

# On the stability of Jensen functional equation in Felbin's type fuzzy normed linear spaces

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we investigate the generalized Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of Jensen functional equation in Felbin's type fuzzy normed linear spaces.

## 1. Introduction

In 1940, Ulam[1] proposed the general Ulam stability problem. Next year, Hyers[2] solved this problem. In 1978, Rassias[3] took account of the unbounded Cauchy difference in Hyers' theorem and obtained the results for linear mappings. The stability problems of several functional equations have been extensively investigated by a number of authors (see [4,5] and references therein). In 1989, Kominek[6] proved the stability of Jensen functional equation on a restricted domain. In 1998, Jung[7] proved the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of Jensen functional equation. In 2014, Eskandani and Rassias[8] investigated the stability of a general cubic functional equation in Felbin's type fuzzy normed linear spaces. In this paper, we investigate the generalized Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of Jensen functional equation in Felbin's type fuzzy normed linear spaces.

We consider some basic concepts concerning in the theory of fuzzy real numbers. Let  $\beta$  be a fuzzy subset on  $\mathbb{R}$ , i.e., a mapping  $\beta: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0,1]$  associating with each real number  $t$  its grade of membership  $\beta(t)$ .

**Definition 1.1**<sup>[9]</sup> A fuzzy subset  $\beta$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  is called a fuzzy real number, whose  $\alpha$ -level set is denoted by  $[\beta]_\alpha$ , i.e.,  $[\beta]_\alpha = \{t: \beta(t) \geq \alpha\}$ , if it satisfies two axioms:

(1) There exists  $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\beta(t_0) = 1$ .

(2) For each  $\alpha \in (0,1]$ ;  $[\beta]_\alpha = [\beta_\alpha^-, \beta_\alpha^+]$  where  $-\infty < \beta_\alpha^- \leq \beta_\alpha^+ < +\infty$ .

The set of all fuzzy real numbers denoted by  $F(\mathbb{R})$ . If  $\beta \in F(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\beta(t) = 0$  whenever  $t < 0$ , then  $\beta$  is called a nonnegative fuzzy real number and  $F^*(\mathbb{R})$  denotes the set of all non-negative fuzzy real numbers.

**Definition 1.2**<sup>[9]</sup> Let  $X$  be a real linear space,  $L$  and  $R$  (respectively, left norm and right norm) be

symmetric and non-decreasing mappings in both arguments from  $[0,1] \times [0,1]$  into  $[0,1]$  satisfying  $L(0,0) = 0$  and  $R(1,1) = 1$ . The mapping  $\|\cdot\|$  from  $X$  into  $F^*(\mathbb{R})$  is called a fuzzy norm if for  $x \in X$  and  $\alpha \in (0,1]$ :

$$(1) \|x\| = \bar{0} \text{ if and only if } x = 0,$$

$$(2) \|rx\| = |r| \|x\| \text{ for all } x \in X \text{ and } r \in (-\infty, +\infty);$$

(3) For all  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$(a) \text{ if } s \leq \|x\|_1^-, t \leq \|y\|_1^- \text{ and } s + t \leq \|x + y\|_1^- \text{ then } \|x + y\|(s + t) \geq L(\|x\|(s), \|y\|(t)),$$

$$(b) \text{ if } s \leq \|x\|_1^-, t \leq \|y\|_1^- \text{ and } s + t \geq \|x + y\|_1^- \text{ then } \|x + y\|(s + t) \leq R(\|x\|(s), \|y\|(t)).$$

The quaternary  $(X, \|\cdot\|, L, R)$  is called a fuzzy normed linear space.

**Definition 1.3**<sup>[9]</sup> Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|, L, R)$  be a fuzzy normed linear space and  $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} R(a, a) = 0$ . A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to converge to  $x \in X$ , denoted by  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ , if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x\|_\alpha^+ = 0$  for every  $\alpha \in (0,1]$  and is called a Cauchy sequence if  $\lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x_m\|_\alpha^+ = 0$  for every  $\alpha \in (0,1]$ . A subset  $A$  in  $X$  is said to be complete if every Cauchy sequence in  $A$  converges in  $A$ . The fuzzy normed space  $(X, \|\cdot\|, L, R)$  is said to be a fuzzy Banach space if it is complete.

**Theorem 1.4**<sup>[10]</sup> Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|, L, R)$  be a fuzzy normed linear space, if  $R(a, b) \leq \max(a, b)$ , then for any  $\alpha \in (0,1]$ ,  $\|x + y\|_\alpha^+ \leq \|x\|_\alpha^+ + \|y\|_\alpha^+$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

A mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is called a Jensen function if  $f$  satisfies the functional equation

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

for  $x, y \in X$ . For a given mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , we define the difference operator

$$Df(x, y) = f(x) + f(y) - 2f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right)$$

for  $x, y \in X$ . Then  $f$  is a Jensen function if  $Df(x, y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

## 2. Stability of Jensen functional equation using direct method.

**Theorem2.1** Let  $X$  be a real linear space and  $(Y, \|\cdot\|, L, R)$  be a fuzzy Banach space satisfying  $R(a, b) \leq \max(a, b)$ . Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping for which there exists a function  $\varphi: X \times X \rightarrow F^*(\mathbb{R})$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \varphi(2^n x, 2^n y)_\alpha^+ = 0, \quad (2.1)$$

$$\tilde{\varphi}_\alpha(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{i+1}} \varphi(0, 2^{i+1}x)_\alpha^+ < \infty, \quad (2.2)$$

$$\|Df(x, y)\|_\alpha^+ \leq \varphi(x, y)_\alpha^+ \quad (2.3)$$

for all  $x, y \in X, \alpha \in (0, 1]$ . Then there exists a Jensen function  $J: X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\|f(x) - J(x)\|_\alpha^+ \leq \tilde{\varphi}_\alpha(x) \quad (2.4)$$

for all  $x \in X, \alpha \in (0, 1]$ .

**Proof.** Define  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  by  $g(x) = f(x) - f(0)$  for all  $x \in X$ . Letting  $x = 0$  in (2.3), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| f(0) + f(y) - 2f\left(\frac{y}{2}\right) \right\|_\alpha^+ &= \left\| f(y) - f(0) - 2\left(f\left(\frac{y}{2}\right) - f(0)\right) \right\|_\alpha^+ \\ &= \left\| g(y) - 2g\left(\frac{y}{2}\right) \right\|_\alpha^+ \leq \varphi(0, y)_\alpha^+ \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

for all  $y \in X, \alpha \in (0, 1]$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $2^{n+1}x$  in (2.5) and dividing both sides by  $2^{n+1}$ , we get

$$\left\| \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} g(2^{n+1}x) - \frac{1}{2^n} g(2^n x) \right\|_\alpha^+ \leq \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \varphi(0, 2^{n+1}x)_\alpha^+. \quad (2.6)$$

By theorem1.4 and inequality (2.6), we get

$$\left\| \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} g(2^{n+1}x) - \frac{1}{2^m} g(2^m x) \right\|_\alpha^+ \leq \sum_{i=m}^n \frac{1}{2^{i+1}} \varphi(0, 2^{i+1}x)_\alpha^+ \quad (2.7)$$

for all  $x \in X, \alpha \in (0, 1]$  and all non-negative integers  $m$  and  $n$  with  $n \geq m$ . Passing the limit  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.7), we have

$$\lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} g(2^{n+1}x) - \frac{1}{2^m} g(2^m x) \right\|_\alpha^+ = 0.$$

Therefore the sequence  $\left\{\frac{1}{2^n}g(2^n x)\right\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $Y$  for all  $x \in X$ . Since  $Y$  is complete, the sequence  $\left\{\frac{1}{2^n}g(2^n x)\right\}$  converges for all  $x \in X$ . So we can define the mapping  $A: X \rightarrow Y$  by  $A(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n}g(2^n x)$ .

If we define a function  $J: X \rightarrow Y$  by  $J(x) = A(x) + f(0)$ , and let  $m = 0$  and  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.7), then  $\|J(x) - f(x)\|_{\alpha}^+ = \|A(x) - f(x) + f(0)\|_{\alpha}^+ = \|A(x) - g(x)\|_{\alpha}^+ \leq \tilde{\varphi}_{\alpha}(x)$ . We get (2.4). Now, we show that  $J$  is a Jensen function.

$$\begin{aligned} \|DJ(x,y)\|_{\alpha}^+ &= \|D(A(x,y) + f(0))\|_{\alpha}^+ = \left\| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} Df(2^n x, 2^n y) \right\|_{\alpha}^+ \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \varphi(2^n x, 2^n y)_{\alpha}^+ = 0. \end{aligned}$$

So  $J$  is a Jensen function.

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