

## HOMOMORPHISMS AND DERIVATIONS ON UNITAL $C^*$ -ALGEBRAS RELATED TO CAUCHY–JENSEN FUNCTIONAL INEQUALITY

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*Abstract.* In this paper, we investigate homomorphisms from unital  $C^*$ -algebras to unital Banach algebras and derivations from unital  $C^*$ -algebras to Banach  $A$ -modules related to a Cauchy–Jensen functional inequality.

### 1. Introduction

The authors in the reference [2] have proved that if a mapping  $f$  satisfies the following functional inequality

$$\|f(x) + f(y) + f(z)\| \leq \left\| kf\left(\frac{x+y+z}{k}\right) \right\|, \quad k \geq 3 \quad (1)$$

in non-Archimedean Banach spaces, then  $f$  is additive. During the last decades, a number of papers have been published on the stability of functional inequalities and several stability problems associated with functional inequalities have been investigated by a number of mathematicians, see [1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18] and references therein.

In this paper, we expand the functional inequality to the following generalized Cauchy–Jensen functional inequality

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^l f(x_i) \right\| \leq \left\| mf\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^l x_i}{m}\right) \right\|, \quad (2)$$

where  $l \geq 3, m \geq 1$  are fixed integers such that  $l > m$ . It is easy to see that if a mapping  $f$  satisfies the generalized Cauchy–Jensen inequality (2), then  $f$  is additive. In fact, if a mapping  $f$  satisfies the generalized Cauchy–Jensen inequality (2), then by setting  $x_i = 0$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, l$ , we arrive at  $l\|f(0)\| \leq m\|f(0)\|$ , which yields  $f(0) = 0$ . Thus, letting  $x_i = 0$  for all  $i = 4, \dots, l$ , if  $l \geq 4$ , we reduce (2) to (1) with  $k = m$  and hence  $f$  is additive.

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Now, by using the generalized Cauchy–Jensen inequality (2), we are going to investigate the homomorphisms and derivations on unital  $C^*$ –algebra. Throughout this paper, let  $A$  be a unital  $C^*$ –algebra,  $U(A)$  be the set of unitary elements in  $A$ . Let  $B$  be a unital Banach algebra and let  $Inv(B)$  be the set of invertible elements of  $B$ . Let  $l \geq 3, m \geq 1$  be integers. Moreover, we assume that  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  is a positive integer and suppose that  $\mathbb{T}_{\frac{1}{n_0}}^1 := \{e^{i\theta}; \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{2\pi}{n_0}\}$ .

### 2. Homomorphisms

In this section, we establish the homomorphisms from unital  $C^*$ –algebras to unital Banach algebras. We start our work with the following lemma [5].

LEMMA 2.1. *Assume that a mapping  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is additive and for each fixed  $x \in A$   $f(tx) = tf(x)$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{T}_{\frac{1}{n_0}}^1$ . Then  $f$  is  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear.*

Now, we introduce our main theorem on homomorphisms from unital  $C^*$ –algebras to unital Banach algebras.

THEOREM 2.2. *Assume that a mapping  $f : A \rightarrow B$  with  $f(0) = 0$  satisfies*

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f((l-1)^k 1_A)}{(l-1)^k} \in Inv(B),$$

and

$$f((l-1)^k ux) = f((l-1)^k u)f(x) \tag{3}$$

for all  $u \in U(A), x \in A$ , and all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Suppose that  $f$  satisfies the functional inequality

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^l f(x_i) + f(tx) - tf(x) \right\| \leq \left\| mf\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^l x_i}{m}\right) \right\| + \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_l, x) \tag{4}$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_l, x \in A$  and all  $t \in \mathbb{T}_{\frac{1}{n_0}}^1$ , and that there exists a constant  $L$  with  $0 < L < 1$  for which the function  $\varphi : A^{l+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ := [0, \infty)$  satisfies

$$\varphi\left((l-1)(x_1, \dots, x_l, x)\right) \leq L \cdot (l-1)\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_l, x) \tag{5}$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_l, x \in A$ . Then the mapping  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is a homomorphism.

*Proof.* Put  $x = 0$  in (4) to get

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^l f(x_i) \right\| \leq \left\| mf\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^l x_i}{m}\right) \right\| + \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_l, 0) \tag{6}$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_l \in A$ .

Put  $(x_1, \dots, x_l, x) := \underbrace{(x, -x, \dots, x, -x, 0, 0)}_{2\lceil \frac{l}{2} \rceil}$  in (6) where  $\lceil \cdot \rceil$  denotes the Gaussian

notation. We have an approximate oddness condition

$$\|f(x) + f(-x)\| \leq \frac{1}{\lceil \frac{l}{2} \rceil} \varphi(\underbrace{x, -x, \dots, x, -x, 0, 0}_{2\lceil \frac{l}{2} \rceil}) \tag{7}$$

for all  $x \in A$ . Replacing  $(x_1, \dots, x_l, 0) := (-x, \dots, -x, (l-1)x, 0)$  in (6), one leads to

$$\|(l-1)f(-x) + f((l-1)x)\| \leq \varphi(-x, \dots, -x, (l-1)x, 0) \tag{8}$$

for all  $x \in A$ . Associating (7) with (8) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| f(x) - \frac{f((l-1)x)}{(l-1)} \right\| &\leq \Psi(x) := \frac{1}{\lceil \frac{l}{2} \rceil} \varphi(\underbrace{x, -x, \dots, x, -x, 0, 0}_{2\lceil \frac{l}{2} \rceil}) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{l-1} \varphi(-x, \dots, -x, (l-1)x, 0) \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

for all  $x \in A$ . Thus, it follows from (9) and (5) that for all nonnegative integers  $k$  and  $j$  with  $j > k \geq 0$  and  $x \in A$

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{f((l-1)^k x)}{(l-1)^k} - \frac{f((l-1)^{k+j} x)}{(l-1)^{k+j}} \right\| &\leq \sum_{i=k}^{k+j-1} \left\| \frac{f((l-1)^i x)}{(l-1)^i} - \frac{f((l-1)^{i+1} x)}{(l-1)^{i+1}} \right\| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=k}^{k+j-1} \frac{1}{(l-1)^i} \Psi((l-1)^i x) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=k}^{k+j-1} L^i \Psi(x), \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence the sequence  $\left\{ \frac{f((l-1)^k x)}{(l-1)^k} \right\}$  is Cauchy for all  $x \in A$ , and so we can define a function  $h_1 : A \rightarrow B$  by

$$h_1(x) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f((l-1)^k x)}{(l-1)^k}, \quad x \in A.$$

It follows from (6) and (5) that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(l-1)^k} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^l f((l-1)^k x_i) \right\| &\leq \frac{1}{(l-1)^k} \left\| mf\left(\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^l (l-1)^k x_i\right) \right\| \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{(l-1)^k} \varphi\left((l-1)^k x_1, \dots, (l-1)^k x_l, 0\right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{(l-1)^k} \left\| mf\left(\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^l (l-1)^k x_i\right) \right\| \\ &\quad + L^k \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_l, x, 0) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and all  $x_1, \dots, x_l \in A$ . Taking  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in the last relation, we see that

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^l h_1(x_i) \right\| \leq \left\| mh_1 \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^l x_i}{m} \right) \right\|$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_l \in A$ . This implies that the mapping  $h_1$  is additive. It follows from (3) that

$$h_1(ux) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f((l-1)^k ux)}{(l-1)^k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f((l-1)^k u)}{(l-1)^k} f(x) = h_1(u)f(x) \tag{10}$$

for all  $u \in U(A)$  and all  $x \in A$ .

On the other hand, since  $h_1$  is additive, it follows from (10) that

$$h_1(ux) = \frac{h_1(u((l-1)^k x))}{(l-1)^k} = h_1(u) \frac{f((l-1)^k x)}{(l-1)^k}$$

for all  $u \in U(A)$  and all  $x \in A$ . By letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in the last inequality above, we obtain

$$h_1(ux) = h_1(u)h_1(x) \tag{11}$$

for all  $u \in U(A)$  and all  $x \in A$ . By putting  $u := 1_A$  in (10) and (11), we conclude that

$$h_1(x) = h_1(1_A x) = h_1(1_A)f(x) = h_1(1_A)h_1(x)$$

for all  $x \in A$ . Then since  $h_1(1_A) \in \text{Inv}(B)$  by hypothesis, we have

$$f(x) = h_1(x)$$

for all  $x \in A$ , and so the mapping  $f$  is additive. Put  $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_l = 0$  in (4) to get

$$\|f(tx) - tf(x)\| \leq \varphi(0, 0, \dots, 0, x)$$

for all  $x \in A$  and all  $t \in \mathbb{T}_{\frac{1}{n_0}}^1$ , we can show that  $f(tx) = tf(x)$  for all  $x \in A$  and all  $t \in \mathbb{T}_{\frac{1}{n_0}}^1$ . Then, it follows that the additive mapping  $f$  is  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear [5].

Now, let  $x \in A$  be an arbitrary element. Then by Theorem 4.1.7 of [12],  $x$  is a finite linear combination of unitary elements, i.e.,  $x = \sum_{j=1}^n c_j u_j$ , ( $c_j \in \mathbb{C}, u_j \in U(A)$ ). Since  $f$  is  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear, it follows from (11) that

$$\begin{aligned} f(xa) &= f\left(\sum_{j=1}^n c_j u_j\right)a = \sum_{j=1}^n c_j f(u_j a) = \sum_{j=1}^n c_j h_1(u_j a) = \sum_{j=1}^n c_j h_1(u_j)h_1(a) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n c_j f(u_j)f(a) = f\left(\sum_{j=1}^n c_j u_j\right)f(a) = f(x)f(a) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a \in A$ . This means that  $f$  is a homomorphism from  $A$  into  $B$ .  $\square$

REMARK 2.1. We note that if, in addition,  $|l + 1 - t| > m$  and  $L(l - 1) < 1$  in Theorem 2.2, then  $f(0) = 0$ . Indeed, apply the functional inequality (5) for  $x = x_1 = \dots = x_l = 0$  to get

$$\varphi(0, \dots, 0) \leq L(l - 1)\varphi(0, \dots, 0),$$

which implies  $\varphi(0, \dots, 0) = 0$  because of  $L(l - 1) < 1$  and  $l \geq 3$ . Then, it follows from (4) that

$$|l + 1 - t| \|f(0)\| \leq m \|f(0)\|,$$

and therefore, we get  $f(0) = 0$ .

REMARK 2.2. Suppose that a mapping  $f : A \rightarrow B$  with  $f(0) = 0$  satisfies

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f((l - 1)^k 1_A)}{(l - 1)^k} \in \text{Inv}(B)$$

and the functional inequalities (3) jointly with (4) for which the function  $\varphi : A^{l+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  satisfies

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi((l - 1)^i(x_1, \dots, x_l, x))}{(l - 1)^i} < \infty$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_l, x \in A$  instead of the condition (5). Then it follows from a similar argument to Theorem 2.2 that the mapping  $f$  is a homomorphism from  $A$  into  $B$ .

COROLLARY 2.3. Let  $0 < r < 1$  and  $\theta > 0$ . If a mapping  $f : A \rightarrow B$  with  $f(0) = 0$  satisfies the equation (3),

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (l - 1)^{-k} f((l - 1)^k 1_A) \in \text{Inv}(B),$$

and the following functional inequality

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^l f(x_i) + f(tx) - tf(x) \right\| \leq \left\| mf\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^l x_i}{m}\right) \right\| + \theta \left( \sum_{i=1}^l \|x_i\|^r + \|x\|^r \right)$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_l, x \in A$  and all  $t \in \mathbb{T}_{\frac{1}{n_0}}^1$ , then the mapping  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is a homomorphism.

COROLLARY 2.4. Let  $\theta > 0$ . If a mapping  $f : A \rightarrow B$  with  $f(0) = 0$  satisfies the equation (3),

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (l - 1)^{-k} f((l - 1)^k 1_A) \in \text{Inv}(B),$$

and the following functional inequality

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^l f(x_i) + f(tx) - tf(x) \right\| \leq \left\| mf\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^l x_i}{m}\right) \right\| + \theta$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_l, x \in A$  and all  $t \in \mathbb{T}_{\frac{1}{n_0}}^1$ . Then  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is a homomorphism.

The following theorem is an alternative result of Theorem 2.2.

**THEOREM 2.5.** *Assume that a mapping  $f : A \rightarrow B$  satisfies*

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (l - 1)^k f((l - 1)^{-k} 1_A) \in \text{Inv}(B)$$

and

$$f((l - 1)^{-k} ux) = f((l - 1)^{-k} u)f(x) \tag{12}$$

for all  $u \in U(A), x \in A$ , and all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Suppose that  $f$  satisfies the functional inequality (4) and that there exists a constant  $L$  with  $0 < L < 1$  for which the function  $\varphi : A^{l+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  satisfies

$$(l - 1)\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_l, x) \leq L\varphi((l - 1)(x_1, \dots, x_l, x)) \tag{13}$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_l, x \in A$ . Then the mapping  $f$  is a homomorphism from  $A$  into  $B$ .

*Proof.* It follows from the inequality (9) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| (l - 1)^k f\left(\frac{x}{(l - 1)^k}\right) - (l - 1)^{k+j} f\left(\frac{x}{(l - 1)^{k+j}}\right) \right\| \\ & \leq \sum_{i=k}^{k+j-1} (l - 1)^{i+1} \Psi\left(\frac{x}{(l - 1)^{i+1}}\right) \leq \sum_{i=k}^{k+j-1} L^{i+1} \Psi(x), \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

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

**REMARK 2.3.** We note that  $f(0) = 0$  in Theorem 2.5 and in the following Remark 2.4 because the conditions (13) or (14) yields

$$\varphi(0, \dots, 0) \leq \frac{L}{l - 1} \varphi(0, \dots, 0), \quad \text{or} \quad \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (l - 1)^i \varphi(0, \dots, 0) < \infty,$$

and  $\varphi(0, \dots, 0) = 0$ , and so  $f(0) = 0$  in the sequel.

**REMARK 2.4.** Suppose that a mapping  $f : A \rightarrow B$  satisfies the equation (12),

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (l - 1)^k f((l - 1)^{-k} 1_A) \in \text{Inv}(B),$$

and the functional inequality (6) for which the function  $\varphi : A^{l+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  satisfies

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (l - 1)^i \varphi\left(\frac{1}{(l - 1)^i}(x_1, \dots, x_l, x)\right) < \infty \tag{14}$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_l, x \in A$  instead of the condition (13). Then  $f$  is a homomorphism from  $A$  into  $B$ .

COROLLARY 2.6. *Let  $r > 1$  and  $\theta > 0$ . If a mapping  $f : A \rightarrow B$  satisfies the equation (12),*

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (l - 1)^k f((l - 1)^{-k} 1_A) \in \text{Inv}(B),$$

*and the following functional inequality*

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^l f(x_i) + f(tx) - tf(x) \right\| \leq \left\| mf\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^l x_i}{m}\right) \right\| + \theta \left( \sum_{i=1}^l \|x_i\|^r + \|x\|^r \right)$$

*for all  $x_1, \dots, x_l, x \in A$  and all  $t \in \mathbb{T}_{\frac{1}{n_0}}^1$ . Then the mapping  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is a homomorphism.*

### 3. Derivations

In this section, we assume that  $X$  is a Banach  $A$ -module. We use the results of Section 2 to investigate the derivations from  $A$  into  $X$ .

THEOREM 3.1. *Assume that a mapping  $f : A \rightarrow X$  with  $f(0) = f(1_A) = 0$  satisfies*

$$f((l - 1)^k ux) = f((l - 1)^k u)x + (l - 1)^k uf(x) \tag{15}$$

*for all  $u \in U(A), x \in A$ , and all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Suppose that  $f$  satisfies the functional inequality (4) and that there exists a constant  $L$  with  $0 < L < 1$  for which the function  $\varphi : A^{l+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  satisfies (5). Then  $f : A \rightarrow X$  is a derivation.*

*Proof.* It is easy to show that  $X \oplus_1 A$  is a unital Banach algebra equipped with the following  $\ell_1$ -norm

$$\|(x, a)\| = \|x\| + \|a\|, \quad (a \in A, x \in X),$$

and the product

$$(x_1, a_1)(x_2, a_2) = (x_1 \cdot a_2 + a_1 \cdot x_2, a_1 a_2), \quad (a_1, a_2 \in A, x_1, x_2 \in X).$$

We refer the readers to [6, 7] for details. We define a mapping  $\varphi_f : A \rightarrow X \oplus_1 A$  by  $a \mapsto (f(a), a)$ . Then it is easy to show that  $\varphi_f(1_A) = (0, 1_A) = 1_{X \oplus_1 A} \in \text{Inv}(X \oplus_1 A)$ .

It follows from (15) that

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_f((l - 1)^k ux) &= (f((l - 1)^k ux), (l - 1)^k ux) \\ &= (f((l - 1)^k u)x + (l - 1)^k uf(x), (l - 1)^k ux) \\ &= (f((l - 1)^k u), (l - 1)^k u)(f(x), x) \\ &= \varphi_f((l - 1)^k u)\varphi_f(x) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u \in U(A), x \in A$ , and all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus, the mapping  $\varphi_f : A \rightarrow X \oplus_1 A$  satisfies (3).

By using (4), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left\| \sum_{i=1}^l \varphi_f(x_i) + \varphi_f(tx) - t\varphi_f(x) \right\| &= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^l (f(x_i), x_i) + (f(tx), tx) - t(f(x), x) \right\| \\
 &= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^l f(x_i) + f(tx) - tf(x) \right\| + \left\| \sum_{i=1}^l (x_i) \right\| \\
 &\leq \left\| mf \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^l x_i}{m} \right) \right\| + \left\| \sum_{i=1}^l (x_i) \right\| + \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_l, x) \\
 &= \left\| m\varphi_f \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^l x_i}{m} \right) \right\| + \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_l, x)
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_l, x \in A$  and all  $t \in \mathbb{T}_{\frac{1}{n\theta}}^1$ . This means that  $\varphi_f : A \rightarrow X \oplus_1 A$  satisfies the functional inequality (4). Therefore, by Theorem 2.2, the mapping  $\varphi_f : A \rightarrow X \oplus_1 A$  is a homomorphism from  $A$  into  $X \oplus_1 A$ .

On the other hand, it is easy to see that  $f$  is a derivation from  $A$  into  $X$  if and only if  $\varphi_f : A \rightarrow X \oplus_1 A$  is a homomorphism from  $A$  into  $X \oplus_1 A$  (see [7]). Thus  $f : A \rightarrow X$  is a derivation.  $\square$

By the same reasoning as above and by using Theorem 2.5, we can prove the following theorem.

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Assume that a mapping  $f : A \rightarrow X$  with  $f(0) = f(1_A) = 0$  satisfies*

$$f((l-1)^{-k}ux) = f((l-1)^{-k}u)x + (l-1)^{-k}uf(x) \quad (16)$$

for all  $u \in U(A)$ ,  $x \in A$ , and all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Suppose that  $f$  satisfies the functional inequality (4) and that there exists a constant  $L$  with  $0 < L < 1$  for which the function  $\varphi : A^{l+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  satisfying (13). Then the mapping  $f : A \rightarrow X$  is a derivation.

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