

## LIE \* –DOUBLE DERIVATIONS ON LIE C\* –ALGEBRAS

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*Dedicated to the 70th Anniversary of S.M.Ulam’s Problem for Approximate Homomorphisms*

**ABSTRACT.** A unital  $C^*$  – algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , endowed with the Lie product  $[x, y] = xy - yx$  on  $\mathcal{A}$ , is called a Lie  $C^*$  – algebra. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a Lie  $C^*$  – algebra and  $g, h : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  be  $\mathbb{C}$  – linear mappings. A  $\mathbb{C}$  – linear mapping  $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is called a Lie  $(g, h)$  – double derivation if  $f([a, b]) = [f(a), b] + [a, f(b)] + [g(a), h(b)] + [h(a), g(b)]$  for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ . In this paper, our main purpose is to prove the generalized Hyers - Ulam - Rassias stability of Lie \* - double derivations on Lie  $C^*$  - algebras associated with the following additive mapping:

$$\sum_{k=2}^n \left( \sum_{i_1=2}^k \sum_{i_2=i_1+1}^{k+1} \dots \sum_{i_{n-k+1}=i_{n-k}+1}^n \right) f \left( \sum_{i=1, i \neq i_1, \dots, i_{n-k+1}}^n x_i - \sum_{r=1}^{n-k+1} x_{i_r} \right) + f \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) = 2^{n-1} f(x_1)$$

for a fixed positive integer  $n$  with  $n \geq 2$ .

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

It seems that the stability problem was first studied by D.H. Hyers [11], which was raised by S.M. Ulam [31] *For what metric groups  $G$  is it true that an  $\epsilon$ –automorphism of  $G$  is necessarily near to a strict automorphism?* An answer has been given in the following way. Let  $E_1, E_2$  be two real Banach spaces and  $f : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  be a mapping. In 1941, Hyers [11] gave an answer to the problem above as follows: if there exists an  $\epsilon \geq 0$  such that

$$\|f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \epsilon$$

for all  $x, y \in E_1$ , then there exists a unique additive mapping  $T : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  such that  $\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \epsilon$  for every  $x \in E_1$ . This result is called the *Hyers – Ulam stability* of the additive Cauchy equation  $g(x + y) = g(x) + g(y)$ . In 1978, Th.M. Rassias [26] introduced a new functional inequality that we call *Cauchy – Rassias inequality* and succeeded to extend the result of Hyers by weakening the condition for the Cauchy difference to be unbounded: if there exist an  $\epsilon \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq p < 1$  such that

$$\|f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \epsilon(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p)$$

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for all  $x, y \in E_1$ , then there exists a unique additive mapping  $T : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  such that

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{2\epsilon}{|2 - 2^p|} \|x\|^p$$

for every  $x \in E_1$  (see [12, 13, 27, 28, 29]). This stability phenomenon of this kind is called the *Hyers - Ulam - Rassias stability*. In 1991, Z. Gajda [9] solved the problem for  $1 < p$ , which was raised by Rassias. In fact, the result of Rassias is valid for  $1 < p$ ; moreover, Gajda gave an example that a similar stability result does not hold for  $p = 1$ . Another example was given by Th.M. Rassias and P. Šemrl [30]. J.M. Rassias [23] followed the innovative approach of Rassias' theorem [26] in which he replaced the factor  $\|x\|^p + \|y\|^q$  by  $\|x\|^p \cdot \|y\|^q$  for  $p, q \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $p + q \neq 1$ .

In 1994, a generalization of the Rassias' theorem was obtained by Găvruta as follows [10].

Suppose  $(G, +)$  is an abelian group,  $E$  is a Banach space, and that the so-called admissible control function  $\varphi : G \times G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies

$$\tilde{\varphi}(x, y) := 2^{-1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^{-n} \varphi(2^n x, 2^n y) < \infty$$

for all  $x, y \in G$ . If  $f : G \rightarrow E$  is a mapping with

$$\|f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \varphi(x, y)$$

for all  $x, y \in G$ , then there exists a unique mapping  $T : G \rightarrow E$  such that  $T(x + y) = T(x) + T(y)$  and  $\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \tilde{\varphi}(x, x)$  for all  $x, y \in G$ .

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a subalgebra of an algebra  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $\mathcal{X}$  and be a  $\mathcal{B}$  - module  $\sigma : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  be a linear mapping. A linear mapping  $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  is called  $\sigma$  - derivation (see [17, 18]) if

$$f(ab) = f(a)\sigma(b) + \sigma(a)f(b) \quad (1.1)$$

for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Clearly, if  $\sigma = id$ , the identity mapping on  $\mathcal{A}$ , then a  $\sigma$  - derivation an ordinary derivation. On the other hand, each homomorphism  $f$  is a  $\frac{f}{2}$  - derivation. Thus, the theory of  $\sigma$  - derivations combines the theory of derivations and homomorphisms. If  $g : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is an ordinary derivation and  $\sigma : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is a homomorphism, then  $f = g\sigma$  is a  $\sigma$  - derivation. Although, a  $\sigma$  - derivation is not necessarily of the form  $g\sigma$ , but it seems that the generalized Leibniz rule,  $f(ab) = f(a)\sigma(b) + \sigma(a)f(b)$ , comes from this observation.

M. Mirzavaziri and E. Omidvar Tehrani [16] took ideas from above fact, and considered two derivations  $g, h$  to find a similar rule, for  $f = gh$ . In this case, they saw that  $f$  satisfies

$$f(ab) = f(a)b + af(b) + g(a)h(b) + h(a)g(b) \quad (1.2)$$

for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ . They said that a linear mapping  $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is a  $(g, h)$  - double derivation if satisfies (1.2). Moreover, by a  $f$  - double derivation they called a  $(f, f)$  - derivation and proved that if  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $C^*$  - algebra,  $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is a  $*$  - linear mapping and  $g : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is a continuous  $f$  - double derivation then  $f$  is continuous.

A unital  $C^*$  - algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , endowed with the Lie product  $[x, y] = xy - yx$  on  $\mathcal{A}$ , is called a Lie  $C^*$  - algebra. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a Lie  $C^*$  - algebra and  $g, h : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  be  $\mathbb{C}$  - linear mappings. A  $\mathbb{C}$  - linear mapping  $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is called a Lie  $(g, h)$  - double derivation if  $f([a, b]) = [f(a), b] + [a, f(b)] + [g(a), h(b)] + [h(a), g(b)]$  for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ .

M. Eshaghi Gordji, H. Khodaei, R. Saadati and Gh. Sadeghi [8] found the general  $n$  – dimensional additive functional equation as follows:

$$\sum_{k=2}^n \left( \sum_{i_1=2}^k \sum_{i_2=i_1+1}^{k+1} \dots \sum_{i_{n-k+1}=i_{n-k}+1}^n \right) f \left( \sum_{i=1, i \neq i_1, \dots, i_{n-k+1}}^n x_i - \sum_{r=1}^{n-k+1} x_{i_r} \right) + f \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) = 2^{n-1} f(x_1) \quad (1.3)$$

for a fixed positive integer  $n$  with  $n \geq 2$ , and investigated stability of functional equation (1.3) in random normed spaces via fixed point method.

In this paper, our main purpose is to prove the generalized Hyers – Ulam – Rassias stability of Lie  $*$  – double derivations on Lie  $C^*$  – algebras associated with the functional equation (1.3).

Throughout this paper, assume that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a Lie  $C^*$  – algebra and  $U(\mathcal{A}) = \{u \in \mathcal{A} \mid uu^* = u^*u = e\}$ .

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

For given mappings  $f, g, h : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ , we define the difference operators  $D_\mu f : \mathcal{A}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  and  $C_{f,g,h} : \mathcal{A}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  by

$$D_\mu f(x_1, \dots, x_n) := \sum_{k=2}^n \left( \sum_{i_1=2}^k \sum_{i_2=i_1+1}^{k+1} \dots \sum_{i_{n-k+1}=i_{n-k}+1}^n \right) f \left( \sum_{i=1, i \neq i_1, \dots, i_{n-k+1}}^n \mu x_i - \sum_{r=1}^{n-k+1} \mu x_{i_r} \right) + f \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mu x_i \right) = 2^{n-1} f(\mu x_1)$$

and

$$C_{f,g,h}(a, b) := f([a, b]) - [f(a), b] - [a, f(b)] - [g(a), h(b)] - [h(a), g(b)]$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1 := \{\lambda : |\lambda| = 1\}$  and all  $a, b, x_i \in \mathcal{A}$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ).

Throughout this section, assume that  $f(0) = g(0) = h(0) = 0$ .

We are going to investigate the generalized Hyers – Ulam – Rassias stability of Lie  $*$  – double derivations on Lie  $C^*$  – algebras for functional equation (1.3).

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a Lie  $C^*$  – algebra and  $g, h : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  be  $\mathbb{C}$  – linear mappings. A  $\mathbb{C}$  – linear mapping  $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is called a Lie  $(g, h)$  – double derivation if  $f([a, b]) = [f(a), b] + [a, f(b)] + [g(a), h(b)] + [h(a), g(b)]$  for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ .

We will use the following lemma in this paper.

**Lemma 2.2.** [8] *A function  $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  with  $f(0) = 0$  satisfies the functional equation (1.3) if and only if  $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is additive.*

**Theorem 2.3.** *If  $f, g, h : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  are mappings for which there exists function  $\varphi : \mathcal{A}^{n+2} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that*

$$\tilde{\varphi}(x) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^j} \varphi(2^j x, 2^j x, \dots, 0, 0, 0) < \infty, \quad (2.1)$$

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^j} \varphi(2^j x_1, 2^j x_2, \dots, 2^j x_n, 2^j a, 2^j b) = 0, \quad (2.2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \max\{\|D_\mu f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) - C_{f,g,h}(u, b), D_\mu g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ & \quad - C_{f,g,h}(u, b), D_\mu h(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) - C_{f,g,h}(u, b)\|\} \\ & \leq \varphi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, u, b), \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \max\{f(2^m u^*) - f(2^m u)^*, g(2^m u^*) - g(2^m u)^*, h(2^m u^*) - h(2^m u)^*\} \\ & \leq \varphi(2^m u, 2^m u, \dots, 2^m u, 2^m u, 2^m u) \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1 := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}; |\lambda| = 1\}$ , all  $u \in U(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $m = 0, 1, \dots$ , and all  $a, b, x_i \in \mathcal{A}$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ). Then there exist unique  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear  $*$ -mappings  $d, \delta, \epsilon : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  such that

$$\max\{\|f(x) - d(x)\|, \|g(x) - \delta(x)\|, \|h(x) - \epsilon(x)\|\} \leq \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \tilde{\varphi}(x) \quad (2.5)$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . Moreover,  $d : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is a Lie  $*$ - $(\delta, \epsilon)$ -double derivation on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

*Proof.* It follows from the inequality (2.3) that

$$\|D_\mu f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) - C_{f,g,h}(u, b)\| \leq \varphi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, u, b), \quad (2.6)$$

$$\|D_\mu g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) - C_{f,g,h}(u, b)\| \leq \varphi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, u, b), \quad (2.7)$$

$$\|D_\mu h(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) - C_{f,g,h}(u, b)\| \leq \varphi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, u, b) \quad (2.8)$$

for all  $a, x_i \in \mathcal{A}$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), all  $u \in U(\mathcal{A})$  and all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ . Let  $\mu = 1$ . We use the relation

$$1 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-k} \binom{n-k}{k} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-k} \binom{n-k}{k} = 2^{n-k} \quad (2.9)$$

for all  $n > k$  and put  $x_1 = x_2 = x$  and  $b = u = x_i = 0$  ( $i = 3, \dots, n$ ) in (2.6). Then we obtain

$$\|2^{n-2} f(2x) - 2^{n-1} f(x)\| \leq \varphi(x, x, \dots, 0, 0, 0) \quad (2.10)$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . So

$$\left\| \frac{f(2x)}{2} - f(x) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \varphi(x, x, \dots, 0, 0, 0) \quad (2.11)$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . By induction on  $m$ , we shall show that

$$\left\| \frac{f(2^m x)}{2^m} - f(x) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \frac{1}{2^j} \varphi(2^j x, 2^j x, 0, \dots, 0, 0, 0) \quad (2.12)$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . It follows from (2.1) and (2.12) that the sequence  $\left\{ \frac{f(2^m x)}{2^m} \right\}$  is a Cauchy sequence for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . Since  $\mathcal{A}$  is complete, the sequence  $\left\{ \frac{f(2^m x)}{2^m} \right\}$  converges. Therefore, one can define the function  $d : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  by

$$d(x) := \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(2^m x)}{2^m}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . In the inequality (2.6), assume that  $b = u = 0$  and  $\mu = 1$ . Then By (2.2),

$$\begin{aligned} \|D_1 d(x_1, \dots, x_n)\| &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^m} \|D_1 f(2^m x_1, \dots, 2^m x_n)\| \\ &\leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^m} \varphi(2^m x_1, \dots, 2^m x_n, 0, 0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathcal{A}$ . So  $D_1 d(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$ . By Lemma 2.2, the function  $d : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is additive. Moreover, passing the limit  $m \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.12), we get the inequality (2.5). Now, let  $d' : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  be another additive function satisfying (1.3) and (2.5). So

$$\begin{aligned} \|d(x) - d'(x)\| &= \frac{1}{2^m} \|d(2^m x) - d'(2^m x)\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2^m} (\|d(2^m x) - f(2^m x)\| + \|d'(2^m x) - f(2^m x)\|) \\ &\leq \frac{2}{2^m 2^{n-1}} \tilde{\varphi}(2^m x) \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . So we can conclude that  $d(x) = d'(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . This proves the uniqueness of  $d$ .

A similar argument shows that there exist unique additive mappings  $\delta, \epsilon : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  satisfying (2.5). The additive mappings  $\delta, \epsilon : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  are by

$$\delta(x) := \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(2^m x)}{2^m} \quad (2.13)$$

and

$$\epsilon(x) := \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h(2^m x)}{2^m} \quad (2.14)$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Let  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ . Set  $x_1 = x$  and  $u = b = x_i = 0$  ( $i = 2, \dots, n$ ) in (2.6). Then by the relation (2.9), we get

$$\|2^{n-1} f(\mu x) - 2^{n-1} \mu f(x)\| \leq \varphi(x, 0, \dots, 0, 0, 0) \quad (2.15)$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . So that

$$\|2^{-m} (f(2^m \mu x) - \mu f(2^m x))\| \leq \frac{2^{-m}}{2^{n-1}} \varphi(2^m x, 0, \dots, 0, 0, 0)$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . Since the right hand side tends to zero as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$d(\mu x) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(2^m \mu x)}{2^m} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mu f(2^m x)}{2^m} = \mu d(x)$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$  and all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . Obviously,  $d(0x) = 0 = 0d(x)$ .

Now, let  $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$  ( $\gamma \neq 0$ ) and  $L$  an integer greater than  $4|\gamma|$ . Then  $|\frac{\gamma}{L}| < \frac{1}{4} < \frac{1}{3}$ . By Theorem 1 of [14], there exist three elements  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3 \in \mathbb{T}^1$  such that  $3\frac{\gamma}{L} =$

$\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \mu_3$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} d(\gamma x) &= d\left(\frac{L}{3} \cdot 3 \frac{\gamma}{L} x\right) = L \cdot d\left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot 3 \frac{\gamma}{L} x\right) = \frac{L}{3} d\left(3 \frac{\gamma}{L} x\right) \\ &= \frac{L}{3} d(\mu_1 x + \mu_2 x + \mu_3 x) = \frac{L}{3} (d(\mu_1 x) + d(\mu_2 x) + d(\mu_3 x)) \\ &= \frac{L}{3} (\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \mu_3) d(x) = \frac{L}{3} \cdot 3 \frac{\gamma}{L} d(x) \\ &= \gamma d(x) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . Hence  $d : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear mapping. A similar argument shows that  $\delta, \epsilon$  are  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear.

By (2.2) and (2.4), we get

$$\begin{aligned} d(u^*) &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(2^m u^*)}{2^m} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(2^m u)^*}{2^m} = \left( \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(2^m u)}{2^m} \right)^* = d(u)^*, \\ \delta(u^*) &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(2^m u^*)}{2^m} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(2^m u)^*}{2^m} = \left( \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(2^m u)}{2^m} \right)^* = \delta(u)^*, \\ \epsilon(u^*) &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h(2^m u^*)}{2^m} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h(2^m u)^*}{2^m} = \left( \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h(2^m u)}{2^m} \right)^* = \epsilon(u)^* \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u \in U(\mathcal{A})$ . Since  $d : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear and each  $x \in \mathcal{A}$  is a finite linear combination of unitary elements (see Theorem 4.17 of [15]), i.e.,  $x = \sum_{j=1}^l \lambda_j u_j$  ( $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{C}, u_j \in U(\mathcal{A})$ ),

$$\begin{aligned} d(x^*) &= d\left(\sum_{j=1}^l \bar{\lambda}_j u_j^*\right) = \sum_{j=1}^l \bar{\lambda}_j d(u_j^*) = \sum_{j=1}^l \bar{\lambda}_j d(u_j)^* \\ &= \left(\sum_{j=1}^l \lambda_j d(u_j)\right)^* = d\left(\sum_{j=1}^l \lambda_j u_j\right)^* = d(x)^* \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . By the same method, one can obtain that  $\delta(x^*) = \delta(x)^*$  and  $\epsilon(x^*) = \epsilon(x)^*$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . Setting  $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n = 0$  in the inequality (2.6), we get

$$\|C_{f,g,h}(u, b)\| \leq \varphi(0, 0, \dots, 0, u, b),$$

that is,

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2^{2m}} \|f([2^m u, 2^m b] - [f(2^m u), 2^m b] - [2^m u, f(2^m b)] - [\delta(2^m u), \epsilon(2^m b)] \\ &\quad - [\epsilon(2^m u), \delta(2^m b)])\| \leq \frac{1}{2^{2m}} \varphi(0, 0, \dots, 0, 2^m u, 2^m b) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2^m} \varphi(0, 0, \dots, 0, 2^m u, 2^m b) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $b \in \mathcal{A}$  and all  $u \in U(\mathcal{A})$ . Since the right hand side tends to zero as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$d([u, b]) = [d(u), b] + [u, d(b)] + [\delta(u), \epsilon(b)] + [\epsilon(u), \delta(b)]$$

for all  $b \in \mathcal{A}$  and all  $u \in U(\mathcal{A})$ . Since  $d : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear and each  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  is  $a = \sum_{j=1}^l \lambda_j u_j$  ( $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{C}, u_j \in U(\mathcal{A})$ ),

$$\begin{aligned} d([a, b]) &= d\left(\sum_{j=1}^l [\lambda_j u_j, b]\right) = \sum_{j=1}^l \lambda_j d([u_j, b]) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^l \lambda_j ([d(u_j), b] + [u_j, d(b)] + [\delta(u_j), \epsilon(b)] + [\epsilon(u_j), \delta(b)]) \\ &= [d\left(\sum_{j=1}^l \lambda_j u_j\right), b] + \left[\left(\sum_{j=1}^l \lambda_j u_j\right), d(b)\right] + \left[\delta\left(\sum_{j=1}^l \lambda_j u_j\right), \epsilon(b)\right] + \left[\epsilon\left(\sum_{j=1}^l \lambda_j u_j\right), \delta(b)\right] \\ &= [d(a), b] + [a, d(b)] + [\delta(a), \epsilon(b)] + [\epsilon(a), \delta(b)] \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ . Hence the  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear mapping  $d : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is a Lie  $*$ - $(\delta, \epsilon)$ -double derivation, as desired.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.4.** *If  $f, g, h : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  are mappings for which exist constants  $\theta \geq 0$  and  $p \in [0, 1)$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} &\max\{\|D_\mu f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) - C_{f,g,h}(u, b), D_\mu g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \\ &\quad - C_{f,g,h}(u, b), D_\mu h(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) - C_{f,g,h}(u, b)\|\} \\ &\leq \theta(1 + \|b\|^p + \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|^p), \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\max\{f(2^m u^*) - f(2^m u)^*, g(2^m u^*) - g(2^m u)^*, h(2^m u^*) - h(2^m u)^*\} \\ &\leq \theta(n + 2)2^{mp} \end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ , all  $u \in U(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $m = 0, 1, \dots$ , and all  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$ , then there exist unique  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear  $*$ -mappings  $d, \delta, \epsilon : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  such that

$$\max\{\|f(x) - d(x)\|, \|g(x) - \delta(x)\|, \|h(x) - \epsilon(x)\|\} \leq \frac{2\theta}{2^{n-1}} + \frac{2\theta}{2^{n-1}(1 - 2^{p-1})} \|x\|^p \quad (2.18)$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . Moreover,  $d : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is a Lie  $*$ - $(\delta, \epsilon)$ -double derivation on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

*Proof.* Define  $\varphi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, u, b) := \theta(1 + \|b\|^p + \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|^p)$  for all  $u \in U(\mathcal{A})$  and  $b, x_i \in \mathcal{A}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ), and apply Theorem 2.3.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.5.** *Suppose that  $f, g, h : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  are mappings satisfying (2.3) and (2.4). If there exists a function  $\varphi^{n+2} : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that*

$$\tilde{\varphi}(x) := \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2^j \varphi\left(\frac{x}{2^j}, \frac{x}{2^j}, 0, \dots, 0, 0, 0\right) < \infty,$$

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} 2^j \varphi\left(\frac{x_1}{2^j}, \frac{x_2}{2^j}, \dots, \frac{a}{2^j}, \frac{b}{2^j}\right) = 0$$

for all  $a, b, x_i \in \mathcal{A}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ), then there exist unique  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear  $*$ -mappings  $d, \delta, \epsilon : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  such that

$$\max\{\|f(x) - d(x)\|, \|g(x) - \delta(x)\|, \|h(x) - \epsilon(x)\|\} \leq \frac{1}{2^n} \tilde{\varphi}(x)$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . Moreover,  $d : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is a Lie  $*$  -  $(\delta, \epsilon)$  - double derivation on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

*Proof.* By the same method as in the proof of Theorem 2.3, one can obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} d(x) &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 2^m f\left(\frac{x}{2^m}\right), \\ \delta(x) &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 2^m g\left(\frac{x}{2^m}\right), \\ \epsilon(x) &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} 2^m h\left(\frac{x}{2^m}\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.2.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.6.** *If  $f, g, h : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  are mappings for which exist constants  $\theta \geq 0$  and  $p > 1$  satisfying (2.16) and (2.17). Then there exist unique  $\mathbb{C}$  - linear  $*$  - mappings  $d, \delta, \epsilon : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  such that*

$$\max\{\|f(x) - d(x)\|, \|g(x) - \delta(x)\|, \|h(x) - \epsilon(x)\|\} \leq \frac{2\theta}{2^{n-1}} + \frac{2\theta}{2^{n-1}(2^{1-p} - 1)} \|x\|^p$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . Moreover,  $d : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is a Lie  $*$  -  $(\delta, \epsilon)$  - double derivation on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

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