

Higher Ternary Jordan Derivations on Ternary Algebras

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Abstract: We prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of higher ternary Jordan derivations in ternary algebras associated with the Cauchy functional equation by applying a version of the fixed point Theorem.

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INTRODUCTION

A ternary algebra is a real or complex linear space, endowed with a linear mapping, the so-called a ternary product, $(x, y, z) \rightarrow [xyz]$ of $A \times A \times A$ into A such that $[[xyz]tu] = [x[yxt]u] = [xy[ztu]]$ for all $x, y, z, t, u \in A$.

If (A, \cdot) is a usual binary algebra, then an induced ternary multiplication can be defined by $[xyz] = (x, y) \cdot z$. Hence, the ternary algebra is a natural generalization of the binary case. If a ternary algebra $(A, [])$ has a unit, i.e., an element $e \in A$ such that $x = [xee] = [eex]$ for all $x \in A$, then A with the binary product $x \cdot y = [xey]$ is a usual algebra.

The ternary algebras were studied in the nineteenth century. Their structures appeared more or less naturally in various domains of mathematical physics and data processing. The discovery of the Nambu mechanics and the progress of quantum mechanics Nambu, (1973), as well as work of S. Okubo Okubo, (1993) on Yang-Baxter equations resulted in significant development on ternary algebras (see also [1,4,29,35,36,37,50,52]).

A normed ternary algebra is a ternary algebra with a norm $\| \cdot \|$ such that $\|[xyz]\| \leq \|x\| \|y\| \|z\|$ for all $x, y, z \in A$. A Banach ternary algebra is a normed 2000 Mathematical Subject Classification. 39B52; 39B82; 46B99; 17A40. ternary algebra such that the normed linear space with norm $\| \cdot \|$ is complete. Assume that A and B are real or complex ternary algebras. A linear map $h : A \rightarrow B$ is said to be a ternary homomorphism if $h[xyz] = [h(x)h(y)h(z)]$ holds for all $x, y, z \in A$.

A linear mapping $D : A \rightarrow B$ is called a ternary Jordan derivation if

$$D([xxx]) = [d(x)xx] + [xD(x)x] + [xxD(x)] \text{ for all } x \in A.$$

Let \mathbb{N} be the natural numbers. For $m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} = \mathbb{N}_0$, a sequence

$H = \{h_0, h_1, \dots, h_m\}$ (resp. $H = \{h_0, h_1, \dots, h_n, \dots\}$) of linear mappings from A into B is called a higher

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ternary Jordan derivation of rank m (resp. infinite rank) from A into B if

$$h_n[xxx] = \sum_{i+j+k=n} [h_i(x)h_j(x)h_k(x)]$$

holds for each $n \in \{0, 1, \dots, m\}$ (resp. $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$) and all $x \in A$.

We say that a functional equation (ξ) is stable if any function g satisfying the equation (ξ)

approximately is near to true solution of (ξ) . We say that a functional equation is superstable if every approximate solution is an exact solution of it.

The stability of functional equations was first introduced by (S.M. Ulam, 1940; Hyers, 1941) gave a partial solution of Ulam's problem for the case of approximate additive mappings in the context of Banach spaces. In T. Aoki, (1950) was the second author to treat this problem for additive mappings (see also Bourgin, 1949). In Th. M. Rassias, (1978) generalized the Theorem of Hyers by considering the stability problem with unbounded Cauchy differences

$$\|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \varepsilon (\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p), \quad (\varepsilon > 0, p \in [0, 1])$$

This phenomenon of stability that was

introduced by Th. M. Rassias, (1978) is called the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability (Eshaghi Gordji, 2010; 2009; Eshaghi Gordji and Savadkouhi, 2010; Eshaghi Gordji, *et al.*, 2009; Eshaghi Gordji and Khodaei, 2009; Eshaghi Gordji, *et al.*, 2009; Eshaghi Gordji, *et al.*, 2010; Eshaghi Gordji, *et al.*, 2008; Eshaghi Gordji, *et al.*, 2010; Eshaghi Gordji, *et al.*, 2009; 2009; Eshaghi Gordji and Najati, 2010; Eshaghi Gordji, *et al.*, 2009; Eshaghi Gordji, *et al.*, 2009; Eshaghi Gordji, *et al.*, 2009; 2009; Eshaghi Gordji, M., Savadkouhi, 2009; Eshaghi Gordji, *et al.*, 2009; 2009; Eshaghi Gordji, M., Savadkouhi, 2009; Eshaghi Gordji *et al.*, 2010; 2010; 2010; Eshaghi Gordji and Bavand Savadkouhi, 2009; G vruta, 2010; Ghaemi and Alizadeh, 2010; Khodaei and Rassias, 2010; Khodaei and Kamyar, 2010; Park, *et al.*, 2010; Park and Najati, 2010; Park and Rassias, 2010; Rassias, 2000; 2000; 1993; Shakeri, 2010). In Gavruta, (1992). generalized the Th. M. Rassias Theorem as follows:

Suppose $(G, +)$ is an abelian group, X is a Banach space $\varphi : G \times G \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ satisfying

$$\tilde{\varphi}(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{-n} \varphi(2^n x, 2^n y) < \infty \text{ for all } x, y \in G. \text{ If } G \rightarrow X \text{ is a mapping with}$$

$$\|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \varphi(x, y) \text{ for all } x, y \in G, \text{ then there exists a unique mapping } T : G \rightarrow X \text{ such that}$$

$$T(x+y) = T(x) + T(y) \text{ and } \|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \tilde{\varphi}(x, x) \text{ for all } x, y \in G.$$

Throughout this paper, A denote a ternary algebra, B is a Banach ternary algebra, X denote a linear space, and Y represents a Banach space.

Main results:

We start our work with a known fixed point Theorem.

Theorem 2.1. Let (X, d) be a complete generalized metric space and $J : X \rightarrow X$ be a strictly contractive mapping, that is,

$$d(Jx, Jy) \leq Ld(x, y) \quad (x, y \in X)$$

for some $L < 1$. Then, for each fixed element $x \in X$, either

$$d(J^n x, J^{n+1} x) = +\infty, \text{ for all } n \geq 0$$

or

$$d(J^n x, J^{n+1} x) < +\infty, \text{ for all } n \geq n_0$$

for some n_0 . Moreover, if the second alternative holds, then:

(i) The sequence $J^n x$ is convergent to a fixed point y^* of J ;

(ii) y^* is the unique fixed point of J in the set $Y = \{y \in X : d(J^{n_0} x, y) < +\infty\}$ and

$$d(y, y^*) \leq \frac{1}{1-L} d(y, Jy) \quad (x, y \in Y)$$

We need the following lemma in the proof of our main result.

Lemma 2.2. Let $0 \leq L < 1$ and $\lambda \geq 0$ be given numbers, and $\psi : X \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ has the property

$$\psi(x) \leq \lambda L \psi\left(\frac{x}{\lambda}\right)$$

for all $x \in X$. Assume that $S = \{g : X \rightarrow Y : g(0) = 0\}$ and the generalized metric d on S is defined by

$$d(g, h) = \inf \left\{ c \in (0, \infty) : \|g(x) - h(x)\| \leq c\psi(x), \forall x \in X \right\}$$

Then the mapping $J : S \rightarrow S$ given by $Jg(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda} g(\lambda x)$ is a strictly contractive mapping.

Proof. It is easy to see that (S, d) is complete. For arbitrary elements $g, h \in S$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(g, h) < c &\Rightarrow \|g(x) - h(x)\| \leq c\psi(x), x \in X \Rightarrow \left\| \frac{1}{\lambda} g(\lambda x) - \frac{1}{\lambda} h(\lambda x) \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\lambda} c\psi(\lambda x), x \in X \Rightarrow \left\| \frac{1}{\lambda} g(\lambda x) - \frac{1}{\lambda} h(\lambda x) \right\| \\ &\leq Lc\psi(x), x \in X \Rightarrow d(Jg, Jh) \leq Lc. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $d(Jg, Jh) \leq Ld(g, h), g, h \in S$.

Hence, J is a strictly contractive mapping on S with the Lipschits constant L .

Theorem 2.3. Let $\varphi : A^5 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a control function such that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\varphi(2^n x, 2^n y, 2^n u, 2^n u, 2^n u)}{2^n} = 0$$

for all $x, y, u \in A$. Suppose that $F = \{f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n, \dots\}$ is a sequence of mapping from A into B such that

$f_n(0) = 0$ and

$$\left\| f_n(\lambda x + y + [uuu]) - \lambda f_n(x) - f_n(y) - \sum_{i+j+k=n} [f_i(u) f_j(u) f_k(u)] \right\| \tag{2.1}$$

$$\leq \varphi(x, y, u, u, u)$$

for all $x, y, u \in A, n \in \mathbb{N}_0, \lambda \in \Delta = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$ Assume that there exists $0 \leq L < 1$ such that the

mapping $\psi(x) = \varphi\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2}, 0, 0, 0\right)$ has the property

$$\psi(x) \leq 2L\psi\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \tag{2.2}$$

for all $x \in A$. Then there exists a unique higher ternary Jordan derivation $H = \{h_0, h_1, \dots, h_n, \dots\}$ of any rank from A into B such that

$$\|f_n(x) - h_n(x)\| \leq \frac{L}{1-L} \psi(x)$$

for each $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and for all $x \in A$.

Proof. Setting $\lambda=1, y=x$ and $u=0$ in (2.1) to get

$$\|f_n(2x) - 2f_n(x)\| \leq \varphi(x, x, 0, 0, 0). \tag{2.3}$$

It follows from (2.2) and (2.3) that

$$\left\| \frac{1}{2}f_n(2x) - f_n(x) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2}\varphi(2x) \leq L\psi(x)$$

For all $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and $x \in A$. So, $d(f_n, Tf_n) \leq L < \infty$, where the mapping T is defined on

$$S = \{g_n : A \rightarrow B : g_n(0) = 0\}$$

by $(Tg_n)(x) = \frac{1}{2}g_n(2x)$ and is a strictly contractive function as in lemma 2.2.

Applying the fixed point alternative, we deduce the existence of a mapping $h_n : A \rightarrow B$ such that h_n is a fixed point of T that is $h_n(2x) = 2h_n(x)$ for all $x \in A$. Since $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(T^m f_n, h_n) = 0$, it follows that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f_n(2^m x)}{2^m} = h_n(x)$$

for all $x \in A, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$. The mapping h_n is the unique fixed point of T in the set

$$U = \{g_n \in S : d(f_n, g_n) < \infty\}.$$

Hence, h_n is the unique fixed point of T such that

$$\|f_n(x) - h_n(x)\| \leq K\psi(x)$$

for some $K > 0$ and for all $x \in A$. Again, by applying the fixed point

alternative Theorem, we infer that

$$d(f_n, h_n) \leq \frac{1}{1-L} d(f_n, Tf_n) \leq \frac{L}{1-L},$$

so

$$\|f_n(x) - h_n(x)\| \leq \frac{L}{1-L} \varphi\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2}, 0, 0, 0\right)$$

for all $x \in A, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$. It follows from (2.1) that

$$\|f_n(\lambda x + y) - \lambda f_n(x) - f_n(y)\| \leq \varphi(x, y, 0, 0, 0)$$

By replacing x and y in the previous inequality with $2^m x$ and $2^m y$, respectively, dividing both side by 2^m and taking $m \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$h_n(\lambda x + y) = \lambda h_n(x) + h_n(y)$$

for all $\lambda \in \Delta$ and all $x, y \in A$.

Now, let $\lambda \in \mathbb{Q} (\lambda \neq 0)$ and let K be a natural number greater than $4|\lambda|$. Then $\left|\frac{\lambda}{K}\right| < \frac{1}{4} < 1 - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$.

According to Kadison and Pedersen, (1985) Theorem 1, there exists numbers $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in \Delta$ such that

$$3 \frac{\lambda}{K} = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 .$$

By the additivity of each $h_n, n \in \square_0$, we get $h_n\left(\frac{1}{3}x\right) = \frac{1}{3}h_n(x)$ for each $n \in \square_0$ and all $x \in A$.

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} h_n(\lambda x) &= h_n\left(\frac{K}{3} \cdot 3 \cdot \frac{\lambda}{K} x\right) = \frac{K}{3} h_n\left(3 \cdot \frac{\lambda}{K} x\right) = \frac{K}{3} h_n(\lambda_1 x + \lambda_2 x + \lambda_3 x) \\ &= \frac{K}{3} (h_n(\lambda_1 x) + h_n(\lambda_2 x) + h_n(\lambda_3 x)) \\ &= \frac{K}{3} (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3) h_n(x) = \lambda h_n(x) \end{aligned}$$

for each $n \in \square_0$ and all $x \in A$, so that h_n is \square -linear for each $n \in \square_0$

Next, we need to show that the sequence $H = \{h_0, h_1, \dots, h_n, \dots\}$ satisfies the identity

$$h_n([uuu]) = \sum_{i+j+k=n} [h_i(u)h_j(u)h_k(u)] \text{ for each } n \in \square_0 \text{ and all } u \in A. \text{ Putting } x=y=0 \text{ in (2.1)}$$

and

$$D_n(u, u, u) = f_n([uuu]) - \sum_{i+j+k=n} [f_i(u)f_j(u)f_k(u)] \tag{2.5}$$

for each $n \in \square_0$ and all $u \in A$, we see that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{D_n(2^r u, 2^r u, 2^r u)}{2^r} = 0 \tag{2.6}$$

$n \in \square_0$ and all $u \in A$. Using (2.4), (2.5), and (2.6), we get

$$\begin{aligned} h_n([uuu]) &= \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f_n(2^r [uuu])}{2^r} = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f_n([(2^r u)(2^r u)(2^r u)])}{2^{3r}} \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i+j+k=n} [f_i(2^r u)f_j(2^r u)f_k(2^r u)] + D_n(2^r u, 2^r u, 2^r u)}{2^{3r}} \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \sum \left[\frac{1}{2^r} f_i(2^r u) \frac{1}{2^r} f_j(2^r u) \frac{1}{2^r} f_k(2^r u) \right] + \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{D_n(2^r u, 2^r u, 2^r u)}{2^{3r}} \\ &= \sum [h_i(u)h_j(u)h_k(u)]. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the Theorem.

As consequence of the previous Theorem, we show the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of higher ternary Jordan derivations.

Corollary 2. 4. Let $0 \leq p < 1, \alpha, \beta > 0$ and $F = \{f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n, \dots\}$ be a sequence of mapping from A into B satisfying $f_n(0) = 0$ and

$$\left\| f_n(\lambda x + y + [uuu]) - \lambda f_n(x) - f_n(y) - \sum [f_i(u) f_j(u) f_k(u)] \right\| \leq \alpha + \beta (\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p + 3\|u\|^p)$$

for all $\lambda \in \Delta$ and all $x, y, u \in A$. Then there exists a unique higher ternary Jordan derivation

$H = \{h_0, h_1, \dots, h_n, \dots\}$ of any rank from A into B such that

$$\|f_n(x) - h_n(x)\| \leq \frac{\alpha + \beta 2^{1-p} \|x\|^p}{2^{1-p} - 1} \text{ for all } x \in A.$$

Proof. Put $\varphi(x, y, u, u, u) = \alpha + \beta (\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p + 3\|u\|^p)$ and let $L = \frac{1}{2^{1-p}}$ in the previous

Theorem. Then $\psi(x) = \alpha + 2^{1-p} \beta \|x\|^p$ and there exists a sequence with the required property.

$$H = \{h_0, h_1, \dots, h_n, \dots\}$$

In a similar fashion to Theorem 2.3, we can prove the following Theorem.

Theorem 2.5. Let $\varphi: A^5 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a control function such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^n \varphi(2^{-n} x, 2^{-n} y, 2^{-n} u, 2^{-n} u, 2^{-n} u) = 0$$

for all $x, y, u \in A$. Suppose that $F = \{f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n, \dots\}$ is a sequence of mapping from A into B such that

$$f_n(0) = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$\left\| f_n(\lambda x + y + [uuu]) - \lambda f_n(x) - f_n(y) - \sum_{i+j+k=n} [f_i(u) f_j(u) f_k(u)] \right\| \leq \varphi(x, y, u, u, u), \tag{2.7}$$

for all $x, y, u \in A, n \in \square_0, \lambda \in \Delta = \{z \in \square : |z| = 1\}$. Assume that there exists $0 \leq L < 1$ such that the mapping $\psi(x) = \varphi\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2}, 0, 0, 0\right)$ has the property

$$\psi(x) \leq \frac{1}{2} L \psi(2x),$$

for all $x \in A$. Then there exists a unique higher ternary Jordan derivation $H = \{h_0, h_1, \dots, h_n, \dots\}$ of any rank from A into B such that

$$\|f_n(x) - h_n(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{1-L} \psi(x)$$

for each $n \in \square_0$ and for all $x \in A$.

Proof. Setting $\lambda = 1, y = x$, and $u=0$ in (2.7) implies

$$\|f_n(2x) - 2f_n(x)\| \leq \varphi(x, x, 0, 0, 0). \tag{2.8}$$

Replacing x with $\frac{x}{2}$ in (2.8), we obtain

$$\left\| f_n(x) - 2f_n\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \right\| \leq \psi(x)$$

for each $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and $x \in A$. Thus, $d(f_n, Tf_n) \leq L < \infty$, where the mapping T is defined on

$$S = \{g_n : A \rightarrow B : g_n(0) = 0\} \text{ by } (Tg_n)(x) = 2g_n\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right) \text{ and is a strictly contractive function as in lemma 2.2.}$$

Applying the fixed point alternative, we deduce the existence of a mapping $h_n : A \rightarrow B$ such that h_n is a fixed point of T that is $h_n\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right) = \frac{1}{2}h_n(x)$ for all $x \in A$. Since $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(T^m f_n, h_n) = 0$, it follows that $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 2^m f_n(2^{-m}x) = h_n(x)$ for all $x \in A, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$. The mapping h_n is the unique fixed point of T in the set $U = \{g_n \in S : d(f_n, g_n) < \infty\}$. Hence, h_n is the unique fixed point of T such that

$$\|f_n(x) - h_n(x)\| \leq K\psi(x) \text{ for some } K > 0 \text{ and for all } x \in A. \text{ Again, by applying the fixed point alternative}$$

Theorem, we infer that

$$d(f_n, h_n) \leq \frac{1}{1-L} d(f_n, Tf_n) \leq \frac{1}{1-L},$$

so

$$\|f_n(x) - h_n(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{1-L} \varphi\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2}, 0, 0, 0\right)$$

for all $x \in A, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$. The rest is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.3.

The following corollary is similar to corollary 2.4 for the case where $p > 1$.

Corollary 2.6. Let $p > 1, \alpha, \beta > 0$ and $F = \{f_0, f_1, \dots, f_n, \dots\}$ be a sequence of mapping from A into B satisfying $f_n(0) = 0$ and

$$\left\| f_n(\lambda x + y + [uuu]) - \lambda f_n(x) - f_n(y) - \sum [f_i(u) f_j(u) f_k(u)] \right\| \leq \alpha + \beta (\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p + 3\|u\|^p)$$

for all $\lambda \in \Delta$ and all $x, y, u \in A$. Then there exists a unique higher ternary Jordan derivation

$$H = \{h_0, h_1, \dots, h_n, \dots\} \text{ of any rank from } A \text{ into } B \text{ such that}$$

$$\|f_n(x) - h_n(x)\| \leq \frac{\alpha 2^{p-1} + \beta \|x\|^p}{2^{p-1} - 1} \text{ for all } x \in A.$$

Proof. Put $\varphi(x, y, u, u, u) = \alpha + \beta (\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p + 3\|u\|^p)$ and let $L = \frac{1}{2^{p-1}}$ in the previous Theorem. Then $\psi(x) = \alpha + 2^{1-p} \beta \|x\|^p$ and there exists a sequence with the required property.

$$H = \{h_0, h_1, \dots, h_n, \dots\}$$

It is natural to ask whether there exists an approximately higher ternary Jordan derivation that is not a higher ternary Jordan derivation. The following example is a slight modification of an example of Park and Jung Park and Jung, (2008).

Example 2.7. Let X be a compact Hausdorff space and let $(A[\tau])$ be the Banach ternary algebra of complex-valued continuous functions on X under the usual addition of complex-valued continuous functions, the ternary operation $[\rho_1\rho_2\rho_3] = \rho_1 * \rho_2 * \rho_3$, and the supremum norm $\|\cdot\|_\infty$, where $*$ denotes the usual multiplication of complex-valued continuous functions. Assume that $\tau : A \rightarrow A$ is a continuous ternary homomorphism.

We define $f : A \rightarrow A$ by

$$f(x)(a) = \begin{cases} \tau(x)(a)\log|\tau(x)(a)| & \text{if } \tau(x)(a) \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } \tau(x)(a) = 0 \end{cases}$$

for all $x \in A$ and all $a \in A$. It is easy to see that

$$f([xxx]) = [f(x)\tau(x)\tau(x)] + [\tau(x)f(x)\tau(x)] + [\tau(x)\tau(x)f(x)]$$

for all $x \in A$. Let $h_0 = 0, h_n = 0, 1 \leq n \leq m-1$ and $h_m = f$. Then we see that the sequence

$$H = \{h_0, h_1, \dots, h_n, \dots\}$$

satisfies the relation

$$h_n([xxx]) = \sum_{i+j+k=n} [h_i(x)h_j(x)h_k(x)]$$

for all $x \in A$. H is not a higher ternary Jordan derivation on A Park and Jung, (2008). That is, we may regard H as an approximately higher ternary Jordan derivation of rank m on A .

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