=1}^n r_j^6.$$

Without loss of generality, one can take a number $b \in [0, \infty)$ so that $\gamma \sum_{j=1}^n r_j^6 \leq b \prod_{j=1}^n r_j^6$. Hence, $|f(r_1, \dots, r_n) - \mathcal{S}(r_1, \dots, r_n)| < b \prod_{j=1}^n r_j^6$ for all $(r_1, \dots, r_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$. By Proposition 4.6, there exists a constant $c \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\mathcal{S}(r_1, \dots, r_n) = c \prod_{j=1}^n r_j^6$, and thus

$$(4.9) \quad f(r_1, \dots, r_n) \leq (|c| + b) \prod_{j=1}^n r_j^6$$

for all $(r_1, \dots, r_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$. On the other hand, consider $p \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $(p + 1)\mu > |c| + b$. If $r = (r_1, \dots, r_n)$ belongs to \mathbb{R}^n such that $r_j \in (0, \frac{1}{2^p})$ for all $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, then $2^l r_j \in (0, 1)$ for all $l = 0, 1, \dots, p$. Thus, we get

$$\begin{aligned} f(r_1, \dots, r_n) &= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{\psi(2^l r_1, \dots, 2^l r_n)}{2^{6nl}} \\ &= \sum_{l=0}^p \frac{\mu 2^{6nl} \prod_{j=1}^n r_j^6}{2^{6nl}} \\ &= (p + 1)\mu \prod_{j=1}^n r_j^6 > (|c| + b) \prod_{j=1}^n r_j^6. \end{aligned}$$

The relation above leads us to a contradiction with (4.9).

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