

# On the stability of 3-Lie homomorphisms and 3-Lie derivations

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of 3-Lie homomorphisms in 3-Lie algebras for Cauchy-Jensen functional equation. We also prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of 3-Lie derivations on 3-Lie algebras for Cauchy-Jensen functional equation.

## 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

The stability problem of functional equations had been first raised by Ulam [21]. In 1941, Hyers [10] gave a first affirmative answer to the question of Ulam for Banach spaces. The generalizations of this result have been published by Aoki [2] for  $(0 < p < 1)$ , Rassias [19] for  $(p < 0)$  and Gajda [8] for  $(p > 1)$  for additive mappings and linear mappings by a general control function  $\theta(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p)$ , respectively. In 1994, Găvruta [9] generalized these theorems for approximate additive mappings controlled by the unbounded Cauchy difference with regular conditions, i.e., who replaced  $\theta(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p)$  by a general control function  $\varphi(x, y)$ . Several stability problems for various functional equations have been investigated in [1, 4, 6, 7, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20].

A Lie algebra is a Banach algebra endowed with the Lie product

$$[x, y] := \frac{(xy - yx)}{2}.$$

Similarly, a 3-Lie algebra is a Banach algebra endowed with the product

$$[[x, y], z] := \frac{[x, y]z - z[x, y]}{2}.$$

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two 3-Lie algebras. A  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear mapping  $H : A \rightarrow B$  is called a 3-Lie homomorphism if

$$H([[x, y], z]) = [[H(x), H(y)], H(z)]$$

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for all  $x, y, z \in A$ . A  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear mapping  $D : A \rightarrow A$  is called a 3-Lie derivation if

$$D\left([x, y, z]\right) = [[D(x), y], z] + [[x, D(y)], z] + [[x, y, ], D(z)]$$

for all  $x, y, z \in A$  (see [22]).

Throughout this paper, we suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are two 3-Lie algebras. For convenience, we use the following abbreviation for a given mapping  $f : A \rightarrow B$

$$D_\mu f(x, y, z) := f\left(\frac{\mu x + \mu y}{2} + \mu z\right) + f\left(\frac{\mu x + \mu z}{2} + \mu y\right) + f\left(\frac{\mu y + \mu z}{2} + \mu x\right) - 2\mu f(x) - 2\mu f(y) - 2\mu f(z)$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1 := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : |\lambda| = 1\}$  and all  $x, y, z \in A$ .

Throughout this paper, assume that  $A$  is a 3-Lie algebra with norm  $\|\cdot\|$  and that  $B$  is a 3-Lie algebra with norm  $\|\cdot\|$ .

## 2. STABILITY OF 3-LIE HOMOMORPHISMS IN 3-LIE ALGEBRAS

We need the following lemmas which have been given in for proving the main results.

**Lemma 2.1.** ([11]) *Let  $X$  be a uniquely 2-divisible abelian group and  $Y$  be linear space. A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies*

$$f\left(\frac{x+y}{2} + z\right) + f\left(\frac{x+z}{2} + y\right) + f\left(\frac{y+z}{2} + x\right) = 2[f(x) + f(y) + f(z)] \tag{2.1}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  if and only if  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is additive.

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be linear spaces and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping such that*

$$D_\mu f(x, y, z) = 0 \tag{2.2}$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$  and all  $x, y, z \in A$ . Then the mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear.

*Proof.* By Lemma 2.2,  $f$  is additive. Letting  $y = z = 0$  in (2.1), we get  $2f\left(\mu\frac{x}{2}\right) = \mu f(x)$  and so  $f(\mu x) = \mu f(x)$  for all  $x \in X$  and all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ . By the same reasoning as in the proof of [13, Theorem 2.1], the mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear. □

In the following, we investigate the Hyers-Ulam stability of (2.1).

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $\varphi : A^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function such that*

$$\tilde{\varphi}(x, y, z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \varphi(2^n x, 2^n y, 2^n z) < \infty \tag{2.3}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in A$ . Suppose that  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is a mapping satisfying

$$\|D_\mu f(x, y, z)\| \leq \varphi(x, y, z), \tag{2.4}$$

$$\|f([x, y, z]) - [[f(x), f(y)], f(z)]\| \leq \varphi(x, y, z) \tag{2.5}$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$  and all  $x, y, z \in A$ . Then there exists a unique 3-Lie homomorphism  $H : A \rightarrow B$  such that

$$\|f(x) - H(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{6} \tilde{\varphi}(x, x, x) \tag{2.6}$$

for all  $x \in A$ .

*Proof.* Letting  $\mu = 1$  and  $x = y = z$  in (2.4), we get

$$\|3f(2x) - 6f(x)\| \leq \varphi(x, x, x) \tag{2.7}$$

for all  $x \in A$ . If we replace  $x$  by  $2^n x$  in (2.7) and divide both sides by  $3 \cdot 2^{n+1}$ . then we get

$$\left\| \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} f(2^{n+1}x) - \frac{1}{2^n} f(2^n x) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{3 \cdot 2^{n+1}} \varphi(2^n x, 2^n x, 2^n x)$$

for all  $x \in A$  and all nonnegative integers  $n$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} f(2^{n+1}x) - \frac{1}{2^m} f(2^m x) \right\| &= \left\| \sum_{k=m}^n \left[ \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} f(2^{k+1}x) - \frac{1}{2^k} f(2^k x) \right] \right\| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=m}^n \left\| \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} f(2^{k+1}x) - \frac{1}{2^k} f(2^k x) \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{6} \sum_{k=m}^n \frac{1}{2^k} \varphi(2^k x, 2^k x, 2^k x) \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

for all  $x \in A$  and all nonnegative integers  $n \geq m \geq 0$ . It follows from (2.3) and (2.8) that the sequence  $\{\frac{1}{2^n} f(2^n x)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $B$  for all  $x \in A$ . Since  $B$  is complete, the sequence  $\{\frac{1}{2^n} f(2^n x)\}$  converges for all  $x \in A$ . Thus one can define the mapping  $H : A \rightarrow B$  by

$$H(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} f(2^n x)$$

for all  $x \in A$ . Moreover, letting  $m = 0$  and passing the limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.8), we get (2.6). It follows from (2.3) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|D_\mu H(x, y, z)\| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \|D_\mu f(2^n x, 2^n y, 2^n z)\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \varphi(2^n x, 2^n y, 2^n z) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in A$  and all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ . So  $D_\mu H(x, y, z) = 0$  for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$  and all  $x, y, z \in A$ . By Lemma 2.2, the mapping  $H : A \rightarrow B$  is  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear.

It follows from (2.5) that

$$\begin{aligned} &\|H([x, y], z) - [[H(x), H(y)], H(z)]\| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{8^n} \|f([2^n x, 2^n y], 2^n z) - [[f(2^n x), f(2^n y)], f(2^n z)]\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{8^n} \varphi(2^n x, 2^n y, 2^n z) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \varphi(2^n x, 2^n y, 2^n z) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in A$ . Thus

$$H([x, y], z) = [[H(x), H(y)], H(z)]$$

for all  $x, y, z \in A$ .

Therefore, the mapping  $H : A \rightarrow B$  is a 3-Lie homomorphism. □

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let  $\varepsilon, \theta, p_1, p_2, p_3, q_1, q_2, q_3$  be positive real numbers such that  $p_1, p_2, p_3 < 1$  and  $q_1, q_2, q_3 < 3$ . Suppose that  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is a mapping such that*

$$\|D_\mu f(x, y, z)\| \leq \theta(\|x\|^{p_1} + \|y\|^{p_2} + \|z\|^{p_3}), \tag{2.9}$$

$$\|f([[x, y], z]) - [[f(y), f(z)], f(x)]\| \leq \varepsilon(\|x\|^{q_1} + \|y\|^{q_2} + \|z\|^{q_3}) \tag{2.10}$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$  and all  $x, y, z \in A$ . Then there exists a unique 3-Lie homomorphism  $H : A \rightarrow B$  such that

$$\|f(x) - H(x)\| \leq \frac{\theta}{3} \left\{ \frac{1}{2 - 2^{p_1}} \|x\|^{p_1} + \frac{1}{2 - 2^{p_2}} \|x\|^{p_2} + \frac{1}{2 - 2^{p_3}} \|x\|^{p_3} \right\}$$

for all  $x \in A$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $\Phi : A^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function such that*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 8^n \psi\left(\frac{x}{2^n}, \frac{y}{2^n}, \frac{z}{2^n}\right) < \infty \tag{2.11}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in A$ . Suppose that  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is a mapping such that

$$\|D_\mu f(x, y, z)\|_B \leq \psi(x, y, z),$$

$$\|f([[x, y], z]) - [[f(x), f(y)], f(z)]\| \leq \psi(x, y, z)$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$  and all  $x, y, z \in A$ . Then there exists a unique 3-Lie homomorphism  $H : A \rightarrow B$  such that

$$\|f(x) - H(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{6} \tilde{\psi}(x, x, x) \tag{2.12}$$

for all  $x \in A$ , where  $\tilde{\psi}(x, y, z) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^n \psi\left(\frac{x}{2^n}, \frac{y}{2^n}, \frac{z}{2^n}\right)$  for all  $x, y, z \in A$ .

*Proof.* By the same reasoning as in the proof of Theorem 2.3, there exists a unique 3-Lie homomorphism  $H : A \rightarrow B$  satisfying (2.12). The mapping  $H : A \times A \rightarrow B$  is given by

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

The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.3 □

**Corollary 2.6.** *Let  $\varepsilon, \theta, p_1, p_2, p_3, q_1, q_2$  and  $q_3$  be non-negative real numbers such that  $p_1, p_2, p_3 > 1$  and  $q_1, q_2, q_3 > 3$ . Suppose that  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is a mapping satisfying (2.9) and (2.10). Then there exists a unique 3-Lie homomorphism  $H : A \rightarrow B$  such that*

$$\|f(x) - H(x)\| \leq \frac{\theta}{3} \left\{ \frac{1}{2^{p_1} - 2} \|x\|^{p_1} + \frac{1}{2^{p_2} - 2} \|x\|^{p_2} + \frac{1}{2^{p_3} - 2} \|x\|^{p_3} \right\}$$

for all  $x \in A$ .

3. STABILITY OF 3-LIE DERIVATIONS ON 3-LIE ALGEBRAS

In this section, we prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of 3-Lie derivations on 3-Lie algebras for the functional equation  $D_\mu f(x, y, z) = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $\varphi : A^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function satisfying (2.3). Suppose that  $f : A \rightarrow A$  is a mapping satisfying*

$$\|D_\mu f(x, y, z)\| \leq \varphi(x, y, z),$$

$$\|f([[x, y], z]) - [[f(x), y], z] - [[x, f(y)], z] - [[x, y], f(z)]\| \leq \varphi(x, y, z) \tag{3.1}$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$  and all  $x, y, z \in A$ . Then there exists a unique 3-Lie derivation  $D : A \rightarrow A$  such that

$$\|f(x) - D(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{6} \tilde{\varphi}(x, x, x) \tag{3.2}$$

for all  $x \in A$ , where  $\tilde{\varphi}$  is given in Theorem 2.3.

*Proof.* By the proof of Theorem 2.3, there exists a unique  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear mapping  $D : A \rightarrow A$  satisfying (3.2) and

$$D(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} f(2^n x)$$

for all  $x \in A$ . It follows from (3.1) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|D([[x, y], z]) - [[D(x), y], z] - [[x, D(y)], z] - [[x, y], D(z)]\| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{8^n} \|f([[2^n x, 2^n y], 2^n z]) - [[f(2^n x), 2^n y], 2^n z] - [[2^n x, f(2^n y)], 2^n z] - [[2^n x, 2^n y], f(2^n z)]\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{8^n} \varphi(2^n x, 2^n y, 2^n z) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in A$ . So

$$D([[x, y], z]) = [[D(x), y], z] + [[x, D(y)], z] + [[x, y], D(z)]$$

for all  $x, y, z \in A$ . Therefore, the mapping  $D : A \rightarrow A$  is a 3-Lie derivation. □

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $\varepsilon, \theta, p_1, p_2, p_3, q_1, q_2, q_3$  be positive real numbers such that  $p_1, p_2, p_3 < 1$  and  $q_1, q_2, q_3 < 3$ . Suppose that  $f : A \rightarrow A$  is a mapping such that*

$$\|D_\mu f(x, y, z)\| \leq \theta(\|x\|^{p_1} + \|y\|^{p_2} + \|z\|^{p_3}), \tag{3.3}$$

$$\|f([[x, y], z]) - [[f(x), y], z] - [[x, f(y)], z] - [[x, y], f(z)]\| \leq \varepsilon(\|x\|^{q_1} + \|y\|^{q_2} + \|z\|^{q_3}) \tag{3.4}$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$  and all  $x, y, z \in A$ . Then there exists a unique 3-Lie derivation  $D : A \rightarrow A$  such that

$$\|f(x) - D(x)\| \leq \frac{\theta}{3} \left\{ \frac{1}{2 - 2^{p_1}} \|x\|^{p_1} + \frac{1}{2 - 2^{p_2}} \|x\|^{p_2} + \frac{1}{2 - 2^{p_3}} \|x\|^{p_3} \right\}$$

for all  $x \in A$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $\psi : A^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function satisfying (2.11). Suppose that  $f : A \rightarrow A$  is a mapping satisfying

$$\|D_\mu f(x, y, z)\| \leq \psi(x, y, z),$$

$$\|f([[x, y], z]) - [[f(x), y], z] - [[x, f(y)], z] - [[x, y], f(z)]\| \leq \psi(x, y, z)$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$  and all  $x, y, z \in A$ . Then there exists a unique 3-Lie derivation  $D : A \rightarrow A$  such that

$$\|f(x) - D(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{6} \tilde{\psi}(x, x, x) \tag{3.5}$$

for all  $x \in A$ , where  $\tilde{\psi}$  is given in Theorem 2.5.

*Proof.* By the proof of Theorem 2.3, there exists a unique  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear mapping  $D : A \rightarrow A$  satisfying (3.5) and

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

for all  $x \in A$ .

The rest of proof is similar to the proof Theorem 3.1. □

**Corollary 3.4.** Let  $\varepsilon, \theta, p_1, p_2, p_3, q_1, q_2$  and  $q_3$  be non-negative real numbers such that  $p_1, p_2, p_3 > 1$  and  $q_1, q_2, q_3 > 3$ . Suppose that  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is a mapping satisfying (3.3) and (3.4). Then there exists a unique 3-Lie derivation  $D : A \rightarrow A$  such that

$$\|f(x) - H(x)\| \leq \frac{\theta}{3} \left\{ \frac{1}{2^{p_1} - 2} \|x\|^{p_1} + \frac{1}{2^{p_2} - 2} \|x\|^{p_2} + \frac{1}{2^{p_3} - 2} \|x\|^{p_3} \right\}$$

for all  $x \in A$ .

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