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# Stability of *n*-Jordan Homomorphisms from a Normed Algebra to a Banach Algebra

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We establish the hyperstability of *n*-Jordan homomorphisms from a normed algebra to a Banach algebra, and also we show that an *n*-Jordan homomorphism between two commutative Banach algebras is an *n*-ring homomorphism.

#### 1. Introduction

Let A, B be two rings (algebras) and n a positive integer greater than 1. An additive mapping  $g: A \to B$  is called an n-Jordan homomorphism if  $g(a^n) = (g(a))^n$  for all  $a \in A$  and an additive mapping  $h: A \to B$  is called an n-ring homomorphism if  $h(\prod_{i=1}^n a_i) = \prod_{i=1}^n h(a_i)$  for all  $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n \in A$ .

In 2009, Gordji et al. [1] showed the following theorems.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $n \in \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$  be fixed. Suppose that A, B are two commutative algebras. Let  $h: A \rightarrow B$  be an n-Jordan homomorphism. Then h is an n-ring homomorphism.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $n \in \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$  be fixed. Suppose that A, B are commutative Banach algebras. Let  $\delta$  and  $\varepsilon$  be nonnegative real numbers, and let p, q be real numbers such that (p-1)(q-1) > 0,  $q \ge 0$  or (p-1)(q-1) > 0, q < 0, and f(0) = 0. Assume that  $f: A \to B$  satisfies the system of functional inequalities:

$$||f(a+b) - f(a) - f(b)|| \le \varepsilon (||a||^p + ||b||^p),$$

$$||f(a^n) - f(a)^n|| \le \delta ||a||^{nq},$$
(1)

for all  $a,b \in A$ . Then, there exists a unique n-ring homomorphism  $h:A \to B$  such that

$$||f(a) - h(a)|| \le \frac{2\varepsilon}{|2 - 2^p|} ||a||^p,$$
 (2)

The stability problem of group homomorphisms was formulated by Ulam [2] in 1940. Bourgin [3] and Badora [4] solved the stability problem of ring homomorphisms (see [5]). The term hyperstability was used for the first time in [6]. Some recent results on hyperstability of Cauchy or linear equation can be founded in [5, 7, 8].

In this paper, we improve Theorems 1 and 2 into Theorems 4 and 8, respectively. In particular, we prove the hyperstability of *n*-Jordan homomorphisms between two commutative Banach algebras.

#### 2. Generalization of Theorem 1

**Lemma 3.** Let n, k be fixed natural numbers with  $n > k \ge 2$ . Let A, B be two commutative algebras, and let  $f: A \to B$  be an additive mapping. Assume that f satisfies the following equality:

$$\sum_{i_{1}=k-1}^{n-1} \sum_{i_{2}=k-2}^{i_{1}-1} \cdots \sum_{i_{k-1}=1}^{i_{k-2}-1} \binom{n}{i_{1}} \binom{i_{1}}{i_{2}} \cdots \binom{i_{k-2}}{i_{k-1}} \times f \left( x_{1}^{n-i_{1}} x_{2}^{i_{1}-i_{2}} x_{3}^{i_{2}-i_{3}} \cdots x_{k}^{i_{k-1}} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i_{1}=k-1}^{n-1} \sum_{i_{2}=k-2}^{i_{1}-1} \cdots \sum_{i_{k-1}=1}^{i_{k-2}-1} \binom{n}{i_{1}} \binom{i_{1}}{i_{2}} \cdots \binom{i_{k-2}}{i_{k-1}} f(x_{1})^{n-i_{1}} \times f(x_{2})^{i_{1}-i_{2}} \cdots f(x_{k})^{i_{k-1}},$$

$$(3)$$

for all  $a \in A$ .

for all  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_k \in A$ . Then one gets

$$\sum_{i_{1}=k}^{n-1} \sum_{i_{2}=k-1}^{i_{1}-1} \cdots \sum_{i_{k}=1}^{i_{k-1}-1} \binom{n}{i_{1}} \binom{i_{1}}{i_{2}} \cdots \binom{i_{k-1}}{i_{k}} \times f \left( x_{1}^{n-i_{1}} x_{2}^{i_{1}-i_{2}} \cdots x_{k+1}^{i_{k}} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i_{1}=k}^{n-1} \sum_{i_{2}=k-1}^{i_{1}-1} \cdots \sum_{i_{k}=1}^{i_{k-1}-1} \binom{n}{i_{1}} \binom{i_{1}}{i_{2}} \cdots \binom{i_{k-1}}{i_{k}} f(x_{1})^{n-i_{1}}$$

$$\times f(x_{2})^{i_{1}-i_{2}} \cdots f(x_{k+1})^{i_{k}},$$

$$(4)$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{k+1} \in A$ .

*Proof.* Replacing  $x_k$  by  $x_{k+1}$  in (3), we obtain

$$\sum_{i_{1}=k-1}^{n-1} \cdots \sum_{i_{k-1}=1}^{i_{k-2}-1} \binom{n}{i_{1}} \cdots \binom{i_{k-2}}{i_{k-1}} \binom{i_{k-1}}{i_{k-1}}$$

$$\times f \left( x_{1}^{n-i_{1}} \cdots x_{k-1}^{i_{k-2}-i_{k-1}} x_{k+1}^{i_{k-1}} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i_{1}=k-1}^{n-1} \cdots \sum_{i_{k-1}=1}^{i_{k-2}-1} \binom{n}{i_{1}} \cdots \binom{i_{k-2}}{i_{k-1}} \binom{i_{k-1}}{i_{k-1}}$$

$$\times f(x_{1})^{n-i_{1}} \cdots f(x_{k-1})^{i_{k-2}-i_{k-1}}$$

$$\times f(x_{k+1})^{i_{k-1}},$$
(5)

for all  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_{k+1} \in A$ . In particular, the equality (3) implies that

$$\sum_{i_{1}=k-1}^{n-1} \cdots \sum_{i_{k-1}=1}^{i_{k-2}-1} {n \choose i_{1}} \cdots {i_{k-2} \choose i_{k-1}} {i_{k-1} \choose 0}$$

$$\times f \left( x_{1}^{n-i_{1}} \cdots x_{k-1}^{i_{k-2}-i_{k-1}} x_{k}^{i_{k-1}} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i_{1}=k-1}^{n-1} \cdots \sum_{i_{k-1}=1}^{i_{k-2}-1} {n \choose i_{1}} \cdots {i_{k-2} \choose i_{k-1}} {i_{k-1} \choose 0}$$

$$\times f(x_{1})^{n-i_{1}} \cdots f(x_{k-1})^{i_{k-2}-i_{k-1}} f(x_{k})^{i_{k-1}},$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_k \in A$ . Recall that the equality,

$$(x_k + x_{k+1})^{i_{k-1}} = \sum_{i_k=0}^{i_{k-1}} {i_{k-1} \choose i_k} x_k^{i_{k-1}-i_k} x_{k+1}^{i_k},$$
 (7)

(6)

holds for all  $x_k, x_{k+1} \in A$ . Replacing  $x_k$  by  $x_k + x_{k+1}$  in (3), we obtain

$$\sum_{i_{1}=k-1}^{n-1} \cdots \sum_{i_{k-1}=1}^{i_{k-2}-1} \sum_{i_{k}=0}^{i_{k-1}} \binom{n}{i_{1}} \cdots \binom{i_{k-2}}{i_{k-1}} \binom{i_{k-1}}{i_{k}}$$

$$\times f \left( x_{1}^{n-i_{1}} \cdots x_{k-1}^{i_{k-2}-i_{k-1}} x_{k}^{i_{k-1}-i_{k}} x_{k+1}^{i_{k}} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i_{1}=k-1}^{n-1} \sum_{i_{2}=k-2}^{i_{1}-1} \cdots \sum_{i_{k-1}=1}^{i_{k-2}-1} \binom{n}{i_{1}} \cdots \binom{i_{k-2}}{i_{k-1}}$$

$$\times f \left( x_{1}^{n-i_{1}} \cdots x_{k-1}^{i_{k-2}-i_{k-1}} \right)$$

$$\times f \left( x_{1}^{n-i_{1}} \cdots x_{k-1}^{i_{k-2}-i_{k-1}} \right)$$

$$\times \left( x_{k} + x_{k+1} \right)^{i_{k-1}} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i_{1}=k-1}^{n-1} \sum_{i_{2}=k-2}^{i_{1}-1} \cdots \sum_{i_{k-1}=1}^{i_{k-2}-1} \binom{n}{i_{1}} \binom{i_{1}}{i_{2}} \cdots \binom{i_{k-2}}{i_{k-1}}$$

$$\times f \left( x_{1} \right)^{n-i_{1}} \cdots f \left( x_{k} + x_{k+1} \right)^{i_{k-1}}$$

$$= \sum_{i_{1}=k-1}^{n-1} \sum_{i_{k-1}=1}^{i_{1}-1} \cdots \sum_{i_{k-1}=1}^{i_{k-2}-1} \binom{n}{i_{1}} \binom{i_{1}}{i_{2}} \cdots \binom{i_{k-2}}{i_{k-1}}$$

$$\times f \left( x_{1} \right)^{n-i_{1}} \cdots \left( f \left( x_{k} \right) + f \left( x_{k+1} \right) \right)^{i_{k-1}}$$

$$= \sum_{i_{1}=k-1}^{n-1} \cdots \sum_{i_{k-1}=1}^{i_{k-2}-1} \binom{n}{i_{1}} \cdots \binom{i_{k-2}}{i_{k-1}} \binom{i_{k-1}}{i_{k}}$$

$$\times f \left( x_{1} \right)^{n-i_{1}} \cdots f \left( x_{k} \right)^{i_{k-1}-i_{k}} f \left( x_{k+1} \right)^{i_{k}},$$

$$\times f \left( x_{1} \right)^{n-i_{1}} \cdots f \left( x_{k} \right)^{i_{k-1}-i_{k}} f \left( x_{k+1} \right)^{i_{k}},$$

$$(8)$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_k, x_{k+1} \in A$ . From (5), (6), and the above equality, we get the desired equality:

$$\begin{split} \sum_{i_1=k}^{n-1} \sum_{i_2=k-1}^{i_1-1} \cdots \sum_{i_k=1}^{i_{k-1}-1} \binom{n}{i_1} \binom{i_1}{i_2} \cdots \binom{i_{k-1}}{i_k} \\ & \times f \left( x_1^{n-i_1} x_2^{i_1-i_2} \cdots x_{k+1}^{i_k} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i_1=k-1}^{n-1} \cdots \sum_{i_{k-1}=1}^{i_{k-2}-1} \sum_{i_k=0}^{i_{k-1}} \binom{n}{i_1} \cdots \binom{i_{k-2}}{i_{k-1}} \binom{i_{k-1}}{i_k} \\ & \times f \left( x_1^{n-i_1} \cdots x_{k-1}^{i_{k-2}-i_{k-1}} \right. \\ & \times x_k^{i_{k-1}-i_k} x_{k+1}^{i_k} \right) \\ &- \sum_{i_1=k-1}^{n-1} \cdots \sum_{i_{k-1}=1}^{i_{k-2}-1} \binom{n}{i_1} \cdots \binom{i_{k-2}}{i_{k-1}} \binom{i_{k-1}}{i_{k-1}} \\ & \times f \left( x_1^{n-i_1} \cdots x_{k-1}^{i_{k-2}-i_{k-1}} x_{k+1}^{i_{k-1}} \right) \\ &- \sum_{i_1=k-1}^{n-1} \cdots \sum_{i_{k-1}=1}^{i_{k-2}-1} \binom{n}{i_1} \cdots \binom{i_{k-2}}{i_{k-1}} \binom{i_{k-1}}{0} \\ & \times f \left( x_1^{n-i_1} \cdots x_{k-1}^{i_{k-2}-i_{k-1}} x_k^{i_{k-1}} \right) \\ &\times f \left( x_1^{n-i_1} \cdots x_{k-1}^{i_{k-2}-i_{k-1}} x_k^{i_{k-1}} \right) \end{split}$$

$$= \sum_{i_{1}=k-1}^{n-1} \cdots \sum_{i_{k-1}=1}^{i_{k-2}-1} \sum_{i_{k}=0}^{i_{k-1}} \binom{n}{i_{1}} \cdots \binom{i_{k-2}}{i_{k-1}} \binom{i_{k-1}}{i_{k}}$$

$$\times f(x_{1})^{n-i_{1}} \cdots f(x_{k})^{i_{k-1}-i_{k}}$$

$$\times f(x_{k+1})^{i_{k}}$$

$$- \sum_{i_{1}=k-1}^{n-1} \cdots \sum_{i_{k-1}=1}^{i_{k-2}-1} \binom{n}{i_{1}} \cdots \binom{i_{k-2}}{i_{k-1}} \binom{i_{k-1}}{i_{k-1}}$$

$$\times f(x_{1})^{n-i_{1}} \cdots f(x_{k-1})^{i_{k-2}-i_{k-1}}$$

$$\times f(x_{k+1})^{i_{k-1}}$$

$$- \sum_{i_{1}=k-1}^{n-1} \cdots \sum_{i_{k-1}=1}^{i_{k-2}-1} \binom{n}{i_{1}} \cdots \binom{i_{k-2}}{i_{k-1}} \binom{i_{k-1}}{0}$$

$$\times f(x_{1})^{n-i_{1}} \cdots f(x_{k-1})^{i_{k-2}-i_{k-1}}$$

$$\times f(x_{k})^{i_{k-1}}$$

$$= \sum_{i_{1}=k}^{n-1} \sum_{i_{2}=k-1}^{i_{1}-1} \cdots \sum_{i_{k}=1}^{i_{k-1}-1} \binom{n}{i_{1}} \binom{i_{1}}{i_{2}} \cdots \binom{i_{k-1}}{i_{k}}$$

$$\times f(x_{1})^{n-i_{1}} f(x_{2})^{i_{1}-i_{2}} \cdots f(x_{k+1})^{i_{k}},$$

$$(9)$$

for all 
$$x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_k, x_{k+1} \in A$$
.

The following theorem is the generalization of Theorem 1.

**Theorem 4.** Let A, B be two commutative algebras, and let f:  $A \rightarrow B$  be an n-Jordan homomorphism. Then f is an n-ring homomorphism.

*Proof.* Since f is an n-Jordan homomorphism, together with the additivity of f, we get

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} \binom{n}{i} f\left(x_1^{n-i} x_2^i\right) = f\left(\left(x_1 + x_2\right)^n\right) = f(x_1 + x_2)^n$$

$$= \left(f\left(x_1\right) + f\left(x_2\right)\right)^n \qquad (10)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{n} \binom{n}{i} f(x_1)^{n-i} f(x_2)^i,$$

for all  $x_1, x_2 \in A$ . It is clear that  $f(x_1^n) = f(x_1)^n$  and  $f(x_2^n) = f(x_2)^n$ , so we obtain

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} f\left(x_1^{n-i} x_2^i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} f(x_1)^{n-i} f(x_2)^i, \quad (11)$$

for all  $x_1, x_2 \in A$ . If n = 2, then by (11) we have  $f(x_1x_2) = f(x_1)f(x_2)$ . Now let n > 2. Together with Lemma 3 and (11), we can say that the equality (4) holds for k = n - 1; that is,

$$\sum_{i_{1}=n-1}^{n-1} \sum_{i_{2}=n-2}^{i_{1}-1} \cdots \sum_{i_{n-1}=1}^{i_{n-2}-1} \binom{n}{i_{1}} \binom{i_{1}}{i_{2}} \cdots \binom{i_{n-2}}{i_{n-1}} \times f \left( x_{1}^{n-i_{1}} x_{2}^{i_{1}-i_{2}} x_{3}^{i_{2}-i_{3}} \cdots x_{n}^{i_{n-1}} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i_{1}=n-1}^{n-1} \sum_{i_{2}=n-2}^{i_{1}-1} \cdots \sum_{i_{n-1}=1}^{i_{n-2}-1} \binom{n}{i_{1}} \binom{i_{1}}{i_{2}} \cdots \binom{i_{n-2}}{i_{n-1}} \times f(x_{1})^{i_{1}-i_{2}} \cdots f(x_{n})^{i_{n-1}},$$

$$\times f(x_{1})^{n-i_{1}} f(x_{2})^{i_{1}-i_{2}} \cdots f(x_{n})^{i_{n-1}},$$

$$(12)$$

holds for all  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n \in A$ . Notice that

$$n-1 > i_1 > i_2 > \dots > i_{n-2} > i_{n-1} \ge 1$$
 (13)

implies  $i_1 = n - 1$ ,  $i_2 = n - 2$ , ...,  $i_{n-2} = 2$ ,  $i_{n-1} = 1$  and so

$$n - i_1, i_1 - i_2, \dots, i_{n-1} - i_{n-2}, i_{n-1} = 1.$$
 (14)

Therefore we get the desired equality:

$$f(x_1 x_2 x_3 \cdots x_n) = f(x_1) f(x_2) f(x_3) \cdots f(x_n),$$
 (15)

for all 
$$x_1, x_2, x_3, \ldots, x_n \in A$$
.

#### 3. Generalization of Theorem 2

We need the following lemmas to prove the generalization of Theorem 2.

**Lemma 5** (see [9, Corollaries 2.5 and 3.5]). Let V be a normed space, and let W be a Banach space. Assume that  $f, g, h : V \rightarrow W$  are mappings such that

$$||f(x+y)-g(x)-h(y)|| \le \varepsilon (||x||^p + ||y||^p),$$
 (16)

for all  $x, y \in V \setminus \{0\}$ , where  $p \neq 1$  and  $\varepsilon \geq 0$ . Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $T: V \to W$  such that

$$||f(x) - T(x) - f(0)|| \le \frac{|4(3+3^p)| \varepsilon}{|2^p(3-3^p)|} ||x||^p,$$
 (17)

for all  $x \in V \setminus \{0\}$ . In particular, T is given by

$$T(x) = \lim_{m \to \infty} \frac{f(3^{sm}x) - f(0)}{3^{sm}},$$
 (18)

for all  $x \in V \setminus \{0\}$ , where  $s := -\operatorname{sgn}(p-1)$ .

**Lemma 6.** Let  $V, W, f, g, h, \varepsilon$  be as in Lemma 5. If p < 0 and f(0) = 0, then f is an additive mapping.

*Proof.* Let  $T:V\to W$  be the additive mapping satisfying (17). Then we have

$$||2f(x) - 2T(x)|| \le ||f(2(n+1)x) - T(2(n+1)x)|| + ||f(-2nx) - T(-2nx)|| + ||f(x) - g((n+1)x) - h(-nx)|| + ||f(x) - g(-nx) - h((n+1)x)|| + ||f(2(n+1)x) - g((n+1)x) - h((n+1)x)|| + ||f(-2nx) - g(-nx) - h(-nx)|| \le \left(\frac{4(3+3^p)}{2^p(3-3^p)} + 4\right)(n+1)^p \varepsilon ||x||^p + \left(\frac{4(3+3^p)}{2^p(3-3^p)} + 4\right)n^p \varepsilon ||x||^p,$$
(19)

for all  $x \in V \setminus \{0\}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Taking the limit as  $n \to \infty$ , we get f(x) = T(x) as desired.

The following result has already been proved in [7] (see also [8]). We show that it can also be derived from Lemma 6.

**Lemma 7.** Let  $V, W, \varepsilon$  be as in Lemma 5 and p < 0. If  $f : V \rightarrow W$  is a mapping such that

$$||f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)|| \le \varepsilon (||x||^p + ||y||^p)$$

$$\forall x, y \in V \setminus \{0\},$$
(20)

then f is an additive mapping.

*Proof.* By Lemma 5, we can take an additive mapping  $T: V \to W$  satisfying (17). Observe that

$$||f(0)|| \le ||f(nx) - T(nx) - f(0)|| + ||f(-nx) - T(-nx) - f(0)|| + ||f(0) - f(nx) - f(-nx)|| \le \left(\frac{8(3+3^{p})}{2^{p}(3-3^{p})} + 2\right) n^{p} \varepsilon ||x||^{p},$$
(21)

for all  $x \in V \setminus \{0\}$  and for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Taking the limit as  $n \to \infty$ , we get f(0) = 0. By Lemma 6, f is an additive mapping.

Now we can prove the following theorem which is the generalization of Theorem 2.

**Theorem 8.** Let A be a commutative normed algebra and B a commutative Banach algebra. Assume that  $f, g, h : A \rightarrow B$  satisfy (16) and

$$||f(x^n) - f(x)^n|| \le \delta ||x||^{nq},$$
 (22)

for all  $x \in A \setminus \{0\}$ , where  $\delta \ge 0$  and (p-1)(q-1) > 0. If f(0) = 0, then there exists a unique n-ring homomorphism  $T: A \to B$  satisfying (17).

*Proof.* By Lemma 5, there exists a unique additive mapping T satisfying (17). By Theorem 4, it suffices to show that  $T(x^n) = T(x)^n$ . Put  $s := -\operatorname{sgn}(q-1)$ . From the equality below (17) in Lemma 5, we have

$$T(x) = \lim_{m \to \infty} \frac{f(3^{sm}x)}{3^{sm}},$$
 (23)

for all  $x \in A \setminus \{0\}$ . It follows from (22) that

$$||T(x^{n}) - T(x)^{n}|| = \lim_{m \to \infty} \frac{1}{3^{smn}} \{ ||f(3^{sm}x)^{n}| - (f(3^{sm}x))^{n}|| \}$$

$$\leq \lim_{m \to \infty} \frac{\delta}{3^{smn}} ||3^{sm}x||^{nq}$$

$$= \lim_{m \to \infty} (3^{smn(q-1)}) \delta ||x||^{nq} = 0,$$
(24)

for all  $x \in A \setminus \{0\}$ . Hence T is an n-Jordan homomorphism. By Theorem 4, T is an n-ring homomorphism.  $\square$ 

The following two corollaries give results on the hyperstability of *n*-ring homomorphisms between Banach algebras.

**Corollary 9.** Let  $A, B, q, \delta, f, g, h$  be as in Theorem 8. If f(0) = 0 and p < 0, then f is an n-ring homomorphism.

*Proof.* Let T be the unique n-ring homomorphism satisfying (17) in Theorem 8. By Lemma 6, f is the unique additive mapping satisfying (17). So f is the unique n-ring homomorphism.

**Corollary 10.** Let A, B, p, q be as in Corollary 9. Assume that  $f: A \to B$  satisfies the system of functional inequalities (20) and (22) for all  $x \in A \setminus \{0\}$ . Then f is an n-ring homomorphism.

*Proof.* The proof is analogous as for Corollary 9, with Lemma 6 replaced by Lemma 7.  $\Box$ 

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