

## STABILITY OF THE POPOVICIU TYPE FUNCTIONAL EQUATIONS ON GROUPS

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**Abstract.** We consider the stability problem for a class of functional equations related to the Popoviciu equation.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Dealing with some inequality for convex functions, T. Popoviciu [9] has introduced the functional equation

$$3f\left(\frac{x+y+z}{3}\right) + f(x) + f(y) + f(z) = 2\left[f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{x+z}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{y+z}{2}\right)\right]. \quad (1.1)$$

The solution and stability of (1.1) have been investigated by J. Brzdęk [2], W. Smajdor [12] and T. Trif [10]. The analogous problems for the following generalization of (1.1)

$$m^2 f\left(\frac{x+y+z}{m}\right) + f(x) + f(y) + f(z) = n^2 \left[ f\left(\frac{x+y}{n}\right) + f\left(\frac{x+z}{n}\right) + f\left(\frac{y+z}{n}\right) \right], \quad (1.2)$$

where  $m$  and  $n$  are nonzero integers, have been studied in [7] (in the case where  $m = 3$  and  $n = 2$ ) and [8] (in the case where  $m + 1 = 2n$ ). Solutions of the particular case of (1.2), namely

$$f(x+y+z) + f(x) + f(y) + f(z) = f(x+y) + f(x+z) + f(y+z), \quad (1.3)$$

have been considered by P. Kannappan [6]. Stability of (1.3) has been investigated by S.-M. Jung [5] and W. Fechner [4]. Solutions and stability of some further generalization of (1.1) have been investigated by T. Trif [11]. In [3] the general solution of the following functional equation

$$Mf\left(\frac{x+y+z}{m}\right) + f(x) + f(y) + f(z) = N \left[ f\left(\frac{x+y}{n}\right) + f\left(\frac{x+z}{n}\right) + f\left(\frac{y+z}{n}\right) \right], \quad (1.4)$$

where  $m, n, M, N$  are arbitrary positive integers, has been determined in the case where the unknown function  $f$  maps a commutative group uniquely divisible by  $m$  and  $n$  into a commutative group uniquely divisible by 2. Let us recall that a group  $(X, +)$  is said to be *uniquely divisible* by a given positive integer  $k$  provided, for every  $x \in X$ , there exists a unique  $y \in X$  such that  $x = ky$ ; such an element will be denoted in the sequel by  $\frac{x}{k}$ .

In the present paper we study the stability problem for (1.4) in a similar setting. Our work is inspired by the recent paper [1]. In the sequel we assume that  $m, n, M, N$  are positive integers,  $(G, +)$  and  $(H, +)$  are commutative groups,  $(G, +)$  is uniquely divisible by  $m$  and  $n$ ,  $(H, +)$  is uniquely divisible by 2 and  $d$  is a metric on  $H$  such that:

(i)  $d$  is invariant with respect to  $+$ , that is

$$d(u + w, v + w) = d(u, v) \quad \text{for } u, v, w \in H; \quad (1.5)$$

(ii) there exists a  $\xi \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$d\left(\frac{u}{2}, \frac{v}{2}\right) \leq \xi d(u, v) \quad \text{for } u, v \in H; \quad (1.6)$$

(iii)  $(H, d)$  is a complete metric space.

## 2. RESULTS

We begin this section with the following simple observation.

**Remark 2.1.** Note that condition (1.5) implies the following two inequalities:

$$d(u + w, v + r) \leq d(u, v) + d(w, r) \quad \text{for } u, v, w, r \in H; \quad (2.1)$$

$$d(-u, -v) = d(u, v) \quad \text{for } u, v \in H. \quad (2.2)$$

In fact, for every  $u, v, w, r \in H$ , we have

$$d(u + w, v + r) = d(u - v, r - w) \leq d(u - v, 0) + d(0, r - w) = d(u, v) + d(w, r)$$

and

$$d(-u, -v) = d(-u + (u + v), -v + (u + v)) = d(v, u) = d(u, v).$$

Note also that, in view of (2.1), by induction we get

$$d(ku, kv) \leq kd(u, v) \quad \text{for } u, v \in H, k \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (2.3)$$

In order to prove the stability result for (1.4) we need to recall that a function  $Q : G \rightarrow H$  is said to be *quadratic* provided

$$Q(x + y) + Q(x - y) = 2Q(x) + 2Q(y) \quad \text{for } x, y \in G;$$

and a function  $A : G \rightarrow H$  is said to be *additive* provided

$$A(x + y) = A(x) + A(y) \quad \text{for } x, y \in G.$$

**Theorem 2.2.** Assume that a function  $f : G \rightarrow H$  satisfies inequality

$$d\left(Mf\left(\frac{x+y+z}{m}\right) + f(x) + f(y) + f(z), \left[f\left(\frac{x+y}{n}\right) + f\left(\frac{x+z}{n}\right) + f\left(\frac{y+z}{n}\right)\right]\right) \leq \delta(x, y, z) \quad \text{for } x, y, z \in G, \quad (2.4)$$

where  $\delta : G^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is an arbitrary function such that, for some  $0 < \eta < \frac{1}{\xi}$ , it holds

$$\delta(2x, 2y, 2z) \leq \eta\delta(x, y, z) \quad \text{for } x, y, z \in G. \quad (2.5)$$

Then there exists a uniquely determined quadratic function  $Q : G \rightarrow H$  and an additive function  $A : G \rightarrow H$  such that

$$(N - n^2)Q(x) = (M - m^2)Q(x) = 0 \quad \text{for } x \in G, \quad (2.6)$$

$$(Mn + mn - 2mN)A(x) = 0 \quad \text{for } x \in G \quad (2.7)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} d(f(x), Q(x) + A(x) + f(0)) &\leq \\ &\leq \frac{\xi^4}{1 - \xi\eta} [\delta(x, x, 0) + \delta(-x, -x, 0) + \delta(2x, 0, 0) + \delta(-2x, 0, 0) + \\ &\quad + \delta(x, x, -2x) + \delta(-x, -x, 2x)] + \frac{\xi^3}{1 - \xi^2\eta} [\delta(x, x, -x) + \delta(-x, -x, x) + \\ &\quad + \delta(x, 0, -x) + \delta(-x, 0, x) + \delta(0, x, 0) + \delta(0, -x, 0)] + \\ &\quad + \frac{\xi^4}{1 - \xi^2\eta} [\delta(2x, 0, -2x) + \delta(-2x, 0, 2x)] + \frac{\xi^3}{1 - \xi^2\eta} (3 + 4\xi)\delta(0, 0, 0) \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

for  $x \in G$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f_e : G \rightarrow H$  and  $f_o : G \rightarrow H$  be given by

$$f_e(x) := \frac{f(x) + f(-x)}{2} - f(0) \quad \text{for } x \in G$$

and

$$f_o(x) := \frac{f(x) - f(-x)}{2} \quad \text{for } x \in G,$$

respectively. Then  $f_e$  is even,  $f_o$  is odd,  $f_o(0) = f_e(0) = 0$  and

$$f(x) = f_e(x) + f_o(x) + f(0) \quad \text{for } x \in G. \quad (2.9)$$

Applying (2.4) with  $x = y = z = 0$ , we obtain

$$d((M + 3)f(0), 3Nf(0)) \leq \delta(0, 0, 0). \quad (2.10)$$

Furthermore, by (2.4), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & d\left(Mf\left(\frac{-(x+y+z)}{m}\right) + f(-x) + f(-y) + f(-z),\right. \\ & \left. N\left[f\left(\frac{-(x+y)}{n}\right) + f\left(\frac{-(x+z)}{n}\right) + f\left(\frac{-(y+z)}{n}\right)\right]\right) \leq \delta(-x, -y, -z) \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

for  $x, y, z \in G$ . Therefore, taking into account (1.6)–(2.1) and (2.10), from (2.4) and (2.11) we derive that

$$\begin{aligned} & d\left(Mf_o\left(\frac{x+y+z}{m}\right) + f_o(x) + f_o(y) + f_o(z),\right. \\ & \left. N\left[f_o\left(\frac{x+y}{n}\right) + f_o\left(\frac{x+z}{n}\right) + f_o\left(\frac{y+z}{n}\right)\right]\right) \leq \xi\Delta(x, y, z) \quad \text{for } x, y, z \in G \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & d\left(Mf_e\left(\frac{x+y+z}{m}\right) + f_e(x) + f_e(y) + f_e(z),\right. \\ & \left. N\left[f_e\left(\frac{x+y}{n}\right) + f_e\left(\frac{x+z}{n}\right) + f_e\left(\frac{y+z}{n}\right)\right]\right) \leq \xi(\Delta(x, y, z) + \frac{1}{2}\Delta(0, 0, 0)) \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

for  $x, y, z \in G$ , where  $\Delta : G^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is given by

$$\Delta(x, y, z) = \delta(x, y, z) + \delta(-x, -y, -z) \quad \text{for } x, y, z \in G. \quad (2.14)$$

Obviously, by (2.5) and (2.14), we get

$$\Delta(2x, 2y, 2z) \leq \eta\Delta(x, y, z) \quad \text{for } x, y, z \in G. \quad (2.15)$$

Moreover, since  $f_o(0) = 0$ , taking in (2.12)  $z = 0$  and then  $y = z = 0$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & d\left(Mf_o\left(\frac{x+y}{m}\right) + f_o(x) + f_o(y),\right. \\ & \left. N\left[f_o\left(\frac{x+y}{n}\right) + f_o\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) + f_o\left(\frac{y}{n}\right)\right]\right) \leq \xi\Delta(x, y, 0) \quad \text{for } x, y \in G \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

and

$$d\left(Mf_o\left(\frac{x}{m}\right) + f_o(x), 2Nf_o\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)\right) \leq \xi\Delta(x, 0, 0) \quad \text{for } x \in G, \quad (2.17)$$

respectively. Making use of (2.2), from (2.17) we derive that

$$d\left(-Mf_o\left(\frac{x+y}{m}\right) - f_o(x+y), -2Nf_o\left(\frac{x+y}{n}\right)\right) \leq \xi\Delta(x+y, 0, 0) \quad \text{for } x, y \in G.$$

Hence, taking into account (2.16), by (2.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & d\left(f_o(x) + f_o(y) - f_o(x+y), N\left[f_o\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) + f_o\left(\frac{y}{n}\right) - f_o\left(\frac{x+y}{n}\right)\right]\right) \leq \\ & \leq \xi(\Delta(x, y, 0) + \Delta(x+y, 0, 0)) \quad \text{for } x, y \in G. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, as  $f_0$  is odd, from (2.12) we derive that

$$\begin{aligned} & d\left(f_0(x) + f_0(y) - f_0(x + y), N\left[f_0\left(\frac{x + y}{n}\right) - f_0\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) - f_0\left(\frac{y}{n}\right)\right]\right) = \\ & = d\left(Mf_0\left(\frac{x + y - (x + y)}{m}\right) + f_0(x) + f_0(y) + f_0(-(x + y)),\right. \\ & \quad \left. N\left[f_0\left(\frac{x + y}{n}\right) + f_0\left(\frac{y - (x + y)}{n}\right) + f_0\left(\frac{x - (x + y)}{n}\right)\right]\right) \leq \\ & \leq \xi\Delta(x, y, -(x + y)) \quad \text{for } x, y \in G. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, using (2.1), we get

$$d(2(f_0(x) + f_0(y) - f_0(x + y)), 0) \leq \xi[\Delta(x, y, 0) + \Delta(x + y, 0, 0) + \Delta(x, y, -(x + y))]$$

for  $x, y \in G$ , whence by (1.5) and (1.6), we obtain

$$d(f_0(x + y), f_0(x) + f_0(y)) \leq \xi^2[\Delta(x, y, 0) + \Delta(x + y, 0, 0) + \Delta(x, y, -(x + y))]$$

for  $x, y \in G$ . Note also that in view of (2.15), the function  $\chi_0 : G^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  given by

$$\chi_0(x, y) := \xi^2[\Delta(x, y, 0) + \Delta(x + y, 0, 0) + \Delta(x, y, -(x + y))] \quad \text{for } x, y \in G \quad (2.18)$$

satisfies

$$\chi_0(2x, 2y) \leq \eta\chi_0(x, y) \quad \text{for } x, y \in G. \quad (2.19)$$

So, applying [1, Corollary 3.2], we conclude that there exists a unique additive function  $A : G \rightarrow H$  such that

$$d(f_0(x), A(x)) \leq \frac{\xi^2}{1 - \xi\eta}\chi_0(x, x) \quad \text{for } x \in G. \quad (2.20)$$

Moreover, taking into account (2.3), from (2.20) we deduce that

$$d(f_0(mnx), A(mnx)) \leq \frac{\xi^2}{1 - \xi\eta}\chi_0(mnx, mnx) \quad \text{for } x \in G, \quad (2.21)$$

$$d(Mf_0(nx), MA(nx)) \leq \frac{M\xi^2}{1 - \xi\eta}\chi_0(nx, nx) \quad \text{for } x \in G \quad (2.22)$$

and

$$d(2Nf_0(mx), 2NA(mx)) \leq \frac{2N\xi^2}{1 - \xi\eta}\chi_0(mx, mx) \quad \text{for } x \in G. \quad (2.23)$$

Making use of (2.1), from (2.21) and (2.22) we derive that

$$\begin{aligned} & d(Mf_0(nx) + f_0(mnx), MA(nx) + A(mnx)) \leq \\ & \leq \frac{\xi^2}{1 - \xi\eta}(\chi_0(mnx, mnx) + M\chi_0(nx, nx)) \quad \text{for } x \in G. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, by (2.17), for every  $x \in G$ , we get

$$d(Mf_o(nx) + f_o(mnx), 2Nf_o(mx)) \leq \xi\Delta(mnx, 0, 0).$$

Therefore, in view of (2.22), for every  $x \in G$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} d((Mn + mn - 2Nm)A(x), 0) &= d(MA(nx) + A(mnx), 2NA(mx)) \leq \\ &\leq \frac{\xi^2}{1 - \xi\eta} [\chi_0(mnx, mnx) + M\chi_0(nx, nx) + 2N\chi_0(mx, mx)] + \xi\Delta(mnx, 0, 0). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, as  $A$  is additive,  $\Delta$  satisfies (2.15) and  $\chi_0$  satisfies (2.19), using (1.5), we get

$$\begin{aligned} d((Mn + mn - 2Nm)A(x), 0) &= d(2^{-k}(Mn + mn - 2Nm)A(2^k x), 0) \leq \\ &\leq (\xi\eta)^k \left[ \frac{\xi^2}{1 - \xi\eta} (\chi_0(mnx, mnx) + M\chi_0(nx, nx) + 2N\chi_0(mx, mx)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \xi\Delta(mnx, 0, 0) \right] \quad \text{for } x \in G, k \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\eta < \frac{1}{\xi}$ , this yields (2.7).

Next consider inequality (2.13). Since  $f_e$  is even and  $f_e(0) = 0$ , taking into account (2.13)  $z = -x$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} d\left(Mf_e\left(\frac{y}{m}\right) + 2f_e(x) + f_e(y), \right. \\ \left. N\left[f_e\left(\frac{x+y}{n}\right) + f_e\left(\frac{x-y}{n}\right)\right]\right) \leq \xi\left(\Delta(x, y, -x) + \frac{1}{2}\Delta(0, 0, 0)\right) \end{aligned} \quad (2.24)$$

for  $x, y \in G$ . Applying (2.24), with  $y = 0$  and next with  $x = 0$ , we get

$$d\left(2f_e(x), 2Nf_e\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)\right) \leq \xi\left(\Delta(x, 0, -x) + \frac{1}{2}\Delta(0, 0, 0)\right) \quad (2.25)$$

for  $y \in G$  and

$$d\left(Mf_e\left(\frac{y}{m}\right) + f_e(y), 2Nf_e\left(\frac{y}{n}\right)\right) \leq \xi\left(\Delta(0, y, 0) + \frac{1}{2}\Delta(0, 0, 0)\right)$$

for  $x \in G$ , respectively. In view of (1.5), the last two inequalities imply that

$$d\left(f_e(y), Mf_e\left(\frac{y}{m}\right)\right) \leq \xi\left(\Delta(y, 0, -y) + \Delta(0, y, 0) + \Delta(0, 0, 0)\right) \quad (2.26)$$

for  $y \in G$ . Note also that, by (1.6), from (2.25) we deduce that

$$d\left(f_e(x), Nf_e\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)\right) \leq \xi^2\left(\Delta(x, 0, -x) + \frac{1}{2}\Delta(0, 0, 0)\right) \quad (2.27)$$

for  $x \in G$ . Therefore, using (1.5) and (2.1), from (2.24), (2.26) and (2.27), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} d(f_e(x+y) + f_e(x-y), 2f_e(x) + 2f_e(y)) &\leq \\ &\leq \xi(\Delta(x, y, -x) + \Delta(y, 0, -y) + \Delta(0, y, 0)) + \\ &\quad + \xi^2(\Delta(x+y, 0, -(x+y)) + \Delta(x-y, 0, -(x-y))) + \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{3}{2}\xi + \xi^2\right)\Delta(0, 0, 0) \quad \text{for } x, y \in G. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, in view of (2.15), the function  $\chi_1 : G^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  given by

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_1(x, y) := & \xi(\Delta(x, y, -x) + \Delta(y, 0, -y) + \Delta(0, y, 0)) + \\ & + \xi^2(\Delta(x + y, 0, -(x + y)) + \Delta(x - y, 0, -(x - y))) + \\ & + \left(\frac{3}{2}\xi + \xi^2\right)\Delta(0, 0, 0) \end{aligned} \tag{2.28}$$

for  $x, y \in G$ , satisfies

$$\chi_1(2x, 2y) \leq \eta\chi_1(x, y) \quad \text{for } x, y \in G. \tag{2.29}$$

Thus, as  $f_e(0) = 0$ , applying [1, Corollary 5.2], we obtain that there exists a unique quadratic function  $Q : G \rightarrow H$  such that

$$d(f_e(x), Q(x)) \leq \frac{\xi^2}{1 - \xi^2\eta}\chi_1(x, x) \quad \text{for } x \in G. \tag{2.30}$$

Moreover, taking into account (2.3), from (2.26) we derive that

$$\begin{aligned} d(Q(mx), MQ(x)) \leq & d(f_e(mx), Q(mx)) + d\left(f_e(mx), Mf_e\left(\frac{mx}{m}\right)\right) + \\ & + d(Mf_e(x), MQ(x)) \leq \frac{\xi^2}{1 - \xi^2\eta}[\chi_1(mx, mx) + M\chi_1(x, x)] + \\ & + \xi[\Delta(mx, 0, -mx) + \Delta(0, mx, 0) + \Delta(0, 0, 0)] \quad \text{for } x \in G. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $Q$  is quadratic and the functions  $\Delta$  and  $\chi_1$  satisfy (2.15) and (2.29), respectively, making use of (1.5) and (1.6), from the latter inequality we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} d((M - m^2)Q(x), 0) = & d(4^{-k}(M - m^2)Q(2^k x), 0) \leq \\ \leq & (\xi^2\eta)^k \left[ \frac{\xi^2}{1 - \xi^2\eta}(\chi_1(mx, mx) + M\chi_1(x, x)) + \right. \\ & \left. + \xi[\Delta(mx, 0, -mx) + \Delta(0, mx, 0) + \Delta(0, 0, 0)] \right] \end{aligned}$$

for every  $x \in G$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . As  $\eta < \frac{1}{\xi} < \frac{1}{\xi^2}$ , this means that  $(M - m^2)Q(x) = 0$  for  $x \in G$ . In a similar way, using (2.27), we obtain that  $(N - n^2)Q(x) = 0$  for  $x \in G$ . So, (2.6) holds.

Finally, (1.5), (2.1), (2.9), (2.20) and (2.30) imply that

$$d(f(x), Q(x) + A(x) + f(0)) \leq \frac{\xi^2}{1 - \xi\eta}\chi_0(x, x) + \frac{\xi^2}{1 - \xi^2\eta}\chi_1(x, x)$$

for  $x \in G$ . Thus, taking into account (2.14), (2.18) and (2.28), after straightforward calculations, we get (2.8). □

From Theorem 2.2 and [3, Theorem 1] we obtain the following stability result for (1.4).

**Corollary 2.3.** *If  $f : G \rightarrow H$  satisfies (2.4) with  $\delta$  satisfying (2.5), then there exists a unique solution  $F : G \rightarrow H$  of (1.4) such that*

$$\begin{aligned} d(f(x), F(x)) &\leq \\ &\leq \frac{\xi^4}{1 - \xi\eta} [\delta(x, x, 0) + \delta(-x, -x, 0) + \delta(2x, 0, 0) + \delta(-2x, 0, 0) + \\ &\quad + \delta(x, x, -2x) + \delta(-x, -x, 2x)] + \frac{\xi^3}{1 - \xi^2\eta} [\delta(x, x, -x) + \delta(-x, -x, x) + \\ &\quad + \delta(x, 0, -x) + \delta(-x, 0, x) + \delta(0, x, 0) + \delta(0, -x, 0)] + \\ &\quad + \frac{\xi^4}{1 - \xi^2\eta} [\delta(2x, 0, -2x) + \delta(-2x, 0, 2x)] + \frac{\xi^3}{1 - \xi^2\eta} (3 + 4\xi)\delta(0, 0, 0) \end{aligned}$$

for  $x \in G$ .

In the case where  $(H, \|\cdot\|)$  is a Banach space and  $\delta \in [0, \infty)$ , conditions (1.5), (1.6) and (2.5) hold with  $\xi = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\eta = 1$ . Therefore, from Theorem 2.2 we deduce the following result.

**Corollary 2.4.** *Assume that  $(H, \|\cdot\|)$  is a Banach space,  $\delta \in [0, \infty)$  and the function  $f : G \rightarrow H$  satisfies inequality*

$$\left\| Mf\left(\frac{x+y+z}{m}\right) + f(x) + f(y) + f(z) - N\left[f\left(\frac{x+y}{n}\right) + f\left(\frac{x+z}{n}\right) + f\left(\frac{y+z}{n}\right)\right] \right\| \leq \delta \quad \text{for } x, y, z \in G.$$

Then there exists a uniquely determined quadratic function  $Q : G \rightarrow H$  and an additive function  $A : G \rightarrow H$  such that (2.6), (2.7) hold and

$$\|f(x) - Q(x) - A(x) - f(0)\| \leq \frac{11}{4}\delta \quad \text{for } x \in G.$$

Finally note that if  $(H, \|\cdot\|)$  is a Banach space and  $\delta : G^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is given by

$$\delta(x, y, z) = \varepsilon(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p + \|z\|^p) \quad \text{for } x, y, z \in G,$$

where  $\varepsilon \in [0, \infty)$  and  $p \in (0, 1)$  are fixed, then conditions (1.5), (1.6) and (2.5) hold with  $\xi = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\eta = 2^p$ . Therefore, applying Theorem 2.2, we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 2.5.** *Assume that  $(H, \|\cdot\|)$  is a Banach space,  $\varepsilon \in [0, \infty)$  and  $p \in (0, 1)$  are fixed and a function  $f : G \rightarrow H$  satisfies inequality*

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| Mf\left(\frac{x+y+z}{m}\right) + f(x) + f(y) + f(z) - \right. \\ &\quad \left. - N\left[f\left(\frac{x+y}{n}\right) + \left(\frac{x+z}{n}\right) + f\left(\frac{y+z}{n}\right)\right] \right\| \leq \\ &\leq \varepsilon(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p + \|z\|^p) \quad \text{for } x, y, z \in G. \end{aligned}$$



Then there exists a uniquely determined quadratic function  $Q : G \rightarrow H$  and an additive function  $A : G \rightarrow H$  such that (2.6), (2.7) hold and

$$\|f(x) - Q(x) - A(x) - f(0)\| \leq \left( \frac{2 + 2^p}{4 - 2^{p+1}} + \frac{6 + 2^p}{4 - 2^p} \right) \varepsilon \|x\|^p \quad \text{for } x \in G.$$

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