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# ON THE STABILITY OF MAPPINGS AND AN ANSWER TO A PROBLEM OF TH.M. RASSIAS

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## Résumé

Le but principal de cet article est la démonstration d'un théorème concernant la stabilité HYERS-ULAM des applications, qui donne une généralisation pour les résultats [1] et [3]. En plus, il répond à une problème posée par TH. M. RASSIAS en [3].

## Abstract

The main purpose of this paper is to prove a theorem concerning the HYERS-ULAM stability of mappings, which gives a generalization of the results from [1] and [3]. It also answers a problem posed by TH. M. RASSIAS [3].

The question concerning the stability of mappings has been originally raised by S.M.ULAM [4]. The first answer was given in 1941 by D. H. HYERS (see [2] for a research survey of the development of the subject). In this paper we provide a generalization of a theorem of TH.M.RASSIAS [3] concerning the HYERS-ULAM stability of mappings and we also answer a problem that TH.M.RASSIAS posed in [3].

**Theorem 1** *Let  $(G, +)$  be an abelian group,  $k$  an integer,  $k \geq 2$ ,  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  a BANACH space,  $\varphi : G \times G \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  a mapping such that*

$$\phi_k(x, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{n+1}} \varphi(k^n x, k^n y) < \infty, \quad \forall x, y \in G \quad (1)$$

*and  $f : G \rightarrow X$  a mapping with the property*

$$\|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \varphi(x, y), \quad \forall x, y \in G. \quad (2)$$

*Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $T : G \rightarrow X$  such that*

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} \phi_k(x, mx), \quad \forall x \in G. \quad (3)$$

**Proof.** Setting  $y = x$  and  $y = 2x$  in relation (2) we obtain

$$\|f(2x) - 2f(x)\| \leq \varphi(x, x), \quad \forall x \in G \quad (4)$$

and respectively,

$$\|f(3x) - f(x) - f(2x)\| \leq \varphi(x, 2x), \quad \forall x \in G.$$

Using the triangle inequality and the last two relations, it follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(3x) - 3f(x)\| &\leq \|f(3x) - f(x) - f(2x)\| + \|f(2x) - 2f(x)\| \leq \\ &\leq \varphi(x, 2x) + \varphi(x, x) = \sum_{m=1}^2 \varphi(x, mx) \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\|f(3x) - 3f(x)\| \leq \sum_{m=1}^2 \varphi(x, mx). \quad (5)$$

We will prove by mathematical induction after  $k$  the following inequality:

$$\|f(kx) - kf(x)\| \leq \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} \varphi(x, mx). \quad (6)$$

Indeed, for  $k = 2$  and  $k = 3$  we have the relation (4) and, respectively (5). Suppose (6) true for  $k$  and let us prove it for  $k + 1$ . We replace  $y$  by  $kx$  in (2) and we obtain:

$$\|f((k+1)x) - f(x) - f(kx)\| \leq \varphi(x, kx).$$

Hence, it follows

$$\begin{aligned} \|f((k+1)x) - (k+1)f(x)\| &\leq \|f((k+1)x) - f(x) - f(kx)\| + \|f(kx) - kf(x)\| \leq \\ &\leq \varphi(x, kx) + \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} \varphi(x, mx) = \sum_{m=1}^k \varphi(x, mx), \end{aligned}$$

using (6) for the last inequality.

So, relation (6) is true for any  $k \geq 2$ , integer.

Dividing (6) by  $k$  we obtain:

$$\left\| \frac{f(kx)}{k} - f(x) \right\| \leq \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} \frac{1}{k} \varphi(x, mx). \quad (7)$$

We claim that

$$\left\| \frac{f(k^n x)}{k^n} - f(x) \right\| \leq \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} \sum_{p=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k^{p+1}} \varphi(k^p x, mk^p x), \quad \forall x \in G. \quad (8)$$

We see that for  $n = 1$  we have (7). We suppose (8) true for  $n$  and we will prove it for  $n + 1$ . We replace  $x$  by  $kx$  in (8) and we have

$$\left\| \frac{f(k^n \cdot kx)}{k^n} - f(kx) \right\| \leq \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} \sum_{p=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k^{p+1}} \varphi(k^p \cdot kx, mk^p \cdot kx), \quad \forall x \in G.$$

Dividing this relation by  $k$ , it follows:

$$\left\| \frac{f(k^{n+1}x)}{k^{n+1}} - \frac{f(kx)}{k} \right\| \leq \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} \sum_{p=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k^{p+2}} \varphi(k^{p+1}x, mk^{p+1}x)$$

and further,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{f(k^{n+1}x)}{k^{n+1}} - f(x) \right\| &\leq \left\| \frac{f(k^{n+1}x)}{k^{n+1}} - \frac{f(kx)}{k} \right\| + \left\| \frac{f(kx)}{k} - f(x) \right\| \leq \\ &\leq \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} \sum_{p=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k^{p+2}} \varphi(k^{p+1}x, mk^{p+1}x) + \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} \frac{1}{k} \varphi(x, mx) = \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} \left[ \sum_{p=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{p+1}} \varphi(k^p x, mk^p x) + \frac{1}{k} \varphi(x, mx) \right] = \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} \sum_{p=0}^n \frac{1}{k^{p+1}} \varphi(k^p x, mk^p x), \quad \forall x \in G, \end{aligned}$$

so (8) is true for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , by mathematical induction.

Then, for  $0 < n_1 < n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{f(k^n x)}{k^n} - \frac{f(k^{n_1} x)}{k^{n_1}} \right\| &= \frac{1}{k^{n_1}} \left\| \frac{f(k^{n-n_1}(k^{n_1} x))}{k^{n-n_1}} - f(k^{n_1} x) \right\| \leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{k^{n_1}} \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} \sum_{p=0}^{n-n_1-1} \frac{1}{k^{p+1}} \varphi(k^{p+n_1} x, mk^{p+n_1} x) = \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} \sum_{p=n_1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k^{p+1}} \varphi(k^p x, mk^p x) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n_1 \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the sequence  $\left\{ \frac{f(k^n x)}{k^n} \right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$  is a fundamental sequence. Because

$X$  is a BANACH space it follows that there exists  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(k^n x)}{k^n}$ ,  $\forall x \in G$ , denoted

by  $T(x)$ , so  $T : G \rightarrow X$  and we claim that  $T$  is an additive mapping.

From (2) we have

$$\|f(k^n x + k^n y) - f(k^n x) - f(k^n y)\| \leq \varphi(k^n x, k^n y), \quad \forall x, y \in G.$$

Hence,

$$\left\| \frac{f(k^n(x+y))}{k^n} - \frac{f(k^n x)}{k^n} - \frac{f(k^n y)}{k^n} \right\| \leq \frac{1}{k^n} \varphi(k^n x, k^n y), \quad \forall x, y \in G.$$

Taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we obtain:

$$\|T(x+y) - T(x) - T(y)\| \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k^n} \varphi(k^n x, k^n y) = 0$$

using the relation (1). This implies  $T(x+y) = T(x) + T(y)$ ,  $\forall x, y \in G$ .

To prove that (3) holds, we take the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (8) and we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(x) - f(x)\| &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} \sum_{p=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k^{p+1}} \varphi(k^p x, mk^p x) = \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{p+1}} \varphi(k^p x, mk^p x) = \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} \phi_k(x, mx), \quad \forall x \in G. \end{aligned}$$

Supposing now that there exists another additive mapping  $T_1 : G \rightarrow X$  with the property (3). Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_1(x) - T(x)\| &= \left\| \frac{T_1(k^n x)}{k^n} - \frac{T(k^n x)}{k^n} \right\| \leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{k^n} (\|T_1(k^n x) - f(k^n x)\| + \|f(k^n x) - T(k^n x)\|) \leq \\ &\leq \frac{2}{k^n} \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} \phi_k(k^n x, mk^n x) = \frac{2}{k^n} \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{p+1}} \varphi(k^{p+n} x, mk^{p+n} x) = \\ &= 2 \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} \sum_{p=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{p+1}} \varphi(k^p x, mk^p x). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T_1(x) - T(x)\| = 0$ , for any  $x \in G$ , which implies  $T_1(x) = T(x)$ ,  $\forall x \in G$ .

**Q.E.D.**

**REMARKS:**

1. For  $k = 2$  we obtain for the first relation:

$$\phi_2(x, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \varphi(2^n x, 2^n y) < \infty, \quad \forall x, y \in G$$

and for the third relation

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \phi_2(x, x), \quad \forall x \in G$$

which is the main theorem from [1].

2.If we take  $\varphi(x, y) = \theta(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p)$  with  $\theta \geq 0$  and  $p \in [0, 1)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_k(x, y) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{n+1}} \theta(k^{np}(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p)) = \\ &= \frac{\theta}{k} (\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} k^{n(p-1)} = \\ &= \frac{\theta}{k} (\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p) \cdot \frac{k}{k - k^p}. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\phi_k(x, mx) = \frac{k\theta}{k - k^p} \cdot \frac{1}{k} \cdot \|x\|^p(1 + m^p)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} \phi_k(x, mx) &= \frac{k\theta}{k - k^p} \|x\|^p \frac{1}{k} \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} (1 + m^p) = \\ &= \frac{k\theta}{k - k^p} \|x\|^p \frac{1}{k} (k + \sum_{m=2}^{k-1} m^p) = \frac{k\theta}{k - k^p} \|x\|^p s(k, p), \end{aligned}$$

where  $s(k, p) = 1 + \frac{1}{k} \sum_{m=2}^{k-1} m^p$  which implies the theorem of TH.M.RASSIAS proved in [3].

We prove that the best possible value of  $k$  is 2. Set

$$R(p) = \frac{2}{2 - 2^p} \text{ and } Q(k, p) = \frac{k \cdot s(k, p)}{k - k^p}, k > 2.$$

We prove that

$$R(p) < Q(k, p) \text{ for all } k \geq 3. \tag{9}$$

The verification of (9) follows by mathematical induction on  $k$ .

The case  $k = 3$  is true, because

$$Q(3, p) - R(p) = \frac{2 \cdot 3^p - 2^p - 4^p}{(2 - 2^p)(3 - 3^p)} > 0,$$

where we use the JENSEN inequality for the concave function

$f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = x^p, p \in [0, 1)$ :

$$\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}\right)^p > \frac{x_1^p + x_2^p}{2} \text{ for } x_1, x_2 \in (0, \infty) \tag{10}$$

with  $x_1 = 2, x_2 = 4$ .

Assume now that (9) is true and we prove that

$$Q(k+1, p) > R(p). \quad (11)$$

We have from (9)

$$\begin{aligned} Q(k+1) - R(p) &> R(p) \frac{k - k^p}{k+1 - (k+1)^p} + \frac{k^p + 1}{k+1 - (k+1)^p} - \frac{2}{2-2^p} = \\ &= \frac{2(k+1)^p - 2^p - k^p \cdot 2^p}{(2-2^p)(k+1 - (k+1)^p)} > 0, \end{aligned}$$

where we use the inequality (10) with  $x_1 = 2k, x_2 = 2$ .

Thus, (9) is proved.

This last result gives an answer to a problem that was posed by TH.M. RASSIAS in 1991.

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