

## ULAM STABILITY FOR THE ORTHOGONALLY GENERAL EULER - LAGRANGE TYPE FUNCTIONAL EQUATION

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### ABSTRACT

*In this paper, J. M. Rassias introduces the general Euler - Lagrange type functional equation of the form*

$$f(mx + y) + f(mx - y) = 2f(x + y) + 2f(x - y) + 2(m^2 - 2)f(x) - 2f(y) \quad (*)$$

*for any arbitrary but fixed real constant  $m$  with  $m \neq 0$ ;  $m \neq \pm 1$ ;  $m \neq \pm\sqrt{2}$ . We investigate the Ulam stability for the orthogonally general Euler - Lagrange type functional equation (\*) controlled by the mixed type product-sum function*

$$(x, y) \rightarrow \epsilon \left[ \|x\|_E^p \|y\|_E^p + \left( \|x\|_E^{2p} + \|y\|_E^{2p} \right) \right]$$

*introduced by the third author of this paper, and by a non-negative function with  $x \perp y$ .*

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## 1 Introduction

In 1940, S. M. Ulam [27] raised the question concerning the stability of group homomorphisms:

*Let  $G_1$  be a group and let  $G_2$  be a metric group with the metric  $\rho(., .)$ . Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , does there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that if a function  $h : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  satisfies the inequality  $\rho(h(xy), h(x)h(y)) < \delta$  for all  $x, y \in G_1$ , then there exists a homomorphism  $H : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  with  $\rho(h(x), H(x)) < \epsilon$  for all  $x \in G_1$ ?*

D. H. Hyers [6] answered this problem under the assumption that the groups are Banach spaces. Th. M. Rassias [24] generalized the theorem of Hyers for approximately linear mappings. The stability phenomenon that was proved by Th. M. Rassias [24] is called the Hyers - Ulam - Rassias Stability.

J. M. Rassias [11-23] solved the Ulam problem for different mappings and for many Euler-Lagrange type quadratic mappings. In 2005, J. M. Rassias [23] solved Euler- Lagrange type quadratic functional equation of the form

$$Q(m_1a_1x_1 + m_2a_2x_2) + m_1m_2Q(a_1x_1 - a_2x_2) = (m_1a_1^2 + m_2a_2^2)(m_1Q(x_1) + m_2Q(x_2))$$

and discussed its Ulam stability problem.

The orthogonal Cauchy functional equation

$$f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y), x \perp y \quad (1.1)$$

in which  $\perp$  is an abstract orthogonality symbol, was investigated by S. Gudder and D. Strawther [5]. R. Ger and J. Sikorska discussed the orthogonal stability of the equation (1.1) in [4].

We now introduce the concepts of orthogonality vector space, orthogonality space and orthogonality normed space and then proceed to prove our main results.

**Definition 1.1.** A vector space  $X$  is called an *orthogonality vector space* if there is a relation  $x \perp y$  on  $X$  such that

- (i)  $x \perp 0, 0 \perp x$  for all  $x \in X$ ;
- (ii) if  $x \perp y$  and  $x, y \neq 0$ , then  $x, y$  are linearly independent;
- (iii)  $x \perp y, ax \perp by$  for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ;
- (iv) if  $P$  is a two-dimensional subspace of  $X$ ; then

(a) for every  $x \in P$  there exists  $0 \neq y \in P$  such that  $x \perp y$ ;

(b) there exists vectors  $x, y \neq 0$  such that  $x \perp y$  and  $x + y \perp x - y$ .

Any vector space can be made into an orthogonality vector space if we define  $x \perp 0, 0 \perp x$  for all  $x$  and for non zero vector  $x, y$  define  $x \perp y$  iff  $x, y$  are linearly independent. The relation  $\perp$  is called symmetric if  $x \perp y$  implies that  $y \perp x$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . The pair  $(x, \perp)$  is called an *orthogonality space*. It becomes *orthogonality normed space* when the orthogonality space is equipped with a norm.

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $X$  be an orthogonality space and  $Y$  be a real Banach space. A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called *orthogonally quadratic* if it satisfies the so called orthogonally Euler-Lagrange (or Jordan - von Neumann) quadratic functional equation

$$f(x + y) + f(x - y) = 2f(x) + 2f(y) \quad (1.2)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \perp y$ , (see [15]).

The orthogonality Hilbert space for the orthogonally quadratic functional equation (1.2) was first investigated by F. Vajzovic [28]. Recently Ulam - Gavruta - Rassias stability for the orthogonally Euler - Lagrange type functional equation of the form

$$f(2x + y) + f(2x - y) = 2f(x + y) + 2f(x - y) + 4f(x) - 2f(y) \quad (1.3)$$

was investigated by Ravi and Arunkumar [26].

In this paper, we investigate the Ulam stability for the orthogonally general Euler - Lagrange type functional equation

$$f(mx + y) + f(mx - y) = 2f(x + y) + 2f(x - y) + 2(m^2 - 2)f(x) - 2f(y) \tag{1.4}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \perp y$ , controlled by the mixed type product-sum function

$$(x, y) \rightarrow \epsilon \left\{ \|x\|_E^p \|y\|_E^p + \left( \|x\|_E^{2p} + \|y\|_E^{2p} \right) \right\},$$

a concept introduced by the third author of this paper, and by a general non-negative function. Note that the general Euler - Lagrange type functional equation (1.4) is equivalent to the standard Euler - Lagrange equation (1.2).

A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called orthogonally quadratic if it satisfies the quadratic functional equation (1.4) for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \perp y$  where  $X$  be an orthogonality space and  $Y$  be a real Banach space.

## 2 Stability of the Functional Equation (1.4)

In this section, let  $(E, \perp)$  denote an orthogonality normed space with norm  $\|\cdot\|_E$  and  $(F, \|\cdot\|_F)$  is a Banach space.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $f : E \rightarrow F$  be a mapping which satisfying the inequality*

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(mx + y) + f(mx - y) - 2f(x + y) - 2f(x - y) - 2(m^2 - 2)f(x) + 2f(y)\|_F \\ & \leq \epsilon \left\{ \|x\|_E^p \|y\|_E^p + \left( \|x\|_E^{2p} + \|y\|_E^{2p} \right) \right\} \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

for all  $x, y \in E$  with  $x \perp y$ , where  $\epsilon$  and  $p$  are constants with  $\epsilon, p > 0$  and either

$$m > 1; p < 1 \text{ or } m < 1; p > 1 \text{ with } m \neq 0; m \neq \pm 1; m \neq \pm\sqrt{2} \text{ and } -1 \neq |m|^{p-1} < 1.$$

Then the limit

$$Q(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(m^n x)}{m^{2n}} \tag{2.2}$$

exists for all  $x \in E$  and  $Q : E \rightarrow F$  is the unique orthogonally Euler - Lagrange quadratic mapping such that

$$\|f(x) - Q(x)\|_F \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2|m^2 - m^{2p}|} \|x\|_E^{2p} \tag{2.3}$$

for all  $x \in E$ .

*Proof.* Replacing  $(x, y)$  with  $(0, 0)$  in (2.1), we obtain  $2|2 - m^2| \|f(0)\|_F = 0$  or  $f(0) = 0$  if  $m^2 \neq 2$ .

Again substituting  $(x, y)$  by  $(x, 0)$  in (2.1), we get

$$\|f(mx) - m^2 f(x)\|_F \leq \frac{1}{2} \epsilon \|x\|_E^{2p}$$

$$(i.e.), \quad \left\| \frac{f(mx)}{m^2} - f(x) \right\|_F \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon}{m^2} \|x\|_E^{2p} \quad (m \neq 0) \quad (2.4)$$

for all  $x \in E$ . Now replacing  $x$  by  $mx$  and dividing by  $m^2$  in (2.4) and then adding the resulting inequality with (2.4), we obtain

$$\left\| \frac{f(m^2x)}{m^4} - f(x) \right\|_F \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon}{m^2} \left( 1 + \frac{m^{2p}}{m^2} \right) \|x\|_E^{2p} \quad (2.5)$$

for all  $x \in E$ . Using induction on  $n$  we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{f(m^n x)}{m^{2n}} - f(x) \right\|_F &\leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon}{m^2} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{m^{2pk}}{m^{2k}} \|x\|_E^{2p} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon}{m^2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{m^{2pk}}{m^{2k}} \|x\|_E^{2p} \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

for all  $x \in E$ . In order to prove the convergence of the sequence  $\{f(m^n x)/m^{2n}\}$  replace  $x$  by  $m^l x$  and divide by  $m^{2l}$  in (2.6), for any  $n, l > 0$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{f(m^{n+l}x)}{m^{2(l+n)}} - \frac{f(m^l x)}{m^{2l}} \right\|_F &= \frac{1}{m^{2l}} \left\| \frac{f(m^{n+l}x)}{m^{2n}} - f(m^l x) \right\|_F \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon}{m^2} \frac{1}{m^{2l(1-p)}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{m^{2pk}}{m^{2k}} \|x\|_E^{2p}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

Since  $m^{2(1-p)} < 1$ , the R.H.S of (2.7) tends to 0 as  $l \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $x \in E$ . Thus  $\{f(m^n x)/m^{2n}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $F$  is complete, there exists a mapping  $Q : E \rightarrow F$  such that

$$Q(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(m^n x)}{m^{2n}} \quad \forall x \in E.$$

By letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.6), we arrive the formula (2.3) for all  $x \in E$ . To prove  $Q$  satisfies (1.4), replace  $(x, y)$  by  $(m^n x, m^n y)$  in (2.1) and divide by  $m^{2n}$  then it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{m^{2n}} \| f(m^n(mx+y)) + f(m^n(mx-y)) - 2f(m^n(x+y)) - 2f(m^n(x-y)) \\ &- 2(m^2-2)f(m^n x) + 2f(m^n y) \|_F \leq \frac{\epsilon}{m^{2n}} \left\{ \|m^n x\|_E^p \|m^n y\|_E^p + \left( \|m^n x\|_E^{2p} + \|m^n y\|_E^{2p} \right) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality, we get

$$\| Q(mx+y) + Q(mx-y) - 2Q(x+y) - 2Q(x-y) - 2(m^2-2)Q(x) + 2Q(y) \|_F \leq 0.$$

which gives

$$Q(mx+y) + Q(mx-y) = 2Q(x+y) + 2Q(x-y) + 2(m^2-2)Q(x) - 2Q(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in E$  with  $x \perp y$ . Therefore  $Q : E \rightarrow F$  is an orthogonally Euler - Lagrange quadratic mapping which satisfies (1.4). To prove the uniqueness of  $Q$ , let  $Q'$  be another orthogonally Euler - Lagrange quadratic mapping satisfying (1.4) and the inequality (2.3). We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Q(x) - Q'(x)\|_F &= \frac{1}{m^{2n}} \{ \|Q(m^n x) - f(m^n x)\|_F + \|f(m^n x) - Q'(m^n x)\|_F \} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{2\epsilon}{m^2} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m^{2(k+n)(1-p)}} \|x\|_E^{2p} \\ &\rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in E$ . Therefore  $Q$  is unique. This completes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $f : E \rightarrow F$  be a mapping which satisfying the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(mx + y) + f(mx - y) - 2f(x + y) - 2f(x - y) - 2(m^2 - 2)f(x) + 2f(y)\|_F \\ \leq \epsilon \left\{ \|x\|_E^p \|y\|_E^p + \left( \|x\|_E^{2p} + \|y\|_E^{2p} \right) \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

for all  $x, y \in E$  with  $x \perp y$ , where  $\epsilon$  and  $p$  are constants with  $\epsilon, p > 0$  and either

$$m > 1; p > 1 \text{ or } m < 1; p < 1 \text{ with } m \neq 0; m \neq \pm 1; m \neq \pm\sqrt{2} \quad \text{and } -1 \neq |m|^{1-p} < 1.$$

Then the limit

$$Q(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m^{2n} f\left(\frac{x}{m^n}\right) \quad (2.9)$$

exists for all  $x \in E$  and  $Q : E \rightarrow F$  is the unique orthogonally Euler - Lagrange quadratic mapping such that

$$\|f(x) - Q(x)\|_F \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2|m^{2p} - m^2|} \|x\|_E^{2p} \quad (2.10)$$

for all  $x \in E$ .

*Proof.* Replacing  $x$  by  $\frac{x}{m}$  ( $m \neq 0$ ) in (2.4), we get

$$\left\| f(x) - m^2 f\left(\frac{x}{m}\right) \right\|_F \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon}{m^{2p}} \|x\|_E^{2p} \quad (m \neq 0) \quad (2.11)$$

for all  $x \in E$ . Now replacing  $x$  by  $\frac{x}{m}$  and multiply by  $m^2$  in (2.11) and summing the resultant inequality with (2.11), we arrive

$$\left\| f(x) - m^4 f\left(\frac{x}{m^2}\right) \right\|_F \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon}{m^{2p}} \left( 1 + \frac{m^2}{m^{2p}} \right) \|x\|_E^{2p} \quad (2.12)$$

for all  $x \in E$ . Using induction on  $n$  we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| f(x) - m^{2n} f\left(\frac{x}{m^n}\right) \right\|_F &\leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon}{m^{2p}} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{m^{2k}}{m^{2pk}} \|x\|_E^{2p} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon}{m^{2p}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{m^{2k}}{m^{2pk}} \|x\|_E^{2p} \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

for all  $x \in E$ . In order to prove the convergence of the sequence  $\{m^{2n} f(\frac{x}{m^n})\}$ , replace  $x$  by  $\frac{x}{m^l}$  and multiply by  $m^{2l}$  in (2.13), for any  $n, l > 0$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| m^{2(n+l)} f\left(\frac{x}{m^{l+n}}\right) - m^{2l} f\left(\frac{x}{m^l}\right) \right\|_F &= m^{2l} \left\| m^{2n} f\left(\frac{x}{m^{l+n}}\right) - f\left(\frac{x}{m^l}\right) \right\|_F \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon}{m^{2p}} \frac{1}{m^{2l(p-1)}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{m^{2k}}{m^{2pk}} \|x\|_E^{2p}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.14}$$

Since  $m^{2(p-1)} < 1$ , the R.H.S of (2.14) tends to 0 as  $l \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $x \in E$ . Thus  $\{m^{2n} f(\frac{x}{m^n})\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $F$  is complete, there exists a mapping  $Q : E \rightarrow F$  such that

$$Q(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m^{2n} f\left(\frac{x}{m^n}\right) \quad \forall x \in E.$$

By letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.13), we arrive the formula (2.10) for all  $x \in E$ . To show that  $Q$  is unique and it satisfies (1.4), the proof is similar to that of Theorem 2.1 □

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $E$  be a real orthogonality normed linear space and  $F$  be a real complete normed linear space. Assume in addition that  $f : E \rightarrow F$  is an approximately quadratic mappings for which there exists a constant  $\theta > 0$  such that  $f$  satisfies*

$$\begin{aligned} \| f(mx + y) + f(mx - y) - 2f(x + y) - 2f(x - y) - 2(m^2 - 2)f(x) + 2f(y) \|_F \\ \leq \theta H(x, y), \quad x \perp y \end{aligned} \tag{2.15}$$

for all  $(x, y) \in E^2, x \perp y$  and  $H : E^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$  is a non negative real valued function, such that

$$R(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{H(m^j x, 0)}{m^{2j}} (< \infty) (m \neq 0) \tag{2.16}$$

is a non negative function on  $x$ , with  $m \neq 0; m \neq \pm 1; m \neq \pm\sqrt{2}$  and the condition

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H(m^k x, m^k y)}{m^{2k}} = 0 \tag{2.17}$$

holds. Then there exists a unique orthogonally Euler - Lagrange quadratic mappings  $Q : E \rightarrow F$  such that

$$\| f(x) - Q(x) \|_F \leq \frac{\theta}{2m^2} R(x) + \frac{\|f(0)\|_F}{|m^2 - 1|} \tag{2.18}$$

for all  $x \in E$ . In addition  $f : E \rightarrow F$  is a mapping such that the transformation  $t \rightarrow f(tx)$  is continuous in real  $t$  for each fixed  $x \in E$ , then  $Q$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ - linear mapping.

*Proof.* Letting  $y = 0$  in (2.15), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{f(mx)}{m^2} - f(x) + \frac{f(0)}{m^2} \right\|_F &\leq \frac{\theta}{2m^2} H(x, 0) \quad (m \neq 0) \\ \left\| f(x) - \frac{f(mx)}{m^2} \right\|_F &\leq \frac{\theta}{2m^2} H(x, 0) + \frac{\|f(0)\|_F}{m^2} \quad (m \neq 0) \end{aligned} \tag{2.19}$$

for all  $x \in E$ . Now replacing  $x$  by  $mx$  divide by  $m^2$  in (2.19), we obtain

$$\left\| \frac{f(mx)}{m^2} - \frac{f(m^2x)}{m^4} \right\|_F \leq \frac{\theta}{2m^4} H(mx, 0) + \frac{\|f(0)\|_F}{m^4}.$$

Using (2.19) and the above inequality, we arrive

$$\left\| f(x) - \frac{f(m^2x)}{m^4} \right\|_F \leq \frac{\theta}{2m^2} \left[ H(x, 0) + \frac{H(mx, 0)}{m^2} \right] + \frac{\|f(0)\|_F}{m^2} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{m^2} \right] \quad (2.20)$$

for all  $x \in E$ . Using the induction on  $n$  we obtain that

$$\left\| f(x) - \frac{f(m^n x)}{m^{2n}} \right\|_F \leq \frac{\theta}{2m^2} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{H(m^j x, 0)}{m^{2j}} + \frac{\|f(0)\|_F}{m^2} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{m^{2j}} \quad (2.21)$$

for all  $x \in E$ . In order to prove the convergence of the sequence  $\left\{ \frac{f(m^n x)}{m^{2n}} \right\}$  replace  $x$  by  $m^l x$  and divided by  $m^{2l}$  in (2.21), for any  $n, l > 0$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{f(m^l x)}{m^{2l}} - \frac{f(m^{n+l} x)}{m^{2(n+l)}} \right\|_F &= \frac{1}{m^{2l}} \left\| f(m^l x) - \frac{f(m^{n+l} x)}{m^{2n}} \right\|_F \\ &\leq \frac{\theta}{2m^2} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{H(m^{j+l} x, 0)}{m^{2(j+l)}} + \frac{\|f(0)\|_F}{m^2} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{m^{2(j+l)}} \\ &\rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } l \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in E$ . Thus  $\left\{ \frac{f(m^n x)}{m^{2n}} \right\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $F$  is complete, there exists a mapping  $Q : E \rightarrow F$  such that

$$Q(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(m^n x)}{m^{2n}}, \quad \forall x \in E.$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.21) and using the definition of  $Q(x)$  and (2.16), we arrive at the formula (2.18). Indeed

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(x) - Q(x)\|_F &\leq \frac{\theta}{2m^2} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{H(m^j x, 0)}{m^{2j}} + \frac{\|f(0)\|_F}{m^2} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m^{2j}} \\ &\leq \frac{\theta}{2m^2} R(x) + \frac{\|f(0)\|_F}{m^2} \left[ \frac{m^2}{m^2 - 1} \right] \\ &\leq \frac{\theta}{2m^2} R(x) + \frac{\|f(0)\|_F}{|m^2 - 1|} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in E$ . To prove  $Q$  satisfies (1.4), replace  $(x, y)$  by  $(m^n x, m^n y)$  in (2.15) and divide by  $m^{2n}$  then it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{m^{2n}} \|f(m^n(mx+y)) + f(m^n(mx-y)) - 2f(m^n(x+y)) - 2f(m^n(x-y)) \\ - 2(m^2 - 2)f(m^n x) + 2f(m^n y)\|_F \leq \frac{\theta}{m^{2n}} H(m^n x, m^n y) \end{aligned}$$

Taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality, we get

$$\|Q(mx+y) + Q(mx-y) - 2Q(x+y) - 2Q(x-y) - 2(m^2 - 2)Q(x) + 2Q(y)\|_F \leq 0.$$

which gives

$$Q(mx + y) + Q(mx - y) = 2Q(x + y) + 2Q(x - y) + 2(m^2 - 2)Q(x) - 2Q(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in E$  with  $x \perp y$ . Therefore  $Q : E \rightarrow F$  is an orthogonally Euler - Lagrange quadratic mapping which satisfies (1.4). To prove the uniqueness of  $Q$ , let  $Q'$  be another orthogonally Euler - Lagrange quadratic mapping satisfying (1.4) and the inequality (2.18). We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Q(x) - Q'(x)\|_F &= \frac{1}{m^{2n}} \{ \|Q(m^n x) - f(m^n x)\|_F + \|f(m^n x) - Q'(m^n x)\|_F \} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m^{2n}} \left\{ \frac{\theta}{m^2} R(x) + \frac{2\|f(0)\|_F}{|m^2 - 1|} \right\} \\ &\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in E$ . Therefore  $Q$  is unique. This completes the proof of the theorem. □

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $E$  be a real orthogonality normed linear space and  $F$  be a real complete normed linear space. Assume in addition that  $f : E \rightarrow F$  is an approximately quadratic mappings for which there exists a constant  $\theta > 0$  such that  $f$  satisfies*

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(mx + y) + f(mx - y) - 2f(x + y) - 2f(x - y) - 2(m^2 - 2)f(x) + 2f(y)\|_F \\ \leq \theta H(x, y), \quad x \perp y \end{aligned} \tag{2.22}$$

for all  $(x, y) \in E^2, x \perp y$  and  $H : E^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$  is a non negative real valued function, such that

$$R(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} m^{2j} H\left(\frac{x}{m^{j+1}}, 0\right) (< \infty) (m \neq 0) \tag{2.23}$$

is a non negative function on  $x$ , with  $m \neq 0; m \neq \pm 1; m \neq \pm\sqrt{2}$  and the condition

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} m^{2k} H\left(\frac{x}{m^k}, \frac{y}{m^k}\right) = 0 \tag{2.24}$$

holds. Then there exists a unique orthogonally Euler - Lagrange quadratic mappings  $Q : E \rightarrow F$  such that

$$\|f(x) - Q(x)\|_F \leq \frac{\theta}{2} R(x) + \frac{\|f(0)\|_F}{|1 - m^2|} \tag{2.25}$$

for all  $x \in E$ . In addition  $f : E \rightarrow F$  is a mapping such that the transformation  $t \rightarrow f(tx)$  is continuous in real  $t$  for each fixed  $x \in E$ , then  $Q$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ - linear mapping.

*Proof.* Replacing  $x$  by  $\frac{x}{m}$  in (2.19) and using the proof of Theorem 2.3, we arrive at the desired result. □

The following two analogous Theorems 2.5 and 2.6 can be obtained as two special cases: either  $m = 1$  or  $m = -1$ . In these two cases the pertinent functional equations are obviously equivalent to the classical quadratic equation:

$$f(x+y) + f(x-y) = 2f(x) + 2f(y) \quad (2.26)$$

for all  $x, y \in E$  with  $x \perp y$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $f : E \rightarrow F$  be a mapping satisfying the inequality

$$\|f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)\|_F \leq \epsilon \left[ \|x\|_E^p \|y\|_E^p + \left( \|x\|_E^{2p} + \|y\|_E^{2p} \right) \right] \quad (2.27)$$

for all  $x, y \in E$  with  $x \perp y$ , where  $\epsilon$  and  $p$  are constants with  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $p < 1$ . Then the limit

$$Q(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(2^n x)}{4^n} \quad (2.28)$$

exists for all  $x \in E$  and  $Q : E \rightarrow F$  is the unique Euler - Lagrange quadratic mapping such that

$$\|f(x) - Q(x)\|_F \leq \frac{3\epsilon}{4 - 2^{2p}} \|x\|_E^{2p} \quad (2.29)$$

for all  $x \in E$ .

*Proof.* Letting  $y = x$  in (2.27), we get

$$\left\| \frac{f(2x)}{4} - f(x) \right\|_F \leq \frac{3\epsilon}{4} \|x\|_E^{2p} \quad (2.30)$$

for all  $x \in E$ . Now Replacing  $x$  by  $2x$  and dividing by 4 in (2.30) and summing the resultant inequality with (2.30), we arrive

$$\left\| \frac{f(2^2 x)}{4^2} - f(x) \right\|_F \leq \frac{3\epsilon}{4} \left( 1 + \frac{2^{2p}}{4} \right) \|x\|_E^{2p} \quad (2.31)$$

for all  $x \in E$ . Using induction on  $n$ , we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{f(2^n x)}{4^n} - f(x) \right\|_F &\leq \frac{3\epsilon}{4} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{2^{2pk}}{4^k} \|x\|_E^{2p} \\ &\leq \frac{3\epsilon}{4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{2pk}}{4^k} \|x\|_E^{2p} \end{aligned} \quad (2.32)$$

for all  $x \in E$ . In order to prove the convergence of the sequence  $\{f(2^n x)/4^n\}$ , replace  $x$  by  $2^l x$  and divide by  $4^l$  in (2.32), for  $n, l > 0$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{f(2^{n+l} x)}{4^{l+n}} - \frac{f(2^l x)}{4^l} \right\|_F &= \frac{1}{4^l} \left\| \frac{f(2^{n+l} x)}{4^n} - f(2^l x) \right\|_F \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4^l} \frac{3\epsilon}{4} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{2^{2pk}}{4^k} \|2^l x\|_E^{2p} \\ &\leq \frac{3\epsilon}{4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{2p(k+l)}}{4^{(k+l)}} \|x\|_E^{2p} \\ &\leq \frac{3\epsilon}{4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{2(1-p)(k+l)}} \|x\|_E^{2p}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.33)$$

As  $p < 1$ , the R.H.S of (2.33) tends to 0 as  $l \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus  $\{f(2^n x)/4^n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. Since  $F$  is complete, there exists a mapping  $Q : E \rightarrow F$  and define

$$Q(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(2^n x)}{4^n} \quad \forall x \in E.$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.32), we arrive the formula (2.29) for all  $x \in E$ . To prove  $Q$  satisfies (1.4) and it is unique the proof is similar to that of Theorem 2.1. Hence the proof is complete.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $f : E \rightarrow F$  be a mapping satisfying the inequality*

$$\|f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)\|_F \leq \epsilon \left[ \|x\|_E^p \|y\|_E^p + \left( \|x\|_E^{2p} + \|y\|_E^{2p} \right) \right] \quad (2.34)$$

for all  $x, y \in E$  with  $x \perp y$ , where  $\epsilon$  and  $p$  are constants with  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $p > 1$ . Then the limit

$$Q(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 4^n f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) \quad (2.35)$$

exists for all  $x \in E$  and  $Q : E \rightarrow F$  is the unique orthogonally Euler - Lagrange quadratic mapping such that

$$\|f(x) - Q(x)\|_F \leq \frac{3\epsilon}{2^{2p}-4} \|x\|_E^{2p} \quad (2.36)$$

for all  $x \in E$ .

*Proof.* Replacing  $x$  by  $\frac{x}{m}$  in (2.30) and using the proof of Theorem 2.5, we arrive at the desired result.  $\square$

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