# Measure zero stability problem for Jensen type functional equations

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#### **Abstract**

In this paper, using the Baire category theorem we investigate the Hyers-Ulam stability problem of Jensen type functional equations on a set of Lebesgue measure zero. As a consequence, we obtain an asymptotic behavior of the equations.

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### 1. Results

Throughout the paper, we denote by  $\mathbb{R}$ , X and Y be the set of real numbers, a real normed space and a real Banach space, respectively, d>0 and  $\epsilon\geq 0$  be fixed. A mapping  $f:X\to Y$  is called *the Jensen type functional equations* if f satisfies the equations

$$f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) = 0, (1.1)$$

$$f(x+y) - f(x-y) - 2f(y) = 0 (1.2)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . A mapping  $f: X \to Y$  is called an additive mapping if f satisfies f(x+y)-f(x)-f(y)=0 for all  $x, y \in X$ . The stability problems for functional equations have been originated by Ulam in 1940 (see [31]). One of the first assertions to be obtained is the following result, essentially due to Hyers [17] that gives an answer to the question of Ulam.

**Theorem 1.1.** Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be fixed. Suppose that  $f: X \to Y$  satisfies the functional inequality

$$||f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)|| \le \epsilon$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $A: X \to Y$  satisfying

$$||f(x) - A(x)|| \le \epsilon$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

The terminology *domain* means a subset of  $X \times X$ . Let  $f: X \to Y$ , d > 0 and  $\epsilon \ge 0$ . Among the numerous results on Ulam-Hyers stability theorem for functional equations (e.g. [17], [19], [20], [24], [26], [27], [30]) there are various interesting results which deal with the stability of functional equations in restricted domains ([2], [3], [5], [7], [13], [15], [21], [24]). In particular, J. Chung, D. Kim and J. M. Rassias prove the Ulam-Hyers stability of the Jensen type functional equation (1.1) and (1.2), i.e., the stability of the inequalities

$$||f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x)|| \le \epsilon,$$
 (1.3)

$$||f(x+y) - f(x-y) - 2f(y)|| \le \epsilon$$
 (1.4)

for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $||x|| + ||y|| \ge d$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** Suppose that  $f: X \to Y$  satisfies the functional inequality (1.3) for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $||x|| + ||y|| \ge d$ . Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $A: X \to Y$  such that

$$||f(x) - A(x) - f(0)|| \le \frac{5}{2}\epsilon$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

**Theorem 1.3.** Suppose that  $f: X \to Y$  satisfies the functional inequality (1.4) for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $||x|| + ||y|| \ge d$  and

$$||f(x) + f(-x)|| \le 3\epsilon$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $||x|| + ||y|| \ge d$ . Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $A: X \to Y$  such that

$$||f(x) - A(x)|| \le \frac{33}{2}\epsilon$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

It is very natural to ask if the restricted domain  $\Omega_d := \{(x, y) : ||x|| + ||y|| \ge d\}$  in Theorem 1.2 and 1.3 can be replaced by a smaller subset  $\Gamma_d \subset \Omega_d$  (e.g. a subset of measure 0 in a measure space X)(see [13] for the quadratic functional equation).

In this paper we consider the Ulam-Hyers stability of the Jensen type functional equations (1.1) and (1.2) in restricted domains  $\Omega \subset X \times X$  satisfying the condition (C<sub>1</sub>) and (C<sub>2</sub>): For given  $(x, y) \in X$ , there exists a  $t \in X$  such that

(C<sub>1</sub>) 
$$\{(x+y, -x+y+t), (x, -x+t), (y, y+t), (0, t)\} \subset \Omega,$$

(C<sub>2</sub>) 
$$\{(-x+y+t, x+y), (y+t, y), (-x+t, x)\} \subset \Omega,$$

respectively.

From now on we assume that  $\Omega$  satisfies the condition  $(C_1)$  and  $(C_2)$ . As main results we prove the following.

**Theorem 1.4.** Suppose that  $f: X \to Y$  satisfies the inequality

$$||f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x)|| < \epsilon$$
 (1.5)

for all  $(x, y) \in \Omega$ . Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $A: X \to Y$  such that

$$||f(x) - A(x) - f(0)|| \le 2\epsilon$$
 (1.6)

for all  $x \in X$ .

**Theorem 1.5.** Suppose that  $f: X \to Y$  satisfies the inequality

$$||f(x+y) - f(x-y) - 2f(y)|| \le \epsilon \tag{1.7}$$

for all  $(x, y) \in \Omega$ . Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $A: X \to Y$  such that

$$||f(x) - A(x)|| \le \frac{3}{2}\epsilon \tag{1.8}$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

Note that the set  $\{(x, y) \in X \times X : ||x|| + ||y|| \ge d\}$  satisfies the condition  $(C_1)$  and  $(C_2)$ . In particular, if  $X = \mathbb{R}$  we prove the following.

**Theorem 1.6.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$  and  $B \subset \mathbb{R}$ . Assume that  $B^c := \mathbb{R} \setminus B$  is of the first category. Then there is a rotation  $\Gamma$  of  $B^2 := B \times B$  such that for any  $d \geq 0$  the set  $\Gamma_d := \Gamma \cap \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : |x| + |y| \geq d\}$  satisfies the condition  $(C_1)$  and  $(C_2)$ .

As a consequence of Theorem 1.6 we find a set  $\Gamma_d$  of  $R_d := \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : |x| + |y| \ge d\}$  of 2-dimensional Lebesgue zero satisfying the condition  $(C_1)$  and  $(C_2)$ , we obtain an asymptotic behavior of  $f : \mathbb{R} \to Y$  satisfying

$$||f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x)|| \to 0,$$
 (1.9)

and that of  $f: \mathbb{R} \to Y$ 

$$||f(x+y) - f(x-y) - 2f(y)|| \to 0,$$
 (1.10)

as  $|x| + |y| \to \infty$  only for (x, y) in a set of Lebesgue measure zero in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Theorem 1.7.** Suppose that  $f : \mathbb{R} \to Y$  satisfies the condition (1.9). Then f(x) - f(0) is an unique additive mapping.

**Theorem 1.8.** Suppose that  $f : \mathbb{R} \to Y$  satisfies the condition (1.10). Then f(x) is an unique additive mapping.

# 2. Proofs

*Proof of Theorem 1.4.* Replacing (x, y) by (x + y, x + y + t), (x, y) by (x, -x + t), (x, y) by (y, y + t) and (x, y) by (0, t) in (1.5), respectively. Then we have

$$||f(2y+t) + f(2x-t) - 2f(x+y)|| \le \epsilon \tag{2.11}$$

$$||f(t) + f(2x - t) - 2f(x)|| \le \epsilon$$
 (2.12)

$$||f(-t) + f(2y+t) - 2f(y)|| \le \epsilon \tag{2.13}$$

$$||f(t) + f(-t) - 2f(0)|| \le \epsilon \tag{2.14}$$

for all  $x, y, t \in X$ .  $\Omega$  satisfies the condition  $(C_1)$ , it follows from (1.5) that for given  $x, y \in X$ , there exist  $t \in X$  such that  $(2.1) \sim (2.4)$ . Then we have the following inequality

$$||2f(x+y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y) + 2f(0)||$$

$$= ||2f(x+y) - f(2y+t) + f(2y+t) - f(2x-t) + f(2x-t) - 2f(x) + f(t) - f(t) - 2f(y) - f(-t) + f(-t) + 2f(0)||$$

$$\leq ||f(2y+t) + f(2x-t) - 2f(x+y)|| + ||f(t) + f(2x-t) - 2f(x)||$$

$$||f(-t) + f(2y+t) - 2f(y)|| + ||f(t) + f(-t) - 2f(0)|| \leq 4\epsilon$$

for all  $x, y, t \in X$ . Dividing (2.5) by 2 we have

$$||f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y) + f(0)|| < 2\epsilon$$
(2.16)

for all  $x, y \in X$ . By theorem 1.1, there exist additive mapping  $A: X \to Y$  such that

$$||f(x) - A(x) - f(0)|| < 2\epsilon$$
 (2.17)

for all  $x \in X$ . This completes the proof.

Proof of Theorem 1.5. Replacing (x, y) by (-x + y + t, x + y), (x, y) by (-x + t, x) and (x, y) by (y + t, y) in (1.6), respectively. Then we have

$$||f(2y+t) - f(-2x+t) - 2f(x+y)|| \le \epsilon \tag{2.18}$$

$$||f(t) - f(-2x + t) - 2f(x)|| \le \epsilon \tag{2.19}$$

$$||f(2y+t) - f(t) - 2f(y)|| \le \epsilon$$
 (2.20)

for all  $x, y, t \in X$ .  $\Omega$  satisfies the condition  $(C_2)$ , it follows from (1.6) that for given  $x, y \in X$ , there exist  $t \in X$  such that (2.8)  $\sim$  (2.10). Then we have the following inequality

$$||2f(x+y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y) + 2f(0)||$$

$$= ||2f(x+y) - f(2y+t) + f(2y+t) - f(-2x+t) + f(2x+t)$$

$$- 2f(x) + f(t) - f(t) - 2f(y) + 2f(0)||$$

$$\leq ||f(2y+t) - f(-2x+t) - 2f(x+y)|| + ||f(t) - f(-2x+t) - 2f(x)||$$

$$||f(2y+t) - f(t) - 2f(y)|| \leq 3\epsilon$$
(2.21)

for all  $x, y, t \in X$ . Dividing (2.11) by 2 we have

$$||f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)|| \le \frac{3}{2}\epsilon$$
 (2.22)

for all  $x, y \in X$ . By theorem 1.1, there exist additive mapping  $A: X \to Y$  such that

$$||f(x) - A(x)|| \le \frac{3}{2}\epsilon \tag{2.23}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . This completes the proof.

**Definition 2.1.** A subset K of a topological space E is said to be of the first category if K is a countable union of nowhere dense subsets of E, and otherwise it is said to be of the second category.

**Theorem 2.2.** (Baire category theorem) Every nonempty open subset of a compact Hausdorff space or a complete metric space is of the second category.

For the proof of the following Lemma 2.3 we refer the reader to [9, Lemma 2.3].

**Lemma 2.3.** Let B be a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $B^c := \mathbb{R} \setminus B$  is of the first category. Then, for any countable subsets  $U \subset \mathbb{R}$ ,  $V \subset \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  and M > 0, there exists  $t \geq M$  such that

$$U + tV = \{u + tv : u \in U, v \in V\} \subset B. \tag{2.24}$$

Lemma 2.4. Let

$$R = \left(\begin{array}{cc} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{array}\right)$$

and let  $\Gamma = R^{-1}(B \times B)$  be the rotation of  $B \times B$  by  $R^{-1}$ . Then  $\Gamma_d := \Gamma \cap \{(z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : |z_1| + |z_2| \ge d\}$  satisfies the condition (C<sub>1</sub>) and (C<sub>2</sub>).

Proof. Let

$$P(x, y, t) = \{(x + y, -x + y + t), (x, -x + t), (y, y + t), (0, t)\}$$
 (2.25)

for all  $x, y, t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\Gamma_d$  satisfies  $(C_1)$  if and only if for given  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$R(P(x, y, t)) \subset B \times B$$
 (2.26)

and

$$P(x, y, t) \subset \{(z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : |z_1| + |z_2| \ge d\}.$$
 (2.27)

The inclusion (2.16) is equivalent to

$$W_1(x, y, t) := \bigcup_{\substack{(z_1, z_2) \in P(x, y, t)}} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} z_1 - \frac{1}{2} z_2, \ \frac{1}{2} z_1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} z_2 \right\}.$$
 (2.28)

It is easy to see that

$$W_1(x, y, t) = U + tV (2.29)$$

where

$$U = \left\{ 0, \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{2}x, -\frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{2}x, \frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{2}y, \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{2}y, \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{2}x + \frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{2}y, -\frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{2}x + \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{2}y \right\},$$

$$V = \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right\}.$$

By (2.17) and Lemma 2.3, for given  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  and M > 0 there exists  $t \ge M$  such that

$$W_1(x, y, t) \subset B. \tag{2.30}$$

Now, for given x, y and  $d \ge 0$  if we choose M > 0 such that

$$M \ge d + |x| + |y|,\tag{2.31}$$

then we have

$$P(x, y, t) \subset \{(z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : |z_1| + |z_2| \ge d\}$$
 (2.32)

for all  $t \ge M$ . Thus, it follows from (2.20) and (2.22) that  $\Gamma_d$  satisfies (C<sub>1</sub>). Similarly, let

$$Q(x, y, t) = \{(-x + y + t, x + y), (y + t, y), (-x + t, x)\}$$
 (2.33)

for all  $x, y, t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\Gamma_d$  satisfies (C<sub>2</sub>) if and only if for given  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$R(Q(x, y, t)) \subset B \times B \tag{2.34}$$

and

$$Q(x, y, t) \subset \{(z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : |z_1| + |z_2| \ge d\}. \tag{2.35}$$

The inclusion (2.16) is equivalent to

$$W_2(x, y, t) := \bigcup_{\substack{(z_1, z_2) \in Q(x, y, t)}} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} z_1 - \frac{1}{2} z_2, \ \frac{1}{2} z_1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} z_2 \right\} = U + tV \subset B, \ (2.36)$$

for some  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , where

$$U = \left\{ -\frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2}x, \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2}x, \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2}y, \frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2}y, -\frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2}x + \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2}y, \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2}x + \frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2}y \right\},$$

$$V = \left\{ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right\}.$$

It follows from (2.26) that  $\Gamma_d$  satisfies (C<sub>2</sub>). This completes the proof.

**Remark 2.5.** Similarly, appropriate rotation of 2n-product  $B^{2n}$  of B satisfies the condition  $(C_1)$  and  $(C_2)$  which has 2n-dimensional Lebesgue measure 0.

**Remark 2.6.** The set  $\mathbb{R}$  of real numbers can be partitioned as

$$\mathbb{R} = B \cup (\mathbb{R} \setminus B)$$

where *B* is of Lebesgue measure zero and  $\mathbb{R} \setminus B$  is of the first category [22, Theorem 1.6]. Thus, in view of Theorem 1.6 we can find a subset  $\Gamma_d \subset \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : |x| + |y| \ge d\}$  of Lebesgue measure zero satisfying  $(C_1)$  and  $(C_2)$ .

Now, we obtain the following results.

**Theorem 2.7.** Suppose that  $f: \mathbb{R} \to Y$  satisfies the inequality

$$||f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x)|| \le \epsilon$$

for all  $(x, y) \in \Gamma_d$ . Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $A : \mathbb{R} \to Y$  such that

$$||f(x) - A(x) - f(0)|| \le 2\epsilon$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Theorem 2.8.** Suppose that  $f: \mathbb{R} \to Y$  satisfies the inequality

$$|| f(x + y) - f(x - y) - 2 f(y) || < \epsilon$$

for all  $(x, y) \in \Gamma_d$ . Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $A : \mathbb{R} \to Y$  such that

$$||f(x) - A(x)|| \le \frac{3}{2}\epsilon$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof of Theorem 1.7 and Theorem 1.8.* The condition (1.9) implies that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $d_n > 0$  such that

$$||f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x)|| \le \frac{1}{n}$$
(2.37)

for all  $(x, y) \in \Gamma_{d_n}$ . By Theorem 1.4, there exists a unique additive mapping  $A_n : \mathbb{R} \to Y$  such that

$$||f(x) - A_n(x) - f(0)|| \le \frac{2}{n}$$
 (2.38)

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Replacing n by positive integers m, k in (2.28) and using the triangle inequality with the results we have

$$||A_m(x) - A_k(x)|| \le \frac{2}{m} + \frac{2}{k} \le 4$$
 (2.39)

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . From the additivity of  $A_m$ ,  $A_k$ , it follows that  $A_m = A_k$  for all  $m, k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Letting  $n \to \infty$  in (2.28) we get the result. The proof of Theorem 1.8 is very similar as that of Theorem 1.7. This completes the proof.

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