

On the stability of multi m -Jensen mappings

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ABSTRACT. In this article, we unify the system of functional equations defining a multi m -Jensen mapping to a single equation. Using a fixed point theorem, we study the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of such equation. As a result, we show that the multi m -Jensen mappings are hyperstable.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Speaking of the stability of a functional equation we follow the question of Ulam: “when is it true that the solution of an equation differing slightly from a given one, must of necessity be close to the solution of the given equation?”. The first stability problem concerning group homomorphisms was raised by Ulam [23] in 1940 and affirmatively solved by Hyers [12]. The result of Hyers was generalized by Rassias [20] for approximate linear mappings by allowing the Cauchy difference operator $f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y)$ to be controlled by $\epsilon(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p)$. In 1994, a

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generalization of Rassias theorem was obtained by Găvruta [11], who replaced $\epsilon(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p)$ by a general control function $\varphi(x, y)$ by following Rassias' approach.

The stability of the Jensen functional equation

$$J\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) = \frac{J(x) + J(y)}{2} \quad (1.1)$$

was studied by a number of mathematicians (see for instance [13], [14], [15], [17] and [22]), whereas the stability of bi-Jensen equation was investigated by Bae and Park [1] and Jun et al., [16].

Prager and Schwaiger [19] introduced the notion of multi-Jensen mappings $f : V^n \rightarrow W$ (V and W being vector spaces over the rationals) with the connection with generalized polynomials and obtained their general form. The aim of this note was to study the stability of the multi-Jensen equation. After that, the stability of multi-Jensen mappings in various normed spaces have been investigated by a number of authors (see [9], [10], [18] and [24]).

Let V be a commutative group, W be a linear space, and $n \geq 2$ be an integer. In this paper, we define the multi m -Jensen mappings $f : V^n \rightarrow W$ which are m -Jensen in each variable, that is f satisfies the equation

$$J\left(\frac{z_1 + \dots + z_m}{m}\right) = \frac{J(z_1) + \dots + J(z_m)}{m} \quad (m > 2). \quad (1.2)$$

in each variable and then present a characterization of such mappings. In other words, we reduce the system of n equations defining the multi m -Jensen mappings to obtain a single functional equation. We also prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability for multi m -Jensen functional equations by using the fixed point method which was used for the first time by Brzdęk in [6]; for more applications of this approach for the stability of various multi-mappings in Banach spaces see [2], [4], [5] and [21].

2. CHARACTERIZATION OF MULTI m -JENSEN MAPPINGS

Throughout this paper, \mathbb{N} and \mathbb{Q} stand for the set of all positive integers and rationals, respectively. In addition, $\mathbb{N}_0 := \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ and $\mathbb{R}_+ := [0, \infty)$. For any $l \in \mathbb{N}_0, n \in \mathbb{N}, t = (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \{0, 1\}^n$ and $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in V^n$ we write $lx := (lx_1, \dots, lx_n)$ and $tx := (t_1x_1, \dots, t_nx_n)$, where ra stands, as usual, for the r th power of an element a of the linear space V .

In what follows, let V and W be vector spaces over the rationals, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x_j^n = (x_{1j}, x_{2j}, \dots, x_{nj}) \in V^n$, where $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$. We shall denote x_j^n by x_j or simply x if there is no risk of ambiguity. A

mapping $f : V^n \rightarrow W$ is called multi m -Jensen if f is m -Jensen in all variables.

In this section, we wish to show that the mapping $f : V^n \rightarrow W$ is multi m -Jensen if and only if it satisfies the equation

$$m^n f\left(\frac{x_1 + \dots + x_m}{m}\right) = \sum_{l_1, \dots, l_n \in \{1, \dots, m\}} f(x_{1l_1}, x_{2l_2}, \dots, x_{nl_n}) \quad (2.1)$$

for all $x_j = (x_{1j}, x_{2j}, \dots, x_{nj}) \in V^k$ where $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$.

Here, we reduce the system of n equations defining the multi m -Jensen mapping to obtain a single functional equation.

Theorem 2.1. *Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then, a mapping $f : V^n \rightarrow W$ is multi m -Jensen mapping if and only if f satisfies the equation (2.1).*

Proof. Suppose that f is a multi m -Jensen mapping. We prove f satisfies the equation (2.1) by induction on n . For $n = 1$, it is trivial that f satisfies the equation (1.2). Assume that (2.1) is valid for some positive integer $n > 1$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & f\left(\frac{x_1^{n+1} + \dots + x_m^{n+1}}{m}\right) \\ &= f\left(\frac{x_{11} + \dots + x_{1m}}{m}, \dots, \frac{x_{n1} + \dots + x_{nm}}{m}, \frac{x_{n+11} + \dots + x_{n+1m}}{m}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{m^n} \sum_{l_1, \dots, l_n \in \{1, \dots, m\}} f\left(x_{1l_1}, x_{2l_2}, \dots, x_{nl_n}, \frac{x_{n+11} + \dots + x_{n+1m}}{m}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{m^{n+1}} \sum_{l_1, \dots, l_{n+1} \in \{1, \dots, m\}} f(x_{1l_1}, x_{2l_2}, \dots, x_{n+1l_{n+1}}). \end{aligned}$$

This means that (2.1) holds for $n + 1$.

Conversely, assume that f satisfies the equation (2.1). Now, fix $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, put $z_k = x_{kl_k}$ and for all $k \in \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus \{j\}$, where $l_k \in \{1, \dots, m\}$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} & f\left(z_1, \dots, z_{j-1}, \frac{x_{j1} + \dots + x_{jm}}{m}, z_{j+1}, \dots, z_n\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{m^n} m^{n-1} \sum_{l_j \in \{1, \dots, m\}} f(z_1, \dots, z_{j-1}, x_{jl_j}, z_{j+1}, \dots, z_n) \\ &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{l_j \in \{1, \dots, m\}} f(z_1, \dots, z_{j-1}, x_{jl_j}, z_{j+1}, \dots, z_n). \end{aligned}$$

It follows from the above relation that f is m -Jensen in the j th variable. Since j is arbitrary, we obtain the desired result. \square

Recall that a mapping $f : V^n \rightarrow W$ is called *multi-additive* if it is additive (satisfies the Cauchy's functional equation $A(x + y) = A(x) + A(y)$) in each variable.

Proposition 2.2. *Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Consider the mapping $f : V^n \rightarrow W$. If there exists a multi-additive mapping $g : V^n \rightarrow W$ such that $f(x) = g(x) + f(0)$ in which $f(0)$ is a constant, then f is multi m -Jensen.*

Proof. Fix $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
& f\left(z_1, \dots, z_{j-1}, \frac{x_{j1} + \dots + x_{jm}}{m}, z_{j+1}, \dots, z_n\right) \\
&= g\left(z_1, \dots, z_{j-1}, \frac{x_{j1} + \dots + x_{jm}}{m}, z_{j+1}, \dots, z_n\right) + f(0, \dots, 0) \\
&= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{l_j=1}^m g\left(z_1, \dots, z_{j-1}, x_{jl_j}, z_{j+1}, \dots, z_n\right) + f(0, \dots, 0) \\
&= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{l_j=1}^m [g\left(z_1, \dots, z_{j-1}, x_{jl_j}, z_{j+1}, \dots, z_n\right) + f(0, \dots, 0)] \\
&= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{l_j=1}^m f\left(z_1, \dots, z_{j-1}, x_{jl_j}, z_{j+1}, \dots, z_n\right). \tag{2.2}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, g is m -Jensen in the j th variable. This completes the proof. \square

3. STABILITY OF MULTI m -JENSEN MAPPINGS

In this section, we prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of equation (2.1) by a fixed point result (Theorem 3.1) in Banach spaces. Throughout, for two sets X and Y , the set of all mappings from X to Y is denoted by Y^X . Here, we introduce the oncoming three hypotheses:

- (A1) Y is a Banach space, \mathcal{S} is a nonempty set, $j \in \mathbb{N}$, $g_1, \dots, g_j : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ and $L_1, \dots, L_j : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$,
- (A2) $\mathcal{T} : Y^{\mathcal{S}} \rightarrow Y^{\mathcal{S}}$ is an operator satisfying the inequality

$$\|\mathcal{T}\lambda(x) - \mathcal{T}\mu(x)\| \leq \sum_{i=1}^j L_i(x) \|\lambda(g_i(x)) - \mu(g_i(x))\|, \quad \lambda, \mu \in Y^{\mathcal{S}}, x \in \mathcal{S},$$

- (A3) $\Lambda : \mathbb{R}_+^{\mathcal{S}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^{\mathcal{S}}$ is an operator defined through

$$\Lambda\delta(x) := \sum_{i=1}^j L_i(x)\delta(g_i(x)) \quad \delta \in \mathbb{R}_+^{\mathcal{S}}, x \in \mathcal{S}.$$

In the following, we present a result in fixed point theory [7, Theorem 1] which plays a key tool to obtain our aim in this paper.

Theorem 3.1. *Let hypotheses (A1)-(A3) hold and the function $\theta : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ and the mapping $\phi : S \rightarrow Y$ fulfills the following two conditions:*

$$\|\mathcal{T}\phi(x) - \phi(x)\| \leq \theta(x), \quad \theta^*(x) := \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \Lambda^l \theta(x) < \infty \quad (x \in S).$$

Then, there exists a unique fixed point ψ of \mathcal{T} such that

$$\|\phi(x) - \psi(x)\| \leq \theta^*(x) \quad (x \in S).$$

Moreover, $\psi(x) = \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{T}^l \phi(x)$ for all $x \in S$.

Here and subsequently, for the mapping $f : V^n \rightarrow W$, we consider the difference operator $\mathcal{J}f : V^n \times V^n \rightarrow W$ by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}f(x_1, \dots, x_m) := & m^n f\left(\frac{x_1 + \dots + x_m}{m}\right) \\ & - \sum_{l_1, \dots, l_n \in \{1, \dots, m\}} f(x_{1l_1}, x_{2l_2}, \dots, x_{nl_n}) \end{aligned}$$

for all $x_j = (x_{1j}, x_{2j}, \dots, x_{nj}) \in V^k$ where $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$.

We recall the upcoming lemma from [3] which will be useful in the proof of our stability result. For simplicity, given a $k \in \mathbb{N}$, we write $S := \{0, 1\}^k$, and S_i stands for the set of all elements of S having exactly i zeros, i.e.,

$$S_i := \{(s_1, \dots, s_k) \in S : \text{card}\{j : s_j = 0\} = i\}, \quad i \in \{0, \dots, k\}.$$

Lemma 3.2. *Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and $\psi : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Then*

$$\sum_{v=0}^k \sum_{w=0}^k \sum_{s \in S_w} \sum_{t \in S_v} (2^l - 1)^w \psi(st) = \sum_{i=0}^k \sum_{p \in S_i} (2^{l+1} - 1)^i \psi(p).$$

From now on, S stands for $\{0, 1\}^n$ and $S_i \subseteq S$ for $i \in \{0, \dots, n\}$. We have the following stability result for the functional equation (2.1).

Theorem 3.3. *Let V be a linear space and W be a Banach space. Suppose that $\phi : \overbrace{V^n \times \dots \times V^n}^{m\text{-times}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ is a function satisfying the equality*

$$\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{m^n}\right)^l \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{p \in S_i} (2^l - 1)^i \phi(m^l p x_1, \dots, m^l p x_m) = 0 \quad (3.1)$$

for all $x_1, \dots, x_m \in V^n$. Assume also $f : V^n \rightarrow W$ is a mapping satisfying the inequality

$$\|\mathcal{J}f(x_1, \dots, x_m)\| \leq \phi(x_1, \dots, x_m) \quad (3.2)$$

for all $x_1, \dots, x_m \in V^n$. If

$$\Phi(x) := \sum_{l=0}^n \left(\frac{1}{m^n} \right)^{l+1} \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{p \in S_i} (2^l - 1)^i \phi(m^l p x, 0, \dots, 0) < \infty, \quad (3.3)$$

for all $x \in V^n$, then there exists a unique solution $\mathcal{F} : V^n \rightarrow W$ of (2.1) such that

$$\|f(x) - \mathcal{F}(x)\| \leq \Phi(x) \quad (3.4)$$

for all $x \in V^n$.

Proof. Replacing $x = x_1$ by $m x$ and putting $x_k = (0, \dots, 0)$ for $k \in \{2, \dots, m\}$ in (3.2), we have

$$\left\| f(x) - \frac{1}{m^n} \sum_{s \in S} f(sm x) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{m^n} \phi(x, 0, \dots, 0) \quad (3.5)$$

where $x \in V^n$. Set $\theta(x) := \frac{1}{m^n} \phi(x, 0, \dots, 0)$ and $\mathcal{T}\theta(x) := \frac{1}{m^n} \sum_{s \in S} f(sm x)$ where $\theta \in W^{V^n}$, $x \in V^n$. Then, the relation (3.5) can be modified as

$$\|f(x) - \mathcal{T}f(x)\| \leq \theta(x) \quad (x \in V^n). \quad (3.6)$$

Define $\Lambda\eta(x) := \frac{1}{m^n} \sum_{s \in S} \eta(sm x)$ for all $\eta \in \mathbb{R}_+^{V^n}$, $x \in V^n$. We now see that Λ has the form described in (A3) with $\mathcal{S} = V^n$, $g_i(x) = g_s(x) = sm x$ and $L_i(x) = \frac{1}{m^n}$ for all i and $x \in V^n$. Furthermore, for each $\lambda, \mu \in W^{V^n}$ and $x \in V^n$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{T}\lambda(x) - \mathcal{T}\mu(x)\| &= \left\| \frac{1}{m^n} \left[\sum_{s \in S} (\lambda(sm x) - \mu(sm x)) \right] \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m^n} \sum_{s \in S} \|\lambda(sm x) - \mu(sm x)\|. \end{aligned}$$

The above relation shows that the hypothesis (A2) holds. By induction on l , one can check for any $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and $x \in V^n$ that

$$\Lambda^l \theta(x) := \left(\frac{1}{m^n} \right)^l \sum_{i=0}^n (2^l - 1)^i \sum_{p \in S_i} \theta(m^l p x). \quad (3.7)$$

Fix an $x \in V^n$. Here, we adopt the convention that $0^0 = 1$. Hence, the relation (3.7) is trivially true for $l = 0$. Next, assume that (3.7) holds for a $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$. Then, using Lemma 3.2 for $k = n$ and $\psi(s) := \theta(m^{l+1} s x)$

for $s \in S$, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda^{l+1}\theta(x) &= \Lambda(\Lambda^l\theta)(x) = \frac{1}{m^n} \sum_{v=0}^n \sum_{t \in S_v} (\Lambda^l\theta)(mtx) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{m^n}\right)^{l+1} \sum_{v=0}^n \sum_{t \in S_v} \sum_{w=0}^n (2^l - 1)^w \sum_{s \in S_w} \theta(m^{l+1}stx) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{m^n}\right)^{l+1} \sum_{v=0}^n \sum_{w=0}^n \sum_{s \in S_w} \sum_{t \in S_v} (2^l - 1)^w \theta(m^{l+1}stx) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{m^n}\right)^{l+1} \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{p \in S_i} (2^{l+1} - 1)^i \theta(m^{l+1}px). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, (3.7) holds for any $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and $x \in V^n$. The relations (3.3) and (3.7) necessitate that all assumptions of Theorem 3.1 are satisfied. Hence, there exists a mapping $\mathcal{F} : V^n \rightarrow W$ such that

$$\mathcal{F}(x) = \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} (\mathcal{T}^l f)(x) = \frac{1}{m^n} \sum_{s \in S} \mathcal{F}(smx) \quad (x \in V^n),$$

and also (3.4) holds. We shall to show that

$$\|\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{T}^l f)(x_1, \dots, x_m)\| \leq \left(\frac{1}{m^n}\right)^l \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{p \in S_i} (2^l - 1)^i \phi(m^l px_1, \dots, m^l px_m) \tag{3.8}$$

for all $x_1, \dots, x_m \in V^n$ and $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$. We argue by induction on l . The inequality (3.8) is valid for $l = 0$ by (3.2). Assume that (3.8) is true for an $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} &\|\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{T}^{l+1} f)(x_1, \dots, x_m)\| \\ &= \frac{1}{m^n} \left\| \sum_{s \in S} \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{T}^l f)(smx_1, \dots, smx_m) \right\| \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{m^n}\right)^{l+1} \sum_{s \in S} \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{t \in S_i} (2^l - 1)^i \phi(m^{l+1}stx_1, \dots, m^{l+1}stx_m) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{m^n}\right)^{l+1} \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{p \in S_i} (2^{l+1} - 1)^i \phi(m^{l+1}px_1, \dots, m^{l+1}px_m) \end{aligned}$$

for all $x_1, \dots, x_m \in V^n$. We note that the last equality follows from Lemma 3.2 with $k := n$ and $\psi(s) := \phi(m^{l+1}sx_1, \dots, m^{l+1}sx_m)$ ($s \in S$). Letting $l \rightarrow \infty$ in (3.8) and applying (3.1), we arrive at $\mathcal{DF}(x_1, \dots, x_m) =$

0 for all $x_1, \dots, x_m \in V^n$. This means that the mapping \mathcal{F} satisfies (2.1). Lastly, assume that $\mathfrak{F} : V^n \rightarrow W$ is another mapping satisfying the equation (2.1) and inequality (3.4), and fix $x \in V^n$, $j \in \mathbb{N}$. By the relation (3.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\mathcal{F}(x) - \mathfrak{F}(x)\| \\ &= \left\| \left(\frac{1}{m^n}\right)^j \mathcal{F}(2^j x) - \left(\frac{1}{m^n}\right)^j \mathfrak{F}(2^j x) \right\| \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{m^n}\right)^j (\|\mathcal{F}(2^j x) - f(2^j x)\| + \|\mathfrak{F}(2^j x) - f(2^j x)\|) \\ &\leq 2 \left(\frac{1}{m^n}\right)^j \Phi(2^j x) \\ &\leq 2 \left(\frac{1}{m^n}\right)^j \sum_{l=j}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{m^n}\right)^{l+1} \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{p \in S_i} (2^l - 1)^i \phi(m^l p x, 0, \dots, 0). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, letting $j \rightarrow \infty$ and using the fact that series (3.3) is convergent for all $x \in V^n$, we obtain $\mathcal{F}(x) = \mathfrak{F}(x)$ for all $x \in V^n$, which finishes the proof. \square

In the sequel, $\binom{n}{k}$ is the binomial coefficient defined for all $n, k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ with $n \geq k$ by $n!/(k!(n-k)!)$. In the next corollary, we show that the functional equation (2.1) is stable.

Corollary 3.4. *Let $\delta > 0$. Let also V be a normed space and W be a Banach space. If $f : V^n \rightarrow W$ is a mapping satisfying the inequality*

$$\|\mathcal{J}f(x_1, \dots, x_m)\| \leq \delta$$

for all $x_1, \dots, x_m \in V^n$, then there exists a unique solution $\mathcal{F} : V^n \rightarrow W$ of (2.1) such that

$$\|f(x) - \mathcal{F}(x)\| \leq \frac{\delta}{m^n - 2^n}$$

for all $x \in V^n$.

Proof. Setting the constant function $\phi(x_1, \dots, x_m) = \delta$ for all $x_1, \dots, x_m \in V^n$, and applying Theorem 3.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(x) &= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{m^n}\right)^{l+1} \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{p \in S_i} (2^l - 1)^i \phi(m^l p x, 0, \dots, 0) \\ &= \delta \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{m^n}\right)^{l+1} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (2^l - 1)^i \times 1^{n-i} \\ &= \delta \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{m^n}\right)^{l+1} 2^{nl} \\ &= \frac{\delta}{m^n} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2^n}{m^n}\right)^l \\ &= \frac{\delta}{m^n - 2^n}. \end{aligned}$$

□

We note that the above corollary is valid only for any integer m with $m > 2$.

Let A be a nonempty set, (X, d) a metric space, $\psi \in \mathbb{R}_+^{A^n}$, and $\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2$ operators mapping a nonempty set $D \subset X^A$ into X^{A^n} . We say that operator equation

$$\mathcal{F}_1\varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \mathcal{F}_2\varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n) \tag{3.9}$$

is ψ -hyperstable provided every $\varphi_0 \in D$ satisfying inequality

$$d(\mathcal{F}_1\varphi_0(a_1, \dots, a_n), \mathcal{F}_2\varphi_0(a_1, \dots, a_n)) \leq \psi(a_1, \dots, a_n),$$

fulfils (3.9) for all $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$. This definition is introduced in [8]. In other words, a functional equation \mathcal{F} is *hyperstable* if any mapping f satisfying the equation \mathcal{F} approximately is a true solution of \mathcal{F} . Under some conditions the functional equation (2.1) can be hyperstable as follows.

Corollary 3.5. *Suppose that $\delta_{ij} > 0$ for $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ and $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ fulfill $\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \delta_{ij} < n$. Let V be a normed space and W be a Banach space. If $f : V^n \rightarrow W$ is a mapping satisfying the inequality*

$$\|\mathcal{J}f(x_1, \dots, x_m)\| \leq \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^m \|x_{ij}\|^{\delta_{ij}}$$

for all $x_1, \dots, x_m \in V^n$, then f is a multi m -Jensen mapping.

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