

# On Stability of Quintic Functional Equations in Random Normed Spaces

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**Abstract.** In this paper, using the direct and fixed point methods, we investigate the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of the quintic functional equation:

$$2f(2x + y) + 2f(2x - y) + f(x + 2y) + f(x - 2y) = 20[f(x + y) + f(x - y)] + 90f(x)$$

in random normed spaces under the minimum  $t$ -norm.

## 1. Introduction

A classical question in stability of functional equations is as follows:

*Under what conditions, is it true that a mapping which approximately satisfies a functional equation  $(\xi)$  must be somehow close to an exact solution of  $(\xi)$ ?*

We say the functional equation  $(\xi)$  is *stable* if any approximate solution of  $(\xi)$  is near to a true solution of  $(\xi)$ .

The study of stability problem for functional equations is related to a question of Ulam [15] concerning the stability of group homomorphisms. The famous Ulam stability problem was partially solved by Hyers [9] for linear functional equation of Banach spaces. Subsequently, the result of Hyers theorem was generalized by Aoki [2] for additive mappings and by Rassias [12] for linear mappings by considering an unbounded Cauchy difference. Cădariu and Radu [3] applied the *fixed point method* to investigation of the Jensen functional equation. They could present a short and a simple proof (different from the *direct method* initiated by Hyers in 1941) for the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of Jensen functional equation and for quadratic functional equation. Their methods are a powerful tool for studying the stability of several functional equations.

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On the other hand, the theory of *random normed spaces* (briefly, *RN-spaces*) is important as a generalization of deterministic result of normed spaces and also in the study of random operator equations. The notion of an *RN-space* corresponds to the situations when we do not know exactly the norm of the point and we know only probabilities of passible values of this norm. The *RN-spaces* may provide us the appropriate tools to study the geometry of nuclear physics and have usefully application in quantum particle physics. A number of papers and research monographs have been published on generalizations of the stability of different functional equations in *RN-spaces* [5, 6, 10, 11, 16].

In the sequel, we use the definitions and notations of a random normed space as in [1, 13, 14].

A function  $F : \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty, +\infty\} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is called a *distribution function* if it is nondecreasing and left-continuous, with  $F(0) = 0$  and  $F(+\infty) = 1$ . The class of all probability distribution functions  $F$  with  $F(0) = 0$  is denoted by  $\Lambda$ .  $D^+$  is a subset of  $\Lambda$  consisting of all functions  $F \in \Lambda$  for which  $F(+\infty) = 1$ , where  $l^-F(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow x^-} F(t)$ . For any  $a \geq 0$ ,  $\epsilon_a$  is the element of  $D^+$ , which is defined by

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

**Definition 1.1.** ([13]) A function  $T : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a continuous triangular norm (briefly, a *t-norm*) if  $T$  satisfies the following conditions:

- (1)  $T$  is commutative and associative;
- (2)  $T$  is continuous;
- (3)  $T(a, 1) = a$  for all  $a \in [0, 1]$ ;
- (4)  $T(a, b) \leq T(c, d)$  whenever  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq d$  for all  $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$ .

Three typical examples of continuous *t-norms* are as follows:

$$T_M(a, b) = \min\{a, b\}, \quad T_P(a, b) = ab, \quad T_L(a, b) = \max\{a + b - 1, 0\}.$$

Recall that, if  $T$  is a *t-norm* and  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence of numbers in  $[0, 1]$ , then  $T_{i=1}^n x_i$  is defined recurrently by  $T_{i=1}^1 x_i = x_1$  and  $T_{i=1}^n x_i = T(T_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i, x_n) = T(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  for each  $n \geq 2$  and  $T_{i=n}^\infty x_n$  is defined as  $T_{i=1}^\infty x_{n+i}$  ([8]).

**Definition 1.2.** ([14]) Let  $X$  be a real linear space,  $\mu$  be a mapping from  $X$  into  $D^+$  (for any  $x \in X$ ,  $\mu(x)$  is denoted by  $\mu_x$ ) and  $T$  be a continuous *t-norm*. The triple  $(X, \mu, T)$  is called a random normed space (briefly *RN-space*) if  $\mu$  satisfies the following conditions:

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

**Example 1.1.** Every normed space  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  defines a *RN-space*  $(X, \mu, T_M)$ , where

$$\mu_x(t) = \frac{t}{t + \|x\|}$$

for all  $t > 0$  and  $T_M$  is the minimum *t-norm*. This space is called the *induced random normed space*.

**Definition 1.3.** Let  $(X, \mu, T)$  be a  $RN$ -space.

(1) A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to be *convergent* to a point  $x \in X$  if, for all  $t > 0$  and  $\lambda > 0$ , there exists a positive integer  $N$  such that

$$\mu_{x_n-x}(t) > 1 - \lambda$$

whenever  $n \geq N$ . In this case,  $x$  is called the *limit* of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  and we denote it by  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_{x_n-x} = 1$ .

(2) A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is called a *Cauchy sequence* if, for all  $t > 0$  and  $\lambda > 0$ , there exists a positive integer  $N$  such that

$$\mu_{x_n-x_m}(t) > 1 - \lambda$$

whenever  $n \geq m \geq N$ .

(3) The  $RN$ -space  $(X, \mu, T)$  is said to be *complete* if every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  is convergent to a point in  $X$ .

**Theorem 1.4.** ([13]) *If  $(X, \mu, T)$  is a  $RN$ -space and  $\{x_n\}$  is a sequence of  $X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_{x_n}(t) = \mu_x(t)$  almost everywhere.*

Recently, Cho et. al. [4] was introduced and proved the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of the following quintic functional equations

$$2f(2x + y) + 2f(2x - y) + f(x + 2y) + f(x - 2y) = 20[f(x + y) + f(x - y)] + 90f(x) \tag{1.1}$$

for fixed  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  with  $k \geq 3$  in quasi- $\beta$ -normed spaces.

**Remark 1.1.** (1) If we put  $x = y = 0$  in the equation (1.1), then  $f(0) = 0$ .

(2)  $f(2^n x) = 2^{5n} f(x)$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

(3)  $f$  is an odd mapping.

Throughout this paper, let  $X$  be a real linear space,  $(Z, \mu', T_M)$  be an  $RN$ -space and  $(Y, \mu, T_M)$  be a complete  $RN$ -space. For any mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , we define

$$Df(x, y) = 2f(2x + y) + 2f(2x - y) + f(x + 2y) + f(x - 2y) - 20[f(x + y) + f(x - y)] - 90f(x)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . In this paper, using the direct and fixed point methods, we investigate the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of the quintic functional equation:

$$2f(2x + y) + 2f(2x - y) + f(x + 2y) + f(x - 2y) = 20[f(x + y) + f(x - y)] + 90f(x)$$

in random normed spaces under the minimum  $t$ -norm.

## 2. Random stability of the functional equation (1.1)

In this section, we investigate the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability problem of the quintic functional equation (1.1) in  $RN$ -spaces in the sense of Scherstnev under the minimum  $t$ -norm  $T_M$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\phi : X^2 \rightarrow Z$  be a function such that, for some  $0 < \alpha < 2^5$ ,*

$$\mu'_{\phi(2x, 2y)}(t) \geq \mu'_{\alpha\phi(x, y)}(t) \tag{2.1}$$

and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu'_{\phi(2^n x, 2^n y)}(2^{5n}t) = 1$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  such that

$$\mu_{Df(x,y)}(t) \geq \mu'_{\phi(x,y)}(t) \tag{2.2}$$

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

$$\mu_{f(x)-Q(x)}(t) \geq \mu'_{\phi(x,0)}\left(2^2(2^5 - \alpha)t\right) \tag{2.3}$$

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

*Proof.* Letting  $y = 0$  in (2.2), we get

$$\mu_{\frac{f(2x)}{2^5} - f(x)}(t) \geq \mu'_{\phi(x,0)}(128t) \tag{2.4}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $2^n x$  in (2.4), we get

$$\mu_{\frac{f(2^{n+1}x)}{2^{5(n+1)}} - \frac{f(2^n x)}{2^{5n}}}(t) \geq \mu'_{\phi(x,0)}\left(\left(\frac{2^5}{\alpha}\right)^n 128t\right)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Since  $\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^{5n}} - f(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{f(2^{j+1}x)}{2^{5(j+1)}} - \frac{f(2^j x)}{2^{5j}}\right)$ ,

$$\mu_{\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^{5n}} - f(x)}\left(\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{128} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2^5}\right)^j t\right) \geq T_{M_{j=0}^{n-1}}(\mu'_{\phi(x,0)}(t)) = \mu'_{\phi(x,0)}(t) \tag{2.5}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Substituting  $x$  by  $2^m x$  in (2.5), we get

$$\mu_{\frac{f(2^{n+m}x)}{2^{5(n+m)}} - \frac{f(2^m x)}{2^{5m}}}(t) \geq \mu'_{\phi(x,0)}\left(\frac{t}{\sum_{j=m}^{n+m-1} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2^5}\right)^j}\right) \tag{2.6}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $n > m \geq 0$ . Since  $\alpha < k^3$ , the sequence  $\left\{\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^{5n}}\right\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in the complete  $RN$ -space  $(Y, \mu, T_M)$  and so it converges to some point  $Q(x) \in Y$ . Fix  $x \in X$  and put  $m = 0$  in (2.6). Then we get

$$\mu_{\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^{5n}} - f(x)}(t) \geq \mu'_{\phi(x,0)}\left(\frac{128t}{\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2^5}\right)^j}\right),$$

and so, for any  $\delta > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mu_{Q(x)-f(x)}(\delta + t) \\ & \geq T_M\left(\mu_{Q(x)-\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^{5n}}}(\delta), \mu_{\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^{5n}}-f(x)}(t)\right) \\ & \geq T_M\left(\mu_{Q(x)-\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^{5n}}}(\delta), \mu'_{\phi(x,0)}\left(\frac{128t}{\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2^5}\right)^j}\right)\right) \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.7), we get

$$\mu_{Q(x)-f(x)}(\delta + t) \geq \mu'_{\phi(x,0)}\left(2^2(2^5 - \alpha)t\right) \tag{2.8}$$

Since  $\delta$  is arbitrary, by taking  $\delta \rightarrow 0$  in (2.8), we have

$$\mu_{Q(x)-f(x)}(t) \geq \mu'_{\phi(x,0)}\left(2^2(2^5 - \alpha)t\right) \tag{2.9}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Therefore, we conclude that the condition (2.3) holds.

Also, replacing  $x$  and  $y$  by  $2^n x$  and  $2^n y$  in (2.2), respectively, we have

$$\mu_{\frac{Df(2^n x, 2^n y)}{2^{5n}}}(t) \geq \mu'_{\phi(2^n x, 2^n y)}(2^{5n}t)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . It follows from  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu'_{\phi(2^n x, 2^n y)}(2^{5n}t) = 1$  that  $Q$  satisfies the equation (1.1), which implies that  $Q$  is a quintic mapping.

To prove the uniqueness of the quintic mapping  $Q$ , let us assume that there exists another mapping  $\tilde{Q} : X \rightarrow Y$  which satisfies (2.3). Fix  $x \in X$ . Then  $Q(2^n x) = 2^{5n}Q(x)$  and  $\tilde{Q}(2^n x) = 2^{5n}\tilde{Q}(x)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Thus it follows from (2.3) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mu_{Q(x)-\tilde{Q}(x)}(t) \\ &= \mu_{\frac{Q(2^n x)}{2^{5n}} - \frac{\tilde{Q}(2^n x)}{2^{5n}}}(t) \\ &\geq T_M\left(\mu_{\frac{Q(2^n x)}{2^{5n}} - \frac{f(2^n x)}{2^{5n}}}\left(\frac{t}{2}\right), \mu_{\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^{5n}} - \frac{\tilde{Q}(2^n x)}{2^{5n}}}\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)\right) \\ &\geq \mu'_{\phi(x,0)}\left(2^2(2^5 - \alpha)\left(\frac{2^5}{\alpha}\right)^n t\right). \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(2^2(2^5 - \alpha)\left(\frac{2^5}{\alpha}\right)^n t\right) = \infty$ , we have  $\mu_{Q(x)-\tilde{Q}(x)}(t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0$ . Thus the quintic mapping  $Q$  is unique. This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $\phi : X^2 \rightarrow Z$  be a function such that, for some  $2^5 < \alpha$ ,

$$\mu'_{\phi(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{y}{2})}(t) \geq \mu'_{\phi(x,y)}(\alpha t) \tag{2.11}$$

and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu'_{2^{5n}\phi(\frac{x}{2^n}, \frac{y}{2^n})}(t) = 1$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  which satisfies (2.2), then there exists a unique cubic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\mu_{f(x)-Q(x)}(t) \geq \mu'_{\phi(x,0)}(2^2(\alpha - 2^5)t) \tag{2.12}$$

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

*Proof.* It follows from (2.2) that

$$\mu_{f(x)-2^5 f(\frac{x}{2})}(t) \geq \mu'_{\phi(x,0)}(2^2 \alpha t) \tag{2.13}$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Applying the triangle inequality and (2.13), we have

$$\mu_{f(x)-2^{5n} f(\frac{x}{2^n})}(t) \geq \mu'_{\phi(x,0)}\left(\frac{2^2 \alpha t}{\sum_{j=m}^{n+m-1} \left(\frac{2^5}{\alpha}\right)^j}\right) \tag{2.14}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $n > m \geq 0$ . Then the sequence  $\{2^{5n} f(\frac{x}{2^n})\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in the complete  $RN$ -space  $(Y, \mu, T_M)$  and so it converges to some point  $Q(x) \in Y$ . We can define a mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  by

$$Q(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{5n} f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Then the mapping  $Q$  satisfies (1.1) and (2.12). The remaining assertion follows the similar proof method in Theorem 2.1. This complete the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.3.** Let  $\theta$  be a nonnegative real number and  $z_0$  be a fixed unit point of  $Z$ . If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  which satisfies

$$\mu_{Df(x,y)}(t) \geq \mu'_{\theta z_0}(t) \tag{2.15}$$

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

$$\mu_{f(x)-C(x)}(t) \geq \mu'_{\theta z_0}(124t) \tag{2.16}$$

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

*Proof.* Let  $\phi : X^2 \rightarrow Z$  be defined by  $\phi(x, y) = \theta z_0$ . Then, the proof follows from Theorem 2.1 by  $\alpha = 1$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let  $p, q \in \mathbb{R}$  be positive real numbers with  $p, q < 5$  and  $z_0$  be a fixed unit point of  $Z$ . If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  which satisfies*

$$\mu_{Df(x,y)}(t) \geq \mu'_{(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^q)z_0}(t) \tag{2.17}$$

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

$$\mu_{f(x)-Q(x)}(t) \geq \mu'_{\|x\|^p z_0}(2^2(2^5 - 2^p)t) \tag{2.18}$$

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

*Proof.* Let  $\phi : X^2 \rightarrow Z$  be defined by  $\phi(x, y) = (\|x\|^p + \|y\|^q)z_0$ . Then the proof follows from Theorem 2.1 by  $\alpha = 2^p$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

Now, we give an example to illustrate that the quintic functional equation (1.1) is not stable for  $r = 5$  in Corollary 2.4

**Example 2.1.** Let  $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} x^5, & \text{for } |x| < 1, \\ 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Consider the function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(2^n x)}{2^{5n}}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f$  satisfies the functional inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & |2f(2x + y) + 2f(2x - y) + f(x + 2y) + f(x - 2y) - 20[f(x + y) + f(x - y)] - 90f(x)| \\ & \leq \frac{136 \cdot 32^2}{31} (|x|^5 + |y|^5) \end{aligned} \tag{2.19}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , but there do not exist a quintic mapping  $Q : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and a constant  $d > 0$  such that

$$|f(x) - Q(x)| \leq d|x|^5$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . In fact, it is clear that  $f$  is bounded by  $\frac{32}{31}$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ . If  $|x|^5 + |y|^5 = 0$ , then (2.19) is trivial. If  $|x|^5 + |y|^5 \geq \frac{1}{32}$ , then

$$|Df(x, y)| \leq \frac{136 \cdot 32}{31} \leq \frac{136 \cdot 32^2}{31} (|x|^5 + |y|^5).$$

Now, suppose that  $0 < |x|^5 + |y|^5 < \frac{1}{32}$ . Then there exists a positive integer  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that

$$\frac{1}{32^{k+2}} \leq |x|^5 + |y|^5 < \frac{1}{32^{k+1}}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} & 32^k |x|^5 < \frac{1}{32}, \quad 32^k |y|^5 < \frac{1}{32}, \\ & 2^n(2x + y), 2^n(2x - y), 2^n(x + 2y), 2^n(x - 2y), 2^n(x - y), 2^n x \in (-1, 1) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\phi(2^n(2x + y)) + 2\phi(2^n(2x - y)) + \phi(2^n(x + 2y)) \\ &\quad + \phi(2^n(x - 2y)) - 20[\phi(2^n(x + y)) + \phi(2^n(x - y))] - 90\phi(2^n x) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $n = 0, 1, \dots, k - 1$ . Thus we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &|Df(x, y)| \\ &\leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{5n}} |\phi(2^n(2x + y)) + 2\phi(2^n(2x - y)) + \phi(2^n(x + 2y)) \\ &\quad + \phi(2^n(x - 2y)) - 20[\phi(2^n(x + y)) + \phi(2^n(x - y))] - 90\phi(2^n x)| \\ &\leq \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{5n}} |\phi(2^n(2x + y)) + 2\phi(2^n(2x - y)) + \phi(2^n(x + 2y)) \\ &\quad + \phi(2^n(x - 2y)) - 20[\phi(2^n(x + y)) + \phi(2^n(x - y))] - 90\phi(2^n x)| \\ &\leq \frac{136 \cdot 32^2}{31} (|x|^5 + |y|^5). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $f$  satisfies (2.19).

Now, we claim that the quintic functional equation (1.1) is not stable for  $r = 5$  in Corollary 2.4. Suppose on the contrary that there exists a quintic mapping  $Q : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and constant  $d > 0$  such that

$$|f(x) - Q(x)| \leq d|x|^5$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $f$  is bounded and continuous for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $Q$  is bounded on any open interval containing the origin and continuous at the origin. In view of Theorem 2.1,  $Q$  must have  $Q(x) = cx^5$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . So, we obtain

$$|f(x)| \leq (d + |c|)|x|^5 \tag{2.20}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $m + 1 > d + |c|$ .

If  $x$  is in  $(0, 2^{-m})$ , then  $2^n x \in (0, 1)$  for  $n = 0, 1, \dots, m$ . For this  $x$ , we have

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(2^n)}{2^{5n}} \geq \sum_{n=0}^m \frac{(2^n x)^5}{2^{5n}} = (m + 1)x^5 > (d + |c|)|x|^5,$$

which contradiction (2.20).

**Remark 2.1.** In Corollary 2.4, if we assume that

$$\phi(x, y) = \|x\|^r \|y\|^r z_0$$

or

$$\phi(x, y) = (\|x\|^r \|y\|^s + \|x\|^{r+s} + \|y\|^{r+s})z_0,$$

then we have Ulam-Gavuta-Rassias product stability and JMRassias mixed product-sum stability, respectively.

Next, we apply a fixed point method for the generalized Hyer-Ulam stability of the functional equation (1.1) in  $RN$ -spaces. The following Theorem will be used in the proof of Theorem 2.6.

**Theorem 2.5.** ([7]) *Suppose that  $(\Omega, d)$  is a complete generalized metric space and  $J : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  is a strictly contractive mapping with Lipschitz constant  $L < 1$ . Then, for each  $x \in \Omega$ , either  $d(J^n x, J^{n+1} x) = \infty$  for all nonnegative integers  $n \geq 0$  or there exists a natural number  $n_0$  such that*

- (1)  $d(J^n x, J^{n+1} x) < \infty$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ ;
- (2) the sequence  $\{J^n x\}$  is convergent to a fixed point  $y^*$  of  $J$ ;
- (3)  $y^*$  is the unique fixed point of  $J$  in the set  $\Lambda = \{y \in \Omega : d(J^{n_0} x, y) < \infty\}$ ;
- (4)  $d(y, y^*) \leq \frac{1}{1-L} d(y, Jy)$  for all  $y \in \Lambda$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $\phi : X^2 \rightarrow D^+$  be a function such that, for some  $0 < \alpha < 2^5$ ,*

$$\mu'_{\phi(x,y)}(t) \leq \mu'_{\phi(2x,2y)}(\alpha t) \tag{2.21}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  such that

$$\mu_{D(x,y)}(t) \geq \mu'_{\phi(x,y)}(t) \tag{2.22}$$

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

$$\mu_{f(x)-Q(x)}(t) \geq \mu'_{\phi(x,y)}(2^2(2^5 - \alpha)t) \tag{2.23}$$

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

*Proof.* It follows from (2.22) that

$$\mu_{f(x)-\frac{f(2x)}{2^5}}(t) \geq \mu'_{\phi(x,0)}(128t) \tag{2.24}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Let  $\Omega = \{g : X \rightarrow Y, g(x) = 0\}$  and the mapping  $d$  defined on  $\Omega$  by

$$d(g, h) = \inf\{c \in [0, \infty) : \mu_{g(x)-h(x)}(ct) \geq \mu'_{\phi(x,0)}(t), \forall x \in X\}$$

where, as usual,  $\inf \emptyset = -\infty$ . Then  $(\Omega, d)$  is a generalized complete metric space (see [10]). Now, let us consider the mapping  $J : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  defined by

$$Jg(x) = \frac{1}{2^5}g(2x)$$

for all  $g \in \Omega$  and  $x \in X$ . Let  $g, h$  in  $\Omega$  and  $c \in [0, \infty)$  be an arbitrary constant with  $d(g, h) < c$ . Then  $\mu_{g(x)-h(x)}(ct) \geq \mu'_{\phi(x,0)}(t)$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$  and so

$$\mu_{Jg(x)-Jh(x)}\left(\frac{\alpha ct}{2^5}\right) = \mu_{g(2x)-h(2x)}(\alpha ct) \geq \mu'_{\phi(x,0)}(t) \tag{2.25}$$

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

$$d(Jg, Jh) \leq \frac{\alpha c}{2^5} \leq \frac{\alpha}{2^5} d(g, h)$$

for all  $g, h \in \Omega$ . Then  $J$  is a contractive mapping on  $\Omega$  with the Lipschitz constant  $L = \frac{\alpha}{2^5} < 1$ . Thus it follows from Theorem 2.5 that there exists a mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$ , which is a unique fixed point of  $J$  in the set  $\Omega_1 = \{g \in \Omega : d(f, g) < \infty\}$ , such that

$$Q(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(2^n x)}{2^{5n}}$$

for all  $x \in X$  since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(J^n f, Q) = 0$ . Also, from  $\mu_{f(x)-\frac{f(2x)}{2^5}}(t) \geq \mu'_{\phi(x,0)}(128t)$ , it follows that  $d(f, Jf) \leq \frac{1}{128}$ . Therefore, using Theorem 2.5 again, we get

$$d(f, Q) \leq \frac{1}{1-L} d(f, Jf) \leq \frac{1}{2^2(2^5 - \alpha)}.$$

This means that

$$\mu_{f(x)-Q(x)}(t) \geq \mu'_{\phi(x,0)}(2^2(2^5 - \alpha)t)$$

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

Also, replacing  $x$  and  $y$  by  $2^n x$  and  $2^n y$  in (2.22), respectively, we have

$$\mu_{DQ(x,y)}(t) \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu'_{\phi(2^n x, 2^n y)}(2^{5n}t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu'_{\phi(x,y)}\left(\left(\frac{2^5}{\alpha}\right)^n t\right) = 1$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . By (RN1), the mapping  $Q$  is quintic.

To prove the uniqueness, let us assume that there exists a quintic mapping  $Q' : X \rightarrow Y$  which satisfies (2.23). Then  $Q'$  is a fixed point of  $J$  in  $\Omega_1$ . However, it follows from Theorem 2.5 that  $J$  has only one fixed point in  $\Omega_1$ . Hence  $Q = Q'$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $\phi : X^2 \rightarrow D^+$  be a function such that, for some  $0 < 2^5 < \alpha$ ,*

$$\mu'_{\phi(x,y)}(t) \leq \mu'_{\phi(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{y}{2})}(\alpha t) \tag{2.26}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  which satisfies (2.22), then there exists a unique quintic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\mu_{f(x)-Q(x)}(t) \geq \mu'_{\phi(x,0)}(2^2(\alpha - 2^5)t) \tag{2.27}$$

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

*Proof.* By a modification in the proofs of Theorem 2.2 and 2.6, we can easily obtain the desired results. This completes the proof.  $\square$

Now, we present a corollary that is an application of Theorem 2.6 and 2.7 in the classical case.

**Corollary 2.8.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space,  $\epsilon$  and  $p$  be positive real numbers with  $p \neq 5$ . Assume that  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  which satisfies*

$$\|Df(x, y)\| \leq \epsilon(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exists a unique quintic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\|Q(x) - f(x)\| \leq \frac{\epsilon\|x\|^p}{2^2|2^5 - 2^p|}$$

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

*Proof.* Define  $\mu : X \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$\mu_x(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t}{t+\|x\|}, & \text{if } t > 0, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $(X, \mu, T_M)$  is a complete RN-space. Denote  $\phi : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$\phi(x, y) = \epsilon(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . It follows from  $\|Df(x, y)\| \leq \theta(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p)$  that

$$\mu_{Df(x,y)}(t) \geq \mu'_{\phi(x,y)}(t)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ , where  $\mu' : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$\mu'_x(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t}{t+|x|}, & \text{if } t > 0, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

is a random norm on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then all the conditions of Theorems 2.6 and 2.7 hold and so there exists a unique quintic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow X$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{t}{t + \|Q(x) - f(x)\|} &= \mu_{Q(x)-f(x)}(t) \\ &\geq \mu'_{\phi(x,0)}(2^2|2^5 - \alpha|t) = \frac{2^2|2^5 - \alpha|t}{2^2|2^5 - \alpha|t + \epsilon\|x\|^p}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we obtain the desired result, where  $\alpha = 2^p$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

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