



## Stability of a Mixed Type Additive and Quartic Functional Equation

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**Abstract.** In this paper we obtain the general solution of a mixed additive and quartic functional equation. We also prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of this functional equation in random normed spaces.

### 1. Introduction

The problem of stability of functional equations was originally raised by S. M. Ulam [20] in 1940: given a group  $G$ , a metric group  $H$  with metric  $d(\cdot, \cdot)$ , and a  $\epsilon > 0$ , does there exist a  $\delta > 0$  such that if a mapping  $f : G \rightarrow H$  satisfies  $d(f(xy), f(x)f(y)) \leq \delta$  for all  $x, y \in G$ , then a homomorphism  $g : G \rightarrow H$  exists with  $d(f(x), g(x)) \leq \epsilon$  for all  $x \in G$ ? For Banach spaces the Ulam problem was first solved by D. H. Hyers [11] in 1941, which states that if  $\delta > 0$  and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a mapping with Banach spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ , so that

$$\|f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \delta \quad (1)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , then there exists a unique additive mapping  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \delta$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Due to this fact, the additive functional equation  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$  is said to have the Hyers-Ulam stability property on  $X$ . This result was generalized by Aoki [1] for additive mappings and by Rassias [17] for linear mappings by considering an unbounded Cauchy difference. This terminology is also applied to other functional equations which has been studied by many authors (see, for example, [3], [5], [6], [8], [12] and [15]).

Rassias [16] investigated stability properties of the following quartic functional equation

$$f(x + 2y) + f(x - 2y) + 6f(x) = 4f(x + y) + 4f(x - y) + 24f(y).$$

This equation is equivalent to the following

$$f(x + 2y) + f(x - 2y) = 10f(x) + 24f(y) - f(2x) + 4f(x + y) + 4f(x - y). \quad (2)$$

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In [7], Chung and Sahoo determined the general solution of (2) without assuming any regularity conditions on the unknown function. Indeed, they proved that the function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a solution of (2) if and only if  $f(x) = Q(x, x, x, x)$  where the function  $Q : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is symmetric and additive in each variable. The fact that every solution of (2) is even implies that it can be written as follows:

$$f(2x + y) + f(2x - y) = 24f(x) - 6f(y) + 4f(x + y) + 4f(x - y). \quad (3)$$

Lee et al. [13] obtained the general solution of (3) and proved the Hyers-Ulam stability of this equation.

In [9], Eshaghi Gordji introduced and obtained the general solution of the following mixed type additive and quartic functional equation

$$f(2x + y) + f(2x - y) = 4\{f(x + y) + f(x - y)\} - \frac{3}{7}(f(2y) - 2f(y)) + 2f(2x) - 8f(x). \quad (4)$$

He also established the Hyers-Ulam Rassias stability of the above functional equation in real normed spaces. The stability of (4) in non-Archimedean orthogonality spaces is studied in [14] (see also [4]).

In this paper, we present a new form of the functional equation (4) as follows:

$$f(x + 2y) - 4f(x + y) - 4f(x - y) + f(x - 2y) = \frac{12}{7}(f(2y) - 2f(y)) - 6f(x) \quad (5)$$

It is easily verified that the function  $f(x) = \alpha x^4 + \beta x$  is a solution of the functional equation (5). We find out the general solution of (5) and investigate the Hyers-Ulam stability of this functional equation in random normed spaces which our way is different from [10].

## 2. General Solution of (5)

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  be real vector spaces.*

- (i) *If an odd mapping  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  satisfies the functional equation (5), then  $f$  is additive;*
- (ii) *If an even mapping  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  satisfies the functional equation (5), then  $f$  is quartic.*

*Proof.* (i) Letting  $x = y = 0$  in (5), we have  $f(0) = 0$ . Once more, by putting  $x = 0$  in (5), then by oddness of  $f$ , we get

$$f(2y) = 2f(y) \quad (6)$$

for all  $y \in \mathcal{X}$ . Hence (5) can be rewritten as

$$f(x + 2y) + f(x - 2y) = 4[f(x + y) + f(x - y)] - 6f(x) \quad (7)$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $2x$  in (7) and using (6), we have

$$2[f(2x + y) + f(2x - y)] = f(x + y) + f(x - y) + 6f(x) \quad (8)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Interchanging  $x$  into  $y$  in (7), we get

$$f(2x + y) - f(2x - y) = 4[f(x + y) - f(x - y)] - 6f(y) \quad (9)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $-y$  in (9), we have

$$f(2x - y) - f(2x + y) = 4[f(x - y) - f(x + y)] + 6f(y) \quad (10)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Plugging (8) into (10), we obtain

$$4f(2x + y) = 9f(x + y) - 7f(x - y) + 6f(x) - 12f(y) \quad (11)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $y - x$  in (11) and multiplying the result by  $\frac{4}{7}$ , we arrive at

$$4f(2x - y) = \frac{48}{7}f(x - y) - \frac{16}{7}f(x + y) + \frac{24}{7}f(x) + \frac{36}{7}f(y) \quad (12)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Combining the equations (8), (11) and (12) to obtain

$$33f(x + y) - 15f(x - y) = 18f(x) - 48f(y) \quad (13)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Substituting  $x$  by  $2x$  in (8), we have

$$2[f(4x + y) + f(4x - y)] = f(2x + y) + f(2x - y) + 12f(x) \quad (14)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $y + 2x$  in (8), we get

$$4f(4x + y) - 4f(y) = 2f(3x + y) - 2f(x + y) + 12f(x) \quad (15)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Putting  $-y$  instead of  $y$  in (15), we have

$$4f(4x - y) + 4f(y) = 2f(3x - y) - 2f(x - y) + 12f(x) \quad (16)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Adding (15) to (16), we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} &4[f(4x + y) + f(4x - y)] \\ &= 2[f(3x + y) + f(3x - y)] - 2[f(x + y) + f(x - y)] + 24f(x) \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $x - y$  and  $x + y$  in (8), respectively, and combining the results to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &4[f(3x + y) + f(3x - y)] \\ &= -4[f(x + y) + f(x - y)] + 2[f(2x + y) + f(2x - y)] + 24f(x) \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Now, the relations (8) and (18) imply that

$$4[f(3x + y) + f(3x - y)] = -3[f(x + y) + f(x - y)] + 30f(x) \quad (19)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . It follows from (14), (17) and (19) that

$$f(x + y) + f(x - y) = 2f(x) \quad (20)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Substituting  $x, y$  by  $y, x$  in (20), respectively, we obtain

$$f(x + y) - f(x - y) = 2f(y) \quad (21)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . The equalities (20) and (21) show that

$$f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y) \quad (x, y \in X).$$

(ii) Similar to the part (i), we can show that  $f(0) = 0$  and  $f(2y) = 16f(y)$  for all  $y \in X$ . These results imply that (5) is as

$$f(x + 2y) + f(x - 2y) = 4[f(x + y) + f(x - y)] + 24f(y) - 6f(x) \tag{22}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $2x$  in (22), we get

$$f(2x + y) + f(2x - y) = 4[f(x + y) + f(x - y)] + \frac{3}{2}f(2x) - 6f(y) \tag{23}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Since  $f(2x) = 16f(x)$ , the equation (23) is equivalent to the following equation

$$f(2x + y) + f(2x - y) = 4[f(x + y) + f(x - y)] + 24f(x) - 6f(y) \quad (x, y \in X).$$

Therefore  $f$  satisfies (3) and so  $f$  is a quartic mapping.  $\square$

Throughout this paper, we use the abbreviation for the given mapping  $f : X \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  as follows:

$$\mathcal{D}f(x, y) := f(x + 2y) - 4f(x + y) - 4f(x - y) + f(x - 2y) - \frac{12}{7}(f(2y) - 2f(y)) + 6f(x)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

### 3. Stability of (5)

In this section, we state the usual terminology, notations and conventions of the theory of random normed spaces, as in [18] and [19]. The set of all probability distribution functions is denoted by

$$\Delta^+ := \{F : \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty, \infty\} \rightarrow [0, 1] \mid F \text{ is left-continuous}$$

and nondecreasing on  $\mathbb{R}$ ; where  $F(0) = 0$  and  $F(+\infty) = 1\}$ .

Let us define  $D^+ := \{F \in \Delta^+ \mid {}^lF(+\infty) = 1\}$ , where  ${}^lF(x)$  denotes the left limit of the function  $f$  at the point  $x$ . The set  $\Delta^+$  is partially ordered by the usual pointwise ordering of functions, that is,  $F \leq G$  if and only if  $F(t) \leq G(t)$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . The maximal element for  $\Delta^+$  in this order is the distribution function  $\epsilon_0$  given by

$$\epsilon_0(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } t \leq 0 \\ 1, & \text{if } t > 0. \end{cases}$$

**Definition 3.1.** ([18]) A mapping  $\tau : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is said to be a continuous triangular norm (briefly, a continuous  $t$ -norm) if  $\tau$  satisfies the following conditions:

- (i)  $\tau$  is commutative and associative;
- (ii)  $\tau$  is continuous;
- (iii)  $\tau(a, 1) = a$  for all  $a \in [0, 1]$ ;

(iv)  $\tau(a, b) \leq \tau(c, d)$  whenever  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq d$  for all  $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$ .

Typical examples of continuous  $t$ -norms are  $\tau_P(a, b) = ab$ ,  $\tau_M(a, b) = \min\{a, b\}$  and  $\tau_L(a, b) = \max\{a + b - 1, 0\}$ .

**Definition 3.2.** ([19]) A random normed space (briefly, RN-space) is a triple  $(X, \mu, \tau)$ , where  $X$  is a vector space,  $\tau$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm, and  $\mu$  is a mapping from  $X$  into  $D^+$  such that the following conditions hold:

- (RN1)  $\mu_x(t) = \epsilon_0(t)$  for all  $t > 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ ;
- (RN2)  $\mu_{\alpha x}(t) = \mu_x(t/|\alpha|)$  for all  $x \in X$ ,  $\alpha \neq 0$  and all  $t \geq 0$ ;
- (RN3)  $\mu_{x+y}(t+s) \geq \tau(\mu_x(t), \mu_y(s))$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $t, s \geq 0$ .

Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed space. Define the mapping  $\mu : X \rightarrow D^+$  via  $\mu_x(t) = \frac{t}{t+\|x\|}$  for all  $x \in X$  and all  $t \geq 0$ . Then  $(X, \mu, \tau_M)$  is a random normed space.

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $(X, \mu, \tau)$  be an RN-space.

- (1) A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to be convergent to a point  $x \in X$  if, for every  $t > 0$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a positive integer  $N$  such that  $\mu_{x_n-x}(t) > 1 - \epsilon$  whenever  $n \geq N$ ;
- (2) A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is called a Cauchy sequence if, for every  $t > 0$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a positive integer  $N$  such that  $\mu_{x_n-x_m}(t) > 1 - \epsilon$  whenever  $n \geq m \geq N$ ;
- (3) An RN-space  $(X, \mu, \tau)$  is said to be complete if and only if every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  is convergent to a point in  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** ([18]) If  $(X, \mu, \tau)$  is an RN-space and  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_{x_n}(t) = \mu_x(t)$ .

For a  $t$ -norm  $\tau$  and a given sequence  $\{a_n\}$  in  $[0, 1]$ , we define  $\tau_{j=1}^n a_j$  recursively by  $\tau_{j=1}^1 a_j = a_1$  and  $\tau_{j=1}^n a_j = \tau(\tau_{j=1}^{n-1} a_j, a_n)$  for all  $n \geq 2$ . We now prove the stability of the functional equation (5) in the setting of random normed spaces.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $X$  be a linear space,  $(Z, \Lambda, \tau_M)$  be an RN-space and  $(Y, \mu, \tau_M)$  be a complete RN-space. Suppose that  $\psi : X \times X \rightarrow Z$  is a mapping such that for some  $0 < \alpha < 16$ ,

$$\Lambda_{\psi(0,2x)}(t) \geq \Lambda_{\alpha\psi(0,x)}(t) \quad (x \in X, t > 0) \tag{24}$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Lambda_{\psi(2^n x, 2^n y)}(16^n t) = 1 \quad (x, y \in X, t > 0). \tag{25}$$

If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an even mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  and

$$\mu_{\mathcal{D}f(x,y)}(t) \geq \Lambda_{\psi(x,y)}(t) \tag{26}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $t > 0$ , then there exists a unique quartic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\mu_{f(x)-Q(x)}(t) \geq \Lambda_{\psi(0,x)}\left(\frac{2(16-\alpha)}{7}t\right) \tag{27}$$

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

*Proof.* Replacing  $(x, y)$  by  $(0, x)$  in (26), then by evenness of  $f$ , we have

$$\mu\left(\frac{2}{7}f(2x) - \frac{32}{7}f(x)\right)(t) \geq \Lambda_{\psi(0,x)}(t)$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ . Thus

$$\mu\left(\frac{1}{16}f(2x) - f(x)\right)(t) \geq \Lambda_{\psi(0,x)}\left(\frac{32}{7}t\right) \tag{28}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ . Substituting  $x$  by  $2^n x$  in (28) and applying (24), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mu\left(\frac{f(2^{n+1}x)}{16^{n+1}} - \frac{f(2^n x)}{16^n}\right)(t) &\geq \Lambda_{\psi(0,2^n x)}\left(\frac{32}{7}16^n t\right) \\ &\geq \Lambda_{\alpha^n \psi(0,x)}\left(\frac{32}{7}16^n t\right) \\ &\geq \Lambda_{\psi(0,x)}\left(\frac{32}{7}\left(\frac{16}{\alpha}\right)^n t\right) \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  and all non-negative integers  $n$ . Using the inequality (29), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mu\left(\frac{f(2^n x)}{16^n} - f(x)\right)\left(\frac{7t}{32} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{\alpha}{16}\right)^j\right) &= \mu\left(\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{f(2^{j+1}x)}{16^{j+1}} - \frac{f(2^j x)}{16^j}\right)\right)\left(\frac{7}{32} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{\alpha}{16}\right)^j t\right) \\ &\geq (\tau_M)_{j=0}^{n-1} \left(\mu\left(\frac{f(2^{j+1}x)}{16^{j+1}} - \frac{f(2^j x)}{16^j}\right)\left(\frac{7}{32} \left(\frac{\alpha}{16}\right)^j t\right)\right) \\ &= \mu\left(\frac{1}{16}f(2x) - f(x)\right)\left(\frac{7}{32}t\right) \\ &\geq \Lambda_{\psi(0,x)}(t) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  and all non-negative integers  $n$ . In other words,

$$\mu\left(\frac{f(2^n x)}{16^n} - f(x)\right)(t) \geq \Lambda_{\psi(0,x)}\left(\frac{t}{\frac{7}{32} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{\alpha}{16}\right)^j}\right) \tag{30}$$

Intchanging  $x$  into  $2^l x$  in (30), we have

$$\mu\left(\frac{f(2^{n+l}x)}{16^{n+l}} - \frac{f(2^l x)}{16^l}\right)(t) \geq \Lambda_{\psi(0,x)}\left(\frac{t}{\left(\frac{7}{32} \sum_{j=l}^{l+n} \left(\frac{\alpha}{16}\right)^j\right)}\right) \tag{31}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  and all integers  $n \geq l \geq 0$ . Due to the convergence of  $\sum_{j=l}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha}{16}\right)^j$ , we see that  $\Lambda_{\psi(0,x)}\left(\frac{t}{\left(\frac{7}{32} \sum_{j=l}^{l+n} \left(\frac{\alpha}{16}\right)^j\right)}\right)$  goes to 1 as  $l$  and  $n$  tend to infinity, and so  $\left\{\frac{f(2^n x)}{16^n}\right\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $(\mathcal{Y}, \mu, \tau_M)$ . The completeness of  $(\mathcal{Y}, \mu, \tau_M)$  as a RN-space implies that the mentioned sequence converges to some point  $Q(x) \in \mathcal{Y}$ . It follows from (30) that for each  $\epsilon > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{(Q(x)-f(x))}(t + \epsilon) &\geq \tau_M\left(\mu_{(Q(x)-\frac{f(2^n x)}{16^n})}(\epsilon), \mu_{\left(\frac{f(2^n x)}{16^n} - f(x)\right)}(t)\right) \\ &\geq \tau_M\left(\mu_{(Q(x)-\frac{f(2^n x)}{16^n})}(\epsilon), \Lambda_{\psi(0,x)}\left(\frac{t}{\left(\frac{7}{32} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{\alpha}{16}\right)^j\right)}\right)\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ . Taking  $n$  to infinity in the above inequality, we deduce that

$$\mu_{(Q(x)-f(x))}(t+\epsilon) \geq \Lambda_{\psi(0,x)}\left(\frac{2(16-\alpha)}{7}t\right) \quad (32)$$

Taking  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  in (32), we get (27). Also, the inequality (26) implies that

$$\mu_{\frac{1}{16^n}\mathcal{D}f(2^n x, 2^n y)}(t) \geq \Lambda_{\psi(2^n x, 2^n y)}(16^n t) \quad (33)$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$  and all  $t > 0$ . Letting  $n$  to infinity in (33), by (25), and the part (ii) of Lemma 2.1, we observe that the mapping  $Q$  is quartic. If  $\mathcal{P} : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  is another quartic mapping satisfies (27), then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{\left(\frac{\mathcal{P}(2^n x)}{16^n} - \frac{Q(2^n x)}{16^n}\right)}(t) &\geq \min\left\{\mu_{\left(\frac{f(2^n x)}{16^n} - \frac{Q(2^n x)}{16^n}\right)}\left(\frac{t}{2}\right), \mu_{\left(\frac{\mathcal{P}(2^n x)}{16^n} - \frac{f(2^n x)}{16^n}\right)}\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)\right\} \\ &\geq \Lambda_{(\psi(0, 2^n x))}\left(16^n \frac{(16-\alpha)t}{7}\right) \\ &\geq \Lambda_{(\psi(0, x))}\left(\left(\frac{16}{\alpha}\right)^n \frac{(16-\alpha)t}{7}\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{\mathcal{P}(x)-Q(x)}(t) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_{\left(\frac{\mathcal{P}(2^n x)}{16^n} - \frac{Q(2^n x)}{16^n}\right)}(t) \\ &\geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Lambda_{(\psi(0, x))}\left(\left(\frac{16}{\alpha}\right)^n \frac{(16-\alpha)t}{7}\right) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

The above relations show that  $Q(x) = \mathcal{P}(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.6.** Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a linear space,  $(\mathcal{Z}, \Lambda, \tau_M)$  be an RN-space and let  $(\mathcal{Y}, \mu, \tau_M)$  be a complete RN-space. Let  $r, s$  be real numbers such that  $r, s \in [0, 4)$  and  $z_0 \in \mathcal{Z}$ . If  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  is an even mapping such that

$$\mu_{\mathcal{D}f(x,y)}(t) \geq \Lambda_{(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^s)z_0}(t) \quad (34)$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$  and all  $t > 0$ , then there exists a unique quartic mapping  $Q : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  satisfying

$$\mu_{f(x)-Q(x)}(t) \geq \Lambda_{\|x\|^s z_0}\left(\frac{2(16-2^s)}{7}t\right)$$

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

*Proof.* Putting  $x = y = 0$  in (34), we observe that  $f(0) = 0$ . Now, by defining  $\psi(x, y) := (\|x\|^r + \|y\|^s)z_0$  and applying Theorem 3.5 when  $\alpha = 2^s$ , we get the desired result.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.7.** Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a linear space,  $(\mathcal{Z}, \Lambda, \tau_M)$  be an RN-space and let  $(\mathcal{Y}, \mu, \tau_M)$  be a complete RN-space. Let  $z_0 \in \mathcal{Z}$  and  $\delta > 0$ . If  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  is an even mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  such that

$$\mu_{\mathcal{D}f(x,y)}(t) \geq \Lambda_{\delta z_0}(t)$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$  and all  $t > 0$ , then there exists a unique quartic mapping  $\mathcal{Q} : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  satisfying

$$\mu_{f(x)-\mathcal{Q}(x)}(t) \geq \Lambda_{\delta z_0} \left( \frac{1}{4}t \right)$$

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

*Proof.* The result follows from Theorem 3.5 if  $\alpha = 2$  and  $\psi(x, y) := \delta z_0$ .  $\square$

In the upcoming result, we prove the superstability of the functional equation (5) under some conditions. Recall that a functional equation is called *superstable* if any approximate solution to the functional equation is a its exact solution.

**Corollary 3.8.** Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a linear space,  $(\mathcal{Z}, \Lambda, \tau_M)$  be an RN-space and  $(\mathcal{Y}, \mu, \tau_M)$  be a complete RN-space. Let  $r, s$  be non-negative real numbers such that  $r + s \neq 4$  and  $z_0 \in \mathcal{Z}$ . If  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  is an even mapping such that

$$\mu_{\mathcal{D}f(x,y)}(t) \geq \Lambda_{\|x\|^r\|y\|^s z_0}(t)$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$  and all  $t > 0$ , then  $f$  is a quartic mapping.

*Proof.* Putting  $\psi(x, y) := \|x\|^r\|y\|^s z_0$  in Theorem 3.5, we have  $f(x) = \frac{f(2^n x)}{16^n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now, by applying the same theorem, we obtain the desired result.  $\square$

We have the following result which is analogous to Theorem 3.5 when  $f$  is an odd mapping. The proof is similar but we bring it.

**Theorem 3.9.** Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a linear space,  $(\mathcal{Z}, \Lambda, \tau_M)$  be an RN-space and  $(\mathcal{Y}, \mu, \tau_M)$  be a complete RN-space. Suppose that  $\psi : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}$  is a mapping such that for some  $0 < \alpha < 2$ ,

$$\Lambda_{\psi(0,2x)}(t) \geq \Lambda_{\alpha\psi(0,x)}(t) \quad (x \in \mathcal{X}, t > 0) \tag{35}$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Lambda_{\psi(2^n x, 2^n y)}(2^n t) = 1 \quad (x, y \in \mathcal{X}, t > 0). \tag{36}$$

If  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  is an odd mapping and

$$\mu_{\mathcal{D}f(x,y)}(t) \geq \Lambda_{\psi(x,y)}(t) \tag{37}$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$  and all  $t > 0$ , then there exists a unique additive mapping  $A : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  such that

$$\mu_{f(x)-A(x)}(t) \geq \Lambda_{\psi(0,x)} \left( \frac{12(2-\alpha)}{7}t \right) \tag{38}$$

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

*Proof.* Similar to the proof of Theorem 3.5, by replacing  $(x, y)$  with  $(0, x)$  in (37) and using the oddness of  $f$ , we get

$$\mu_{\left(\frac{1}{2}f(2x)-f(x)\right)}(t) \geq \Lambda_{\psi(0,x)}\left(\frac{24}{7}t\right) \tag{39}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $2^n x$  in (39) and using (35), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{\left(\frac{f(2^{n+1}x)}{2^{n+1}} - \frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n}\right)}(t) &\geq \Lambda_{\psi(0,2^n x)}\left(\frac{24}{7}2^n t\right) \\ &\geq \Lambda_{\alpha^n \psi(0,x)}\left(\frac{24}{7}2^n t\right) \\ &\geq \Lambda_{\psi(0,x)}\left(\frac{24}{7}\left(\frac{2}{\alpha}\right)^n t\right) \end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  and all non-negative integers  $n$ . Applying the inequality (40), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{\left(\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n} - f(x)\right)}\left(\frac{7t}{24} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^j\right) &= \mu_{\left(\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{f(2^{j+1}x)}{2^{j+1}} - \frac{f(2^j x)}{2^j}\right)\right)}\left(\frac{7}{24} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^j t\right) \\ &\geq (\tau_M)_{j=0}^{n-1} \left(\mu_{\left(\frac{f(2^{j+1}x)}{2^{j+1}} - \frac{f(2^j x)}{2^j}\right)}\left(\frac{7}{24} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^j t\right)\right) \\ &= \mu_{\left(\frac{1}{2}f(2x)-f(x)\right)}\left(\frac{7}{24}t\right) \\ &\geq \Lambda_{\psi(0,x)}(t) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  and all non-negative integers  $n$ . Hence

$$\mu_{\left(\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n} - f(x)\right)}(t) \geq \Lambda_{\psi(0,x)}\left(\frac{t}{\frac{7}{24} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^j}\right) \tag{41}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  and all non-negative integers  $n$ . Substituting  $x$  by  $2^m x$  in (41), we obtain

$$\mu_{\left(\frac{f(2^{n+m}x)}{2^{n+m}} - \frac{f(2^m x)}{2^m}\right)}(t) \geq \Lambda_{\psi(0,x)}\left(\frac{t}{\left(\frac{7}{24} \sum_{j=m}^{m+n} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^j\right)}\right) \tag{42}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  and all integers  $n \geq m \geq 0$ . Since the above series is convergent, the sequence  $\left\{\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n}\right\}$  is Cauchy in  $(\mathcal{Y}, \mu, \tau_M)$ . Now, the completeness of  $(\mathcal{Y}, \mu, \tau_M)$  as a RN-space implies that the mentioned sequence converges to some point  $A(x) \in \mathcal{Y}$ . It follows from (41) that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{(A(x)-f(x))}(t + \epsilon) &\geq \tau_M\left(\mu_{\left(A(x)-\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n}\right)}(\epsilon), \mu_{\left(\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n} - f(x)\right)}(t)\right) \\ &\geq \tau_M\left(\mu_{\left(A(x)-\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n}\right)}(\epsilon), \Lambda_{\psi(0,x)}\left(\frac{t}{\left(\frac{7}{24} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^j\right)}\right)\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  in which  $\epsilon > 0$ . Taking  $n$  to infinity in the above inequality, we have

$$\mu_{(A(x)-f(x))}(t + \epsilon) \geq \Lambda_{\psi(0,x)}\left(\frac{12(2 - \alpha)}{7}t\right) \tag{43}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ . Taking  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  in (43), we see that the inequality (38) holds. Also, the inequality (37) implies that

$$\mu_{\frac{1}{2^n} \mathcal{D}f(2^n x, 2^n y)}(t) \geq \Lambda_{\psi(2^n x, 2^n y)}(2^n t) \tag{44}$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$  and all  $t > 0$ . Letting  $n$  to infinity in (44), by (36) and the part (i) of Lemma 2.1, we see that the mapping  $A$  is additive. Now, similar to the proof of Theorem 3.5, one can complete the rest of the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.10.** *Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a linear space,  $(\mathcal{Z}, \Lambda, \tau_M)$  be an RN-space and let  $(\mathcal{Y}, \mu, \tau_M)$  be a complete RN-space. Let  $r, s$  be real numbers such that  $r, s \in [0, 1)$  and  $z_0 \in \mathcal{Z}$ . If  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  is an odd mapping such that*

$$\mu_{\mathcal{D}f(x,y)}(t) \geq \Lambda_{(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^s)z_0}(t)$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$  and all  $t > 0$ , then there exists a unique additive mapping  $A : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  satisfying

$$\mu_{f(x)-Q(x)}(t) \geq \Lambda_{\|x\|^s z_0} \left( \frac{12(2-2^s)}{7} t \right)$$

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

*Proof.* Defining  $\psi(x, y) := (\|x\|^r + \|y\|^s)z_0$  and using Theorem 3.9, we get the desired result.  $\square$

The following result analogous to Corollary 3.8 for additive functional equations. Since the proof is similar, it is omitted.

**Corollary 3.11.** *Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a linear space,  $(\mathcal{Z}, \Lambda, \tau_M)$  be an RN-space and  $(\mathcal{Y}, \mu, \tau_M)$  be a complete RN-space. Let  $r, s$  be non-negative real numbers such that  $r + s \neq 1$  and  $z_0 \in \mathcal{Z}$ . If  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  is an odd mapping such that*

$$\mu_{\mathcal{D}f(x,y)}(t) \geq \Lambda_{\|x\|^r \|y\|^s z_0}(t)$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$  and all  $t > 0$ , then  $f$  is a additive mapping.

**Theorem 3.12.** *Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a linear space,  $(\mathcal{Z}, \Lambda, \tau_M)$  be an RN-space and  $(\mathcal{Y}, \mu, \tau_M)$  be a complete RN-space. Suppose that  $\psi : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}$  is a mapping such that  $\psi(x, y) = \psi(-x, -y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$  and for some  $0 < \alpha < 2$ ,*

$$\Lambda_{\psi(0,2x)}(t) \geq \Lambda_{\alpha\psi(0,x)}(t) \quad (x \in \mathcal{X}, t > 0) \tag{45}$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Lambda_{\psi(2^n x, 2^n y)}(2^n t) = 1 \quad (x, y \in \mathcal{X}, t > 0). \tag{46}$$

If  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  is a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  and

$$\mu_{\mathcal{D}f(x,y)}(t) \geq \Lambda_{\psi(x,y)}(t) \tag{47}$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$  and all  $t > 0$ , then there exists a unique additive mapping  $A : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  and a unique quartic mapping  $Q : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  such that

$$\mu_{f(x)-A(x)-Q(x)}(t) \geq \min \left\{ \Lambda_{\psi(0,x)} \left( \frac{16-\alpha}{7} t \right), \Lambda_{\psi(0,x)} \left( \frac{6(2-\alpha)}{7} t \right) \right\} \tag{48}$$

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

*Proof.* We decompose  $f$  into the even part and odd part by setting

$$f_e(x) = \frac{f(x) + f(-x)}{2}, \quad f_o(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(-x)}{2}.$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ . Obviously,  $f(x) = f_e(x) + f_o(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{\mathcal{D}f_e(x,y)}(t) &= \mu_{\left(\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{D}f(x,y) + \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{D}f(-x,-y)\right)}(t) \geq \tau_M \left( \mu_{\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{D}f(x,y)}\left(\frac{t}{2}\right), \mu_{\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{D}f(-x,-y)}\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) \right) \\ &= \tau_M \left( \mu_{\mathcal{D}f(x,y)}(t), \mu_{\mathcal{D}f(-x,-y)}(t) \right) \\ &\geq \tau_M \left( \Lambda_{\psi(x,y)}(t), \Lambda_{\psi(-x,-y)}(t) \right) \\ &= \Lambda_{\psi(x,y)}(t). \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$  and all  $t > 0$ . Similarly, one can show that  $\mu_{\mathcal{D}f_e(x,y)}(t) \geq \Lambda_{\psi(x,y)}(t)$ . By Theorems 3.5 and 3.9, there exists a unique quartic mapping  $Q : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  and a unique additive mapping  $A : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  such that

$$\mu_{f_e(x)-Q(x)}(t) \geq \Lambda_{\psi(0,x)}\left(\frac{2(16-\alpha)}{7}t\right) \text{ and } \mu_{f_o(x)-A(x)}(t) \geq \Lambda_{\psi(0,x)}\left(\frac{12(2-\alpha)}{7}t\right) \tag{49}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  and all  $t > 0$ . The relations in(49) implies that

$$\mu_{f(x)-A(x)-Q(x)}(t) \geq \tau_M \left( \mu_{f_e(x)-Q(x)}\left(\frac{t}{2}\right), \mu_{f_o(x)-A(x)}\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) \right) \tag{50}$$

$$\geq \tau_M \left( \Lambda_{\psi(0,x)}\left(\frac{16-\alpha}{7}t\right), \Lambda_{\psi(0,x)}\left(\frac{6(2-\alpha)}{7}t\right) \right) \tag{51}$$

$$= \min \left\{ \Lambda_{\psi(0,x)}\left(\frac{16-\alpha}{7}t\right), \Lambda_{\psi(0,x)}\left(\frac{6(2-\alpha)}{7}t\right) \right\} \tag{52}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  and all  $t > 0$ . This finishes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.13.** *Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a linear space,  $(\mathcal{Z}, \Lambda, \tau_M)$  be an RN-space and let  $(\mathcal{Y}, \mu, \tau_M)$  be a complete RN-space. Let  $r, s$  be real numbers such that  $r, s \in [0, 1)$  and  $z_0 \in \mathcal{Z}$ . If  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  is an mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  such that*

$$\mu_{\mathcal{D}f(x,y)}(t) \geq \Lambda_{(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^s)z_0}(t)$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$  and all  $t > 0$ , then there exists a unique additive mapping  $A : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  and a unique quartic mapping  $Q : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  satisfying

$$\mu_{f(x)-A(x)-Q(x)}(t) \geq \min \left\{ \Lambda_{\|x\|^s z_0} \left( \frac{16-2^s}{7}t \right), \Lambda_{\|x\|^r z_0} \left( \frac{6(2-2^s)}{7}t \right) \right\}$$

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

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