

# Ulam-Hyers-Rassias-stability of a Cauchy-Jensen additive mapping In fuzzy Banach spaces

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## Abstract

In this paper, We prove the Ulam-Hyers-Rassias stability of a Cauchy-Jensen additive functional equation in fuzzy Banach spaces. The concept of Ulam-Hyers-Rassias stability originated from Th. M. Rassias' stability theorem that appeared in his paper: On the stability of the linear mapping in Banach spaces, Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. 72 (1978), 297-300.

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## 1 Introduction

The stability problem of functional equations was originated from a question of Ulam [37] concerning the stability of group homomorphisms. Hyers [17] gave a first affirmative partial answer to the question of Ulam for Banach spaces. Hyers' Theorem was generalized by Th. M. Rassias [30] for linear mappings by considering an unbounded Cauchy difference.

**Theorem 1.1.** (*Th.M.Rassias*): Let  $f : E \rightarrow E'$  be a mapping from a normed vector space  $E$  into a Banach space  $E'$  subject to the inequality

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

for all  $x, y \in E$ , where  $\epsilon$  and  $p$  are constants with  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $0 \leq p < 1$ . Then the limit  $L(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n}$  exists for all  $x \in E$  and  $L : E \rightarrow E'$  is the unique additive mapping which satisfies

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

for all  $x \in E$ . Also, if for each  $x \in E$  the function  $f(tx)$  is continuous in  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $L$  is linear.

The functional equation

$$f(x+y) + f(x-y) = 2f(x) + 2f(y)$$

is called a *quadratic functional equation*. In particular, every solution of the quadratic functional equation is said to be a *quadratic mapping*. The Ulam-Hyers-Rassias stability of the quadratic functional equation was proved by Skof [36]

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for mappings  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , where  $X$  is a normed space and  $Y$  is a Banach space. Cholewa [7] noticed that the theorem of Skof is still true if the relevant domain  $X$  is replaced by an Abelian group. Czerwik [8] proved the Ulam-Hyers-Rassias stability of the quadratic functional equation.

The stability problems of several functional equations have been extensively investigated by a number of authors, and there are many interesting results concerning this problem (see [1, 2, 3, 9]–[12], [16], [23]–[35]).

Katsaras [18] defined a fuzzy norm on a vector space to construct a fuzzy vector topological structure on the space. Some mathematicians have defined fuzzy norms on a vector space from various points of view (see [13], [20], [24]).

In particular, Bag and Samanta [4], following Cheng and Mordeson [6], gave an idea of fuzzy norm in such a manner that the corresponding fuzzy metric is of Karmosil and Michalek type [19]. They established a decomposition theorem of a fuzzy norm into a family of crisp norms and investigated some properties of fuzzy normed spaces [5].

Now we consider a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying the following functional equation, which is introduced by the first author,

$$\sum_{\substack{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_m \leq n \\ 1 \leq k_l (\neq i_j, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}) \leq n}} f \left( \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m x_{i_j}}{m} + \sum_{l=1}^{n-m} x_{k_l} \right) = \frac{(n-m+1)}{n} \binom{n}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \quad (1.1)$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$ , where  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  are fixed integers with  $n \geq 2$ ,  $1 \leq m \leq n$ . Specially, we observe that in case  $m = 1$  the equation (1.1) yields Cauchy additive equation

$$f \left( \sum_{l=1}^n x_{k_l} \right) = \sum_{l=1}^n f(x_i).$$

We observe that in case  $m = n$  the equation (1.1) yields Jensen additive equation

$$f \left( \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n x_j}{n} \right) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=1}^n f(x_i).$$

Therefore, the equation (1.1) is a generalized form of the Cauchy-Jensen additive equation and thus every solution of the equation (1.1) may be analogously called general  $(m, n)$ -Cauchy-Jensen additive. For the case  $m = 2$ , we have established new theorems about the Ulam-Hyers-Rassias stability in quasi  $\beta$ -normed spaces [29]. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be linear spaces. For each  $m$  with  $1 \leq m \leq n$ , a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies the equation (1.1) for all  $n \geq 2$  if and only if  $f(x) - f(0) = A(x)$  is Cauchy additive, where  $f(0) = 0$  if  $m < n$ . In particular, we have  $f((n-m+1)x) = (n-m+1)f(x)$  and  $f(mx) = mf(x)$ , for all  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $X$  be a real vector space. A function  $N : X \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is called a fuzzy norm on  $X$  if for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

- (N1)  $N(x, t) = 0$  for  $t \leq 0$ ;
- (N2)  $x = 0$  if and only if  $N(x, t) = 1$ , for all  $t > 0$ ;
- (N3)  $N(cx, t) = N \left( x, \frac{t}{|c|} \right)$  if  $c \neq 0$ ;
- (N4)  $N(x + y, c + t) \geq \min\{N(x, s), N(y, t)\}$ ;
- (N5)  $N(x, \cdot)$  is a non-decreasing function of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(x, t) = 1$ ;
- (N6) for  $x \neq 0$ ,  $N(x, \cdot)$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Example 1.3.** Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed linear space and  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ . Then

$$N(x, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{\alpha t}{\alpha t + \beta \|x\|} & t > 0, x \in X \\ 0 & t \leq 0, x \in X \end{cases}$$

is a fuzzy norm on  $X$ .

## 2 Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(X, N)$  be a fuzzy normed vector space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is said to be convergent or converge if there exists an  $x \in X$  such that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(x_n - x, t) = 1$  for all  $t > 0$ . In this case,  $x$  is called the limit of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  and we denote it by  $N - \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $(X, N)$  be a fuzzy normed vector space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  is called Cauchy if for each  $\epsilon > 0$  and each  $t > 0$  there exists an  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n \geq n_0$  and all  $p > 0$ , we have  $N(x_{n+p} - x_n, t) > 1 - \epsilon$ .

It is well known that every convergent sequence in a fuzzy normed vector space is Cauchy. If each Cauchy sequence is convergent, then the fuzzy norm is said to be complete and the fuzzy normed vector space is called a fuzzy Banach space.

We say that a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  between fuzzy normed vector spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  is continuous at a point  $x \in X$  if for each sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converging to  $x_0 \in X$ , then the sequence  $\{f(x_n)\}$  converges to  $f(x_0)$ . If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous at each  $x \in X$ , then  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be continuous on  $X$  (see [5]).

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $X$  be a set. A function  $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is called a generalized metric on  $X$  if  $d$  satisfies the following conditions:

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

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete generalized metric space and  $J : X \rightarrow X$  be a strictly contractive mapping with Lipschitz constant  $L < 1$ . Then, for all  $x \in X$ , either

$$d(J^n x, J^{n+1} x) = \infty$$

for all nonnegative integers  $n$  or there exists a positive integer  $n_0$  such that

- (1)  $d(J^n x, J^{n+1} x) < \infty$  for all  $n_0 \geq n_0$ ;
- (2) the sequence  $\{J^n x\}$  converges to a fixed point  $y^*$  of  $J$ ;
- (3)  $y^*$  is the unique fixed point of  $J$  in the set  $Y = \{y \in X : d(J^{n_0} x, y) < \infty\}$ ;
- (4)  $d(y, y^*) \leq \frac{1}{1-L} d(y, Jy)$  for all  $y \in Y$ .

### 3 Fuzzy stability of $(m, n)$ –Cauchy-Jensen additive functional equation (1.1): A fixed point method

In this section, using the fixed point alternative approach we prove the Ulam-Hyers-Rassias stability of functional equation (1.1) in fuzzy Banach spaces. Throughout this paper, assume that  $X$  is a vector space and that  $(Y, N)$  is a fuzzy Banach space.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $\varphi : X^n \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function such that there exists an  $L < 1$  with

$$\varphi\left(\frac{x_1}{n-m+1}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{n-m+1}\right) \leq \frac{L\varphi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)}{n-m+1}$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  with  $f(0) = 0$  is a mapping satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} & N\left(\sum_{\substack{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_m \leq n \\ 1 \leq k_l (\neq i_j, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}) \leq n}} f\left(\frac{\sum_{j=1}^m x_{i_j}}{m} + \sum_{l=1}^{n-m} x_{k_l}\right) - \frac{(n-m+1)}{n} \binom{n}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i), t\right) \\ & \geq \frac{t}{t + \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)} \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$  and all  $t > 0$ . Then there exists a unique  $(m, n)$ –Cauchy-Jensen additive mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$N(f(x) - A(x), t) \geq \frac{(n-m+1) \binom{n}{m} (1-L)t}{(n-m+1) \binom{n}{m} (1-L)t + L\varphi(x, \dots, x)}, \quad (3.2)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $t > 0$ .

**Proof .** Replacing  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  by  $(x, \dots, x)$  in (3.1), we have

$$N\left(\left(\binom{n}{m}\right)f((n-m+1)x) - \left(\binom{n}{m}\right)(n-m+1)f(x), t\right) \geq \frac{t}{t + \varphi(x, \dots, x)} \quad (3.3)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Consider the set  $S := \{g : X \rightarrow Y ; g(0) = 0\}$  and the generalized metric  $d$  in  $S$  defined by

$$d(f, g) = \inf \left\{ \mu \in \mathbb{R}^+ : N(g(x) - h(x), \mu t) \geq \frac{t}{t + \varphi(x, \dots, x)}, \forall x \in X, t > 0 \right\},$$

where  $\inf \emptyset = +\infty$ . It is easy to show that  $(S, d)$  is complete (see [22]). Now, we consider a linear mapping  $J : S \rightarrow S$  such that

$$Jg(x) := (n-m+1)g\left(\frac{x}{n-m+1}\right)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Let  $g, h \in S$  be such that  $d(g, h) = \epsilon$ . Then  $N(g(x) - h(x), \epsilon t) \geq \frac{t}{t + \varphi(x, \dots, x)}$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & N(Jg(x) - Jh(x), L\epsilon t) \\ &= N\left((n-m+1)g\left(\frac{x}{n-m+1}\right) - (n-m+1)h\left(\frac{x}{n-m+1}\right), L\epsilon t\right) \\ &= N\left(g\left(\frac{x}{n-m+1}\right) - h\left(\frac{x}{n-m+1}\right), \frac{L\epsilon t}{n-m+1}\right) \\ &\geq \frac{\frac{L\epsilon t}{n-m+1}}{\frac{L\epsilon t}{n-m+1} + \varphi\left(\frac{x}{n-m+1}, \dots, \frac{x}{n-m+1}\right)} \geq \frac{\frac{L\epsilon t}{n-m+1}}{\frac{L\epsilon t}{n-m+1} + \frac{L\varphi(x, \dots, x)}{n-m+1}} = \frac{t}{t + \varphi(x, \dots, x)} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Thus  $d(g, h) = \epsilon$  implies that  $d(Jg, Jh) \leq L\epsilon$ . This means that  $d(Jg, Jh) \leq Ld(g, h)$  for all  $g, h \in S$ . It follows from (3.3) that

$$\begin{aligned} N\left((n-m+1)f\left(\frac{x}{n-m+1}\right) - f(x), \frac{t}{\binom{n}{m}}\right) &\geq \frac{t}{t + \varphi\left(\frac{x}{n-m+1}, \dots, \frac{x}{n-m+1}\right)} \\ &\geq \frac{t}{t + \frac{L\varphi(x, \dots, x)}{n-m+1}} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $t > 0$ . So

$$N\left((n-m+1)f\left(\frac{x}{n-m+1}\right) - f(x), \frac{Lt}{(n-m+1)\binom{n}{m}}\right) \geq \frac{t}{t + \varphi(x, \dots, x)}.$$

This implies that

$$d(f, Jf) \leq \frac{L}{(n-m+1)\binom{n}{m}}.$$

By Theorem 2.4, there exists a mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying the following:

(1)  $A$  is a fixed point of  $J$ , that is,

$$A\left(\frac{x}{n-m+1}\right) = \frac{A(x)}{n-m+1} \quad (3.4)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . The mapping  $A$  is a unique fixed point of  $J$  in the set  $\Omega = \{h \in S : d(g, h) < \infty\}$ . This implies that  $A$  is a unique mapping satisfying (3.4) such that there exists  $\mu \in (0, \infty)$  satisfying  $N(f(x) - A(x), \mu t) \geq \frac{t}{t + \varphi(x, \dots, x)}$ , for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ .

(2)  $d(J^p f, A) \rightarrow 0$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ . This implies the equality

$$N\text{-}\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f\left(\frac{x}{(n-m+1)^p}\right)}{(n-m+1)^{-p}} = A(x) \quad (3.5)$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

(3)  $d(f, A) \leq \frac{d(f, Jf)}{1-L}$  with  $f \in \Omega$ , which implies the inequality

$$d(f, A) \leq \frac{L}{(n-m+1) \binom{n}{m} - (n-m+1) \binom{n}{m} L}$$

This implies that the inequality (3.2) holds. Furthermore, it follows from (3.1) and (3.5) that

$$\begin{aligned} & N \left( \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_m \leq n \\ 1 \leq k_l (\neq i_j, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}) \leq n}} A \left( \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m x_{i_j}}{m} + \sum_{l=1}^{n-m} x_{k_l} \right) - \frac{(n-m+1)}{n} \binom{n}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n A(x_i), t \right) \\ &= N - \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \left( (n-m+1)^p \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_m \leq n \\ 1 \leq k_l (\neq i_j, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}) \leq n}} f \left( \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m x_{i_j}}{m(n-m+1)^p} + \sum_{l=1}^{n-m} \frac{x_{k_l}}{(n-m+1)^p} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{(n-m+1)^{p+1}}{n} \binom{n}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n f \left( \frac{x_i}{(n-m+1)^p} \right), t \right) \\ &\geq \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{t}{(n-m+1)^p}}{\frac{t}{(n-m+1)^p} + \varphi \left( \frac{x_1}{(n-m+1)^p}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{(n-m+1)^p} \right)} \\ &\geq \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{t}{(n-m+1)^p}}{\frac{t}{(n-m+1)^p} + \frac{L^n \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{(n-m+1)^p}} \rightarrow 1 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$ ,  $t > 0$ . Hence

$$\sum_{\substack{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_m \leq n \\ 1 \leq k_l (\neq i_j, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}) \leq n}} A \left( \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m x_{i_j}}{m} + \sum_{l=1}^{n-m} x_{k_l} \right) = \frac{(n-m+1)}{n} \binom{n}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n A(x_i)$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$  and therefore  $A$  satisfies (1.1). So the mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  is an additive, as desired. This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.2.** Let  $\theta \geq 0$  and let  $p$  be a real number with  $p > 1$ . Let  $X$  be a normed vector space with norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  with  $f(0) = 0$  be a mapping satisfying the following inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & N \left( \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_m \leq n \\ 1 \leq k_l (\neq i_j, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}) \leq n}} f \left( \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m x_{i_j}}{m} + \sum_{l=1}^{n-m} x_{k_l} \right) - \frac{(n-m+1)}{n} \binom{n}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i), t \right) \\ &\geq \frac{t}{t + \theta (\sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|^p)} \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$  and all  $t > 0$ . Then, the limit  $A(x) := N\text{-}\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f\left(\frac{x}{(n-m+1)^p}\right)}{(n-m+1)^{-p}}$  exists for each  $x \in X$  and defines a unique  $(m, n)$ -Cauchy-Jensen additive mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$N(f(x) - A(x), t) \geq \frac{(n-m+1) \binom{n}{m} [(n-m+1)^p - (n-m+1)] t}{(n-m+1) \binom{n}{m} [(n-m+1)^p - (n-m+1)] t + n(n-m+1)\theta \|x\|^p}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ .

**Proof .** The proof follows from Theorem 3.1 by taking  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n) := \theta(\sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|^p)$  for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$ . Then we can choose  $L = (n - m + 1)^{1-p}$  and we get the desired result.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $\varphi : X^n \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a function such that there exists an  $L < 1$  with

$$\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leq (n - m + 1)L\varphi\left(\frac{x_1}{n - m + 1}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{n - m + 1}\right)$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  satisfying (3.1). Then, the limit  $A(x) := N\text{-}\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f((n-m+1)^p x)}{(n-m+1)^p}$  exists for each  $x \in X$  and defines a unique  $(m, n)$ -Cauchy-Jensen additive mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$N(f(x) - A(x), t) \geq \frac{(n - m + 1) \binom{n}{m} (1 - L)t}{(n - m + 1) \binom{n}{m} (1 - L)t + \varphi(x, \dots, x)} \quad (3.7)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $t > 0$ .

**Proof .** Let  $(S, d)$  be the generalized metric space defined as in the proof of Theorem 3.1. Consider the linear mapping  $J : S \rightarrow S$  such that  $Jg(x) := \frac{g((n-m+1)x)}{n-m+1}$ , for all  $x \in X$ . Let  $g, h \in S$  be such that  $d(g, h) = \epsilon$ . Then  $N(g(x) - h(x), \epsilon t) \geq \frac{t}{t + \varphi(x, \dots, x)}$ , for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} N(Jg(x) - Jh(x), L\epsilon t) &= N\left(\frac{g((n-m+1)x)}{n-m+1} - \frac{h((n-m+1)x)}{n-m+1}, L\epsilon t\right) \\ &= N\left(g((n-m+1)x) - h((n-m+1)x), (n-m+1)L\epsilon t\right) \\ &\geq \frac{(n-m+1)Lt}{(n-m+1)Lt + \varphi((n-m+1)x, \dots, (n-m+1)x)} \\ &\geq \frac{(n-m+1)Lt}{(n-m+1)Lt + (n-m+1)L\varphi(x, \dots, x)} \\ &= \frac{t}{t + \varphi(x, \dots, x)} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Thus  $d(g, h) = \epsilon$  implies that  $d(Jg, Jh) \leq L\epsilon$ . This means that  $d(Jg, Jh) \leq Ld(g, h)$  for all  $g, h \in S$ . It follows from (3.3) that

$$N\left(f(x) - \frac{f((n-m+1)x)}{n-m+1}, \frac{t}{(n-m+1) \binom{n}{m}}\right) \geq \frac{t}{t + \varphi(x, \dots, x)} \quad (3.8)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . So

$$d(f, Jf) \leq \frac{1}{(n-m+1) \binom{n}{m}}.$$

By Theorem 2.4, there exists a mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying the following:

(1)  $A$  is a fixed point of  $J$ , that is,

$$(n - m + 1)A(x) = A((n - m + 1)x) \quad (3.9)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . The mapping  $A$  is a unique fixed point of  $J$  in the set  $\Omega = \{h \in S : d(g, h) < \infty\}$ . This implies that  $A$  is a unique mapping satisfying (3.9) such that there exists  $\mu \in (0, \infty)$  satisfying  $N(f(x) - A(x), \mu t) \geq \frac{t}{t + \varphi(x, \dots, x)}$ , for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ .

(2)  $d(J^p f, A) \rightarrow 0$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ . This implies the equality

$$A(x) = N\text{-}\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f((n-m+1)^p x)}{(n-m+1)^p}$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

(3)  $d(f, A) \leq \frac{d(f, Jf)}{1-L}$  with  $f \in \Omega$ , which implies the inequality

$$d(f, A) \leq \frac{1}{(n-m+1) \binom{n}{m} - (n-m+1) \binom{n}{m} L}.$$

This implies that the inequality (3.7) holds. The rest of the proof is similar to that of the proof of Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.4.** Let  $\theta \geq 0$  and let  $p$  be a real number with  $0 < p < 1$ . Let  $X$  be a normed vector space with norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a mapping with  $f(0) = 0$  satisfying (3.6). Then, the limit

$$A(x) := N\text{-}\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f((n-m+1)^p x)}{(n-m+1)^p}$$

exists for each  $x \in X$  and defines a unique  $(m, n)$ -Cauchy-Jensen additive mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$N(f(x) - A(x), t) \geq \frac{(n-m+1) \binom{n}{m} [(n-m+1) - (n-m+1)^p] t}{(n-m+1) \binom{n}{m} [(n-m+1) - (n-m+1)^p] t + n(n-m+1)\theta \|x\|^p}$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

**Proof .** The proof follows from Theorem 3.2 by taking  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n) := \theta (\sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|^p)$  for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$ . Then we can choose  $L = (n-m+1)^{p-1}$  and we get the desired result.  $\square$

#### 4 Fuzzy stability of $(m, n)$ -Cauchy-Jensen functional equation (1.1): a direct method

In this section, using direct method, we prove the Ulam-Hyers-Rassias stability of functional equation (1.1) in fuzzy Banach spaces. Throughout this section, we assume that  $X$  is a linear space,  $(Y, N)$  is a fuzzy Banach space and  $(Z, N')$  is a fuzzy normed spaces. Moreover, we assume that  $N(x, \cdot)$  is a left continuous function on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** Assume that a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  with  $f(0) = 0$  satisfies the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} N \left( \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_m \leq n \\ 1 \leq k_l (\neq i_j, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}) \leq n}} f \left( \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m x_{i_j}}{m} + \sum_{l=1}^{n-m} x_{k_l} \right) - \frac{(n-m+1)}{n} \binom{n}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i), t \right) \\ \geq N'(\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n), t) \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$ ,  $t > 0$  and  $\varphi : X^n \rightarrow Z$  is a mapping for which there is a constant  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfying  $0 < |r| < \frac{1}{n-m+1}$  such that

$$N' \left( \varphi \left( \frac{x_1}{n-m+1}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{n-m+1} \right), t \right) \geq N' \left( \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n), \frac{t}{|r|} \right), \quad (4.2)$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$  and all  $t > 0$ . Then there exists a unique  $(m, n)$ -Cauchy-Jensen additive mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying (1.1) and the inequality

$$N(f(x) - A(x), t) \geq N' \left( \frac{|r| \varphi(x, \dots, x)}{\binom{n}{m} (1 - (n-m+1)|r|)}, t \right) \quad (4.3)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $t > 0$ .

**Proof .** It follows from (4.2) that

$$N' \left( \varphi \left( \frac{x_1}{(n-m+1)^j}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{(n-m+1)^j} \right), t \right) \geq N' \left( \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n), \frac{t}{|r|^j} \right)$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$  and all  $t > 0$ . Substituting  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  by  $(x, \dots, x)$  in (4.1), we obtain

$$N \left( \frac{f \left( \frac{x}{(n-m+1)^j} \right)}{(n-m+1)^{-j-1}} - f(x), \frac{t}{\binom{n}{m}} \right) \geq N' \left( \varphi \left( \frac{x}{n-m+1}, \dots, \frac{x}{n-m+1} \right), t \right)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $t > 0$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $\frac{x}{(n-m+1)^j}$  in the above inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & N \left( \frac{f \left( \frac{x}{(n-m+1)^{j+1}} \right)}{(n-m+1)^{-j-1}} - \frac{f \left( \frac{x}{(n-m+1)^j} \right)}{(n-m+1)^{-j}}, \frac{(n-m+1)^j t}{\binom{n}{m}} \right) \\ & \geq N' \left( \varphi \left( \frac{x}{(n-m+1)^{j+1}}, \dots, \frac{x}{(n-m+1)^{j+1}} \right), t \right) \\ & \geq N' \left( \varphi(x, \dots, x), \frac{t}{|r|^{j+1}} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

for all  $x \in X$ , all  $t > 0$  and any integer  $j \geq 0$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} & N \left( f(x) - \frac{f \left( \frac{x}{(n-m+1)^p} \right)}{(n-m+1)^{-p}}, \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{p-1} (n-m+1)^j |r|^{j+1} t}{\binom{n}{m}} \right) \\ & = N \left( \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \left[ \frac{f \left( \frac{x}{(n-m+1)^{j+1}} \right)}{(n-m+1)^{-j-1}} - \frac{f \left( \frac{x}{(n-m+1)^j} \right)}{(n-m+1)^{-j}} \right], \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{p-1} (n-m+1)^j |r|^{j+1} t}{\binom{n}{m}} \right) \\ & \geq \min_{0 \leq j \leq p-1} \left\{ N \left( \frac{f \left( \frac{x}{(n-m+1)^{j+1}} \right)}{(n-m+1)^{-j-1}} - \frac{f \left( \frac{x}{(n-m+1)^j} \right)}{(n-m+1)^{-j}}, \frac{(n-m+1)^j |r|^{j+1} t}{\binom{n}{m}} \right) \right\} \\ & \geq N'(\varphi(x, \dots, x), t) \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

which yields

$$\begin{aligned} & N \left( \frac{f \left( \frac{x}{(n-m+1)^{p+q}} \right)}{(n-m+1)^{-p-q}} - \frac{f \left( \frac{x}{(n-m+1)^q} \right)}{(n-m+1)^{-q}}, \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{p-1} (n-m+1)^{j+q} |r|^{j+1} t}{\binom{n}{m}} \right) \\ & \geq N' \left( \varphi \left( \frac{x}{(n-m+1)^q}, \dots, \frac{x}{(n-m+1)^q} \right), t \right) \\ & \geq N' \left( \varphi(x, \dots, x), \frac{t}{|r|^q} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

for all  $x \in X$ ,  $t > 0$  and any integers  $p > 0$ ,  $q \geq 0$ . So

$$N \left( \frac{f \left( \frac{x}{(n-m+1)^{p+q}} \right)}{(n-m+1)^{-p-q}} - \frac{f \left( \frac{x}{(n-m+1)^q} \right)}{(n-m+1)^{-q}}, \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{p-1} (n-m+1)^{j+q} |r|^{j+q+1} t}{\binom{n}{m}} \right) \geq N'(\varphi(x, \dots, x), t)$$



for all  $x \in X$ ,  $t > 0$  and any integers  $p > 0$ ,  $q \geq 0$ . Hence one obtains

$$N \left( \frac{f \left( \frac{x}{(n-m+1)^{p+q}} \right)}{(n-m+1)^{-p-q}} - \frac{f \left( \frac{x}{(n-m+1)^q} \right)}{(n-m+1)^{-q}}, t \right) \geq N' \left( \varphi(x, \dots, x), \frac{\binom{n}{m} t}{\sum_{j=0}^{p-1} (n-m+1)^{j+q} |r|^{j+q+1}} \right)$$

for all  $x \in X$ ,  $t > 0$  and any integers  $p > 0$ ,  $q \geq 0$ . Since, the series  $\sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} (n-m+1)^j |r|^{j+1}$  is convergent series, we see by taking the limit  $q \rightarrow \infty$  in the last inequality that the sequence  $\left\{ \frac{f \left( \frac{x}{(n-m+1)^p} \right)}{(n-m+1)^{-p}} \right\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in the fuzzy Banach space  $(Y, N)$  and so it converges in  $Y$ . Therefore a mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  defined by  $A(x) := N - \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f \left( \frac{x}{(n-m+1)^p} \right)}{(n-m+1)^{-p}}$  is well defined for all  $x \in X$ . It means that

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} N \left( A(x) - \frac{f \left( \frac{x}{(n-m+1)^p} \right)}{(n-m+1)^{-p}}, t \right) = 1 \quad (4.7)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $t > 0$ . In addition, it follows from (4.5) that

$$N \left( f(x) - \frac{f \left( \frac{x}{(n-m+1)^p} \right)}{(n-m+1)^{-p}}, t \right) \geq N' \left( \varphi(x, \dots, x), \frac{\binom{n}{m} t}{\sum_{j=0}^{p-1} (n-m+1)^j |r|^{j+1}} \right)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $t > 0$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} & N(f(x) - A(x), t) \\ & \geq \min \left\{ N \left( f(x) - \frac{f \left( \frac{x}{(n-m+1)^p} \right)}{(n-m+1)^{-p}}, (1-\epsilon)t \right), N \left( A(x) - \frac{f \left( \frac{x}{(n-m+1)^p} \right)}{(n-m+1)^{-p}}, \epsilon t \right) \right\} \\ & \geq N' \left( \varphi(x, \dots, x), \frac{\binom{n}{m} \epsilon t}{\sum_{j=0}^{p-1} (n-m+1)^j |r|^{j+1}} \right) \geq N' \left( \varphi(x, \dots, x), \frac{\binom{n}{m} \epsilon (1 - (n-m+1)|r|) t}{|r|} \right) \end{aligned}$$

for sufficiently large  $n$  and for all  $x \in X$ ,  $t > 0$  and  $\epsilon$  with  $0 < \epsilon < 1$ . Since  $\epsilon$  is arbitrary and  $N'$  is left continuous, we obtain

$$N(f(x) - A(x), t) \geq N' \left( \varphi(x, \dots, x), \frac{\binom{n}{m} (1 - (n-m+1)|r|) t}{|r|} \right),$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . It follows from (4.1) that

$$\begin{aligned} & N \left( (n-m+1)^p \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_m \leq n \\ 1 \leq k_l (\neq i_j, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}) \leq n}} f \left( \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m x_{i_j}}{m(n-m+1)^p} + \sum_{l=1}^{n-m} \frac{x_{k_l}}{(n-m+1)^p} \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \frac{(n-m+1)^{p+1}}{n} \binom{n}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n f \left( \frac{x_i}{(n-m+1)^p} \right), t \right) \\ & \geq N' \left( \varphi \left( \frac{x_1}{(n-m+1)^p}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{(n-m+1)^p} \right), \frac{t}{(n-m+1)^p} \right) \\ & \geq N' \left( \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n), \frac{t}{(n-m+1)^p |r|^p} \right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$ ,  $t > 0$  and all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} N' \left( \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n), \frac{t}{(n-m+1)^p |r|^p} \right) = 1$  and so

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow +\infty} N \left( (n-m+1)^p \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_m \leq n \\ 1 \leq k_l (\neq i_j, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}) \leq n}} f \left( \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m x_{i_j}}{m(n-m+1)^p} + \sum_{l=1}^{n-m} \frac{x_{k_l}}{(n-m+1)^p} \right) \right. \\ \left. - \frac{(n-m+1)^{p+1}}{n} \binom{n}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n f \left( \frac{x_i}{(n-m+1)^p} \right) - A(x), t \right) = 1$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$  and all  $t > 0$ . Therefore, we obtain in view of (4.7)

$$\begin{aligned} & N \left( \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_m \leq n \\ 1 \leq k_l (\neq i_j, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}) \leq n}} A \left( \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m x_{i_j}}{m} + \sum_{l=1}^{n-m} x_{k_l} \right) - \frac{(n-m+1)}{n} \binom{n}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n A(x_i), t \right) \\ & \geq \min \left\{ N \left( \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_m \leq n \\ 1 \leq k_l (\neq i_j, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}) \leq n}} A \left( \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m x_{i_j}}{m} + \sum_{l=1}^{n-m} x_{k_l} \right) - \frac{(n-m+1)}{n} \binom{n}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n A(x_i) \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. - (n-m+1)^p \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_m \leq n \\ 1 \leq k_l (\neq i_j, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}) \leq n}} f \left( \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m x_{i_j}}{m(n-m+1)^p} + \sum_{l=1}^{n-m} \frac{x_{k_l}}{(n-m+1)^p} \right) \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. - \frac{(n-m+1)^{p+1}}{n} \binom{n}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n f \left( \frac{x_i}{(n-m+1)^p} \right), \frac{t}{2} \right), N \left( (n-m+1)^p \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_m \leq n \\ 1 \leq k_l (\neq i_j, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}) \leq n}} f \left( \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m x_{i_j}}{m(n-m+1)^p} + \sum_{l=1}^{n-m} \frac{x_{k_l}}{(n-m+1)^p} \right) \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. - \frac{(n-m+1)^{p+1}}{n} \binom{n}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n f \left( \frac{x_i}{(n-m+1)^p} \right), \frac{t}{2} \right) \right\} \\ & = N \left( (n-m+1)^p \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_m \leq n \\ 1 \leq k_l (\neq i_j, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}) \leq n}} f \left( \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m x_{i_j}}{m(n-m+1)^p} + \sum_{l=1}^{n-m} \frac{x_{k_l}}{(n-m+1)^p} \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \frac{(n-m+1)^{p+1}}{n} \binom{n}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n f \left( \frac{x_i}{(n-m+1)^p} \right), \frac{t}{2} \right) \quad (\text{for sufficiently large } p) \\ & \geq N' \left( \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n), \frac{t}{2(n-m+1)^p |r|^p} \right) \\ & \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{as } p \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\sum_{\substack{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_m \leq n \\ 1 \leq k_l (\neq i_j, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}) \leq n}} A \left( \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m x_{i_j}}{m} + \sum_{l=1}^{n-m} x_{k_l} \right) = \frac{(n-m+1)}{n} \binom{n}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n A(x_i)$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$ . Thus  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  is a mapping satisfying the equation (1.1) and the inequality (4.3). To prove the uniqueness, let there is another mapping  $L : X \rightarrow Y$  which satisfies the inequality (4.3). Since  $L \left( \frac{x}{(m+n-1)^p} \right) =$

$\frac{L(x)}{(m+n-1)^p}$  and  $A\left(\frac{x}{(m+n-1)^p}\right) = \frac{A(x)}{(m+n-1)^p}$ , for all  $x \in X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & N(A(x) - L(x), t) \\ &= N\left(\frac{A\left(\frac{x}{(m+n-1)^p}\right)}{(m+n-1)^{-p}} - \frac{L\left(\frac{x}{(m+n-1)^p}\right)}{(m+n-1)^{-p}}, t\right) \\ &\geq \min\left\{N\left(\frac{A\left(\frac{x}{(m+n-1)^p}\right)}{(m+n-1)^{-p}} - \frac{f\left(\frac{x}{(m+n-1)^p}\right)}{(m+n-1)^{-p}}, \frac{t}{2}\right), N\left(\frac{f\left(\frac{x}{(m+n-1)^p}\right)}{(m+n-1)^{-p}} - \frac{L\left(\frac{x}{(m+n-1)^p}\right)}{(m+n-1)^{-p}}, \frac{t}{2}\right)\right\} \\ &\geq N'\left(\varphi\left(\frac{x}{(m+n-1)^p}, \dots, \frac{x}{(m+n-1)^p}\right), \frac{\binom{n}{m}(1-(n-m+1)|r|)t}{2|r|(n-m+1)^p}\right) \\ &\geq N\left(\varphi(x, \dots, x), \frac{\binom{n}{m}(1-(n-m+1)|r|)t}{2|r|^{p+1}(n-m+1)^p}\right) \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

for all  $t > 0$ . Therefore  $A(x) = L(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.2.** Let  $X$  be a normed spaces and that  $(\mathbb{R}, N')$  a fuzzy Banach space. Assume that there exists real numbers  $\theta \geq 0$  and  $p > 1$  such that a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  with  $f(0) = 0$  satisfies the following inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & N\left(\sum_{\substack{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_m \leq n \\ 1 \leq k_l (\neq i_j, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}) \leq n}} f\left(\frac{\sum_{j=1}^m x_{i_j}}{m} + \sum_{l=1}^{n-m} x_{k_l}\right) - \frac{(n-m+1)}{n} \binom{n}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i), t\right) \\ &\geq N'\left(\theta \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|^p\right), t\right), \end{aligned} \quad (4.8)$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Then there is a unique  $(m, n)$ -Cauchy-Jensen additive mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  that satisfying (1.1) and the inequality

$$N(f(x) - A(x), t) \geq N'\left(\frac{n\theta\|x\|^p}{\binom{n}{m}[(n-m+1)^p - (n-m+1)]}, t\right).$$

**Proof .** Let  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n) := \theta(\sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|^p)$  and  $|r| = (n-m+1)^{-p}$ . Apply Theorem 4.1, we get desired results.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.3.** Assume that a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  with  $f(0) = 0$  satisfies the inequality (4.1) and  $\varphi : X^n \rightarrow Z$  is a mapping for which there is a constant  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfying  $0 < |r| < n-m+1$  such that

$$N'(\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n), |r|t) \geq N'\left(\varphi\left(\frac{x_1}{n-m+1}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{n-m+1}\right), t\right) \quad (4.9)$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$  and all  $t > 0$ . Then there exists a unique  $(m, n)$ -Cauchy-Jensen additive mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  that satisfying (1.1) and the following inequality

$$N(f(x) - A(x), t) \geq N'\left(\varphi(x, \dots, x), \frac{(n-m+1-|r|)t}{\binom{n}{m}}\right) \quad (4.10)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $t > 0$ .

**Proof .** It follows from (4.4) that

$$N \left( f(x) - \frac{f((n-m+1)x)}{n-m+1}, \frac{t}{(n-m+1) \binom{n}{m}} \right) \geq N'(\varphi(x, \dots, x), t) \quad (4.11)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $t > 0$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $(n-m+1)^p x$  in (4.11), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & N \left( \frac{f((n-m+1)^{p+1}x)}{(n-m+1)^{p+1}} - \frac{f((n-m+1)^p x)}{(n-m+1)^p}, \frac{t}{(n-m+1)^{p+1} \binom{n}{m}} \right) \\ & \geq N'(\varphi((n-m+1)^p x, \dots, (n-m+1)^p x), t) \\ & \geq N' \left( \varphi(x, \dots, x), \frac{t}{|r|^p} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (4.12)$$

So,

$$N \left( \frac{f((n-m+1)^{p+1}x)}{(n-m+1)^{p+1}} - \frac{f((n-m+1)^p x)}{(n-m+1)^p}, \frac{|r|^p t}{(n-m+1)^{p+1} \binom{n}{m}} \right) \geq N'(\varphi(x, \dots, x), t)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $t > 0$ . Proceeding as in the proof of Theorem 4.1, we obtain that

$$N \left( f(x) - \frac{f((n-m+1)^p x)}{(n-m+1)^p}, \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \frac{|r|^j t}{(n-m+1)^{j+1} \binom{n}{m}} \right) \geq N'(\varphi(x, \dots, x), t)$$

for all  $x \in X$ , all  $t > 0$  and any integer  $n > 0$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} N \left( f(x) - \frac{f((n-m+1)^p x)}{(n-m+1)^p}, t \right) & \geq N' \left( \varphi(x, \dots, x), \frac{t}{\binom{n}{m} \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \frac{|r|^j}{(n-m+1)^{j+1}}} \right) \\ & \geq N' \left( \varphi(x, \dots, x), \frac{(n-m+1-|r|)t}{\binom{n}{m}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 4.1.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.4.** Let  $X$  be a normed spaces and that  $(\mathbb{R}, N')$  a fuzzy Banach space. Assume that there exists real number  $\theta \geq 0$  and  $0 < p < 1$  such that a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  with  $f(0) = 0$  satisfies (4.8). Then there is a unique  $(m, n)$ -Cauchy-Jensen additive mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  that satisfying (1.1) and the inequality

$$N(f(x) - A(x), t) \geq N' \left( n\theta \|x\|^p, \frac{(n-m+1-(n-m+1)^p)t}{\binom{n}{m}} \right).$$

**Proof .** Let  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n) := \theta (\sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|^p)$  and  $|r| = (n-m+1)^p$ . Apply Theorem 4.3, we get desired results.  $\square$

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