# Perturbation of *n*-Dimensional Quadratic Functional Equation: A Fixed Point Approach

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#### Abstract

In this paper, the authors investigate the generalized Ulam-Hyers stability of n – dimensional quadratic functional equation

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} g\left(\sum_{j=1}^{i} x_{j}\right) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} (n-i+1)g(x_{i})$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (n-i) \sum_{j=1}^{i} (g(x_{j}+x_{i+1}) - g(x_{j}-x_{i+1}))$$

with  $n \ge 2$  with the help of fixed point method. An application of this functional equation is also discussed.

## **Keywords**

Quadratic functional equation, Generalized Ulam-Hyers stability, JM Rassias stability.

## 1. Introduction

During the last seven decades, the stability problems of several functional equations have been extensively investigated by a number of authors [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]. The terminology generalized Ulam - Hyers stability originates from these historical backgrounds. These terminologies are also applied to the case of other functional equations. For more detailed definitions of such terminologies, one can refer to [8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14].

The solution and stability of following quadratic functional equations

$$f(x+y) + f(x-y) = 2f(x) + 2f(y)$$
(I.1)  
$$f(x+y+z) + f(x) + f(y) + f(z)$$

$$= f(x+y) + f(y+z) + f(x+z), \quad (I.2)$$

$$f(x-y-z) + f(x) + f(y) + f(z)$$
  
= f(x-y) + f(y+z) + f(z-x), (I.3)

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$$f(x+y+z)+f(x-y)+f(y-z)+f(z-x) = 3f(x)+3f(y)+3f(z), \quad (I.4)$$
  
$$f(2x\pm y\pm z)+2f(y)+2f(z) = 2f(x\pm y)+2f(x\pm z)+f(y+z) \quad (I.5)$$

were investigated by S.Czerwik [9], S.M. Jung [15], PL.Kannappan [16], Y.H. Bae, K.W. Jun [17], M.Arunkumar et al., [18] and I.S. Chang, H.M. Kim [20].

Recently, M.Arunkumar et. al., [19] introduced and investigate the general solution and generalized Ulam-Hyers stability of a n – dimensional quadratic functional equation

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} g\left(\sum_{j=1}^{i} x_{j}\right) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} (n-i+1)g(x_{i})$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (n-i) \sum_{j=1}^{i} \left(g(x_{j}+x_{i+1}) - g(x_{j}-x_{i+1})\right)$  (I.6)

with  $n \ge 2$ .

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In this paper, the authors studied the stability of the above functional equation (I.6) using fixed point approach.

## 2. Fixed Point Stability Results

In this section, the authors proved the generalized Ulam - Hyers stability of the n-dimensional quadratic functional equation (I.6) in Banach spaces with the help of fixed point method.

Now we will recall the fundamental results in fixed point theory (see [22, 21]).

**Theorem 2.1:** (*Banach's contraction principle*) Let (X,d) be a complete metric space and consider a mapping  $T: X \rightarrow X$  which is strictly contractive

mapping, that is

 $(A_1) d(Tx,Ty) \le Ld(x,y)$  for some (Lipschitz constant) L < 1. Then,

(i) The mapping T has one and only fixed point  $x^* = T(x^*)$ ;

(ii) The fixed point for each given element  $x^*$  is globally attractive, that is

( $A_2$ )  $\lim T^n x = x^*$ , for any starting point x in X;

(iii) One has the following estimation inequalities:

$$(A_{3}) \ d(T^{n}x, x^{*}) \leq \frac{1}{1-L} \ d(T^{n}x, T^{n+1}x), \text{ for all} \\ n \geq 0, x \in X .$$
$$(A_{4}) \ d(x, x^{*}) \leq \frac{1}{1-L} \ d(x, x^{*}), \forall \ x \in X.$$

**Theorem 2.2:** [21] (*The alternative of fixed point*) Suppose that for a complete generalized metric space (X,d) and a strictly contractive mapping  $T: X \to X$  with Lipschitz constant L. Then, for each given element  $x \in X$ , either

 $(B_1) d(T^n x, T^{n+1} x) = \infty \quad \forall n \ge 0, or$ 

 $(B_2)$  there exists a natural number  $n_0$  such that:

(i) 
$$d(T^n x, T^{n+1} x) < \infty$$
 for all  $n \ge n_0$ ;  
(ii) The sequence  $(T^n x)$  is convergent to a  
fixed point  $y^*$  of  $T$   
(iii)  $y^*$  is the unique fixed point of  $T$  in  
the set  $Y = \{y \in X : d(T^{n_0} x, y) < \infty\}$ ;  
(iv)  $d(y^*, y) \le \frac{1}{1-L} d(y,Ty)$  for all

 $y \in Y$ .

In this section, assume X be a normed space and Y be a Banach space. For proving the stability result we define the following:

Let  $\Psi$  be a mapping from  $X^n$  to Y defined by  $\Psi(x) = \Psi(x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_n)$   $= \sum_{i=1}^n g\left(\sum_{j=1}^i x_j\right) - \sum_{i=1}^n (n-i+1)g(x_i)$  $-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (n-i) \sum_{j=1}^i (g(x_j + x_{i+1}) - g(x_j - x_{i+1}))$ 

for all  $x \in X^n$  and  $n \ge 2$ ,  $\zeta_i$  is a constant such that

$$\varsigma_i = \begin{cases} 2 & if \quad i = 0\\ \frac{1}{2} & if \quad i = 1, \\ \Omega = \{g \mid g : X \to Y, g(0) = 0\}. \end{cases}$$

The following theorem provide the stability result of (I.6) using fixed point method.

**Theorem 2.3:** Let  $g: X \to Y$  be a mapping for which there exists a function  $\phi: X^n \to [0, \infty)$  with the condition

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{\phi(\varsigma_i^k x)}{\varsigma_i^{2k}} = 0, \qquad (II.1)$$

satisfying the functional inequality

$$\left\|\Psi(x)\right\| \le \phi(x) \tag{II.2}$$

for all  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_n) \in X^n$  and  $n \ge 2$ . If there exists L = L(i) < 1 such that the function

$$x \to \beta(x) = \frac{1}{2(n-1)} \phi\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2}, \frac{0, \dots, 0}{n-2 \text{ times}}\right), \text{ has the}$$

property

$$\frac{\beta(\zeta_i x)}{\zeta_i^2} \le L\beta(x) \quad \forall \ x \in X. \quad (II.3)$$

Then there exists a unique quadratic function  $Q: X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying the functional equation (I.6) and

$$\|g(x) - Q(x)\| \le \frac{L^{1-i}}{1-L}\beta(x) \quad \forall x \in X.$$
 (II.4)

*Proof.* Let d be a general metric on  $\Omega$ , such that d(g,h)

$$= \inf \left\{ K \in (0,\infty) : \left\| g(x) - h(x) \right\| \le K \beta(x), x \in X \right\}.$$
  
It is easy to see that  $(\Omega, d)$  is complete. Define

$$T: \Omega \to \Omega$$
 by  $Tg(x) = \frac{1}{\varsigma_i^2} g(\varsigma_i x)$ , for all

 $x \in X$ . For  $g, h \in \Omega$  and  $x \in X$ , we have d(g,h) = K

$$\Rightarrow \|g(x) - h(x)\| \le K\beta(x)$$
  

$$\Rightarrow \left\|\frac{g(\varsigma_i x)}{\varsigma_i^2} - \frac{h(\varsigma_i x)}{\varsigma_i^2}\right\| \le \frac{1}{\varsigma_i^2} K\beta(\varsigma_i x)$$
  

$$\Rightarrow \|Tg(x) - Th(x)\| \le \frac{1}{\varsigma_i^2} K\beta(\varsigma_i x)$$
  

$$\Rightarrow \|Tg(x) - Th(x)\| \le LK\beta(x)$$
  

$$\Rightarrow d(Tg(x), Th(x)) \le KL$$
  

$$\Rightarrow d(Tg, Th) \le Ld(g, h).$$

Therefore T is strictly contractive mapping on  $\Omega$ with Lipschitz constant L. Replacing

$$x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_n)$$
 by  $(x, x, \underbrace{0, ..., 0}_{n-2 \text{ times}})$  in

(II.2), we get

$$\|g(2x) - 4g(x)\| \le \frac{1}{2(n-1)}\phi(x, x, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n-2 \text{ times}})$$
(II.5)

for all  $x \in X$ . Using the definition of  $\beta(x)$  in the above equation and for i = 0, we have

$$\left\|\frac{g(2x)}{4} - g(x)\right\| \le \frac{1}{4}\beta(2x)$$

*i.e.*,  $||Tg(x) - g(x)|| \le L\beta(x)$ 

for all  $x \in X$ . Hence, we arrive

$$d(Tg(x) - g(x)) \le L = L^{1-i}$$
. (II.6)

for all  $x \in X$ . Replacing x by  $\frac{x}{2}$  in (II.5), we get

$$\left\| (g(x) - 4g\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2(n-1)} \phi \left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2}, \frac{0, \dots, 0}{n-2 \text{ times}}\right)$$
(II.7)

for all  $x \in X$ . Using the definition of  $\beta(x)$  in the above equation and for i = 0, we have

$$\left\|g(x) - 4g\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\right\| \le \beta(x)$$

*i.e.*,  $||g(x) - Tg(x)|| \le \beta(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . Hence, we arrive

$$d(g(x) - Tg(x)) \le 1 = L^{1-i}$$
 (II.8)

for all  $x \in X$ . From (II.6) and (II.8), we can conclude

$$d(g(x) - Tg(x)) \le L^{1-i} < \infty.$$
(II.9)

for all  $x \in X$ . Now from the fixed point alternative in both cases, it follows that there exists a fixed point Q of T in  $\Omega$  such that

$$Q(x) = \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{g\left(\varsigma_i^k x\right)}{\varsigma_i^{2k}}, \forall x \in X.$$
 (II.10)

In order to prove  $Q: X \to Y$  satisfies the functional equation (I.6), Replace x by  $\zeta_i^k x$  and divide by  $\zeta_i^{2k}$  in (II.2), we arrive

$$\left\|\frac{1}{\varsigma_i^{2k}}\Psi(\varsigma_i^k x)\right\| \le \frac{1}{\varsigma_i^{2k}}\phi(\varsigma_i^k x) \qquad (\text{II.11})$$

for all  $x \in X^n$ . This implies that,

$$\left\|\sum_{\ell=1}^{n} \frac{1}{\varsigma_{i}^{2k}} g\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \varsigma_{i}^{k} x_{j}\right) - \sum_{\ell=1}^{n} \frac{(n-\ell+1)}{\varsigma_{i}^{2k}} g\left(\varsigma_{i}^{k} x_{\ell}\right) - \frac{1}{2\varsigma_{i}^{2k}} \sum_{\ell=1}^{n-1} (n-\ell) \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} [g\left(\varsigma_{i}^{k} x_{j} + \varsigma_{i}^{k} x_{\ell+1}\right) - g\left(\varsigma_{i}^{k} x_{j} - \varsigma_{i}^{k} x_{\ell+1}\right)] \right\| \leq \frac{1}{\varsigma_{i}^{2k}} \phi\left(\varsigma_{i}^{k} x\right)$$
(II.12)

 $x \in X^n$ . Letting  $k \to \infty$  in the above inequality and using the choice of Q and  $\phi$ , we arrive

$$\sum_{\ell=1}^{n} Q\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\ell} x_{j}\right) - \sum_{\ell=1}^{n} (n-\ell+1)Q(x_{\ell})$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\ell=1}^{n-1} (n-\ell) \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} [Q(x_{j}+x_{\ell+1}) - Q(x_{j}-x_{\ell+1})]$   
(II.13)

 $x \in X^n$ . Hence Q satisfies the functional equation (I.6). Since Q is unique fixed point of T in the set

$$\Delta = \{g \in \Omega \mid d(g, Q) < \infty\},\$$

therefore Q is a unique function such that

$$\left\|g(x) - Q(x)\right\| \le K\beta(x) \,\forall \, x \in X. \quad (\text{II.14})$$

Again using the fixed point alternative, we obtain

$$d(g,Q) \leq \frac{1}{1-L} d(g,Tg)$$
  
i.e.,  $d(g,Q) \leq \frac{L^{1-i}}{1-L}$   
i.e.,  $\|g(x) - Q(x)\| \leq \frac{L^{1-i}}{1-L} \beta(x).$  (II.15)

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

The following corollaries are immediate consequence of Theorems 2.3 concerning the stability of (I.6).

**Corollary 2.4** Suppose that a function  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies the inequality

$$\left\|\Psi(x)\right\| \le \varepsilon \sum_{\ell=1}^{n} \left\|x_{\ell}\right\|^{p} \qquad (II.16)$$

for all  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_n) \in X^n$ , where  $\varepsilon > 0, p \neq 2$  are constants. Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping  $Q: X \to Y$  such that

$$\|g(x) - Q(x)\| \le \frac{\varepsilon}{(n-1)|4-2^{p}|} \|x\|^{p} \ \forall x \in X$$
(II.17)

*Proof.* Let  $\phi(x) = \varepsilon \sum_{\ell=1}^{n} ||x_{\ell}||^{p}$ 

for all  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) \in X^n$ . Then for p < 2, i = 0 and for p > 2, i = 1, we arrive

$$\frac{\phi(\varsigma_i^k x)}{\varsigma_i^{2k}} = \frac{\phi(\varsigma_i^k x_1, \varsigma_i^k x_2, \varsigma_i^k x_3, \dots, \varsigma_i^k x_n)}{\varsigma_i^{2k}}$$
$$= \frac{\varepsilon}{\varsigma_i^{2k}} \sum_{\ell=1}^n \| \varsigma_i^k x_\ell \|^p = \varepsilon \, \varsigma_i^{(p-2)k} \sum_{\ell=1}^n \| x_\ell \|^p$$

 $\rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

Thus, (II.1) is holds. But we have

$$\beta(x) = \frac{1}{2(n-1)} \phi\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2}, \frac{0, \dots, 0}{n-2 \text{ times}}\right)$$
  
has the property  $\frac{1}{\zeta_i^2} \beta(\zeta_i x) = L\beta(x) \,\forall x \in X$ 

Hence

$$\beta(x) = \frac{\varepsilon}{2(n-1)} \left( \left\| \frac{x}{2} \right\|^p + \left\| \frac{x}{2} \right\|^p \right) = \frac{2^{-p} \varepsilon}{(n-1)} \left\| x \right\|^p.$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Replace x by  $\zeta_i x$  and divide by  $\zeta_i^2$  in above equality, we get

$$\frac{1}{\varsigma_i^2}\beta(\varsigma_i x) = \frac{2^{-p}\varepsilon}{(n-1)\varsigma_i^2} \|\varsigma_i x\|^p$$
$$= \varsigma_i^{p-2} \frac{2^{-p}\varepsilon}{(n-1)} \|x\|^p = \varsigma_i^{p-2}\beta(x)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Hence the inequality (II.3) holds when,  $L = \zeta_i^{p-2}$ , that is

$$L = \begin{cases} 2^{p-2} & \text{for } i = 0, p < 2, \\ 2^{2-p} & \text{for } i = 1, p > 2. \end{cases}$$

Now from (II.4), we prove the following cases: **Case:1**  $L = 2^{p-2}$  for p < 2 if i = 0

$$\|g(x) - Q(x)\| \le \frac{L^{1-0}}{1 - L} \beta(x)$$
$$= \frac{2^{p-2}}{(1 - 2^{p-2})} \frac{2^{-p} \varepsilon}{(n-1)} \|x\|^{p}$$

$$= \frac{\varepsilon}{(n-1)(4-2^{p})} ||x||^{p}$$
  
Case:2  $L = 2^{2^{-p}}$  for  $p > 2$  if  $i = 1$   
 $||g(x) - Q(x)|| \le \frac{L^{1-1}}{1-L}\beta(x)$   
 $= \frac{1}{(1-2^{2^{-p}})} \frac{2^{-p}\varepsilon}{(n-1)} ||x||^{p}$   
 $= \frac{\varepsilon}{(n-1)(2^{p}-4)} ||x||^{p}$ 

From the above two cases we arrive (II.17). Hence the proof is complete.

**Corollary 2.5** Suppose that a function  $g: X \to Y$  satisfies the inequality

$$\left\|\Psi(x)\right\| \le \varepsilon \left\{ \sum_{\ell=1}^{n} \|x_{\ell}\|^{np} + \prod_{\ell=1}^{n} \|x_{\ell}\|^{p} \right\} \quad (II.18)$$

for all  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_n) \in X^n$ , where  $\varepsilon$ , pare constants with  $\varepsilon > 0, p \neq \frac{2}{n}$ . Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping  $Q: X \to Y$  such that  $\|g(x) - Q(x)\| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{(n-1)|4 - 2^{np}|} \|x\|^{np}$  (II.19) for all  $x \in X$ . Proof. Let  $\phi(x) = \varepsilon \left\{ \sum_{\ell=1}^n \|x_\ell\|^{np} + \prod_{\ell=1}^n \|x_\ell\|^p \right\}$ for all  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_n) \in X^n$ . Then for  $p < \frac{1}{2}, i = 0$  and for  $p > \frac{1}{2}, i = 1$ , we arrive  $\frac{\phi(\varsigma_i^k x)}{\varsigma_i^{2k}} = \frac{\phi(\varsigma_i^k x_1, \varsigma_i^k x_2, \varsigma_i^k x_3, ..., \varsigma_i^k x_n)}{\varsigma_i^{2k}}$  $= \frac{\varepsilon}{\varsigma_i^{2k}} \left\{ \sum_{\ell=1}^n \|\varsigma_i^k x_\ell\|^{np} + \prod_{\ell=1}^n \|\varsigma_i^k x_\ell\|^p \right\}$  $= \varsigma_i^{(np-2)k} \varepsilon \left\{ \sum_{\ell=1}^n \|x_\ell\|^{np} + \prod_{\ell=1}^n \|x_\ell\|^p \right\}$  $\to 0$  as  $k \to \infty$ . Thus, (1) is holds. But we have

$$\beta(x) = \frac{1}{2(n-1)} \phi\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2}, \frac{0, \dots, 0}{n-2 \text{ times}}\right)$$

has the property  $\frac{1}{\zeta_i^2} \beta(\zeta_i x) = L\beta(x) \forall x \in X.$ 

Hence

$$\beta(x) = \frac{\varepsilon}{2(n-1)} \left( \left\| \frac{x}{2} \right\|^{np} + \left\| \frac{x}{2} \right\|^{np} \right) = \frac{2^{2-np} \varepsilon}{(n-1)} \left\| x \right\|^{np}.$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Replace x by  $\zeta_i x$  and divide by  $\zeta_i^2$  in the above equality, we get

$$\frac{1}{\varsigma_i^2} \beta(\varsigma_i x) = \frac{2^{-np} \varepsilon}{(n-1)\varsigma_i^2} \|\varsigma_i x\|^p = \varsigma_i^{np-2} \frac{2^{-np} \varepsilon}{(n-1)} \|x\|^p$$
$$= \varsigma_i^{np-2} \beta(x)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Hence the inequality (II.3) holds when ,  $L = \zeta_i^{np-2}$  , that is

$$L = \begin{cases} 2^{np-2} \text{ for } i = 0, \, p < \frac{1}{2}, \\ 2^{2-np} \text{ for } i = 1, \, p > \frac{1}{2}. \end{cases}$$

Now from (II.4), we prove the following cases:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Case:1} \quad L &= 2^{np-2} \text{ for } p < \frac{1}{2} \text{ if } i = 0 \\ \|g(x) - Q(x)\| &\leq \frac{L^{1-0}}{1 - L} \beta(x) \\ &= \frac{2^{np-2}}{(1 - 2^{np-2})} \frac{2^{-np} \varepsilon}{(n-1)} \|x\|^{np} \\ &= \frac{\varepsilon}{(n-1)(4 - 2^{np})} \|x\|^{np} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Case:2} \quad L &= 2^{2-np} \text{ for } p > \frac{1}{2} \text{ if } i = 1 \\ \|g(x) - Q(x)\| &\leq \frac{L^{1-1}}{1 - L} \beta(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{(1 - 2^{2-np})} \frac{2^{-np} \varepsilon}{(n-1)} \|x\|^{np} \end{aligned}$$

From the above two cases we arrive (II.19). Hence the proof is complete.

**Corollary 2.6** Suppose that a function  $g: X \to Y$  satisfies the inequality

$$\left\|\Psi(x)\right\| \le \varepsilon \tag{II.20}$$

for all  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_n) \in X^n$ , where  $\varepsilon > 0$ is a constant. Then there exists a unique quadratic mapping  $Q: X \to Y$  such that

$$\left\|g(x) - Q(x)\right\| \le \frac{\varepsilon}{3(n-1)}$$
(II.21) for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* The proof of the corollary is similar tracing to that of above corollary, by taking

$$L = \begin{cases} 2^{-2} & \text{for } i = 0, p = 0, \\ 2^{2} & \text{for } i = 1, p = 0. \end{cases}$$

# 3. Application

Consider the quadratic functional equation (I.6), that is

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} g\left(\sum_{j=1}^{i} x_{j}\right) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} (n-i+1)g(x_{i})$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (n-i) \sum_{j=1}^{i} (g(x_{j}+x_{i+1}) - g(x_{j}-x_{i+1}))$$

Since  $g(x) = x^2$  is the solution of the functional equation, the above equation can be rewritten as follows

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{i} x_j \right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (n-i) \sum_{j=1}^{i} \left( (x_j + x_{i+1})^2 - (x_j - x_{i+1})^2 \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} (n-i+1) (x_i)^2$$

Now, let us take the variables as consecutive terms, we arrive that the partial sums of the consecutive terms is equal to the right hand side terms. Mathematically

$$[x_1]^2 + [x_1 + x_2]^2 + \dots + [x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_n]^2$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (n-i) \sum_{j=1}^{i} ([x_j + x_{i+1}]^2 - [x_j - x_{i+1}]^2)$   
+  $(n[x_1]^2 + (n-1)[x_2]^2 + \dots + [x_n]^2).$ 

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