

## ON THE STABILITY OF CUBIC BI-DERIVATIONS ON BANACH ALGEBRAS

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*Abstract.* In this paper, using fixed point method, we investigate the stability and also the super-stability of cubic bi-derivations on Banach algebras.

### 1. Introduction

Ulam is pioneer of the stability problem in functional equations (see [17]). In 1940, he discussed a number of important unsolved problems. Among these problems was the following question concerning the stability of homomorphism:

“Suppose  $(F_1, \bullet)$  be a group,  $(F_2, \otimes)$  be a metric group with metric  $\Delta(\cdot, \cdot)$ . For  $\xi > 0$ , is there  $\nu > 0$  such that if a mapping  $\phi : F_1 \rightarrow F_2$  satisfies

$$\Delta(\phi(st), \phi(s)\phi(t)) < \nu$$

for all  $s, t \in F_1$ , then there exists a homomorphism  $T : F_1 \rightarrow F_2$  with

$$\Delta(\phi(s), T(s)) < \xi$$

for all  $s \in F_1$ ?”

In 1941, Hyers gave the first confirmative answer to the question of Ulam as following theorem (see [9]):

Assume that  $\Omega_1$  is a normed vector space and  $\Omega_2$  is a Banach space. Let  $p : \Omega_1 \rightarrow \Omega_2$  be a mapping satisfying the inequality

$$\|p(s+t) - p(s) - p(t)\| \leq \mu$$

for all  $s \in \Omega_1$ , where  $\mu > 0$ . Then

$$f(s) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{p(2^n s)}{2^n}$$

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exists for all  $s \in \Omega_1$  and  $f : \Omega_1 \rightarrow \Omega_2$  is the unique additive mapping such that

$$\|p(s) - f(s)\| \leq \mu$$

for all  $s \in \Omega_1$ .

Subsequently, in 1978, Rassias proved the following theorem which is a generalized version of Hyers' theorem (see [16]):

Assume that  $B_1, B_2$  are two Banach spaces and  $p : B_1 \rightarrow B_2$  is a mapping. Suppose that there exist  $\theta \geq 0$  and  $\tau \in [0, 1)$  such that

$$\|p(s+t) - p(s) - p(t)\| \leq \theta(\|s\|^\tau + \|t\|^\tau)$$

for  $s, t \in B_1$ . Then the limit

$$L(s) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{p(2^n s)}{2^n}$$

exists for all  $s \in B_1$  and  $L : B_1 \rightarrow B_2$  is the unique additive mapping which satisfies

$$\|p(s) - L(s)\| \leq \frac{2\theta}{2-2^p} \|s\|^\tau$$

for all  $s \in B_1$ . Additionally, if the mapping  $p(us)$  is continuous for  $u \in \mathbb{R}$  for each  $s \in B_1$ , then  $L$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear.

In 1994, Găvruta provided a further generalization of the Th. M. Rassias' theorem as follows (see [7]).

Assume that  $(G, +)$  is an abelian group,  $B$  is a Banach space and  $\varphi : B \times B \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a function such that

$$\tilde{\varphi}(s, t) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{-k} \varphi(2^k s, 2^k t) < \infty$$

for all  $s, t \in G$ . Let  $p : G \rightarrow B$  be such that

$$\|p(s+t) - p(s) - p(t)\| \leq \varphi(s, t)$$

for all  $s, t \in G$ . Then there exists a unique mapping  $H : G \rightarrow B$  such that  $H(s+t) = H(s) + H(t)$  for all  $s, t \in G$  and  $\|p(s) - H(s)\| \leq \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\varphi}(s, s)$  for all  $s \in G$ .

In 2004, Cădariu and Radu applied fixed point method to the stability for the additive Cauchy functional equation (see [3]). Bae and Park proved the Hyers-Ulam stability of bi-homomorphisms and bi-derivations on  $C^*$ -ternary algebras (see [1]).

Jun and Kim obtained a general solution the following functional equation (see [10]):

$$p(2s+t) + p(2s-t) = 2p(s+t) + 2p(s-t) + 12p(s). \quad (1)$$

Also, they investigated the Hyers-Ulam stability of the functional equation (1). One can see that  $p(s) = cs^3$  is a solution of (1). The functional equation (1) is called a cubic functional equation and then every solution of (1) is called a cubic mapping.

In 2007, Najati introduced the following functional equation

$$p(ms + t) + p(ms - t) = mp(s + t) + mp(s - t) + 2(m^3 - m)p(s) \tag{2}$$

where  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $m \geq 2$  (see [13]). If  $m = 2$ , we have the functional equation (1).

In recent years, the stability of some type of cubic derivations associated with the functional equation (1) has been studied by a number of mathematicians. The stability, superstability and hyperstability of cubic Lie derivations and other related problems were studied (see [3, 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15]). Motivated by these results, we study the Hyers-Ulam stability of cubic bi-derivations.

### 2. Preliminaries

Let  $B$  be a complex Banach algebra and  $X$  be a complex Banach  $B$ -bimodule. A mapping  $p : B \rightarrow X$  is called a cubic homogeneous mapping if  $p(\lambda s) = \lambda^3 p(s)$  for all  $s \in B$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . A cubic homogeneous mapping  $\delta : B \rightarrow X$  is called a cubic derivation if  $\delta(st) = \delta(s)t^3 + s^3\delta(t)$  for all  $s, t \in B$  (see [2]).

Now, we remember some elementary concepts in the fixed point theory.

DEFINITION 1. [5] Suppose that  $K$  is a nonempty set. A function  $\Delta : K \times K \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is called a generalized complete metric on  $K$  if  $\Delta$  satisfies the following conditions:

- (1)  $\Delta(k, l) = 0$  if and only if  $k = l$ ;
- (2)  $\Delta(k, l) = \Delta(l, k)$  for all  $k, l \in K$ ;
- (3)  $\Delta(k, m) \leq \Delta(k, l) + \Delta(l, m)$  for all  $k, l, m \in K$ ;
- (4) Every  $\Delta$ -Cauchy sequence in  $K$  is  $\Delta$ -convergent, i.e.,  $\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} \Delta(k_n, k_m) = 0$  for

a sequence  $\{k_n\}$  in  $K$  implies that there exists  $k \in K$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Delta(k, k_n) = 0$ .

EXAMPLE 1. Let  $K := C(\mathbb{R})$  be the space of continuous functions on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\Delta : K \times K \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  be given by  $\Delta(p, q) := \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} |p(t) - q(t)|$ . Then the pair  $(K, \Delta)$  is a generalized complete metric space.

DEFINITION 2. Let  $(K, \Delta)$  be a generalized complete metric space. A mapping  $S : K \rightarrow K$  is said to satisfy a Lipschitz condition with constant  $L > 0$  if

$$\Delta(S(k), S(l)) \leq L\Delta(k, l)$$

for all  $k, l \in K$ . If  $L < 1$ , then  $S$  is called a strictly contractive operator.

We recall well known fixed point theorem which is significant for our aims.

THEOREM 1. [5] Let  $(K, \Delta)$  be a generalized complete metric space and  $S : K \rightarrow K$  be a strictly contractive mapping with the Lipschitz constant  $L$ . Then for each given  $k \in K$ , either  $\Delta(S^m k, S^{m+1} k) = \infty$  for all positive integers  $m$  or there exists a positive integer  $m_0$  such that

- (1) For each  $m \geq m_0$ ,  $\Delta(S^m k, S^{m+1} k) < \infty$ ,
- (2) The sequence  $\{S^m k\}$  converges to a fixed point  $l^*$  of  $S$ ,
- (3)  $l^*$  is the unique fixed point of  $S$  in the set  $\Omega = \{l \in K \mid \Delta(S^{m_0} k, l) < \infty\}$ ,
- (4)  $\Delta(l, l^*) \leq \frac{1}{1-L} \Delta(S(l), l)$  for all  $l \in \Omega$ .

DEFINITION 3. Let  $B$  be a Banach algebra and  $X$  be a Banach  $B$ -bimodule. A bi-cubic mapping  $\delta : B \times B \rightarrow X$  is a cubic bi-derivation if it satisfies the following properties:

- (1)  $\delta$  is bi-cubic homogeneous, i.e.,

$$\delta(\lambda s, \mu t) = \lambda^3 \mu^3 \delta(s, t) \text{ for all } s, t \in B \text{ and all } \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{C},$$

- (2)  $\delta(st, u) = s^3 \delta(t, u) + \delta(s, u)t^3$  and  $\delta(s, tu) = t^3 \delta(s, u) + \delta(s, t)u^3$  for all  $s, t, u \in B$ .

EXAMPLE 2. Let  $B$  be a Banach algebra. Consider

$$X := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ 0 & 0 & b_4 & b_5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

for all  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_6 \in B$ . Then  $X$  is a Banach algebra with the usual matrix operations and the following norm:

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ 0 & 0 & b_4 & b_5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \sum_{i=1}^6 \|b_i\| \quad (b_i \in B).$$

It is known that

$$X^* = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & p_1^* & p_2^* & p_3^* \\ 0 & 0 & p_4^* & p_5^* \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & p_6^* \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

where  $p_i \in B^*$ , is the dual of  $X$  equipped with the following norm:

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} 0 & p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ 0 & 0 & p_4 & p_5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & p_6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \max \{ \|p_i\| : 0 \leq i \leq 6 \} \quad (p_i \in B^*).$$

$$\text{Assume that } C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ 0 & 0 & c_4 & c_5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c_6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, D = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & d_1 & d_2 & d_3 \\ 0 & 0 & d_4 & d_5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & d_6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in X \text{ and } P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ 0 & 0 & p_4 & p_5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & p_6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\in X^*$ , where  $p_i \in B^*$  and  $c_i, d_i \in B$  ( $0 \leq i \leq 6$ ).

Consider the module actions of  $X$  on  $X^*$  as follows:

$$\langle P \cdot C, D \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^6 p(c_i d_i), \quad \langle C \cdot P, D \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^6 p(d_i c_i).$$

Then  $X^*$  is a Banach  $X$ -bimodule. Let  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ 0 & 0 & p_4 & p_5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & p_6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in X^*$ . We define  $\delta :$

$X \times X \rightarrow X^*$  by  $\delta(C, D) = P \cdot C + D \cdot P$  for all  $C, D \in X$ . It is easy to see that  $\delta$  is a bi-cubic homogeneous mapping. Since  $X^4 = \{0\}$ , we have  $\delta(CD, E) = C^3 \delta(D, E) + \delta(C, E)D^3 = 0$  for all  $C, D, E \in X$ . Therefore,  $\delta$  is a cubic bi-derivation.

In this paper, we investigate the Hyers-Ulam stability of cubic bi-derivations associated with the general cubic functional equation in Banach algebras:

$$p(st, u) = s^3 p(t, u) + p(s, u)t^3, \quad p(s, tu) = t^3 p(s, u) + p(s, t)u^3,$$

$$p(ks, kt + u) + p(ks, kt - u) = k^4 [p(s, t + u) + p(s, t - u)] + 2k^3 (k^3 - k)p(s, t). \quad (3)$$

Furthermore, we investigate the superstability of (3).

In the following theorem, we present the general solution of (3).

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $B$  be a Banach algebra and  $X$  be a Banach  $B$ -bimodule. Then every solution of the functional equation (3) with the positive integer  $k \geq 2$  is a bi-cubic homogeneous mapping. Also, if a bi-cubic homogeneous mapping  $p : B \times B \rightarrow X$  satisfies  $p(s, 0) = 0$  for all  $s \in B$ , then  $p$  satisfies the functional equation (3).*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $p : B^2 \rightarrow X$  satisfies (3). Letting  $u = 0$  in (3), we get

$$2p(ks, kt) = 2k^4 p(s, t) + 2k^3 (k^3 - k)p(s, t)$$

for all  $s, t \in B$  and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  with  $k \geq 2$ . Thus we have

$$p(ks, kt) = k^6 p(s, t)$$

for all  $s, t \in B$  and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  with  $k \geq 2$ . Hence  $p : B^2 \rightarrow X$  is bi-cubic homogeneous.

Let  $p : B^2 \rightarrow X$  be a bi-cubic homogeneous mapping with  $p(s, 0) = 0$  for all  $s \in B$ . Letting  $u = t$  in (3) and using  $p(s, 0) = 0$ , we obtain that

$$p(ks, (k + 1)t) + p(ks, (k - 1)t) = k^4 p(s, 2t) + 2k^3 (k^3 - k)p(s, t)$$

for all  $s, t \in B$ . Since  $p$  is a bi-cubic homogeneous mapping, we have

$$k^3 [(k + 1)^3 + (k - 1)^3] p(s, t) = 8k^4 p(s, t) + 2k^3 (k^3 - k)p(s, t)$$

for all  $s, t \in B$ . Therefore,  $p$  satisfies the functional equation (3).  $\square$

### 3. Stability of cubic bi-derivations

Throughout this paper, let  $B$  be a Banach algebra,  $X$  be a Banach  $B$ -bimodule and  $\Upsilon = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\lambda| = 1\}$ . For a given mapping  $p : B \times B \rightarrow X$  we define

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{\lambda, \mu} p(s; t, u) &:= p(\lambda ks, \mu kt + \mu u) + p(\lambda ks, \mu kt - \mu u) \\ &\quad - \lambda^3 \mu^3 k^4 [p(s, t + u) + p(s, t - u)] - 2\lambda^3 \mu^3 k^3 (k^3 - k)p(s, t) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $s, t, u \in B$  and all  $\lambda, \mu \in \Upsilon$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  with  $k \geq 2$ .

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $\varphi : B^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function and  $p : B \times B \rightarrow X$  be a mapping with  $p(0, 0) = 0$  satisfying*

$$\|\Delta_{\lambda, \mu} p(s; t, u)\| \leq \varphi(s, t, u), \quad (4)$$

$$\|p(st, u) - s^3 p(t, u) - p(s, u)t^3\| + \|p(s, tu) - t^3 p(s, u) - p(s, t)u^3\| \leq \varphi(s, t, u), \quad (5)$$

$$\varphi(k^n s, k^n t, k^n u) \leq k^{6n} L \varphi(s, t, u) \quad (6)$$

for all  $s, t, u \in B$  and all  $\lambda, \mu \in \Upsilon$  and  $L < 1$ . If for each fixed  $a, b \in B$ , the mapping  $\gamma \mapsto p(\gamma a, \gamma b)$  from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $X$  is continuous in  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ , then there exists a unique cubic bi-derivation  $\delta : B \times B \rightarrow X$  which satisfies the functional equation (3) and the following inequality

$$\|p(s, t) - \delta(s, t)\| \leq \frac{1}{2k^6(1-L)} \varphi(s, t, 0) \quad (7)$$

for all  $s, t \in B$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  with  $k \geq 2$ .

*Proof.* Putting  $\lambda = \mu = 1$  and  $u = 0$  in (4), we have

$$\left\| p(s, t) - \frac{p(ks, kt)}{k^6} \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2k^6} \varphi(s, t, 0) \quad (8)$$

for all  $s, t \in B$ . Consider  $\Psi := \{q : B \times B \rightarrow X \mid q(0, 0) = 0\}$  and a generalized metric on  $\Psi$  as follows:  $\Delta(q, r) = \inf\{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^+ \mid \|q(s, t) - r(s, t)\| \leq \beta \varphi(s, t, 0), \forall s, t \in B\}$ .

Let  $\{q_n\}$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $\Psi$  with  $q_n(0, 0) = 0$ . Then for each  $(s, t) \in B \times B$ ,  $\{q_n(s, t)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ . So there exists  $q(s, t) \in X$  with  $q(0, 0) = 0$  such that  $\{q_n(s, t)\}$  converges to  $q(s, t)$  for each  $(s, t) \in B \times B$ , since  $X$  is complete. For a given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a positive integer  $N$  such that  $\Delta(q_n, q_m) < \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$  for all  $n, m \geq N$ , since  $\{q_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. So  $\|q_n(s, t) - q_m(s, t)\| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \varphi(s, t, 0)$  for all  $n, m \geq N$  and all  $(s, t) \in B \times B$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \|q_n(s, t) - q(s, t)\| &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|q_n(s, t) - q_m(s, t)\| \\ &\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \varphi(s, t, 0) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $n \geq N$  and all  $(s, t) \in B \times B$ . Hence

$$\Delta(q_n, q) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} < \varepsilon$$

for all  $n \geq N$ . So  $(\Psi, \Delta)$  is complete.

We define a mapping  $S : \Psi \rightarrow \Psi$  such that

$$Sq(s, t) := \frac{1}{k^6}q(ks, kt)$$

for all  $s, t \in B$  and all  $q \in \Psi$ . Let  $q, r \in \Psi$  and  $\beta \in [0, \infty)$  be an arbitrary constant with  $\Delta(q, r) \leq \beta$ , i.e.,

$$\|q(s, t) - r(s, t)\| \leq \beta\varphi(s, t, 0)$$

for all  $s, t \in B$ . Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Sq(s, t) - Sr(s, t)\| &= \frac{1}{k^6} \|q(ks, kt) - r(ks, kt)\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{k^6} \beta\varphi(ks, kt, 0) \\ &\leq \beta L\varphi(s, t, 0) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $s, t \in B$  and all  $q, r \in \Psi$ . Therefore, we see that  $\Delta(Sq, Sr) \leq L\Delta(q, r)$ . This means that  $S$  is a strictly contractive operator on  $\Psi$ . It follows from (8) that  $\Delta(p, Sp) \leq \frac{1}{2k^6}$ . By Theorem 1, there exists a unique mapping  $\delta : B \times B \rightarrow X$  satisfying the following conditions:

(i)  $\delta$  is a unique fixed point of  $S$ , that is,  $\delta(ks, kt) = k^6\delta(s, t)$  for all  $s, t \in B$ . The  $\delta$  is a unique fixed point of  $S$  in the set  $\Omega = \{q \in \Psi \mid \Delta(p, q) < \infty\}$  in which there exists  $\beta \in [0, \infty)$  such that for all  $s, t \in B$ ,

$$\|p(s, t) - \delta(s, t)\| \leq \beta\varphi(s, t, 0).$$

(ii) Since  $\Delta(S^n, \delta) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S^n p(s, t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{p(k^n s, k^n t)}{k^{6n}} = \delta(s, t) \tag{9}$$

for all  $s, t \in B$ .

(iii) By (8),

$$\Delta(p, \delta) \leq \frac{1}{1-L}\Delta(p, Sp) \leq \frac{1}{2k^6(1-L)}\varphi(s, t, 0),$$

which means the inequality (7) is valid. It follows from (4), (6) and (9) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta_{\lambda, \mu}\delta(s; t, u)\| &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k^{6n}} \|\Delta_{\lambda, \mu}p(k^n s, k^n t, k^n u)\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k^{6n}} \varphi(k^n s, k^n t, k^n u) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

for all  $s, t, u \in B$  and all  $\lambda, \mu \in Y$ . Therefore, there exists a bi-cubic mapping  $\delta : B \times B \rightarrow X$  satisfying (7).

Now, it follows from (10) that  $\Delta_{\lambda,\mu}\delta(s;t,u) = 0$ . If we put  $\lambda = \mu = 1$  and  $u = 0$  in (10), then we have  $\delta(ks,kt) = k^6\delta(s,t)$  for all  $s,t \in B$  and all  $\lambda,\mu \in Y$ . From the assumption that  $p(\gamma a,\gamma b)$  is continuous in  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$  for each fixed  $a,b \in B$ , by the same reasoning as in [1, Lemma 2.1],

$$\begin{aligned}\delta(\lambda s,\mu t) &= \delta\left(\frac{\lambda}{|\lambda|}|\lambda|s,\frac{\mu}{|\mu|}|\mu|t\right) \\ &= \frac{\lambda^3\mu^3}{|\lambda|^3|\mu|^3}\delta(|\lambda|s,|\mu|t) \\ &= \lambda^3\mu^3\delta(s,t)\end{aligned}$$

for all  $s,t \in B$  and all  $\lambda,\mu \in \mathbb{C}$ . Hence,  $\delta$  is bi-cubic homogeneous. It follows from (5) and (9) that

$$\|p(st,u) - s^3p(t,u) - p(s,u)t^3\| \leq \varphi(s,t,u) \quad (*)$$

$$\|p(s,tu) - t^3p(s,u) - p(s,t)u^3\| \leq \varphi(s,t,u) \quad (**)$$

for all  $s,t,u \in B$ . By the inequality (\*), we get

$$\begin{aligned}&\|\delta(st,u) - s^3\delta(t,u) - \delta(s,u)t^3\| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k^{9n}} [p(k^{2n}st,k^n u) - k^{3n}s^3p(k^n t,k^n u) - p(k^n s,k^n u)k^{3n}t^3] \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k^{9n}} \varphi(k^n s,k^n t,k^n u) = 0\end{aligned}$$

for all  $s,t,u \in B$ . Thus we obtain  $\delta(st,u) = s^3\delta(t,u) + \delta(s,u)t^3$  for all  $s,t,u \in B$ . Following the similar argument by (\*\*), we have  $\delta(s,tu) = t^3\delta(s,u) + \delta(s,t)u^3$  for all  $s,t,u \in B$ . Thus  $\delta$  is a cubic bi-derivation on  $B$  and  $\delta$  satisfies (7). Hence the proof is complete.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 1.** *Let  $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $p : B \times B \rightarrow X$  with  $p(0,0) = 0$  be a mapping fulfilling*

$$\|p(st,u) - s^3p(t,u) - p(s,u)t^3\| + \|p(s,tu) - t^3p(s,u) - p(s,t)u^3\| \leq \varepsilon$$

and

$$\|\Delta_{\lambda,\mu}p(s;t,u)\| \leq \varepsilon$$

for all  $s,t,u \in B$  and all  $\lambda,\mu \in Y$  and  $L < 1$ . If for each fixed  $a,b \in B$ , the mapping  $\gamma \mapsto p(\gamma a,\gamma b)$  from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $X$  is continuous in  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ , then there exists a unique cubic bi-derivation  $\delta : B \times B \rightarrow X$  satisfying

$$\|p(s,t) - \delta(s,t)\| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{k^6(1-L)}$$

for all  $s,t \in B$  and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  with  $k \geq 2$ .

THEOREM 4. Let  $\varphi : B^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a mapping such that there exists  $L < 1$  with

$$\varphi\left(\frac{s}{k^n}, \frac{t}{k^n}, \frac{u}{k^n}\right) \leq \frac{L}{k^{6n}}\varphi(s, t, u)$$

for all  $s, t, u \in B$ . Suppose that  $p : B \times B \rightarrow X$  with  $p(0, 0) = 0$  is a mapping satisfying (4) and (5). If for each fixed  $a, b \in B$  the mapping  $\gamma \mapsto p(\gamma a, \gamma b)$  from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $X$  is continuous in  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ , then there exists a unique cubic bi-derivation  $\delta : B \times B \rightarrow X$  satisfying the functional equation (3) and the following inequality

$$\|p(s, t) - \delta(s, t)\| \leq \frac{L}{2k^6(1-L)}\varphi(s, t, 0)$$

for all  $s, t \in B$  and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  with  $k \geq 2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(\Psi, \Delta)$  be a generalized complete metric space as in proof of Theorem 3. Consider the mapping  $S : \Psi \rightarrow \Psi$  defined by

$$Sq(s, t) := k^6q\left(\frac{s}{k}, \frac{t}{k}\right)$$

for all  $s, t \in B$  and all  $q \in \Psi$ . Then we have  $\Delta(Sq, Sr) \leq L\Delta(q, r)$  for all  $q, r \in \Psi$ . By (8)

$$\left\|p(s, t) - k^6p\left(\frac{s}{k}, \frac{t}{k}\right)\right\| \leq \frac{L}{2k^6}\varphi(s, t, 0)$$

for all  $s, t \in B$  and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  with  $k \geq 2$ . Hence we obtain that  $\Delta(Sp, p) \leq \frac{L}{2k^6} < \infty$ . From Theorem 3, there exists a unique mapping  $\delta$  which is a unique fixed point of  $S$  in the set  $\Omega = \{q \in \Psi \mid \Delta(p, q) < \infty\}$  such that  $\delta\left(\frac{s}{k}, \frac{t}{k}\right) = k^6\delta(s, t)$  for all  $s, t \in B$ . Thus we get

$$\Delta(p, \delta) \leq \frac{1}{1-L}\Delta(p, Sp) \leq \frac{L}{2k^6(1-L)}\varphi(s, t, 0).$$

The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 3.  $\square$

Now by Theorem 4, we can consider the superstability of cubic bi-derivations as follows:

THEOREM 5. Let  $\tau, \theta \in \mathbb{R}^+$  with  $\tau < 3$  and suppose that a function  $\varphi : B^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfies

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k^{9n}}\varphi(k^n s, k^n t, k^n u) = 0$$

for all  $s, t, u \in B$ . Assume that a mapping  $p : B \times B \rightarrow X$  with  $p(0, 0) = 0$  satisfies the following conditions:

$$\|p(st, u) - s^3p(t, u) - p(s, u)t^3\| + \|p(s, tu) - t^3p(s, u) - p(s, t)u^3\| \leq \varphi(s; t, u),$$

$$\|\Delta_{\lambda, \mu} p(s, t, u)\| \leq \theta \|s\|^\tau \|t\|^\tau \tag{11}$$

for all  $s, t, u \in B$  and all  $\lambda, \mu \in Y$ , then  $p$  is a cubic bi-derivation.

*Proof.* If we put  $\lambda = \mu = 1$  and  $u = 0$  in (11), then we have

$$p(ks, kt) = k^6 p(s, t)$$

for all  $s, t \in B$  and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  with  $k \geq 2$ . From induction, we have

$$p(k^n s, k^n t) = k^{6n} p(s, t) \tag{12}$$

for all  $s, t \in B$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . By Theorem 4, the mapping  $\delta : B \times B \rightarrow X$  defined by

$$\delta(s, t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k^{6n}} p(k^n s, k^n t)$$

is a unique cubic bi-derivation. Hence it follows from (12) that  $\delta(s, t) = p(s, t)$  for all  $s, t \in B$ . Thus  $p$  is a cubic bi-derivation.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 2.** *Suppose that  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \theta$  are positive real numbers and  $\tau_1 + \tau_2 < 6$ . Let  $p : B \times B \rightarrow X$  be a mapping and  $\varphi : B^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  be a function such that  $p(0, 0) = 0$  and*

$$\|p(st, u) - s^3 p(t, u) - p(s, u)t^3\| + \|p(s, tu) - t^3 p(s, u) - p(s, t)u^3\| \leq \varphi(s, t, u),$$

$$\|\Delta_{\lambda, \mu} p(s, t, u)\| \leq \theta \|s\|^{\tau_1} \|t\|^{\tau_1} \|u\|^{\tau_2}$$

for all  $s, t, u \in B$ . Then  $p$  is a cubic bi-derivation.

*Proof.* If  $\tau_2 = 0$ , then we have the desired result by Theorem 5.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 3.** *Assume  $\tau < 3$  and  $\theta$  be positive real numbers. Suppose that a mapping  $p : B \times B \rightarrow X$  with  $p(0, 0) = 0$  satisfies*

$$\|p(st, u) - s^3 p(t, u) - p(s, u)t^3\| + \|p(s, tu) - t^3 p(s, u) - p(s, t)u^3\| \leq \theta \|s\|^\tau \|t\|^\tau,$$

$$\|\Delta_{\lambda, \mu} p(s, t, u)\| \leq \theta \|s\|^\tau \|t\|^\tau$$

for all  $s, t, u \in B$ . Then  $p$  is a cubic bi-derivation.

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi(s, t, u) = \theta \|s\|^\tau \|t\|^\tau$ . Then by Theorem 5 we obtain the result.  $\square$

#### 4. Conclusion

Using the fixed point method, we investigated the Hyers-Ulam stability and also the superstability of cubic bi-derivations on Banach algebras.

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