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## A FIXED POINT APPROACH TO STABILITY OF THE QUARTIC EQUATION IN 2-BANACH SPACES

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of the quartic functional equation

$$f(2x + y) + f(2x - y) = 4f(x + y) + 4f(x - y) + 24f(x) - 6f(y)$$

by using the direct method and the fixed point method in 2-Banach spaces.

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### 1. Introduction and preliminaries

In 1940, S. M. Ulam [19] asked the first question on the stability problem for mappings. In 1941, D. H. Hyers [12] solved the problem of Ulam. This result was generalized by Aoki [4] for additive mappings and by Th. M. Rassias [18] for linear mappings by considering an unbounded Cauchy difference. The paper of Th. M. Rassias has provided a lot of influence in the development of what we now call Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of functional equations. In 1994, a further generalization was obtained by P. Găvruta

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[11]. During the last two decades, a number of papers and research monographs have been published on various generalizations and applications of the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability to a number of functional equations and mappings.

In the middle of 1960s, S. Gähler [9,10] introduced the concept of linear 2-normed spaces.

We recall some basic facts concerning 2-normed spaces and some preliminary results.

**Definition 1.1.** *let  $X$  be a real linear space with  $\dim X > 1$  and  $\|\cdot, \cdot\| : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function satisfying the following properties:*

- (1)  $\|x, y\| = 0$  if and only if  $x$  and  $y$  are linearly dependent,
- (2)  $\|x, y\| = \|y, x\|$ ,
- (3)  $\|\lambda x, y\| = |\lambda| \|x, y\|$ ,
- (4)  $\|x, y + z\| \leq \|x, y\| + \|x, z\|$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then the function  $\|\cdot, \cdot\|$  is called a 2-norm on  $X$  and the pair  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  is called a linear 2-normed space. Sometimes the condition (4) called the triangle inequality.

**Example 1.2.** For  $x = (x_1, x_2), y = (y_1, y_2) \in E = \mathbb{R}^2$ , the Euclidean 2-norm  $\|x, y\|_E$  is defined by

$$\|x, y\|_E = |x_1 y_2 - x_2 y_1|.$$

**Definition 1.3.** A sequence  $\{x_k\}$  in a 2-normed space  $X$  is called a convergent sequence if there is an  $x \in X$  such that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x_k - x, y\| = 0,$$

for all  $y \in X$ . If  $\{x_k\}$  converges to  $x$ , write  $x_k \rightarrow x$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  and call  $x$  the limit of  $\{x_k\}$ . In this case, we also write  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = x$ .

**Definition 1.4.** A sequence  $\{x_k\}$  in a 2-normed space  $X$  is said to be a Cauchy sequence with respect to the 2-norm if

$$\lim_{k, l \rightarrow \infty} \|x_k - x_l, y\| = 0,$$

for all  $y \in X$ . If every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  converges to some  $x \in X$ , then  $X$  is said to be complete with respect to the 2-norm. Any complete 2-normed space is said to be a 2-Banach space.

Now, we state the following results as lemma (See [16] for the details).

**Lemma 1.5.** *Let  $X$  be a 2-normed space. Then,*

- (1)  $\| \|x, z\| - \|y, z\| \| \leq \|x - y, z\|$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,
- (2) if  $\|x, z\| = 0$  for all  $z \in X$ , then  $x = 0$ ,
- (3) for a convergent sequence  $x_n$  in  $X$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n, z\| = \left\| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n, z \right\|$$

for all  $z \in X$ .

In [16], Won-Gil Park has investigated approximate additive mappings, approximate Jensen mappings and approximate quadratic mappings in 2-Banach spaces. In [3], A. Alotaibi and S.A. Mohiuddine have investigated stability of the cubic functional equation in random 2-normed spaces.

In [15], S.H. Lee, S.M. Im and I.S. Hwang considered the following functional equation

$$(1) \quad f(2x + y) + f(2x - y) = 4f(x + y) + 4f(x - y) + 24f(x) - 6f(y)$$

and they established the general solution and the stability problem for the functional equation (1) (see also [17]). It is easy to show that the function  $f(x) = x^4$  satisfies the functional equation (1), which is called a quartic functional equation and every solution of the quartic functional equation is said to be a quartic mapping.

In this paper, we prove the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of the quartic functional equation (1) in 2-Banach spaces by using the direct method and fixed point method.

## 2. Stability of the functional equation (1): Direct method

In this section, we investigate the generalized Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of the quartic functional equation (1) in 2-Banach spaces. Let  $X$  be a linear space and  $Y$  be a

2-Banach space with  $\dim Y > 1$ . For convenience, we use the following abbreviation for a given mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$

$$(2) \quad Df(x, y) := f(2x + y) + f(2x - y) - 4f(x + y) - 4f(x - y) - 24f(x) + 6f(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\varphi : X \times X \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  be a function such that*

$$(3) \quad \tilde{\varphi}(x, y) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{4k}} \varphi(2^k x, 2^k y) < \infty$$

$$(4) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^{4n}} \varphi(2^n x, 2^n y) = 0$$

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

$$(5) \quad \|Df(x, y), z\| \leq \varphi(x, y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $z \in Y$ . Then, there exists a unique quartic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$(6) \quad \|f(x) - Q(x), z\| \leq \frac{1}{32} \tilde{\varphi}(x, 0)$$

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

**Proof.** Putting  $x = y = 0$  in (5), we obtain  $f(0) = 0$ . Putting  $y = 0$  in (5), we get

$$(7) \quad \left\| \frac{1}{16} f(2x) - f(x), z \right\| \leq \frac{1}{32} \varphi(x, 0)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $z \in Y$ . If we replace  $x$  by  $2^n x$  in (7) and divide both sides of (7) by  $2^{4n}$ , we infer that

$$\left\| \frac{1}{2^{4(n+1)}} f(2^{n+1}x) - \frac{1}{2^{4n}} f(2^n x), z \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2^{4n+5}} \varphi(2^n x, 0)$$

for all  $x \in X$ , all  $z \in Y$  and integers  $n \geq 1$ . Hence, we have

$$(8) \quad \left\| \frac{1}{2^{4(n+1)}} f(2^{(n+1)}x) - \frac{1}{2^{4m}} f(2^m x), z \right\| \leq \sum_{i=m}^n \left\| \frac{1}{2^{4(i+1)}} f(2^{(i+1)}x) - \frac{1}{2^{4i}} f(2^i x), z \right\|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{32} \sum_{i=m}^n \frac{1}{2^{4i}} \varphi(2^i x, 0)$$

for all  $x \in X$ , all  $z \in Y$  and all non-negative integers  $m$  and  $n$  with  $n \geq m$ . Therefore, we conclude from (3), (4) and (8) that the sequence  $\{\frac{1}{2^{4n}}f(2^n x)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $Y$  for all  $x \in X$ . Since  $Y$  is complete, the sequence  $\{\frac{1}{2^{4n}}f(2^n x)\}$  converges in  $Y$  for all  $x \in X$ . So, we can define the mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  by

$$(9) \quad Q(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^{4n}} f(2^n x)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . That is

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \frac{1}{2^{4n}} f(2^n x) - Q(x), z \right\| = 0$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $z \in Y$ . Letting  $m = 0$  and passing the limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (8), we get the inequality (6). Now, we show that  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  is a quartic mapping. It follows from (3), (5), (9) and Lemma 1.5 that

$$\|DQ(x, y), z\| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^{4n}} \|Df(2^n x, 2^n y), z\| \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^{4n}} \varphi(2^n x, 2^n y) = 0$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $z \in Y$ . By Lemma 1.6, we obtain that  $DQ(x, y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . So, the mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  is quartic. To prove the uniqueness of  $Q$ , let  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  be another quartic mapping satisfying (6). Since the mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies (1), then by letting  $y = 0$  in (1) we get  $A(2x) = 2^4 f(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . Therefore, we have

$$\|Q(x) - A(x), z\| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^{4n}} \|Q(2^n x) - A(2^n x), z\| \leq \frac{1}{32} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\varphi}(2^n x, 0) = 0$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $z \in Y$ . By Lemma 1.6,  $\|Q(x) - A(x)\| = 0$  for all  $x \in X$ . So  $Q = A$ . This proves the uniqueness of  $Q$ .

**Corollary 2.2.** Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$  be a normed space and  $(Y, \|\cdot, \cdot\|_Y)$  be a 2-Banach space. Let  $\epsilon$  and  $p$  be nonnegative real numbers with  $p < 4$  and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping fulfilling

$$(10) \quad \|Df(x, y), z\|_Y \leq \epsilon(\|x\|_X^p + \|y\|_X^p)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $z \in Y$ . Then there exists a unique quartic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$(11) \quad \|f(x) - Q(x), z\|_Y \leq \frac{\epsilon}{32 - 2^{p+1}} \|x\|_X^p$$

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

**Proof.** In Theorem 2.1, let  $\varphi(x, y) = \epsilon (\|x\|_X^p + \|y\|_X^p)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then (10) implies that  $f(0) = 0$ . So we obtain (11) from (6).

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

$$(12) \quad \tilde{\varphi}(x, y) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{4k}} \varphi(3^k x, 3^k y) < \infty$$

$$(13) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3^{4n}} \varphi(3^n x, 3^n y) = 0$$

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

$$(14) \quad \|Df(x, y), z\| \leq \varphi(x, y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $z \in Y$ . Then, there exists a unique quartic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$(15) \quad \|f(x) - Q(x), z\| \leq \frac{1}{81} (\tilde{\varphi}(x, x) + 2\tilde{\varphi}(x, 0))$$

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

**Proof.** Putting  $x = y = 0$  in (14), we get  $f(0) = 0$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $x$  in (14), we get

$$(16) \quad \|f(3x) - 4f(2x) - 17f(x), z\| \leq \varphi(x, x)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $z \in Y$ . Letting  $y = 0$  in (14), we obtain

$$(17) \quad \|2f(2x) - 32f(x), z\| \leq \varphi(x, 0)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $z \in Y$ . From (16) and (17), we get

$$(18) \quad \left\| \frac{1}{81} f(3x) - f(x), z \right\| \leq \frac{1}{81} (\varphi(x, x) + 2\varphi(x, 0))$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $z \in Y$ . We replace  $x$  by  $3^n x$  in (18) and divide both sides of (18) by  $3^{4n}$ , we infer that

$$\left\| \frac{1}{3^{4(n+1)}} f(3^{n+1}x) - \frac{1}{3^{4n}} f(3^n x), z \right\| \leq \frac{1}{3^{4n+4}} (\varphi(x, x) + 2\varphi(x, 0))$$

for all  $x \in X$ , all  $z \in Y$  and integers  $n \geq 1$ . Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{1}{3^{4(n+1)}} f(3^{(n+1)}x) - \frac{1}{3^{4m}} f(3^m x), z \right\| &\leq \sum_{i=m}^n \left\| \frac{1}{3^{4(i+1)}} f(3^{(i+1)}x) - \frac{1}{3^{4i}} f(3^i x), z \right\| \\ (19) \quad &\leq \frac{1}{81} \sum_{i=m}^n \frac{1}{3^{4i}} \varphi(3^i x, 3^i x) + \frac{1}{81} \sum_{i=m}^n \frac{1}{3^{4i}} \varphi(3^i x, 0) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$ , all  $z \in Y$  and all non-negative integers  $m$  and  $n$  with  $n \geq m$ . Therefore, we conclude from (12), (13) and (19) that the sequence  $\left\{ \frac{1}{3^{4n}} f(3^n x) \right\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $Y$  for all  $x \in X$ . Since  $Y$  is complete, there exists a mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  defined by

$$(20) \quad Q(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3^{4n}} f(3^n x)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Letting  $m = 0$  and passing the limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (19), we get the inequality (15). The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.1.

**Corollary 2.4.** Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$  be a normed space and  $(Y, \|\cdot, \cdot\|_Y)$  be a 2-Banach space. Let  $\epsilon$  and  $p$  be nonnegative real numbers with  $p < 4$  and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping fulfilling

$$(21) \quad \|Df(x, y), z\|_Y \leq \epsilon (\|x\|_X^p + \|y\|_X^p)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $z \in Y$ . Then there exists a unique quartic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$(22) \quad \|f(x) - Q(x), z\|_Y \leq \frac{4\epsilon}{81 - 3^p} \|x\|_X^p$$

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

**Proof.** In Theorem 2.3, let  $\varphi(x, y) = \epsilon (\|x\|_X^p + \|y\|_X^p)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then (21) implies that  $f(0) = 0$ . So we obtain (22) from (15).

**Corollary 2.5.** *Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$  be a normed space and  $(Y, \|\cdot, \cdot\|_Y)$  be a 2-Banach space. Let  $\epsilon, p$  and  $q$  be nonnegative real numbers with  $p + q < 4$  and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping fulfilling*

$$(23) \quad \|Df(x, y), z\|_Y \leq \epsilon (\|x\|_X^p \cdot \|y\|_X^q)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $z \in Y$ . Then there exists a unique quartic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$(24) \quad \|f(x) - Q(x), z\|_Y \leq \frac{\epsilon}{81 - 3^{p+q}} \|x\|_X^{p+q}$$

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

**Proof.** In Theorem 2.3, let  $\varphi(x, y) = \epsilon (\|x\|_X^p + \|y\|_X^q)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then (23) implies that  $f(0) = 0$ . So we obtain (24) from (15).

### 3. Stability of the functional equation (1): Fixed point method

In this section, we investigate the generalized Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of the quartic functional equation (1) by using fixed point method in 2-Banach spaces. We recall a fundamental result in fixed point theory.

Let  $X$  be a set. A function  $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is called a *generalized metric* on  $X$  if  $d$  satisfies :

- $d(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ ,
- $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ,
- $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** [8] *Suppose we are given a complete generalized metric space  $(X, d)$  and a strictly contractive mapping  $J : X \rightarrow X$ , with the Lipschitz constant  $L < 1$ . If there exists a nonnegative integer  $k$  such that*

$$d(J^k x, J^{k+1} x) < \infty$$

for some  $x \in X$ , then the following are true:

(I) the sequence  $J^n x$  converges to a fixed point  $x^*$  of  $J$ ;



(II)  $x^*$  is the unique fixed point of  $J$  in the set  $Y = \{y \in X : d(J^k x, y) < \infty\}$ ;

(III)  $d(y, x^*) \leq \frac{1}{1-L}d(y, Jy)$  for all  $y \in Y$ .

In 1996, Isac and Th.M. Rassias [14] were the first to provide applications of stability theory of functional equations for the proof of new fixed point theorems with applications.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping for which there exists a function  $\varphi : X^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfying*

$$\phi(x) := \varphi(x, x) + 2\varphi(x, 0),$$

$$(25) \quad \|Df(x, y), z\| \leq \varphi(x, y)$$

and

$$(26) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3^{4n}} \varphi(3^n x, 3^n y) = 0$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $z \in Y$ . Let  $0 < L < 1$  be a constant such that  $\varphi(x, y) \leq 81L\varphi(\frac{x}{3}, \frac{y}{3})$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then, there exists a unique quartic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying

$$(27) \quad \|f(x) - Q(x), z\| \leq \frac{1}{81(1-L)}\phi(x)$$

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

**Proof.** Let us consider the set  $S := \{g : X \rightarrow Y\}$  and introduce the generalized metric on  $S$  as follows:

$$d(g, h) = \inf\{\alpha \in [0, \infty) : \|g(x) - h(x), z\| \leq \alpha\phi(x), \forall x \in X \text{ and } \forall z \in Y\}$$

where, as usual,  $\inf \emptyset = +\infty$ . The proof of the fact that  $(S, d)$  is a complete generalized metric space can be found in [6]. Now, we consider the linear mapping  $J : S \rightarrow S$  defined by

$$Jg(x) := \frac{1}{81}g(3x)$$

for all  $g \in S$  and all  $x \in X$ . First we assert that  $J$  is strictly contractive on  $S$ . For given  $g, h \in S$ , let  $\alpha \in [0, \infty)$  be an arbitrary constant with  $d(g, h) \leq \alpha$ , that is

$$\|g(x) - h(x), z\| \leq \alpha\phi(x).$$

So we have

$$\|Jg(x) - Jh(x), z\| = \frac{1}{81} \|g(3x) - h(3x), z\| \leq \frac{1}{81} \alpha \phi(3x) \leq \alpha L \phi(x)$$

for all  $g, h \in S$ , all  $x \in X$  and all  $z \in Y$ . Then,  $d(Jg, Jh) \leq Ld(g, h)$ ,  $\forall g, h \in S$ ; that is,  $J$  is a strictly contractive self-mapping on  $S$  with the Lipschitz constant  $L$ . Replacing  $y$  by  $x$  in (25), we have

$$(28) \quad \|f(3x) - 4f(2x) - 17f(x), z\| \leq \varphi(x, x)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $z \in Y$ . Letting  $y = 0$  in (25), we get

$$(29) \quad \|2f(2x) - 32f(x), z\| \leq \varphi(x, 0)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $z \in Y$ . From the inequalities (29) and (30), it follows that

$$\|f(3x) - 81f(x), z\| \leq (\varphi(x, x) + 2\varphi(x, 0))$$

Then,

$$(30) \quad \left\| \frac{1}{81} f(3x) - f(x), z \right\| \leq \frac{1}{81} \phi(x)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $z \in Y$ . Hence,

$$d(f, Jf) \leq \frac{1}{81}$$

for all  $f \in S$ . By Theorem 3.1, there exists a unique mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying the following:

- $Q$  is fixed point of  $J$ , that is,  $Q(3x) = 81Q(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . The mapping  $Q$  is a unique fixed point of  $J$  in the set  $M = \{g \in S : d(f, g) \leq \infty\}$ . This implies that  $Q$  is a unique mapping such that there exists  $\alpha \in (0, \infty)$  satisfying  $\|f(x) - Q(x), z\| \leq \alpha \phi(x)$ , for all  $x \in X$  and  $z \in Y$ .
- $d(J^n, Q) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , which implies the equality

$$(31) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} J^n f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{f(3^n x)}{3^{4n}} = Q(x)$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

$$(32) \quad d(f, Q) \leq \frac{1}{1-L} d(f, Jf) \leq \frac{1}{81(1-L)}$$

which implies the inequality (28)

It follows from (25), (26) and (32), that

$$\|DQ(x, y), z\| = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{3^{4n}} \|Df(3^n x, 3^n y), z\| \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{3^{4n}} \varphi(3^n x, 3^n y) = 0$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $z \in Y$ . Hence,  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  is a quartic mapping, as desired.

**Corollary 3.3.** Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$  be a normed space and  $(Y, \|\cdot, \cdot\|_Y)$  be a 2-Banach space. Let  $\epsilon$  and  $p$  be nonnegative real numbers with  $p < 4$  and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping fulfilling

$$(33) \quad \|Df(x, y), z\|_Y \leq \epsilon (\|x\|_X^p + \|y\|_X^p)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $z \in Y$ . Then there exists a unique quartic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$(34) \quad \|f(x) - Q(x), z\|_Y \leq \frac{4\epsilon}{81 - 3^p} \|x\|_X^p$$

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

**Proof.** Taking  $\varphi(x, y) = \epsilon (\|x\|_X^p + \|y\|_X^p)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and choosing  $L = 3^{p-4}$  in Theorem 3.2, we get the desired result.

**Corollary 3.4.** Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$  be a normed space and  $(Y, \|\cdot, \cdot\|_Y)$  be a 2-Banach space. Let  $\epsilon, p$  and  $q$  be nonnegative real numbers with  $p + q < 4$  and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping fulfilling

$$(35) \quad \|Df(x, y), z\|_Y \leq \epsilon (\|x\|_X^p \cdot \|y\|_X^q)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $z \in Y$ . Then there exists a unique quartic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$(36) \quad \|f(x) - Q(x), z\|_Y \leq \frac{\epsilon}{81 - 3^{p+q}} \|x\|_X^{p+q}$$

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

**Proof.** Taking  $\varphi(x, y) = \epsilon (\|x\|_X^p \cdot \|y\|_X^q)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and choosing  $L = 3^{p+q-4}$  in Theorem 3.2, we get the desired result.

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