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## Additive $\rho$ -functional inequalities in non-Archimedean 2-normed spaces

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we solve the additive  $\rho$ -functional inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| &\leq \|\rho(2f(\frac{x+y}{2}) - f(x) - f(y))\|, \\ \|2f(\frac{x+y}{2}) - f(x) - f(y)\| &\leq \|\rho(f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y))\|, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\rho$  is a fixed non-Archimedean number with  $|\rho| < 1$ . More precisely, we investigate the solutions of these inequalities in non-Archimedean 2-normed spaces, and prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of these inequalities in non-Archimedean 2-normed spaces. Furthermore, we also prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of additive  $\rho$ -functional equations associated with these inequalities in non-Archimedean 2-normed spaces.

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### 1. Introduction and preliminaries

The study of stability problems for functional equations is related to a question of Ulam [23] in 1940 concerning the stability of group homomorphisms.

The functional equation

$$f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y) \tag{1.1}$$

is called Cauchy functional equation. Every solution of the Cauchy functional equation is said to be an additive mapping. In 1941, Hyers [10] gave the first affirmative answer to the question of Ulam for

Banach spaces. Hyers' result was generalized by Aoki [1] for additive mappings and by Rassias [20] for linear mappings by considering an unbounded Cauchy difference. In 1994, Găvruta [3] provided a further generalization of the Rassias' theorem in which he replaced the unbounded Cauchy difference by a general control function.

The following functional equation

$$2f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) = f(x) + f(y) \quad (1.2)$$

is called Jensen functional equation. See [15, 16, 19, 22] for more information on functional equations.

Gilányi [7] and Rätz [21] showed that if  $f$  satisfies the functional inequality

$$\|2f(x) + 2f(y) - f(xy^{-1})\| \leq \|f(xy)\|, \quad (1.3)$$

then  $f$  satisfies the Jordan-Von Neumann functional equation

$$2f(x) + 2f(y) = f(xy) + f(xy^{-1}).$$

Fechner [2] and Gilányi [8] proved the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of the functional inequality (1.1). Park *et al.* [17] investigated the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of functional inequalities associated with Jordan-Von Neumann type additive functional equations. Kim *et al.* [11] solved the additive  $\rho$ -functional inequalities in complex normed spaces and proved the Hyers-Ulam stability of the additive  $\rho$ -functional inequalities in complex Banach spaces. In 2014, Park [14] considered the following two additive  $\rho$ -functional inequalities

$$\|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \|\rho(2f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) - f(x) - f(y))\|, \quad (1.4)$$

$$\|2f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \|\rho(f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y))\| \quad (1.5)$$

in non-Archimedean Banach spaces and in complex Banach spaces, where  $\rho$  is a fixed non-Archimedean number with  $|\rho| < 1$  or  $\rho$  is a fixed complex number with  $|\rho| < 1$ .

In this paper, we establish the solution of the additive  $\rho$ -functional inequalities (1.4) and (1.5), and prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of the additive  $\rho$ -functional inequalities (1.4) and (1.5) in non-Archimedean 2-Banach spaces. Moreover, we prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of additive  $\rho$ -functional equations associated with the additive  $\rho$ -functional inequalities (1.4) and (1.5) in non-Archimedean 2-Banach spaces.

Gähler [4, 5] has introduced the concept of linear 2-normed spaces in the middle of the 1960s. Then Gähler [6] and White [24, 25] introduced the concept of 2-Banach spaces. Following [9, 12, 13, 18], we recall some basic facts concerning non-Archimedean normed space and non-Archimedean 2-normed space and some preliminary results.

By a non-Archimedean field we mean a field  $\mathbb{K}$  equipped with a function (valuation)  $|\cdot|$  from  $\mathbb{K}$  into  $[0, \infty)$  such that  $|r| = 0$  if and only if  $r = 0$ ,  $|rs| = |r||s|$ , and  $|r+s| \leq \max\{|r|, |s|\}$  for  $r, s \in \mathbb{K}$ . Clearly  $|1| = |-1| = 1$  and  $|n| \leq 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . By the trivial valuation we mean the function  $|\cdot|$  taking everything but 0 into 1 and  $|0| = 0$ .

**Definition 1.1.** (cf. [9, 13]) Let  $X$  be a linear space over a scalar field  $\mathbb{K}$  with a non-Archimedean non-trivial valuation  $|\cdot|$ . A function  $\|\cdot\| : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called a non-Archimedean norm (valuation) if it

satisfies the following conditions:

- (i)  $\|x\| = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ ;
- (ii)  $\|rx\| = |r|\|x\|$  for all  $r \in \mathbb{K}$ ,  $x \in X$ ;
- (iii) the strong triangle inequality; namely,

$$\|x + y\| \leq \max\{\|x\|, \|y\|\}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is called a non-Archimedean normed space.

**Definition 1.2.** (cf. [12, 18]) Let  $X$  be a linear space over a scalar field  $\mathbb{K}$  with a non-Archimedean non-trivial valuation  $|\cdot|$  with  $\dim X > 1$ . A function  $\|\cdot, \cdot\| : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called a non-Archimedean 2-norm (valuation) if it satisfies the following conditions:

(NA1)  $\|x, y\| = 0$  if and only if  $x, y$  are linearly dependent;

(NA2)  $\|x, y\| = \|y, x\|$ ;

(NA3)  $\|rx, y\| = |r|\|x, y\|$ ;

(NA4)  $\|x, y + z\| \leq \max\{\|x, y\|, \|x, z\|\}$ ;

for all  $r \in \mathbb{K}$  and all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Then  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  is called a non-Archimedean 2-normed space.

According to the conditions in Definition 1.2, we have the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.3.** Let  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a non-Archimedean 2-normed space. If  $x \in X$  and  $\|x, y\| = 0$  for all  $y \in X$ , then  $x = 0$ .

**Definition 1.4.** A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in a non-Archimedean 2-normed space  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  is called a Cauchy sequence if there are two linearly independent points  $y, z \in X$  such that

$$\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x_m, y\| = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x_m, z\| = 0.$$

**Definition 1.5.** A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in a non-Archimedean 2-normed space  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  is called a convergent sequence if there exists an  $x \in X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x, y\| = 0$$

for all  $y \in X$ . In this case, we call that  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x$  or that  $x$  is the limit of  $\{x_n\}$ , write  $\{x_n\} \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  or  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ .

By (NA4), we have

$$\|x_n - x_m, y\| \leq \max\{\|x_{j+1} - x_j, y\| : m \leq j \leq n - 1\}, \quad (n > m),$$

for all  $y \in X$ . Hence, a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is Cauchy in  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  if and only if  $\{x_{n+1} - x_n\}$  converges to zero in a non-Archimedean 2-normed space  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ .

*Remark 1.6.* Let  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a non-Archimedean 2-normed space. One can show that conditions (NA2) and (NA4) in Definition 1.2 imply that

$$\|x + y, z\| \leq \|x, z\| + \|y, z\| \quad \text{and} \quad \left| \|x - z\| - \|y, z\| \right| \leq \|x - y, z\|$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

We can easily get the following lemma by Remark 1.6.

**Lemma 1.7.** For a convergent sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in a non-Archimedean 2-normed space  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n, y\| = \|\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n, y\|$$

for all  $y \in X$ .

**Definition 1.8.** A non-Archimedean 2-normed space, in which every Cauchy sequence is a convergent sequence, is called a non-Archimedean 2-Banach space.

Throughout this paper, let  $X$  be a non-Archimedean 2-normed space with  $\dim X > 1$  and  $Y$  be a non-Archimedean 2-Banach space with  $\dim Y > 1$ . Let  $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ , and  $\rho$  be a fixed non-Archimedean number with  $|\rho| < 1$ .

## 2. Solutions and stability of the inequality (1.4)

In this section, we solve and investigate the additive  $\rho$ -functional inequality (1.4) in non-Archimedean 2-normed spaces.

**Lemma 2.1.** A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies

$$\|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y), \omega\| \leq \|\rho(2f(\frac{x+y}{2}) - f(x) - f(y)), \omega\| \quad (2.1)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$  if and only if  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is additive.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $f$  satisfies (2.1). Setting  $x = y = 0$  in (2.1), we have  $\|f(0), \omega\| \leq \|0, \omega\| = 0$  for all  $\omega \in Y$  and so  $\|f(0), \omega\| = 0$  for all  $\omega \in Y$ . Hence we get

$$f(0) = 0.$$

Putting  $y = x$  in (2.1), we get

$$\|f(2x) - 2f(x), \omega\| \leq \|0, \omega\| \quad (2.2)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ . Thus we have

$$f(\frac{x}{2}) = \frac{1}{2}f(x) \quad (2.3)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . It follows from (2.1) and (2.3) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y), \omega\| &\leq \|\rho(2f(\frac{x+y}{2}) - f(x) - f(y)), \omega\| \\ &= |\rho| \|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y), \omega\| \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ . Hence, we obtain

$$f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

The converse is obviously true. This completes the proof of the lemma.  $\square$

The following corollary can be found in [14, Corollary 2.2].

**Corollary 2.2.** *A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies*

$$f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y) = \rho\left(2f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) - f(x) - f(y)\right) \quad (2.5)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  if and only if  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is additive.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $\varphi : X^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function such that*

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{|2|^j} \varphi(2^j x, 2^j y) = 0 \quad (2.6)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping satisfying

$$\|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y), \omega\| \leq \|\rho\left(2f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) - f(x) - f(y)\right), \omega\| + \varphi(x, y) \quad (2.7)$$

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

$$\|f(x) - A(x), \omega\| \leq \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \left\{ \frac{1}{|2|^{j+1}} \varphi(2^j x, 2^j x) \right\} \quad (2.8)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ .

*Proof.* Letting  $y = x$  in (2.6), we get

$$\|f(2x) - 2f(x), \omega\| \leq \varphi(x, x) \quad (2.9)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ . So

$$\|f(x) - \frac{1}{2}f(2x), \omega\| \leq \frac{1}{|2|} \varphi(x, x) \quad (2.10)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \frac{1}{2^l} f(2^l x) - \frac{1}{2^m} f(2^m x), \omega \right\| \\ & \leq \max \left\{ \left\| \frac{1}{2^l} f(2^l x) - \frac{1}{2^{l+1}} f(2^{l+1} x), \omega \right\|, \dots, \left\| \frac{1}{2^{m-1}} f(2^{m-1} x) - \frac{1}{2^m} f(2^m x), \omega \right\| \right\} \\ & \leq \max \left\{ \frac{1}{|2|^l} \left\| f(2^l x) - \frac{1}{2} f(2^{l+1} x), \omega \right\|, \dots, \frac{1}{|2|^{m-1}} \left\| f(2^{m-1} x) - \frac{1}{2} f(2^m x), \omega \right\| \right\} \\ & \leq \sup_{j \in \{l, l+1, \dots\}} \left\{ \frac{1}{|2|^{j+1}} \varphi(2^j x, 2^j x) \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

for all nonnegative integers  $m, l$  with  $m > l$  and for all  $x \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ . It follows from (2.11) that

$$\lim_{l, m \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \frac{1}{2^l} f(2^l x) - \frac{1}{2^m} f(2^m x), \omega \right\| = 0$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ . Thus the sequence  $\{\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $Y$ . Since  $Y$  is a non-Archimedean 2-Banach space, the sequence  $\{\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n}\}$  converges for all  $x \in X$ . So one can define the mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  by

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

for all  $x \in X$ . That is,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n} - A(x), \omega\| = 0$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ .

By Lemma 1.7, (2.6) and (2.7), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \|A(x+y) - A(x) - A(y), \omega\| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{|2|^n} \|f(2^n(x+y)) - f(2^n x) - f(2^n y), \omega\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{|2|^n} \|\rho(2f(\frac{2^n(x+y)}{2}) - f(2^n x) - f(2^n y)), \omega\| + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{|2|^n} \varphi(2^n x, 2^n y) \\ &= \|\rho(2A(\frac{x+y}{2}) - A(x) - A(y)), \omega\| \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ . Thus, the mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  is additive by Lemma 2.1.

By Lemma 1.7 and (2.11), we have

$$\|f(x) - A(x), \omega\| = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|f(x) - \frac{f(2^m x)}{2^m}, \omega\| \leq \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \{\frac{1}{|2|^{j+1}} \varphi(2^j x, 2^j x)\}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ . Hence, we obtain (2.8), as desired.

To prove the uniqueness property of  $A$ , Let  $A' : X \rightarrow Y$  be an another additive mapping satisfying (2.8). Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|A(x) - A'(x), \omega\| &= \|\frac{1}{2^n} A(2^n x) - \frac{1}{2^n} A'(2^n x), \omega\| \\ &\leq \max\{\|\frac{1}{2^n} A(2^n x) - \frac{1}{2^n} f(2^n x), \omega\|, \|\frac{1}{2^n} f(2^n x) - \frac{1}{2^n} A'(2^n x), \omega\|\} \\ &\leq \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \{\frac{1}{|2|^{n+j+1}} \varphi(2^{n+j} x, 2^{n+j} x)\}, \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $x \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ . By Lemma 1.3, we can conclude that  $A(x) = A'(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . This proves the uniqueness of  $A$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.4.** Let  $r, \theta$  be positive real numbers with  $r > 1$ , and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping such that

$$\|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y), \omega\| \leq \|\rho(2f(\frac{x+y}{2}) - f(x) - f(y)), \omega\| + \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r) \|\omega\| \quad (2.13)$$

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

$$\|f(x) - A(x), \omega\| \leq \frac{2}{|2|} \theta \|x\|^r \|\omega\| \quad (2.14)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ .

*Proof.* The proof follows from Theorem 2.3 by taking  $\varphi(x, y) = \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r)\|\omega\|$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ , as desired.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $\varphi : X^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function such that

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} |2|^j \varphi\left(\frac{x}{2^j}, \frac{y}{2^j}\right) = 0 \quad (2.15)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping satisfying

$$\|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y), \omega\| \leq \|\rho(2f(\frac{x+y}{2}) - f(x) - f(y)), \omega\| + \varphi(x, y) \quad (2.16)$$

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

$$\|f(x) - A(x), \omega\| \leq \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \{|2|^j \varphi(\frac{x}{2^{j+1}}, \frac{x}{2^{j+1}})\} \quad (2.17)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ .

*Proof.* It follows from (2.9) that

$$\|f(x) - 2f(\frac{x}{2}), \omega\| \leq \varphi(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2}) \quad (2.18)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \|2^l f(\frac{x}{2^l}) - 2^m f(\frac{x}{2^m}), \omega\| \\ & \leq \max\{\|2^l f(\frac{x}{2^l}) - 2^{l+1} f(\frac{x}{2^{l+1}}), \omega\|, \dots, \|2^{m-1} f(\frac{x}{2^{m-1}}) - 2^m f(\frac{x}{2^m}), \omega\|\} \\ & \leq \max\{|2|^l \|f(\frac{x}{2^l}) - 2f(\frac{x}{2^{l+1}}), \omega\|, \dots, |2|^{m-1} \|f(\frac{x}{2^{m-1}}) - 2f(\frac{x}{2^m}), \omega\|\} \\ & \leq \sup_{j \in \{l, l+1, \dots\}} \{|2|^j \varphi(\frac{x}{2^{j+1}}, \frac{x}{2^{j+1}})\} \end{aligned} \quad (2.19)$$

for all nonnegative integers  $m, l$  with  $m > l$  and for all  $x \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ . It follows from (2.19) that

$$\lim_{l, m \rightarrow \infty} \|2^l f(\frac{x}{2^l}) - 2^m f(\frac{x}{2^m}), \omega\| = 0$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ . Thus the sequence  $\{2^n f(\frac{x}{2^n})\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $Y$ . Since  $Y$  is a non-Archimedean 2-Banach space, the sequence  $\{2^n f(\frac{x}{2^n})\}$  converges for all  $x \in X$ . So one can define the mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  by

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

for all  $x \in X$ . That is,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|2^n f(\frac{x}{2^n}) - A(x), \omega\| = 0$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ . By Lemma 1.7 and (2.19), we have

$$\|f(x) - A(x), \omega\| = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|f(x) - 2^m f(\frac{x}{2^m}), \omega\| \leq \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \{|2|^j \varphi(\frac{x}{2^{j+1}}, \frac{x}{2^{j+1}})\}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ . Hence, we obtain (2.17), as desired. The rest of the proof is similar to that of Theorem 2.3 and thus it is omitted.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.6.** Let  $r, \theta$  be positive real numbers with  $r < 1$ , and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping satisfying (2.13) for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ . Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\|f(x) - A(x), \omega\| \leq \frac{2}{|2|^r} \theta \|x\|^r \|\omega\| \quad (2.20)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ .

Let  $A(x, y) := f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y)$  and  $B(x, y) := \rho(2f(\frac{x+y}{2}) - f(x) - f(y))$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . For  $x, y \in X$  and  $\omega \in Y$  with  $\|A(x, y), \omega\| \leq \|B(x, y), \omega\|$ , we have

$$\|A(x, y), \omega\| - \|B(x, y), \omega\| \leq \|A(x, y) - B(x, y), \omega\|.$$

For  $x, y \in X$  and  $\omega \in Y$  with  $\|A(x, y), \omega\| > \|B(x, y), \omega\|$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|A(x, y), \omega\| &= \|A(x, y) - B(x, y) + B(x, y), \omega\| \\ &\leq \max\{\|A(x, y) - B(x, y), \omega\|, \|B(x, y), \omega\|\} \\ &= \|A(x, y) - B(x, y), \omega\| \\ &\leq \|A(x, y) - B(x, y), \omega\| + \|B(x, y), \omega\|. \end{aligned}$$

So we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y), \omega\| - \|\rho(2f(\frac{x+y}{2}) - f(x) - f(y)), \omega\| \\ \leq \|f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y) - \rho(2f(\frac{x+y}{2}) - f(x) - f(y)), \omega\|. \end{aligned}$$

As corollaries of Theorems 2.3 and 2.5, we obtain the Hyers-Ulam stability results for the additive  $\rho$ -functional equation associated with the additive  $\rho$ -functional inequality (1.4) in non-Archimedean 2-Banach spaces.

**Corollary 2.7.** Let  $\varphi : X^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping satisfying (2.6) and

$$\|f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y) - \rho(2f(\frac{x+y}{2}) - f(x) - f(y)), \omega\| \leq \varphi(x, y) \quad (2.21)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ . Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying (2.8) for all  $x \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ .

**Corollary 2.8.** Let  $r, \theta$  be positive real numbers with  $r > 1$ , and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping such that

$$\|f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y) - \rho(2f(\frac{x+y}{2}) - f(x) - f(y)), \omega\| \leq \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r) \|\omega\| \quad (2.22)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ . Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying (2.14) for all  $x \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ .

**Corollary 2.9.** Let  $\varphi : X^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping satisfying (2.15) and (2.21) for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ . Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying (2.17) for all  $x \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ .

**Corollary 2.10.** Let  $r, \theta$  be positive real numbers with  $r < 1$ , and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping satisfying (2.22) for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ . Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying (2.20) for all  $x \in X$  and all  $\omega \in Y$ .



### 3. Solutions and stability of the inequality (1.5)

In this section, we solve and investigate the additive  $\rho$ -functional inequality (1.5) in non-Archimedean 2-normed spaces.

**Lemma 3.1.** *A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies  $f(0) = 0$  and*

$$\|2f(\frac{x+y}{2}) - f(x) - f(y), v\| \leq \|\rho(f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)), v\| \quad (3.1)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$  if and only if  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is additive.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $f$  satisfies (3.1). Letting  $y = 0$  in (3.1), we have

$$\|2f(\frac{x}{2}) - f(x), v\| \leq \|0, v\| = 0 \quad (3.2)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ . Thus we have

$$f(\frac{x}{2}) = \frac{1}{2}f(x) \quad (3.3)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . It follows from (3.1) and (3.3) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y), v\| &= \|2f(\frac{x+y}{2}) - f(x) - f(y), v\| \\ &\leq |\rho| \|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y), v\| \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ . Hence, we obtain

$$f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

The converse is obviously true. This completes the proof of the lemma.  $\square$

The following corollary can be found in [14, Corollary 3.2].

**Corollary 3.2.** *A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies  $f(0) = 0$  and*

$$2f(\frac{x+y}{2}) - f(x) - f(y) = \rho(f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)) \quad (3.5)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  if and only if  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is additive.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $\phi : X^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function such that*

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{|2|^j} \phi(2^j x, 2^j y) = 0 \quad (3.6)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping satisfying  $f(0) = 0$  and

$$\|2f(\frac{x+y}{2}) - f(x) - f(y), v\| \leq \|\rho(f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)), v\| + \phi(x, y) \quad (3.7)$$

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

$$\|f(x) - A(x), v\| \leq \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \left\{ \frac{1}{|2|^{j+1}} \phi(2^{j+1} x, 0) \right\} \quad (3.8)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ .

*Proof.* Letting  $y = 0$  in (3.6), we get

$$\|2f(\frac{x}{2}) - f(x), v\| \leq \phi(x, 0) \tag{3.9}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ . So

$$\|f(x) - \frac{1}{2}f(2x), v\| \leq \frac{1}{|2|}\phi(2x, 0) \tag{3.10}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\frac{1}{2^l}f(2^l x) - \frac{1}{2^m}f(2^m x), v\| \\ & \leq \max\{\|\frac{1}{2^l}f(2^l x) - \frac{1}{2^{l+1}}f(2^{l+1} x), v\|, \dots, \|\frac{1}{2^{m-1}}f(2^{m-1} x) - \frac{1}{2^m}f(2^m x), v\|\} \\ & \leq \max\{\frac{1}{|2|^l}\|f(2^l x) - \frac{1}{2}f(2^{l+1} x), v\|, \dots, \frac{1}{|2|^{m-1}}\|f(2^{m-1} x) - \frac{1}{2}f(2^m x), v\|\} \\ & \leq \sup_{j \in \{l, l+1, \dots\}} \{\frac{1}{|2|^{j+1}}\phi(2^{j+1} x, 0)\} \end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

for all nonnegative integers  $m, l$  with  $m > l$  and for all  $x \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ . It follows from (3.11) that

$$\lim_{l, m \rightarrow \infty} \|\frac{1}{2^l}f(2^l x) - \frac{1}{2^m}f(2^m x), v\| = 0$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ . Thus the sequence  $\{\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $Y$ . Since  $Y$  is a non-Archimedean 2-Banach space, the sequence  $\{\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n}\}$  converges for all  $x \in X$ . So one can define the mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  by

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

for all  $x \in X$ . That is,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n} - A(x), v\| = 0$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ .

By Lemma 1.7, (3.6) and (3.7), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \|2A(\frac{x+y}{2}) - A(x) - A(y), v\| \\ & = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{|2|^n} \|2f(\frac{2^n(x+y)}{2}) - f(2^n x) - f(2^n y), v\| \\ & \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{|2|^n} \|\rho(f(2^n(x+y)) - f(2^n x) - f(2^n y)), v\| + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{|2|^n} \phi(2^n x, 2^n y) \\ & = \|\rho(A(x+y) - A(x) - A(y)), v\| \end{aligned} \tag{3.12}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ . Thus, the mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  is additive by Lemma 3.1.

By Lemma 1.7 and (3.11), we have

$$\|f(x) - A(x), v\| = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|f(x) - \frac{f(2^m x)}{2^m}, v\| \leq \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \left\{ \frac{1}{|2|^{j+1}} \phi(2^{j+1}x, 0) \right\}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ . Hence, we obtain (3.8), as desired.

To prove the uniqueness property of  $A$ , Let  $A' : X \rightarrow Y$  be an another additive mapping satisfying (3.8). Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|A(x) - A'(x), v\| &= \left\| \frac{1}{2^n} A(2^n x) - \frac{1}{2^n} A'(2^n x), v \right\| \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \left\| \frac{1}{2^n} A(2^n x) - \frac{1}{2^n} f(2^n x), v \right\|, \left\| \frac{1}{2^n} f(2^n x) - \frac{1}{2^n} A'(2^n x), v \right\| \right\} \\ &\leq \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \left\{ \frac{1}{|2|^{n+j+1}} \phi(2^{n+j+1}x, 0) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $x \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ . By Lemma 1.3, we can conclude that  $A(x) = A'(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . This proves the uniqueness of  $A$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.4.** *Let  $s, \delta$  be positive real numbers with  $s > 1$ , and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping satisfying  $f(0) = 0$  and*

$$\left\| 2f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) - f(x) - f(y), v \right\| \leq \|\rho(f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)), v\| + \delta(\|x\|^s + \|y\|^s)\|v\| \quad (3.13)$$

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

$$\|f(x) - A(x), v\| \leq \frac{|2|^s}{|2|} \delta \|x\|^s \|v\| \quad (3.14)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ .

*Proof.* The proof follows from Theorem 3.3 by taking  $\phi(x, y) = \delta(\|x\|^s + \|y\|^s)\|v\|$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ , as desired.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $\phi : X^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function such that*

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} |2|^j \phi\left(\frac{x}{2^j}, \frac{y}{2^j}\right) = 0 \quad (3.15)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping satisfying  $f(0) = 0$  and

$$\left\| 2f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) - f(x) - f(y), v \right\| \leq \|\rho(f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)), v\| + \phi(x, y) \quad (3.16)$$

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

$$\|f(x) - A(x), v\| \leq \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \left\{ |2|^j \phi\left(\frac{x}{2^j}, 0\right) \right\} \quad (3.17)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ .

*Proof.* It follows from (3.9) that

$$\|f(x) - 2f(\frac{x}{2}), v\| \leq \phi(x, 0) \quad (3.18)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \|2^l f(\frac{x}{2^l}) - 2^m f(\frac{x}{2^m}), v\| \\ & \leq \max\{\|2^l f(\frac{x}{2^l}) - 2^{l+1} f(\frac{x}{2^{l+1}}), v\|, \dots, \|2^{m-1} f(\frac{x}{2^{m-1}}) - 2^m f(\frac{x}{2^m}), v\|\} \\ & \leq \max\{|2|^l \|f(\frac{x}{2^l}) - 2f(\frac{x}{2^{l+1}}), v\|, \dots, |2|^{m-1} \|f(\frac{x}{2^{m-1}}) - 2f(\frac{x}{2^m}), v\|\} \\ & \leq \sup_{j \in \{l, l+1, \dots\}} \{|2|^j \phi(\frac{x}{2^j}, 0)\} \end{aligned} \quad (3.19)$$

for all nonnegative integers  $m, l$  with  $m > l$  and for all  $x \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ . It follows from (3.19) that

$$\lim_{l, m \rightarrow \infty} \|2^l f(\frac{x}{2^l}) - 2^m f(\frac{x}{2^m}), v\| = 0$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ . Thus the sequence  $\{2^n f(\frac{x}{2^n})\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $Y$ . Since  $Y$  is a non-Archimedean 2-Banach space, the sequence  $\{2^n f(\frac{x}{2^n})\}$  converges for all  $x \in X$ . So one can define the mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  by

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

for all  $x \in X$ . That is,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|2^n f(\frac{x}{2^n}) - A(x), v\| = 0$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ . By Lemma 1.7 and (3.19), we have

$$\|f(x) - A(x), v\| = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|f(x) - 2^m f(\frac{x}{2^m}), v\| \leq \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \{|2|^j \phi(\frac{x}{2^j}, 0)\}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ . Hence, we obtain (3.17), as desired. The rest of the proof is similar to that of Theorem 3.3 and thus it is omitted.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.6.** *Let  $s, \delta$  be positive real numbers with  $s < 1$ , and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping satisfying  $f(0) = 0$  and (3.13) for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ . Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  such that*

$$\|f(x) - A(x), v\| \leq \delta \|x\|^s \|v\| \quad (3.20)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ .

Let  $\tilde{A}(x, y) := 2f(\frac{x+y}{2}) - f(x) - f(y)$  and  $\tilde{B}(x, y) := \rho(f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y))$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . For  $x, y \in X$  and  $v \in Y$  with  $\|\tilde{A}(x, y), v\| \leq \|\tilde{B}(x, y), v\|$ , we have

$$\|\tilde{A}(x, y), v\| - \|\tilde{B}(x, y), v\| \leq \|\tilde{A}(x, y) - \tilde{B}(x, y), v\|.$$

For  $x, y \in X$  and  $v \in Y$  with  $\|\tilde{A}(x, y), v\| > \|\tilde{B}(x, y), v\|$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{A}(x, y), v\| &= \|\tilde{A}(x, y) - \tilde{B}(x, y) + \tilde{B}(x, y), v\| \\ &\leq \max\{\|\tilde{A}(x, y) - \tilde{B}(x, y), v\|, \|\tilde{B}(x, y), v\|\} \\ &= \|\tilde{A}(x, y) - \tilde{B}(x, y), v\| \\ &\leq \|\tilde{A}(x, y) - \tilde{B}(x, y), v\| + \|\tilde{B}(x, y), v\|. \end{aligned}$$

So we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|2f(\frac{x+y}{2}) - f(x) - f(y), v\| - \|\rho(f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)), v\| \\ \leq \|2f(\frac{x+y}{2}) - f(x) - f(y) - \rho(f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)), v\|. \end{aligned}$$

As corollaries of Theorems 3.3 and 3.5, we obtain the Hyers-Ulam stability results for the additive  $\rho$ -functional equation associated with the additive  $\rho$ -functional inequality (1.5) in non-Archimedean 2-Banach spaces.

**Corollary 3.7.** *Let  $\phi : X^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping satisfying  $f(0) = 0$ , (3.6) and*

$$\|2f(\frac{x+y}{2}) - f(x) - f(y) - \rho(f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)), v\| \leq \phi(x, y) \quad (3.21)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ . Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying (3.8) for all  $x \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ .

**Corollary 3.8.** *Let  $s, \delta$  be positive real numbers with  $s > 1$ , and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping satisfying  $f(0) = 0$  and*

$$\|2f(\frac{x+y}{2}) - f(x) - f(y) - \rho(f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)), v\| \leq \delta(\|x\|^s + \|y\|^s)\|v\| \quad (3.22)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ . Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying (3.14) for all  $x \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ .

**Corollary 3.9.** *Let  $\phi : X^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping satisfying  $f(0) = 0$ , (3.15) and (3.21) for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ . Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying (3.17) for all  $x \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ .*

**Corollary 3.10.** *Let  $s, \delta$  be positive real numbers with  $s < 1$ , and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping satisfying  $f(0) = 0$  and (3.22) for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ . Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying (3.20) for all  $x \in X$  and all  $v \in Y$ .*

#### 4. Conclusion

In this paper, we have solved the additive  $\rho$ -functional inequalities:

$$\|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \|\rho(2f(\frac{x+y}{2}) - f(x) - f(y))\|,$$

$$\|2f(\frac{x+y}{2}) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \|\rho(f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y))\|,$$

where  $\rho$  is a fixed non-Archimedean number with  $|\rho| < 1$ . More precisely, we have investigated the solutions of these inequalities in non-Archimedean 2-normed spaces, and have proved the Hyers-Ulam stability of these inequalities in non-Archimedean 2-normed spaces. Furthermore, we have also proved the Hyers-Ulam stability of additive  $\rho$ -functional equations associated with these inequalities in non-Archimedean 2-normed spaces.

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