

3-VARIABLE DOUBLE ρ -FUNCTIONAL INEQUALITIES OF DRYGAS

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Abstract. Drygas introduced the functional equation $f(x+y) + f(x-y) = 2f(x) + f(y) + f(-y)$ in quasi-inner product spaces. In this paper, we introduce and solve 3-variable double ρ -functional inequalities associated to the functional equation $f(x+y+z) + f(x+y-z) = 2f(x) + 2f(y) + f(z) + f(-z)$. Moreover, we prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of the 3-variable double ρ -functional inequalities in complex Banach spaces.

1. Introduction and preliminaries

A classical question in the theory of functional equations is the following: “When is it true that a function which approximately satisfies a functional equation must be closed to an exact solution of question?”. If the problem accepts a solution, we say the equation is stable. The stability problem of functional equations originated from a question of Ulam [22] concerning the stability of group homomorphisms. Let (G_1, \cdot) be a group and let $(G_2, *)$ be a metric group with the metric $d(\cdot, \cdot)$. Given $\varepsilon > 0$, does there exist a $\delta > 0$, such that if a mapping $h : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ satisfies the inequality $d(h(x \cdot y), h(x) * h(y)) < \delta$ for all $x, y \in G_1$, then there exists a homomorphism $H : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ with $d(h(x), H(x)) < \varepsilon$ for all $x \in G_1$? In the other words, under what condition does there exists a homomorphism near an approximate homomorphism? The concept of stability for functional equation arises when we replace the functional equation by an inequality which acts as a perturbation of the equation. In 1941, Hyers [13] gave the first affirmative answer to the question of Ulam for additive groups in Banach spaces. Hyers’ theorem was generalized by Aoki [1] for additive mappings and by Rassias [20] for linear mappings by considering an unbounded Cauchy difference. A generalization of the Th.M. Rassias theorem was obtained by Găvruta [10] by replacing the unbounded Cauchy difference by a general control function in the spirit of Rassias’ approach. The stability problems for several functional equations or inequalities have been extensively investigated by a number of authors and there are many interesting results concerning this problem (see [2, 3, 5, 7, 15, 16, 23]).

Gilányi [11] showed that if f satisfies the functional inequality

$$\|2f(x) + 2f(y) - f(x - y)\| \leq \|f(x + y)\| \quad (1)$$

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then f satisfies the Jordan-von Neumann functional equation

$$2f(x) + 2f(y) = f(x+y) + f(x-y).$$

See also [21]. Fechner [9] and Gilányi [12] proved the Hyers-Ulam stability of the functional inequality (1).

Park [17, 18] defined additive ρ -functional inequalities and proved the Hyers-Ulam stability of the additive ρ -functional inequalities in Banach spaces and non-Archimedean Banach spaces.

To obtain a Jordan and von Neumann type characterization theorem for the quasi-inner-product spaces, Drygas [6] considered the functional equation

$$f(x+y) + f(x-y) = 2f(x) + f(y) + f(-y),$$

whose solution is called a *Drygas mapping*. The general solution of the above functional equation was given by Ebanks, Kannappan and Sahoo [8] as

$$f(x) = Q(x) + A(x)$$

where A is an additive mapping and Q is a quadratic mapping. In [19], Park et al. investigated the following inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(x) + f(y) + f(z)\| &\leq \|2f\left(\frac{x+y+z}{2}\right)\|, \\ \|f(x) + f(y) + f(z)\| &\leq \|f(x+y+z)\|, \\ \|f(x) + f(y) + 2f(z)\| &\leq \|2f\left(\frac{x+y}{2} + z\right)\| \end{aligned}$$

in Banach spaces. Recently, Cho et al. [4] investigated the following functional inequality

$$\|f(x) + f(y) + f(z)\| \leq \left\| Kf\left(\frac{x+y+z}{K}\right) \right\| \quad (0 < |K| < |3|)$$

in non-Archimedean Banach spaces. Lu et al. [14] investigated 3-variable Jensen ρ -functional inequalities associated to the following functional equations

$$\begin{aligned} f(x+y+z) + f(x+y-z) - 2f(x) - 2f(y) &= 0, \\ f(x+y+z) - f(x-y-z) - 2f(y) - 2f(z) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

in complex Banach spaces.

The function equation

$$f(x+y+z) + f(x+y-z) = 2f(x) + 2f(y) + f(z) + f(-z)$$

is called *3-variable Drygas functional equation*, whose solution is called a *3-variable Drygas mapping*.

In this paper, we introduce double ρ -functional inequalities associated to 3-variable Drygas functional equation, and prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of the double ρ -functional inequalities in complex Banach spaces.

Throughout this paper, assume that X is a complex normed vector space and that Y is a complex Banach space.

2. A double ρ -functional inequality relate to the 3-variable Drygas functional equation I

In this section, we prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of the following 3-variable double ρ -functional inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(x+y+z) + f(x+y-z) - 2f(x) - 2f(y) - f(z) - f(-z)\| \\ & \leq \|\rho_1(f(x+y+z) - f(x) - f(y) - f(z))\| \\ & \quad + \|\rho_2(f(x+y-z) - f(x) - f(y) - f(-z))\| \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

in complex Banach spaces, where ρ_1 and ρ_2 are fixed complex numbers with $|\rho_1| < 1$ and $|\rho_1| + |\rho_2| < 2$.

LEMMA 2.1. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a mapping. If it satisfies (2) for all $x, y, z \in X$, then f is additive.

Proof. Letting $x = -y = z$ in (2), we get

$$2\|f(z) + f(-z)\| \leq |\rho_1|\|f(-z) + f(z)\| + |\rho_2|\|f(z) + f(-z)\|$$

and so $f(-x) = -f(x)$ for all $x \in X$, and $f(0) = 0$.

Letting $z = 0$ in (2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|2f(x+y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)\| \leq \|\rho_1(f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y))\| \\ & \quad + \|\rho_2(f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y))\| \\ & = (|\rho_1| + |\rho_2|)\|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \end{aligned}$$

and so $f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y)$ for all $x, y \in X$. Hence $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is additive. \square

Now we prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of the double ρ -functional inequality (2) in complex Banach spaces.

THEOREM 2.2. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a mapping. If there is a function $\varphi : X^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(x+y+z) + f(x+y-z) - 2f(x) - 2f(y) - f(z) - f(-z)\| \\ & \leq \|\rho_1(f(x+y+z) - f(x) - f(y) - f(z))\| \\ & \quad + \|\rho_2(f(x+y-z) - f(x) - f(y) - f(-z))\| + \varphi(x, y, z) \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

and

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

for all $x, y, z \in X$, then there exists a unique additive mapping $A : X \rightarrow Y$ such that

$$\|f(x) - A(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{2(2 - |\rho_1| - |\rho_2|)} \tilde{\varphi}(x, x, 0) \tag{4}$$

for all $x \in X$.

Proof. Letting $x = y = z = 0$ in (3), we get $\|4f(0)\| \leq \|2\rho_1 f(0)\| + \|2\rho_2 f(0)\|$ and so $f(0) = 0$.

Letting $y = x$ and $z = 0$ in (3), we get

$$\|2f(2x) - 4f(x)\| \leq |\rho_1| \|f(2x) - 2f(x)\| + |\rho_2| \|f(2x) - 2f(x)\| + \varphi(x, x, 0)$$

for all $x \in X$.

Thus

$$\left\| f(x) - \frac{f(2x)}{2} \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2 - |\rho_1| - |\rho_2|} \frac{1}{2} \varphi(x, x, 0)$$

for all $x \in X$.

Hence one may have the following formula for positive integers m, l with $m > l$,

$$\left\| \frac{1}{(2)^l} f((2)^l x) - \frac{1}{(2)^m} f((2)^m x) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2(2 - |\rho_1| - |\rho_2|)} \sum_{i=l}^{m-1} \frac{1}{2^i} \varphi(2^i x, 2^i x, 0), \quad (5)$$

for all $x \in X$.

It follows from (5) that the sequence $\left\{ \frac{f(2^k x)}{2^k} \right\}$ is a Cauchy sequence for all $x \in X$. Since Y is a Banach space, the sequence $\left\{ \frac{f(2^k x)}{2^k} \right\}$ converges. So one may define the mapping $A : X \rightarrow Y$ by

$$A(x) := \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{f(2^k x)}{2^k} \right\}, \quad \forall x \in X.$$

Taking $l = 0$ and letting m tend to ∞ in (5), we get (4).

It follows from (3) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|A(x + y + z) + A(x + y - z) - 2A(x) - 2A(y) - A(z) - A(-z)\| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \|f[2^n(x + y + z)] + f[2^n(x + y - z)] - 2f(2^n x) \\ &\quad - 2f(2^n y) - f(2^n z) - f(-2^n z)\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \|\rho_1 (f[2^n(x + y + z)] - f(2^n x) - f(2^n y) - f(2^n z))\| \\ &\quad + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \|\rho_2 (f[2^n(x + y - z)] - f(2^n x) - f(2^n y) - f(-2^n z))\| \\ &\quad + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \varphi(2^n x, 2^n y, 2^n z) \\ &= \|\rho_1 (A(x + y + z) - A(x) - A(y) - A(z))\| \\ &\quad + \|\rho_2 (A(x + y - z) - A(x) - A(y) - A(-z))\| \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y, z \in X$. So A satisfies (2) and so it is additive by Lemma 2.1.

Now, we show that the uniqueness of A . Let $T : X \rightarrow Y$ be another additive mapping satisfying (3). Then one has

$$\begin{aligned} \|A(x) - T(x)\| &= \left\| \frac{1}{2^k}A(2^k x) - \frac{1}{2^k}T(2^k x) \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2^k} \left(\|A(2^k x) - f(2^k x)\| + \|T(2^k x) - f(2^k x)\| \right) \\ &\leq 2 \frac{1}{2^k} \tilde{\varphi}(2^k x, 2^k x, 0) \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as $k \rightarrow \infty$ for all $x \in X$. So we can conclude that $A(x) = T(x)$ for all $x \in X$. \square

COROLLARY 2.3. Let $r < 1$ and θ be nonnegative real numbers, and let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a mapping such that

$$\begin{aligned} &\|f(x+y+z) + f(x+y-z) - 2f(x) - 2f(y) - f(z) - f(-z)\| \\ &\leq \|\rho_1(f(x+y+z) - f(x) - f(y) - f(z))\| \\ &\quad + \|\rho_2(f(x+y-z) - f(x) - f(y) + f(z))\| + \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r + \|z\|^r) \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

for all $x, y, z \in X$. Then there exists a unique additive mapping $A : X \rightarrow Y$ such that

$$\|f(x) - A(x)\| \leq \frac{2\theta}{(2 - 2^r)(2 - |\rho_1| - |\rho_2|)} \|x\|^r$$

for all $x \in X$.

THEOREM 2.4. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a mapping with $f(0) = 0$. If there is a function $\varphi : X^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ satisfying (3) such that

$$\tilde{\varphi}(x, y, z) := \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2^j \varphi\left(\frac{x}{2^j}, \frac{y}{2^j}, \frac{z}{2^j}\right) < \infty$$

for all $x, y, z \in X$, then there exists a unique additive mapping $A : X \rightarrow Y$ such that

$$\|f(x) - A(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{2(2 - |\rho_1| - |\rho_2|)} \tilde{\varphi}(x, x, 0)$$

for all $x \in X$.

Proof. By a similar method to the proof of Theorem 2.2, we can get

$$\left\| f(x) - 2f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2 - |\rho_1| - |\rho_2|} \varphi\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{y}{2}, 0\right)$$

for all $x \in X$.

Next, we can prove that the sequence $\{2^n f(\frac{x}{2^n})\}$ is a Cauchy sequence for all $x \in X$, and define a mapping $A : X \rightarrow Y$ by

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

for all $x \in X$.

The rest proof is similar to the corresponding part of the proof of Theorem 2.2. \square

COROLLARY 2.5. Let $r > 1$ and θ be nonnegative real numbers and let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a mapping satisfying (6). Then there exists a unique additive mapping $A : X \rightarrow Y$ such that

$$\|f(x) - A(x)\| \leq \frac{2\theta}{(2^r - 2)(2 - |\rho_1| - |\rho_2|)} \|x\|^r$$

for all $x \in X$.

3. A double ρ -functional inequality relate to the 3-variable Drygas functional equation II

In this section, we prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of the following 3-variable double ρ -functional inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(x+y+z) + f(x+y-z) - 2f(x) - 2f(y) - f(z) - f(-z)\| \\ & \leq \|\rho_1(f(x+y-z) + f(x-y+z) - 2f(x) - f(y) - f(-y) - f(z) - f(-z))\| \\ & \quad + \|\rho_2(f(x+y+z) - f(x+z) - f(y))\| \end{aligned}$$

in complex Banach spaces, where ρ_1 and ρ_2 are fixed complex numbers with $|\rho_1| + |\rho_2| < 1$.

THEOREM 3.1. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a mapping. If there is a function $\varphi : X^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(x+y+z) + f(x+y-z) - 2f(x) - 2f(y) - f(z) - f(-z)\| \\ & \leq \|\rho_1(f(x+y-z) + f(x-y+z) - 2f(x) - f(y) - f(-y) - f(z) - f(-z))\| \quad (7) \\ & \quad + \|\rho_2(f(x+y+z) - f(x+z) - f(y))\| + \varphi(x, y, z) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\tilde{\varphi}(x, y, z) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4^j} \varphi(2^j x, 2^j y, 2^j z) \leq \infty \quad (8)$$

for all $x, y, z \in X$, then there exists a unique Drygas mapping $A : X \rightarrow Y$ such that

$$\|A(x) - f(x) - f(-x)\| \leq \frac{1}{4(1 - |\rho_1|)} [\tilde{\varphi}(x, 0, x) + \tilde{\varphi}(-x, 0, x)] \quad (9)$$

Proof. Letting $x = y = z = 0$ in (7), we get $4\|f(0)\| \leq (4|\rho_1| + |\rho_2|)\|f(0)\|$ and so $f(0) = 0$.

Letting $y = 0$ in (7), we get

$$\|f(x+z) + f(x-z) - 2f(x) - f(z) - f(-z)\| \leq \frac{1}{1 - |\rho_1|} \varphi(x, 0, z) \quad (10)$$

for all $x, z \in X$. Letting $z = x$ in (10), we get

$$\|f(2x) - 3f(x) - f(-x)\| \leq \frac{1}{1 - |\rho_1|} \varphi(x, 0, x)$$

for all $x \in X$. Similarly, we get

$$\|f(-2x) - 3f(-x) - f(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{1 - |\rho_1|} \varphi(-x, 0, x)$$

for all $x \in X$. Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(2x) + f(-2x) - 4f(x) - 4f(-x)\| \\ & \leq \|f(2x) - 3f(x) - f(-x)\| + \|f(-2x) - 3f(-x) - f(x)\| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{1 - |\rho_1|} [\varphi(x, 0, x) + \varphi(-x, 0, x)] \end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in X$. Therefore

$$\left\| \frac{f(2x) + f(-2x)}{4} - (f(x) + f(-x)) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{4(1 - |\rho_1|)} [\varphi(x, 0, x) + \varphi(-x, 0, x)]$$

for all $x \in X$.

Hence one may have the following formula for positive integers m, l with $m > l$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \frac{f(2^l x) + f(-2^l x)}{4^l} - \frac{f(2^m x) + f(-2^m x)}{4^m} \right\| \\ & \leq \sum_{i=l}^{m-1} \frac{1}{4^i} \frac{1}{4(1 - |\rho_1|)} (\varphi(2^i x, 0, 2^i x) + \varphi(-2^i x, 0, 2^i x)), \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

for all $x \in X$.

It follows from (8) that the sequence $\left\{ \frac{f(2^k x) + f(-2^k x)}{4^k} \right\}$ is a Cauchy sequence for all $x \in X$. Since Y is a Banach space, the sequence $\left\{ \frac{f(2^k x) + f(-2^k x)}{4^k} \right\}$ converges. So one may define the mapping $A : X \rightarrow Y$ by

$$A(x) := \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{f(2^k x) + f(-2^k x)}{4^k} \right\}, \quad \forall x \in X.$$

Taking $l = 0$ and letting m tend to ∞ in (11), we get (9).

It follows from (7) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|A(x+y) + A(x-y) - 2A(x) - A(y) - A(-y)\| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{4^n} \|f[2^n(x+y)] + f[2^n(-x-y)] + f[2^n(x-y)] + f[2^n(-x+y)] \\ &\quad - 2f(2^n x) - 2f(-2^n x) - f(2^n y) - f(-2^n y)\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{4^n} \|\rho_1(f(2^n x + 2^n y) + f(2^n x - 2^n y) - 2f(2^n x) - f(2^n y) - f(-2^n y))\| \\ &\quad + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{4^n} \|\rho_1(f(-2^n x - 2^n y) + f(-2^n x + 2^n y) - 2f(-2^n x) - f(2^n y) - f(-2^n y))\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{4^n} \frac{|\rho_1|}{2(1-|\rho_1|)} \varphi(2^n x, 0, 2^n y) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y \in X$. So A is a Drygas mapping.

Now, we show that the uniqueness of A . Let $T : X \rightarrow Y$ be another Drygas mapping satisfying (9). Then one has

$$\begin{aligned} \|A(x) - T(x)\| &= \left\| \frac{1}{4^k} A(2^k x) - \frac{1}{4^k} T(2^k x) \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4^k} \left(\|A(2^k x) - f(2^k x) - f(-2^k x)\| + \|T(2^k x) - f(2^k x) - f(-2^k x)\| \right) \\ &\leq \frac{2}{4(1-|\rho_1|)} \left(\tilde{\varphi}(2^k x, 0, 2^k x) + \tilde{\varphi}(-2^k x, 0, 2^k x) \right) \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as $k \rightarrow \infty$ for all $x \in X$. So we can conclude that $A(x) = T(x)$ for all $x \in X$. \square

COROLLARY 3.2. Let $r < 2$ and θ be nonnegative real numbers, and let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a mapping such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(x+y+z) + f(x+y-z) - 2f(x) - 2f(y) - f(z) - f(-z)\| \\ &\leq \|\rho_1(f(x+y+z) - f(x-y-z) - 2f(x) - f(y) - f(-y) - f(z) - f(-z))\| \quad (12) \\ &\quad + \|\rho_2(f(x+y+z) - f(x+z) - f(y))\| + \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r + \|z\|^r) \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y, z \in X$. Then there exists a unique Drygas mapping $A : X \rightarrow Y$ such that

$$\|A(x) - f(x) - f(-x)\| \leq \frac{4\theta}{(4-2^r)(1-|\rho_1|)} \|x\|^r$$

for all $x \in X$.

THEOREM 3.3. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a mapping with $f(0) = 0$. If there is a function $\varphi : X^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ satisfying (7) and

$$\tilde{\varphi}(x, y, z) := \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 4^j \varphi\left(\frac{x}{2^j}, \frac{y}{2^j}, \frac{z}{2^j}\right) = 0$$

for all $x, y, z \in X$, then there exists a unique Drygas mapping $A : X \rightarrow Y$ such that

$$\|A(x) - f(x) - f(-x)\| \leq \frac{1}{4(1 - |\rho_1|)} [\tilde{\varphi}(x, 0, x) + \tilde{\varphi}(-x, 0, x)]$$

for all $x \in X$.

Proof. By a similar method to the proof of Theorem 3.1, we can get

$$\left\| f(x) + f(-x) - 4 \left(f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + f\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right) \right) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{1 - |\rho_1|} \left(\varphi\left(\frac{x}{2}, 0, \frac{x}{2}\right) + \varphi\left(-\frac{x}{2}, 0, \frac{x}{2}\right) \right)$$

for all $x \in X$.

Next, we can prove that the sequence $\{4^n[f(\frac{x}{2^n}) + f(-\frac{x}{2^n})]\}$ is a Cauchy sequence for all $x \in X$, and define a mapping $A : X \rightarrow Y$ by

$$A(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 4^n \left[f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) + f\left(-\frac{x}{2^n}\right) \right]$$

for all $x \in X$.

The rest proof is similar to the corresponding part of the proof of Theorem 3.1. \square

COROLLARY 3.4. Let $r > 2$ and θ be nonnegative real numbers and let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a mapping satisfying (12). Then there exists a unique Drygas mapping $A : X \rightarrow Y$ such that

$$\|f(x) + f(-x) - A(x)\| \leq \frac{4\theta}{(2^r - 4)(1 - |\rho_1|)} \|x\|^r$$

for all $x \in X$.

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