



## APPROXIMATELY ALGEBRAIC TENSOR PRODUCTS

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*Abstract.* Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be normed spaces over a complete field  $\mathbb{F}$  with dual spaces  $X'$  and  $Y'$  respectively. Under certain hypotheses, for given  $x \in X$ ,  $y \in Y$  and a mapping  $u$  from  $X' \times Y'$  to  $\mathbb{F}$ , we apply Hyers–Ulam approach to find a unique bounded bilinear mapping  $v$  near to  $u$  such that  $\|v\| = \|x \otimes y\|$ .

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $X, Y$ , and  $Z$  be normed linear spaces over the same field  $\mathbb{F}$ . A mapping  $\phi : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  is said to be bilinear if the mappings  $x \mapsto \phi(x, y)$  and  $y \mapsto \phi(x, y)$  are linear. A bilinear mapping  $\phi : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  is said to be bounded if there exists  $M > 0$  such that  $\|\phi(x, y)\| \leq M\|x\|\|y\|$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ . The norm of  $\phi$  is then defined by

$$\|\phi\| := \sup\{\|\phi(x, y)\| : (x, y) \in \mathcal{B}_X \times \mathcal{B}_Y\},$$

where  $\mathcal{B}_X := \{x \in X : \|x\| \leq 1\}$ . The set of all bounded bilinear mappings from  $X \times Y$  to  $Z$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{BL}(X \times Y, Z)$ . Let  $X'$  and  $Y'$  be dual spaces of  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. For given  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ ,  $x \otimes y$  is an element of  $\mathcal{BL}(X' \times Y', \mathbb{F})$  defined by  $x \otimes y(f, g) := f(x)g(y)$  for all  $f \in X'$  and  $g \in Y'$ . The algebraic tensor product of  $X$  and  $Y$ ,  $X \otimes Y$ , is defined to be the linear span of  $\{x \otimes y : x \in X, y \in Y\}$  in  $\mathcal{BL}(X' \times Y', \mathbb{F})$  (see [3]).

A classical question in the theory of functional equations is the following (see [4], [6], [7], [9], [10], [8], [12], [14], [15], [20], [19], [17], [18], [21], [13], [22]): *When is it true that a function which approximately satisfies a functional equation  $\zeta$  must be close to an exact solution of  $\zeta$ ?*

If the problem accepts a solution, we say that the equation  $\zeta$  is stable. There are cases in which each approximate solution is actually a true solution. In such cases, we call the equation  $\zeta$  superstable.

The first stability problem concerning group homomorphisms was raised by Ulam [22] during his talk before a Mathematical Colloquium at the University of Wisconsin in 1940. Ulam's problem was partially solved by Hyers [7] for mappings between Banach spaces. Hyers' Theorem was generalized by Aoki [1] for additive mappings and by Th. M. Rassias [16] for linear mappings by considering an unbounded Cauchy difference. The paper of Th. M. Rassias [16] has provided a lot of influence in the development of what is called the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability or the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of functional equations. A generalization of the Th. M. Rassias theorem was obtained by Gavruta [5] in 1994 by replacing the unbounded Cauchy difference by a general control function in the spirit of Th. M. Rassias' approach. Badora [2] proved the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of ring homomorphisms, which generalizes the result of D. G. Bourgin. Miura [11] proved the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of Jordan homomorphisms.

In this paper, under certain hypotheses and using Hyers-Ulam approach, we find a unique bounded bilinear mapping  $v$  near to a given mapping  $u : X' \times Y' \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  such that  $\|v\| = \|x \otimes y\|$  for  $x \in X$ ,  $y \in Y$ . Throughout this paper, it is assumed that  $X$  and  $Y$  are normed spaces over a complete field  $\mathbb{F}$  with dual spaces  $X'$  and  $Y'$  respectively.

## 2. RESULTS

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $u : X' \times Y' \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  be a mapping for which there exist positive real valued functions  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2$ , and  $\varphi$  on  $X' \times X' \times Y'$ ,  $X' \times Y' \times Y'$ , and  $X' \times Y'$ , respectively such that*

$$\tilde{\varphi}(f, g) := \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{i+1}} \varphi_1(2^i f, 2^i f, g) < \infty, \quad (2.1)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \varphi_1(2^n f_1, 2^n f_2, g) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \varphi_2(2^n f, g_1, g_2) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \varphi(2^n f, g) = 0, \quad (2.2)$$

$$|u(cf_1 + f_2, g) - cu(f_1, g) - u(f_2, g)| \leq \varphi_1(f_1, f_2, g), \quad (2.3)$$

$$|u(f, cg_1 + g_2) - cu(f, g_1) - u(f, g_2)| \leq \varphi_2(f, g_1, g_2) \quad (2.4)$$

for all  $f, f_1, f_2 \in X'$ ,  $g, g_1, g_2 \in Y'$ , and  $c \in \mathbb{F}$ . Then, there exists a unique bilinear mapping  $v$  from  $X' \times Y'$  to  $\mathbb{F}$  such that

$$|u(f, g) - v(f, g)| \leq \tilde{\varphi}(f, g) \quad (f \in X', g \in Y'). \quad (2.5)$$

Moreover, if the mapping  $u$  satisfies

$$\| |u(f, g)| - |f(x)g(y)| \| \leq \varphi(f, g) \quad (2.6)$$

for some fixed  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ , then  $\|v\| = \|x \otimes y\|$  and so in particular  $v$  is bounded.

*Proof.* Putting  $c = 1$  and replacing  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  in (2.3) by  $f$  and dividing both sides by 2, we get

$$\left| \frac{1}{2}u(2f, g) - u(f, g) \right| \leq \frac{1}{2}\varphi_1(f, f, g) \quad (2.7)$$

for all  $f \in X'$  and  $g \in Y'$ . Replacing  $f$  by  $2f$  in (2.7) and dividing both sides by 2, we find that

$$\left| \frac{1}{2^2}u(2^2f, g) - \frac{1}{2}u(2f, g) \right| \leq \frac{1}{2^2}\varphi_1(2f, 2f, g) \quad (2.8)$$

for all  $f \in X'$  and  $g \in Y'$ . Combining (2.7) with (2.8), we obtain

$$\left| \frac{1}{2^2}u(2^2f, g) - u(f, g) \right| \leq \frac{1}{2}\varphi_1(f, f, g) + \frac{1}{2^2}\varphi_1(2f, 2f, g)$$

for all  $f \in X'$  and  $g \in Y'$ . By induction on  $n$ , we conclude that

$$\left| \frac{1}{2^n}u(2^n f, g) - u(f, g) \right| \leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{2^{i+1}}\varphi_1(2^i f, 2^i f, g) \quad (2.9)$$

for all  $f \in X'$  and  $g \in Y'$ . We now turn to use the Cauchy convergence criterion. Replace  $f$  by  $2^k f$  in (2.9) and divide both sides by  $2^k$ , where  $k$  is an arbitrary positive integer, to get

$$\left| \frac{1}{2^{n+k}}u(2^{n+k} f, g) - \frac{1}{2^k}u(2^k f, g) \right| \leq \sum_{i=k}^{n+k-1} \frac{1}{2^{i+1}}\varphi_1(2^i f, 2^i f, g)$$

for all  $f \in X'$ ,  $g \in Y'$ , and all positive integers  $n \geq k$ . It follows from the last inequality and (2.1) that the sequence  $\{\frac{1}{2^n}u(2^n f, g)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence for all  $f \in X'$  and  $g \in Y'$ . Since  $\mathbb{F}$  is a complete field, this sequence converges. Define  $v(f, g) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n}u(2^n f, g)$ . Taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.9), we find that the inequality (2.5) holds for all  $f \in X'$  and  $g \in Y'$ . Replace  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  in (2.3) by  $2^n f_1$  and  $2^n f_2$  respectively and divide both sides by  $2^n$  and take the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and apply then (2.2) to get the mapping  $f \mapsto v(f, g)$  is linear. By a similar way one can replace  $f$  in (2.4) by  $2^n f$  and divide both sides by  $2^n$  to deduce that the mapping  $g \mapsto v(f, g)$  is linear. Consequently, the mapping  $v$  is bilinear. Our next claim is to prove that  $v$  is unique. Let  $v'$  be another mapping satisfying (2.5). Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} |v(f, g) - v'(f, g)| &= \frac{1}{2^k} |v(2^k f, g) - v'(2^k f, g)| \\ &\leq \frac{2}{2^k} \tilde{\varphi}(2^k f, g) \\ &= 2 \sum_{i=k}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{i+1}} \varphi_1(2^i f, 2^i f, g) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $f \in X'$  and  $g \in Y'$ . Passing to the limit as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we conclude that  $v$  is unique. Replace  $f$  by  $2^n f$  in (2.6) and divide both sides by  $2^n$ , to arrive at

$$\left| \frac{1}{2^n} |u(2^n f, g)| - |f(x)g(y)| \right| \leq \frac{1}{2^n} \varphi(2^n f, g) \quad (2.10)$$

for all  $f \in X'$  and  $g \in Y'$ . Taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.10) and applying the definition of the norm, we conclude that  $\|v\| = \|x \otimes y\|$  and so  $v$  is bounded.  $\square$

*Remark 1.* Under the same hypotheses of Theorem 1, with (2.1) and (2.2) replaced by

$$\tilde{\varphi}(f, g) := \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{i+1}} \varphi_2(f, 2^i g, 2^i g) < \infty, \quad (2.11)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \varphi_1(f_1, f_2, 2^n g) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \varphi_2(f, 2^n g_1, 2^n g_2) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \varphi(f, 2^n g) = 0, \quad (2.12)$$

there exists a unique mapping  $v \in \mathcal{BL}(X' \times Y', \mathbb{F})$  satisfying (2.5). Note that by using (2.4) and the same method as in the proof of Theorem 1, we can define  $v(f, g) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} u(f, 2^n g)$ .

In the following corollaries, as a consequence of Theorem 1, we show the Rassias stability of algebraic tensor products.

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $x \in X$ ,  $y \in Y$ , and  $u : X' \times Y' \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  be a mapping such that*

$$\|u(f, g) - |f(x)g(y)|\| \leq \alpha + \beta(\|f\|^p + \|g\|^p) + \gamma\|f\|^p\|g\|^p, \quad (2.13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} |u(cf_1 + f_2, g) - cu(f_1, g) - u(f_2, g)| &\leq \alpha + \beta(\|f_1\|^q + \|f_2\|^q + \|g\|^q) \\ &\quad + \gamma\|f_1\|^{\frac{q}{2}}\|f_2\|^{\frac{q}{2}}\|g\|^q, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |u(f, cg_1 + g_2) - cu(f, g_1) - u(f, g_2)| &\leq \alpha + \beta(\|f\|^r + \|g_1\|^r + \|g_2\|^r) \\ &\quad + \gamma\|f\|^r\|g_1\|^{\frac{r}{2}}\|g_2\|^{\frac{r}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $f, f_1, f_2 \in X'$ ,  $g, g_1, g_2 \in Y'$ , and  $c \in \mathbb{F}$ , where  $p, q, r, \alpha, \beta$ , and  $\gamma$  are constants with  $0 \leq p, q, r < 1$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ , and  $\beta, \gamma \geq 0$ . Then, there exists a unique mapping  $v \in \mathcal{BL}(X' \times Y', \mathbb{F})$  such that  $\|v\| = \|x \otimes y\|$  and

$$|u(f, g) - v(f, g)| \leq \alpha + \beta(2k\|f\|^q + \|g\|^q) + \gamma k\|f\|^q\|g\|^q \quad (2.14)$$

for all  $f \in X'$  and  $g \in Y'$ , where  $k = \frac{1}{2-2^q}$ .

*Remark 2.* Under the hypotheses of Corollary 1 and using Remark 1, there exists a unique mapping  $v \in \mathcal{BL}(X' \times Y', \mathbb{F})$  such that  $\|v\| = \|x \otimes y\|$  and

$$|u(f, g) - v(f, g)| \leq \alpha + \beta(\|f\|^r + 2k\|g\|^r) + \gamma k\|f\|^r\|g\|^r$$

for all  $f \in X'$  and  $g \in Y'$ , where  $k = \frac{1}{2-2^r}$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^m$  and  $\{y_i\}_{i=1}^m$  be linearly independent sets in  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively and  $u$  be a mapping from  $X' \times Y'$  to  $\mathbb{F}$  for which there exist mappings  $\varphi_1 : X' \times X' \times Y' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $\varphi_2 : X' \times Y' \times Y' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ , and  $\varphi : X' \times Y' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  satisfying (2.1), (2.2), (2.3), (2.4) and

$$\left| u(f, g) - \sum_{i=1}^m |f(x_i)g(y_i)| \right| \leq \varphi(f, g) \quad (2.15)$$

for all  $f \in X'$ ,  $g \in Y'$ . Then, there exists a unique mapping  $v \in \mathcal{BL}(X' \times Y', \mathbb{F})$  such that

$$|u(f, g) - v(f, g)| \leq \tilde{\varphi}(f, g) \quad (f \in X', g \in Y'), \quad \|v\| \leq \sum_{i=1}^m \|x_i \otimes y_i\|. \quad (2.16)$$

In the following our interest is to provide a dual for Theorem 1.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $x \in X$ ,  $y \in Y$ , and let  $u : X' \times Y' \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  be a mapping for which there exist mappings  $\varphi_1 : X' \times X' \times Y' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $\varphi_2 : X' \times Y' \times Y' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ , and  $\varphi : X' \times Y' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  satisfying (2.3), (2.4), (2.6), and

$$\tilde{\varphi}(f, g) := \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} 2^i \varphi_1\left(\frac{f}{2^{i+1}}, \frac{f}{2^{i+1}}, g\right) < \infty, \quad (2.17)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^n \varphi_1\left(\frac{f_1}{2^n}, \frac{f_2}{2^n}, g\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^n \varphi_2\left(\frac{f}{2^n}, g_1, g_2\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^n \varphi\left(\frac{f}{2^n}, g\right) = 0 \quad (2.18)$$

for all  $f, f_1, f_2 \in X'$ ,  $g, g_1, g_2 \in Y'$ . Then, there exists a unique mapping  $v \in \mathcal{BL}(X' \times Y', \mathbb{F})$  satisfying (2.5).

*Proof.* By induction on  $n$ , we conclude that

$$|u(f, g) - 2^n u\left(\frac{f}{2^n}, g\right)| \leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^i \varphi_1\left(\frac{f}{2^{i+1}}, \frac{f}{2^{i+1}}, g\right) \quad (2.19)$$

for all  $f \in X'$  and  $g \in Y'$ . Replace  $f$  by  $\frac{f}{2^k}$  in (2.19) and multiply both sides by  $2^k$ , where  $k$  is an arbitrary positive integer, to get

$$|2^k u\left(\frac{f}{2^k}, g\right) - 2^{n+k} u\left(\frac{f}{2^{n+k}}, g\right)| \leq \sum_{i=k}^{n+k-1} 2^i \varphi_1\left(\frac{f}{2^{i+1}}, \frac{f}{2^{i+1}}, g\right)$$

for all  $f \in X'$ ,  $g \in Y'$ , and all positive integers  $n \geq k$ . In order to use the Cauchy convergence criterion, the last inequality and (2.17) imply the sequence  $\{2^n u(\frac{f}{2^n}, g)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence for all  $f \in X'$  and  $g \in Y'$ . Due to completeness of  $\mathbb{F}$ , this sequence converges. Define  $v(f, g) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^n u(\frac{f}{2^n}, g)$ . Taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.19), we deduce that the inequality (2.5) holds for all  $f \in X'$  and  $g \in Y'$ . The rest of the proof is similar to that of Theorem 1.  $\square$

*Remark 3.* Under the same hypotheses of Theorem 3, with (2.17) and (2.18) replaced by

$$\tilde{\varphi}(f, g) := \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} 2^i \varphi_2(f, \frac{g}{2^{i+1}}, \frac{g}{2^{i+1}}) < \infty, \quad (2.20)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^n \varphi_1(f_1, f_2, \frac{g}{2^n}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^n \varphi_2(f, \frac{g_1}{2^n}, \frac{g_2}{2^n}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^n \varphi(f, \frac{g}{2^n}) = 0, \quad (2.21)$$

there exists a unique mapping  $v \in \mathcal{BL}(X' \times Y', \mathbb{F})$  satisfying (2.5). We remark that by using (2.4) and the same method as in the proof of Theorem 3, one can define  $v(f, g) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^n u(f, \frac{g}{2^n})$ .

**Corollary 2.** Let  $x \in X$ ,  $y \in Y$ , and  $u : X' \times Y' \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  be a mapping such that

$$\|u(f, g) - |f(x)g(y)|\| \leq \alpha \|f\|^p \|g\|^p, \quad (2.22)$$

$$|u(cf_1 + f_2, g) - cu(f_1, g) - u(f_2, g)| \leq \beta \|f_1\|^{\frac{q}{2}} \|f_2\|^{\frac{q}{2}} \|g\|^q,$$

$$|u(f, cg_1 + g_2) - cu(f, g_1) - u(f, g_2)| \leq \gamma \|f\|^r \|g_1\|^{\frac{r}{2}} \|g_2\|^{\frac{r}{2}}$$

for all  $f, f_1, f_2 \in X'$ ,  $g, g_1, g_2 \in Y'$ , and  $c \in \mathbb{F}$ , where  $p, q, r > 1$ , and  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma > 0$ . Then, there exists a unique mapping  $v \in \mathcal{BL}(X' \times Y', \mathbb{F})$  such that  $\|v\| = \|x \otimes y\|$  and

$$|u(f, g) - v(f, g)| \leq \frac{\beta}{2^q - 2} \|f\|^q \|g\|^q \quad (f \in X', g \in Y').$$

*Proof.* It is enough to define  $\varphi(f, g) := \alpha \|f\|^p \|g\|^p$ ,  $\varphi_1(f_1, f_2, g) := \beta \|f_1\|^{\frac{q}{2}} \|f_2\|^{\frac{q}{2}} \|g\|^q$ , and  $\varphi_2(f, g_1, g_2) := \gamma \|f\|^r \|g_1\|^{\frac{r}{2}} \|g_2\|^{\frac{r}{2}}$  for all  $f, f_1, f_2 \in X'$  and  $g, g_1, g_2 \in Y'$  and then apply Theorem 3.  $\square$

*Remark 4.* Under the hypotheses of Corollary 2 and using Remark 3, there exists a unique mapping  $v \in \mathcal{BL}(X' \times Y', \mathbb{F})$  such that  $\|v\| = \|x \otimes y\|$  and

$$|u(f, g) - v(f, g)| \leq \frac{\gamma}{2^r - 2} \|f\|^r \|g\|^r \quad (f \in X', g \in Y').$$

**Theorem 4.** Let  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^m$  and  $\{y_i\}_{i=1}^m$  be linearly independent sets in  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively and  $u$  be a mapping from  $X' \times Y'$  to  $\mathbb{F}$  for which there exist mappings  $\varphi_1 : X' \times X' \times Y' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $\varphi_2 : X' \times Y' \times Y' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ , and  $\varphi : X' \times Y' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  satisfying (2.17), (2.18), (2.15), (2.3), (2.4). Then, there exists a unique mapping  $v \in \mathcal{BL}(X' \times Y', \mathbb{F})$  satisfying (2.16).

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