

## ON THE STABILITY OF FUNCTIONAL EQUATIONS WITH SQUARE-SYMMETRIC OPERATION

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*Abstract.* In this paper, we obtain the modified Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability for the family of functional equations  $f(x \circ y) = H(f(x), f(y))$  ( $x, y \in S$ ), where  $H$  is a homogeneous function and  $\circ$  is a square-symmetric operation on the set  $S$ . As a consequence we obtain the Hyers-Ulam stability of its functional equation.

### 1. Introduction

In 1940, S. M. Ulam [12] raised the following problem: Under what condition does there exist an additive mapping near an approximately additive mapping?

In 1941, this problem was solved by D. H. Hyers [3]. Thereafter we usually say that the equation  $E_1(h) = E_2(h)$  has the Hyers-Ulam stability if for an approximate solution  $f$  of this equation, i.e. for a function  $f$  with  $|E_1(f) - E_2(f)| \leq \delta$  there exists a function  $g$  such that  $E_1(g) = E_2(g)$  and  $|f(x) - g(x)| \leq \epsilon$ . In 1978, the Hyers-Ulam stability for approximate linear mapping was generalized by Th. M. Rassias [8]. Thereafter P. Găvruta [2] generalized the stability of Rassias for the case of the bounded function as follows: If for an approximate solution  $f$  of the equation  $E_1(h) = E_2(h)$ , i.e. for a function  $f$  such that  $|E_1(f) - E_2(f)| \leq \phi$  holds with a given function  $\phi$  there exists a function  $g$  such that  $E_1(g) = E_2(g)$  and  $|g(x) - f(x)| \leq \Phi(x)$  for some fixed function  $\Phi$ . It is called the modified Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability (or stability in the spirit of P. Găvruta). Namely the result of Rassias is the case of a special type of  $\phi$  in this stability. One is referred to [1], [4], [5], [6], [7], [8], [9], [10], [11] for further generalizations and new open problems.

The aim of the present paper is to investigate the modified Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability for the following family of functional equations:

$$f(x \circ y) = H(f(x), f(y)) \quad (x, y \in S), \tag{1.1}$$

where  $S$  is a nonempty set,  $\circ : S \times S \rightarrow S$  is a binary operation and  $H : G \times G \rightarrow G$  is a  $G$ -homogeneous function of two variables, that is,  $H$  satisfies

$$H(uv, uw) = uH(v, w) \quad (u, v, w \in G), \tag{1.2}$$

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and  $G$  is a multiplicative subsemigroup of the real or complex field. A particular case of (1.1) is the Cauchy functional equation

$$f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y), \quad (x, y \in S)$$

where  $S$  is a semigroup with the operation  $+$  and  $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .

If the operation  $\circ$  satisfies the following identity:

$$(x \circ y) \circ (x \circ y) = (x \circ x) \circ (y \circ y) \quad (x, y \in S),$$

the operation  $\circ$  will be called *square symmetric*.

In the proof of this paper we use the ideas and methods that are analogous to the ones used in [7], and the following lemmata are the results of Zsolt Páles, Peter Volkman and Duncan Luce [7]. Let  $S$  be a nonempty set and  $\circ : S \times S \rightarrow S$  be an arbitrary operation.

LEMMA 1. [7, corollary 1]. *Let  $G$  be a multiplicative subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{C}$ , let  $H : G \times G \rightarrow G$  satisfy (1.2), and let  $\phi : S \rightarrow G$  be an arbitrary bijective function. Then the binary operation  $\circ : S \times S \rightarrow S$  defined by*

$$x \circ y := \phi^{-1} \left( H(\phi(x), \phi(y)) \right) \quad (x, y \in S)$$

*is square symmetric.*

LEMMA 2. [7, lemma 1]. *Let  $\circ$  be a square-symmetric operation on  $S$ . Define, for  $x \in S$ , the sequence  $x[2^n]$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) by*

$$x[1] = x[2^0] := x, \quad x[2^{n+1}] := x[2^n] \circ x[2^n], \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

*Then, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the mapping  $x \mapsto x[2^n]$  is an endomorphism of  $(S, \circ)$ , that is*

$$(x \circ y)[2^n] = x[2^n] \circ y[2^n] \quad \text{for } x, y \in S.$$

## 2. The modified Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of (1.1)

In this section we shall investigate the modified Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability for the functional equation (1.1).

In each theorem of this paper,  $\varphi$  and  $\Phi_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ) are mappings from  $S \times S$  into  $G$ , and each mapping  $\Phi_i$  will be used in each theorem, respectively.

By using an idea in P. Găvruta [2] we can obtain the following results:

THEOREM 1. *Let  $S$  be a nonempty set and  $\circ$  be a square-symmetric operation on  $S$ . Let  $G$  be a closed multiplicative subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{C}$  with  $1 \in G$  and  $H : G \times G \rightarrow G$  be a continuous  $G$ -homogeneous function such that  $|H(1, 1)| \neq 0$  and  $\frac{1}{H(1, 1)} \in G$ . Assume that a function  $g : S \rightarrow G$  satisfies the inequality*

$$|g(x \circ y) - H(g(x), g(y))| \leq \varphi(x, y) \quad (x, y \in S). \quad (2.1)$$

Then there exists a unique function  $f : S \rightarrow G$  such that  $f$  is a solution of (1.1) and

$$|f(x) - g(x)| \leq \Phi_1(x, x) \quad (x \in S), \tag{2.2}$$

where  $\Phi_1(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi(x[2^{n-1}], y[2^{n-1}])}{|H(1, 1)|^n} < \infty$  for all  $x, y \in S$ .

*Proof.* Substituting  $x = y$  into (2.1) and using the  $G$ -homogeneity of  $H$ , we get

$$|g(x \circ x) - g(x)H(1, 1)| \leq \varphi(x, x) \quad (x \in S). \tag{2.3}$$

Let  $x \in S$  be fixed, and replace  $x$  by  $x[2^{n-1}]$  in (2.3).

Then we obtain

$$\left| \frac{g(x[2^n])}{H(1, 1)^n} - \frac{g(x[2^{n-1}])}{H(1, 1)^{n-1}} \right| \leq \frac{\varphi(x[2^{n-1}], x[2^{n-1}])}{|H(1, 1)|^n} \tag{2.4}$$

for all  $x \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $g_0 := g$  and define, for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the function  $g_n$  by

$$g_n(x) := \frac{g(x[2^n])}{H(1, 1)^n} \quad (x \in S).$$

Then  $g_n : S \rightarrow G$  (since  $\frac{1}{H(1, 1)} \in G$ ) and, due to (2.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |g_n(x) - g_m(x)| &\leq \sum_{j=m+1}^n |g_j(x) - g_{j-1}(x)| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=m+1}^n \frac{\varphi(x[2^{j-1}], x[2^{j-1}])}{|H(1, 1)|^j} \end{aligned}$$

for  $n > m > 0$ . Taking the limit  $m \rightarrow \infty$  in the last inequality, the sequence  $g_n(x)$  is a Cauchy sequence for all fixed  $x \in S$  from the definition of  $\Phi_1$ . Since the set  $G$  is closed, we can define a mapping  $f : S \rightarrow G$  by

$$f(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n(x) \quad (x \in S).$$

It follows from (2.4) that

$$\begin{aligned} |g_n(x) - g_0(x)| &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\varphi(x[2^{j-1}], x[2^{j-1}])}{|H(1, 1)|^j} \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi(x[2^{j-1}], x[2^{j-1}])}{|H(1, 1)|^j}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain (2.2).

To see that  $f$  satisfies (1.1), let  $x, y \in S$  and replace  $x, y$  by  $x[2^n], y[2^n]$  in (2.1). Using Lemma 2, we get

$$|g((x \circ y)[2^n]) - H(g(x[2^n]), g(y[2^n]))| \leq \varphi(x[2^n], y[2^n]).$$

Hence, by the  $G$ -homogeneity of  $H$ ,

$$|g_n(x \circ y) - H(g_n(x), g_n(y))| \leq \frac{\varphi(x[2^n], y[2^n])}{|H(1, 1)|^n}$$

for all  $x, y \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Taking the limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , by the continuity of  $H$  and the definition of  $\Phi_1$  it follows that

$$|f(x \circ y) - H(f(x), f(y))| = 0 \quad (x, y \in S).$$

Thus (1.1) holds.

Assume that  $f^* : S \rightarrow G$  is another function which satisfies (1.1) and (2.2). It follows from (2.2) that

$$\begin{aligned} |f^*(x) - f(x)| &= \frac{1}{|H(1, 1)|^n} |f^*(x[2^n]) - f(x[2^n])| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{|H(1, 1)|^n} (|f^*(x[2^n]) - g(x[2^n])| + |g(x[2^n]) - f(x[2^n])|) \\ &\leq \frac{2}{|H(1, 1)|^n} \Phi_1(x[2^n], x[2^n]) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . By letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the preceding inequality, we immediately see the uniqueness of  $f$  from the definition of  $\Phi_1$ , and the theorem is proved.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 1.** [7, theorem 2]. *Let  $S$  be a nonempty set and  $\circ$  be a square-symmetric operation on  $S$ . Let  $G$  be a closed multiplicative subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{C}$  with  $1 \in G$  and  $H : G \times G \rightarrow G$  be a continuous  $G$ -homogeneous function such that  $|H(1, 1)| > 1$  and  $\frac{1}{H(1, 1)} \in G$ . Assume that, for some  $\varepsilon \geq 0$ , a function  $g : S \rightarrow G$  satisfies the inequality*

$$|g(x \circ y) - H(g(x), g(y))| \leq \varepsilon \quad (x, y \in S). \tag{2.5}$$

*Then there exists a unique function  $f : S \rightarrow G$  such that  $f$  is a solution of (1.1) and*

$$|g(x) - f(x)| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{|H(1, 1)| - 1} \quad (x \in S).$$

*Proof.* Apply Theorem 1 with  $\varphi(x, y) = \varepsilon$ .  $\square$

We say that the operation  $\circ$  has the *divisibility property* if, for each  $x \in S$ , there exists a unique element  $y \in S$  such that  $y \circ y = x$ . In this case the equation  $y[2^n] = x$  has a unique solution  $y$  for each fixed  $x \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Denote this unique element  $y$  by  $x[2^{-n}]$ . Clearly, the mapping  $x \rightarrow x[2^{-n}]$  is also an endomorphism of  $(S, \circ)$ .

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $S$  be a nonempty set and  $\circ$  be a square-symmetric operation with the divisibility property on  $S$ . Let  $G$  be a closed multiplicative subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{C}$  with  $1 \in G$  and  $H : G \times G \rightarrow G$  be a continuous  $G$ -homogeneous function. Assume*

that a function  $g : S \rightarrow G$  satisfies the inequality (2.1). Then there exists a function  $f : S \rightarrow G$  such that  $f$  is a solution of (1.1) and

$$|f(x) - g(x)| \leq \Phi_2(x, x) \quad (x \in S), \tag{2.6}$$

where  $\Phi_2(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varphi(x[2^{-n}], y[2^{-n}])|H(1, 1)|^{n-1} < \infty$  for all  $x, y \in S$ .

*Proof.* The proof of this theorem is analogous to that of Theorem 1.

Replacing  $x$  and  $y$  by  $x[2^{-n}]$  in (2.1) and using the  $G$ -homogeneity of  $H$ , we get

$$|g(x[2^{1-n}]) - g(x[2^{-n}])H(1, 1)| \leq \varphi(x[2^{-n}], x[2^{-n}]) \quad (x \in S, n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} &|g(x[2^{1-n}])H(1, 1)^{n-1} - g(x[2^{-n}])H(1, 1)^n| \\ &\leq \varphi(x[2^{-n}], x[2^{-n}])|H(1, 1)|^{n-1} \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

for  $x \in S, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $g_0 := g$  and define, for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the function  $g_n$  by

$$g_n(x) := g(x[2^{-n}])H(1, 1)^n \quad (x \in S).$$

Then  $g_n : S \rightarrow G$  and, by (2.7), as in the proof of Theorem 1, we can deduce that the sequence  $g_n(x)$  is a Cauchy sequence for all fixed  $x \in S$  from the definition of  $\Phi_2$ . Define  $f$  as the pointwise limit function of the sequence  $g_n$ . It follows from (2.7) that

$$\begin{aligned} |g_n(x) - g_0(x)| &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n \varphi(x[2^{-j}], x[2^{-j}])|H(1, 1)|^{j-1} \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \varphi(x[2^{-j}], x[2^{-j}])|H(1, 1)|^{j-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain (2.6).

To see that  $f$  satisfies (1.1), let  $x, y \in S$ , replace  $x, y$  by  $x[2^{-n}], y[2^{-n}]$  in (2.1). Then we get

$$|g((x \circ y)[2^{-n}]) - H(g(x[2^{-n}]), g(y[2^{-n}]))| \leq \varphi(x[2^{-n}], y[2^{-n}]).$$

Hence, by the  $G$ -homogeneity of  $H$  and an endomorphism of the above mapping  $x \rightarrow x[2^{-n}]$ ,

$$|g_n(x \circ y) - H(g_n(x), g_n(y))| \leq \varphi(x[2^{-n}], x[2^{-n}])|H(1, 1)|^n$$

for all  $x, y \in S, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Taking the limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , by using the continuity of  $H$  and the definition of  $\Phi_2$ , it follows that

$$|f(x \circ y) - H(f(x), f(y))| = 0 \quad (x, y \in S).$$

Therefore (1.1) holds and the uniqueness can be proved in a similar manner of Theorem 1, Hence the theorem is proved.  $\square$

COROLLARY 2. [7, theorem 3]. *Let  $S$  be a nonempty set and  $\circ$  be a square-symmetric operation with the divisibility property on  $S$ . In addition, let  $G$  be a closed multiplicative subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{C}$  with  $1 \in G$  and  $H : G \times G \rightarrow G$  be a continuous  $G$ -homogeneous function such that  $|H(1, 1)| < 1$ . Assume that, for some  $\varepsilon \geq 0$ , a function  $g : S \rightarrow G$  satisfies the inequality (2.5). Then there exists a unique function  $f : S \rightarrow G$  such that  $f$  is a solution of (1.1) and*

$$|f(x) - g(x)| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{1 - |H(1, 1)|} \quad (x \in S).$$

*Proof.* Apply Theorem 2 with  $\varphi(x, y) = \varepsilon$ .  $\square$

COROLLARY 3. *Let  $G$  be a closed multiplicative subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{C}$  with  $1 \in G$  and  $H : G \times G \rightarrow G$  be a continuous  $G$ -homogeneous function such that  $|H(1, 1)| \neq 0$  and  $\frac{1}{H(1, 1)} \in G$ . Assume that a function  $g : G \rightarrow G$  satisfies the inequality*

$$|g(H(x, y)) - H(g(x), g(y))| \leq \varphi(x, y) \quad (x, y \in G).$$

*Then there exists a unique function  $f : G \rightarrow G$  such that  $f$  is a solution of*

$$f(H(x, y)) = H(f(x), f(y)) \quad (x, y \in G). \tag{2.8}$$

*and*

$$|g(x) - f(x)| \leq \begin{cases} \Phi_1(x, x) \\ \Phi_2(x, x) \end{cases} \quad (x \in G).$$

*Proof.* In order to apply Theorem 1, let  $S := G$  and  $x \circ y := H(x, y)$ . By Lemma 1,  $\circ$  is a square-symmetric operation. In the case  $|H(1, 1)| \neq 0$ , the statement of Theorem 1 is also equivalent to that of this corollary.

For application of the Theorem 2, it suffices to show that  $\circ$  satisfies the divisibility assumption. Let  $x \in G$ . Then the equation  $y \circ y = x$  is equivalent to  $yH(1, 1) = x$ . Since the element  $\frac{1}{H(1, 1)}$  is in  $G$ , we have

$$y = \frac{x}{H(1, 1)} \in G.$$

Thus, in this case, Theorem 2 can be applied.  $\square$

COROLLARY 4. [7, Corollary 2]. *Let  $G$  be a closed multiplicative subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{C}$  with  $1 \in G$  and  $H : G \times G \rightarrow G$  be a continuous  $G$ -homogeneous function such that  $|H(1, 1)| \neq 0, 1$  and  $\frac{1}{H(1, 1)} \in G$ . Assume that, for some  $\varepsilon \geq 0$ , a function  $g : G \rightarrow G$  satisfies the inequality*

$$|g(H(x, y)) - H(g(x), g(y))| \leq \varepsilon \quad (x, y \in G).$$

*Then there exists a function  $f : G \rightarrow G$  such that  $f$  is a solution of the equation (2.8) and*

$$|f(x) - g(x)| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{|1 - |H(1, 1)||} \quad (x \in G).$$

*Proof.* Apply Corollary 3 with  $\varphi(x, y) = \varepsilon$ . By separating  $|H(1, 1)| > 1$  and  $|H(1, 1)| < 1$  for  $\Phi_1(x, y)$  and  $\Phi_2(x, y)$ , the proof is completed.  $\square$

In the next results we obtain that the below equation (2.9) is stable in Găvruta’s sense if  $|a+b| \neq 0$ . In the case when  $X = \mathbb{C}$  or  $X = \mathbb{R}$  these results are also corollaries of Theorems 1 and 2 if one takes the homogeneous function  $H(x, y) = ax + by$ .

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space over  $\mathbb{K}$ , where  $\mathbb{K}$  denotes the field of real or complex numbers. Let  $S$  be a nonempty set and  $\circ$  be a square-symmetric operation on  $S$ . Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{K}$ , such that  $|a + b| \neq 0$ . Assume that a function  $g : S \rightarrow X$  satisfies the inequality*

$$|g(x \circ y) - ag(x) - bg(y)| \leq \varphi(x, y) \quad (x, y \in S). \tag{2.9}$$

*Then there exists a unique function  $f : S \rightarrow X$  such that  $f$  is a solution of*

$$f(x \circ y) = af(x) + bf(y) \quad (x, y \in S) \tag{2.10}$$

and

$$|f(x) - g(x)| \leq \Phi_3(x, x) \quad (x \in S), \tag{2.11}$$

where  $\Phi_3(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi(x[2^{n-1}], y[2^{n-1}])}{|a+b|^n} < \infty$  for all  $x, y \in S$ .

*Proof.* The proof of this theorem is analogous to that of Theorem 1. Substituting  $x = y$  into (2.9),

$$|g(x \circ x) - (a + b)g(x)| \leq \varphi(x, x) \quad (x \in S). \tag{2.12}$$

Let  $x \in S$  be fixed, and replace  $x$  by  $x[2^{n-1}]$  in (2.12). Then, for  $x \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\left| \frac{g(x[2^n])}{(a + b)^n} - \frac{g(x[2^{n-1}])}{(a + b)^{n-1}} \right| \leq \frac{\varphi(x[2^{n-1}], x[2^{n-1}])}{|a + b|^n}. \tag{2.13}$$

Let  $g_0 := g$  and define, for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the function  $g_n$  by

$$g_n(x) := \frac{g(x[2^n])}{(a + b)^n} \quad (x \in S).$$

Then, for the inequality (2.13), by arguing in the same way as in the proof of Theorem 1, we can see that the sequence  $g_n(x)$  is a Cauchy sequence for all fixed  $x \in S$  from the definition of  $\Phi_3$ . Defining  $f : S \rightarrow X$  by

$$f(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n(x) \quad (x \in S),$$

and making analogous steps, we can see that  $f$  satisfies (2.10) and the estimate (2.11).  $\square$

COROLLARY 5. [7, theorem 4]. Let  $X$  be a Banach space over  $\mathbb{K}$ , where  $\mathbb{K}$  denotes the field of real or complex numbers. Let  $S$  be a nonempty set and  $\circ$  be a square-symmetric operation on  $S$ . Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{K}$ , such that  $|a + b| > 1$ . Assume that, for some  $\varepsilon \geq 0$ , a function  $g : S \rightarrow X$  satisfies the inequality

$$|g(x \circ y) - ag(x) - bg(y)| \leq \varepsilon \quad (x, y \in S). \quad (2.14)$$

Then there exists a unique function  $f : S \rightarrow X$  such that  $f$  is a solution of (2.10) and

$$|f(x) - g(x)| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{|a + b| - 1} \quad (x \in S).$$

THEOREM 4. Let  $X$  be a Banach space over  $\mathbb{K}$ ,  $S$  be a nonempty set and  $\circ$  be a square-symmetric operation on  $S$  with the divisibility property. Assume that a function  $g : S \rightarrow X$  satisfies the inequality (2.9).

Then there exists a function  $f : S \rightarrow X$  such that  $f$  is a solution of (2.10) and

$$|g(x) - f(x)| \leq \Phi_4(x, x) \quad (x \in S),$$

where  $\Phi_4(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varphi(x[2^{-n}], y[2^{-n}])|a + b|^{n-1} < \infty$  for all  $x, y \in S$ .

*Proof.* The proof of this theorem is analogous to that of Theorem 2. Define  $x[2^{-n}]$  exactly as it was defined therein. Replacing  $x$  and  $y$  by  $x[2^{-n}]$  in (2.9), we get

$$|g(x[2^{1-n}]) - (a + b)g(x[2^{-n}])| \leq \varphi(x[2^{-n}], x[2^{-n}]) \quad (x \in S, n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

Thus, for  $x \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |(a + b)^{n-1}g(x[2^{1-n}]) - (a + b)^ng(x[2^{-n}])| \\ \leq \varphi(x[2^{-n}], x[2^{-n}])|a + b|^{n-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

Let  $g_0 := g$  and define, for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the function  $g_n$  by

$$g_n(x) := (a + b)^ng(x[2^{-n}]) \quad (x \in S).$$

Now, for the inequality (2.15), using the definition of  $\Phi_4$ , an analogous argument such as Theorem 2 shows that  $f$  satisfies the desired conditions of this theorem.  $\square$

COROLLARY 6. [7, theorem 5]. Let  $X$  be a Banach space over  $\mathbb{K}$ , where  $\mathbb{K}$  denotes the field of real or complex numbers. Let  $S$  be a nonempty set and  $\circ$  be a square-symmetric operation on  $S$  with the divisibility property. Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{K}$ , such that  $|a + b| < 1$ . Assume that, for some  $\varepsilon \geq 0$ , a function  $g : S \rightarrow X$  satisfies the inequality (2.14).

Then there exists a function  $f : S \rightarrow X$  such that  $f$  is a solution of (2.10) and

$$|f(x) - g(x)| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{1 - |a + b|} \quad (x \in S).$$

*Proof.* Apply Theorem 4 with  $\varphi(x, y) = \varepsilon$ .  $\square$



REMARK. The assumption (stability in the spirit of Găvruta) that each infinite series  $\Phi_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ) converges can be weakly changed. In Theorem 1, the Găvruta's assumption can replace  $\limsup \sqrt[n]{\varphi(x[2^n], x[2^n])} \leq \gamma < \infty$  and  $|H(1, 1)| > \gamma$ . This is because the term of series  $\Phi_1$  can be represented by the forms

$$P_n^n = \left( \frac{\limsup \sqrt[n]{\varphi(x[2^{n-1}], x[2^{n-1}])}}{|H(1, 1)|} \right)^n,$$

where  $P_n$  is less than 1. Thus the series  $\Phi_1$  converges by using the Cauchy-criterion (or Test of infinity series). Of course this idea could be extended to all the well-known results of this form. The results of Theorem 2,3 and 4 also can be applied to similiar corollaries without the assumption that each infinite series  $\Phi_i$  converges. Corollary 1 could be considered as an example of the particular case:  $\limsup \sqrt[n]{\varphi(x[2^n], x[2^n])} = \varepsilon$ .

In view of the above remark, we can obtain the similar results of the following:

COROLLARY 7. Let  $S$  be a nonempty set and  $\circ$  be a square-symmetric operation on  $S$ . Let  $G$  be a closed multiplicative subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{C}$  with  $1 \in G$  and  $H : G \times G \rightarrow G$  be a continuous  $G$ -homogeneous function such that  $\frac{1}{H(1, 1)} \in G$ . Assume that a function  $g : S \rightarrow G$  satisfies the stability inequality (2.1) and  $\limsup \sqrt[n]{\varphi(x[2^n], x[2^n])} \leq \gamma < \infty$  ( $x, y \in S$ ).

Then the series  $\Phi_1$  converges if  $|H(1, 1)| > \gamma$ . There exists a unique function  $f : S \rightarrow G$  such that  $f$  is a solution of (1.1) and

$$|f(x) - g(x)| \leq \Phi_1(x, x) \quad (x \in S).$$

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