# FUZZY STABILITY OF C\*-TERNARY ALGEBRA HOMOMORPHISMS

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### Abstract

In this paper, we consider the fuzzy stability of  $C^*$ -ternary algebra homomorphisms of the following Cauchy-Jensen functional equation:

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

## 1. Introduction

In 1984, Katsaras defined a fuzzy norm on a linear space in [10]. At the same year, Wu and Fang [17] also introduced a notion of fuzzy normed space and gave the generalization of the Kolmogoroff normalized theorem for a fuzzy topological linear space. Since then, many mathematicians have discussed fuzzy metrics and norms on a linear

 $C^*$ - ternary algebra.

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space from various points of view ([7], [11], [18]). In 2003, Bag and Samanta [4] modified the definition of Cheng and Mordeson [6] by removing a regular condition.

The study of stability problems for functional equations are related to a question of Ulam [16] concerning the stability of group of homomorphisms, which was affirmatively answered for Banach spaces by Hyers [9]. Subsequently, the result of Hyers was generalized for unbounded control functions by Aoki [2], and by Rassias [15]. The paper of Rassias [15] has provided a great influence on the development of the very active area of Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of functional equations. In 1994, a generalization of Rassias theorem was obtained by Gavruta [8] by replacing the bound  $\epsilon(||x||^p + ||y||^p)$  with a general control function  $\varphi(x, y)$ . Several stability results have been recently obtained for various equations and mappings with more general domains and ranges (see [1], [3], [13]).

In the following, we will give some notations that are needed in this paper. The following notion of a fuzzy norm is taken from [4].

**Definition 1.1.** Let *X* be a real linear space. A function  $N : X \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  (the so-called fuzzy subset) is said to be a *fuzzy norm* on *X*, if for all  $x, y \in X$  and all  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

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

(N6) For  $x \neq 0$ ,  $N(x, \cdot)$  is (upper semi) continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

A fuzzy normed linear space is a pair (X, N), where X is a real linear space and N is a fuzzy norm on X. One may regard N(x, t) as the truth value of the statement of the norm of x is less than or equal to the real number t.

**Example 1.2.** Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed linear space. Then

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

is a fuzzy norm on *X*.

**Example 1.3.** Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed linear space. Then

$$N(x, t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < 0, \\ \frac{t}{\|x\|}, & 0 < t \le \|x\|, \\ 1, & t > \|x\|, \end{cases}$$

is a fuzzy norm on *X*.

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

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

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

We also need the following knowledge about  $C^*$ -ternary algebras (see [14], [5], [19]). Following the terminology of [1], a non-empty set G with a ternary operation  $[\cdot, \cdot, \cdot]: G \times G \times G \to G$  is called a *ternary groupoid* 

and is denoted by  $(G, [\cdot, \cdot, \cdot])$ . The ternary groupoid  $(G, [\cdot, \cdot, \cdot])$  is called *commutative*, if  $[x_1, x_2, x_3] = [x_{\sigma(1)}, x_{\sigma(2)}, x_{\sigma(3)}]$ , for all  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in G$  and all permutations  $\sigma$  of  $\{1, 2, 3\}$ .

If a binary operation o is defined on G such that  $[x, y, z] = (x \circ y) \circ z$ for all  $x, y, z \in G$ , then we say that  $[\cdot, \cdot, \cdot]$  is derived from o. We say that  $(G, [\cdot, \cdot, \cdot])$  is a *ternary semigroup*, if the operation  $[\cdot, \cdot, \cdot]$  is *associative*, i.e., if [[x, y, z], u, v] = [x, [y, z, u], v] = [x, y, [z, u, v]] holds for all  $x, y, z, u, v \in G$  (see [5]).

A  $C^*$ -ternary algebra is a complex Banach space A, equipped with a ternary product  $(x, y, z) \rightarrow [x, y, z]$  of  $A^3$  into A, which is  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear in the outer variables, conjugate  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear in the middle variable, and associative in the sense that [x, y, [z, w, v]] = [x, [w, z, y], v] = [[x, y, z],w, v], and satisfies  $||[x, y, z]|| \leq ||x|| \cdot ||y|| \cdot ||z||$  and  $||[x, x, x]|| = ||x||^3$  (see [1], [19]). Every left Hilbert  $C^*$ -module is a  $C^*$ -ternary algebra via the ternary product  $[x, y, z] = \langle x, y \rangle z$ . If a  $C^*$ -ternary algebra (A, [, ,]) has an identity, i.e., an element  $e \in A$  such that x = [x, e, e] = [e, e, x] for all  $x \in A$ , then it is routine to verify that A, endowed with  $x \circ y = [x, e, y]$  and  $x^* = [e, x, e]$ , is a unital  $C^*$ -algebra. Conversely, if (A, o) is a unital  $C^*$ -algebra, then  $[x, y, z] = x \circ y^* \circ z$  makes A into a  $C^*$ -ternary algebra.

A  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear mapping  $H: A \to B$  is called a  $C^*$ -ternary algebra homomorphism, if H([x, y, z]) = [H(x), H(y), H(z)] for all  $x, y, z \in A$ .

In this paper, we will establish a fuzzy version of a generalized Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability for Cauchy-Jensen functional equation

$$2f\left(\frac{\lambda x + \lambda y}{2} + \lambda z\right) = \lambda f(x) + \lambda f(y) + 2\lambda f(z), \qquad (1.1)$$

in the fuzzy normed linear space setting. Fuzzy stability of Jensen functional equations has been discussed in [12].

Assume that X be a linear space and (Y, N) be a fuzzy Banach space. Throughout this paper, for a given mapping  $f : X \to Y$ , we define

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

for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{T}^1 = \{\mu \in \mathbb{C} : |\mu| = 1\}$  and all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

## 2. Main Results

In this section, we will prove the fuzzy Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of  $C^*$ -ternary algebra homomorphisms for Cauchy-Jensen functional Equation (1.1).

**Theorem 2.1.** Let X be a linear space and (Z, N') be a fuzzy normed space. Let  $\varphi : X^3 \to Z$  be a function such that for some  $0 < \alpha < 2$ 

$$N'(\varphi(2x, 2y, 2z), t) \ge N'(\alpha\varphi(x, y, z), t),$$
(2.1)

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} N' \left( \frac{1}{2^n} \, \varphi(2^n \, x, \, 2^n \, y, \, 2^n \, z), \, t \right) = 1, \tag{2.2}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and all t > 0. Suppose (Y, N) is a fuzzy Banach space and  $f : X \to Y$  is an odd function such that

$$N(C_{\lambda}f(x, y, z), t) \ge N'(\varphi(x, y, z), t),$$

$$(2.3)$$

and

$$N(f([x, y, z]) - [f(x), f(y), f(z)], s) \ge N'(\varphi(x, y, z), s),$$
(2.4)

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and all t, s > 0. Then, there is a unique  $C^*$ -ternary homomorphism  $H : X \to Y$  such that

$$N(f(x) - H(x), t) \ge N'\left(\frac{\varphi(x, x, x)}{2 - \alpha}, t\right),$$

$$(2.5)$$

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

**Proof.** Put  $\lambda = 1$  and x = y = z in (2.3), we have

$$N(2f(2x) - 4f(x), t) \ge N'(\varphi(x, x, x), t),$$
(2.6)

for all  $x \in X$  and all t > 0. Using (2.1) and induction on *n*, it is not difficult to show that

$$N'(\varphi(2^{n}x, 2^{n}x, 2^{n}x), t) \ge N'(\alpha^{n}\varphi(x, x, x), t),$$
(2.7)

for all  $x \in X$  and all t > 0. Replacing x by  $2^{n-1}x$  in (2.6) and using (2.7), we get

$$N(2f(2^{n}x) - 4f(2^{n-1}x), t) \ge N'(\alpha^{n-1}\varphi(x, x, x), t),$$
(2.8)

for all  $x \in X$  and all t > 0. It follows from (2.8) that

$$N\left(\frac{f(2^{n}x)}{2^{n}} - \frac{f(2^{n-1}x)}{2^{n-1}}, \frac{t}{2^{n+1}}\right) \ge N'\left(\frac{1}{\alpha^{2}}\phi(x, x, x), \frac{t}{\alpha^{n+1}}\right),$$

and hence,

$$N\left(\frac{f(2^{n}x)}{2^{n}} - \frac{f(2^{n-1}x)}{2^{n-1}}, \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^{n+1}t\right) \ge N'\left(\frac{1}{\alpha^{2}}\varphi(x, x, x), t\right),$$

for all  $n \ge 1$ ,  $x \in X$ , and t > 0. Thus

$$\begin{split} & N\!\!\left(\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n} - \frac{f(2^m x)}{2^m}, \sum_{k=m+1}^n \!\!\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^{k+1} t\right) \\ &= N\!\!\left(\sum_{k=m+1}^n \!\!\left(\frac{f(2^k x)}{2^k} - \frac{f(2^{k-1} x)}{2^{k-1}}\right), \sum_{k=m+1}^n \!\!\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^{k+1} t\right) \\ &\ge N'\!\left(\frac{1}{\alpha^2} \varphi(x, x, x), t\right), \end{split}$$

whence

$$N\left(\frac{f(2^{n}x)}{2^{n}} - \frac{f(2^{m}x)}{2^{m}}, t\right) \ge N'\left(\frac{1}{\alpha^{2}}\varphi(x, x, x), \frac{t}{\sum_{k=m+1}^{n}(\frac{\alpha}{2})^{k+1}}\right), \quad (2.9)$$

for all  $n > m \ge 0$ ,  $x \in X$ , and t > 0.

Fix 
$$x \in X$$
. Since,  $\lim_{s \to \infty} N'(\frac{1}{\alpha^2} \varphi(x, x, x), s) = 1$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^n$  is

convergent,  $\left\{\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n}\right\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in (Y, N). Since (Y, N) is a

fuzzy Banach space, this sequence converges to some point  $H(x) \in Y$ . Define  $H: X \to Y$  by

$$H(x) = N - \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n},$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Let m = 0 in (2.9), we have

$$N\left(\frac{f(2^{n}x)}{2^{n}} - f(x), t\right) \ge N'\left(\frac{1}{\alpha^{2}} \phi(x, x, x), \frac{t}{\sum_{k=1}^{n} (\frac{\alpha}{2})^{k+1}}\right),$$

for all  $x \in X$  and t > 0. By (N4), we have

$$N(H(x) - f(x), t) \ge \min\left\{ N\left(H(x) - \frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n}, \frac{t}{2}\right), N\left(\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n} - f(x), \frac{t}{2}\right) \right\},$$
(2.10)

for all  $x \in X$  and t > 0. Taking  $n \to \infty$  in (2.10) and using (N6), we get

$$N(H(x) - f(x), t) \ge \lim_{n \to \infty} N\left(\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n} - f(x), \frac{t}{2}\right)$$
$$\ge \lim_{n \to \infty} N'\left(\frac{1}{\alpha^2} \phi(x, x, x), \frac{t}{2\sum_{k=1}^n (\frac{\alpha}{2})^{k+1}}\right)$$

$$= N'\left(\frac{\varphi(x, x, x)}{2-\alpha}, t\right),$$

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

Next, we show H is  $\mathbb{C}$  -linear. By (N4),

$$N(C_{\lambda}H(x, y, z), t) \geq \min\left\{N\left(2H\left(\frac{\lambda x + \lambda y}{2} + \lambda z\right) - 2\frac{f\left(2^{n}\left(\frac{\lambda x + \lambda y}{2} + \lambda z\right)\right)}{2^{n}}, \frac{t}{5}\right),$$

$$N\left(\lambda H(x) - \lambda \frac{f(2^{n}x)}{2^{n}}, \frac{t}{5}\right), N\left(\lambda H(y) - \lambda \frac{f(2^{n}y)}{2^{n}}, \frac{t}{5}\right),$$
$$N\left(2\lambda H(z) - 2\lambda \frac{f(2^{n}z)}{2^{n}}, \frac{t}{5}\right), N\left(\frac{1}{2^{n}}C_{\lambda}f(2^{n}x, 2^{n}y, 2^{n}z), \frac{t}{5}\right)\right\}, (2.11)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and t > 0. Taking  $n \to \infty$  in (2.11) and by (2.2) and (2.3), we have

$$N(C_{\lambda}H(x, y, z), t) \ge \lim_{n \to \infty} N\left(\frac{1}{2^{n}}C_{\lambda}f(2^{n}x, 2^{n}y, 2^{n}z), \frac{t}{5}\right)$$
$$\ge \lim_{n \to \infty} N'\left(\frac{1}{2^{n}}\phi(2^{n}x, 2^{n}y, 2^{n}z), \frac{t}{5}\right) = 1,$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and t > 0. So,  $C_{\lambda}H(x, y, z) = 0$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{T}^1$  and all  $x, y, z \in X$ . It follows from Lemma 2.2 of [14] that the mapping  $H: X \to X$  is  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear.

It follows from (2.4) that

$$N(H([x, y, z]) - [H(x), H(y), H(z)], s)$$

$$\geq \min \left\{ N\left(H([x, y, z]) - \frac{f([2^{n}x, 2^{n}y, 2^{n}z])}{2^{3n}}, \frac{s}{3}\right),$$

$$N\left([H(x), H(y), H(z)] - \left[\frac{f(2^{n}x)}{2^{n}}, \frac{f(2^{n}y)}{2^{n}}, \frac{f(2^{n}z)}{2^{n}}\right], \frac{s}{3}\right),$$

$$N\left(2^{-3n}(f([2^{n}x, 2^{n}y, 2^{n}z]) - [f(2^{n}x), f(2^{n}y), f(2^{n}z)]), \frac{s}{3}\right)\right\}, \quad (2.12)$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and s > 0. Taking  $n \to \infty$  in (2.12) and by (2.2), we get

$$N(H([x, y, z]) - [H(x), H(y), H(z)], s)$$

$$\geq \lim_{n \to \infty} N\left(2^{-3n}(f([2^n x, 2^n y, 2^n z]) - [f(2^n x), f(2^n y), f(2^n z)]), \frac{s}{3}\right)$$

$$\geq \lim_{n \to \infty} N'\left(2^{-3n}\varphi(2^n x, 2^n y, 2^n z), \frac{s}{3}\right) = 1,$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and s > 0. Therefore

$$H([x, y, z]) = [H(x), H(y), H(z)],$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ .

Let  $H': X \to Y$  be another  $C^*$ -ternary homomorphism satisfying (2.5). Then

$$\begin{split} N(H(x) - H'(x), t) &= \lim_{n \to \infty} N\left(\frac{1}{2^n} (f(2^n x) - H'(2^n x)), t\right) \\ &\geq \lim_{n \to \infty} N'\left(\frac{1}{2^n} \frac{\varphi(2^n x, 2^n x, 2^n x)}{2 - \alpha}, t\right) = 1, \end{split}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and t > 0. Thus, H'(x) = H(x) and this proves the uniqueness of H.

**Corollary 2.2.** Let X be a normed linear space (with norm  $\|\cdot\|$ ) and (Y, N) be a fuzzy Banach space. Denote by N', the fuzzy norm obtained as Example 1.2 on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Assume that  $\theta > 0$ , p < 1,  $0 < \alpha < 2$ , and  $2^p < \alpha$ . Suppose  $f : X \to Y$  is an odd function such that

$$N(C_{\lambda}f(x, y, z), t) \ge N'(\theta(||x||^{p} + ||y||^{p} + ||z||^{p}), t),$$

and

$$N(f([x, y, z]) - [f(x), f(y), f(z)], s) \ge N'(\theta(||x||^p + ||y||^p + ||z||^p), s),$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and all t, s > 0. Then, there exists a unique  $C^*$ -ternary homomorphism  $H : X \to Y$  such that

$$N(f(x) - H(x), t) \ge \frac{t(2 - \alpha)}{t(2 - \alpha) + 3\theta \|x\|^p},$$

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

**Proof.** Let

$$\varphi(x, y, z) = \theta(||x||^p + ||y||^p + ||z||^p),$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Then

$$N'(\varphi(2x, 2y, 2z), t) = \frac{t}{t + \theta(\|2x\|^p + \|2y\|^p + \|2z\|^p)}$$
$$\geq \frac{t}{t + \alpha\theta(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p + \|z\|^p)}$$
$$= N'(\alpha\varphi(x, y, z), t)$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} N' \left( \frac{1}{2^n} \varphi(2^n x, 2^n y, 2^n z), t \right) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{t}{t + 2^{n(p-1)} \Theta(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p + \|z\|^p)} = 1,$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and all t > 0. It follows from Theorem 2.1 that there is a unique  $C^*$ -ternary homomorphism  $H : X \to Y$  such that

$$N(f(x) - H(x), t) \ge N'\left(\frac{\varphi(x, x, x)}{2 - \alpha}, t\right) = \frac{t(2 - \alpha)}{t(2 - \alpha) + 3\theta \|x\|^p},$$

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

**Theorem 2.3.** Let X be a linear space and (Z, N') be a fuzzy normed space. Let  $\varphi : X^3 \to Z$  be a function such that for some  $\alpha \in (2, \infty)$ 

$$N'\left(\varphi\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{y}{2}, \frac{z}{2}\right), t\right) \ge N'(\varphi(x, y, z), \alpha t),$$
(2.13)

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$$\lim_{n \to \infty} N' \left( 2^n \varphi \left( \frac{x}{2^n}, \frac{y}{2^n}, \frac{z}{2^n} \right), t \right) = 1,$$
 (2.14)

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for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and all t > 0. Let (Y, N) be a fuzzy Banach space and let  $f : X \to Y$  be an odd function such that

$$N(C_{\lambda}f(x, y, z), t) \ge N'(\varphi(x, y, z), t),$$
(2.15)

$$N(f([x, y, z]) - [f(x), f(y), f(z)], s) \ge N'(\varphi(x, y, z), s),$$
(2.16)

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and all t, s > 0. Then, there exists a unique  $C^*$ -ternary homomorphism  $H : X \to Y$  such that

$$N(f(x) - H(x), t) \ge N'\left(\frac{\varphi(x, x, x)}{\alpha - 2}, t\right), \tag{2.17}$$

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

**Proof.** Put  $\lambda = 1$  and x = y = z in (2.15), we have

$$N(2f(2x) - 4f(x), t) \ge N'(\varphi(x, x, x), t),$$
(2.18)

for all  $x \in X$  and all t > 0. Using (2.13) and induction on n, we can verify that

$$N'\left(\varphi\left(\frac{x}{2^n}, \frac{y}{2^n}, \frac{z}{2^n}\right), t\right) \ge N'(\varphi(x, x, x), \alpha^n t),$$
(2.19)

for all  $x \in X$  and all t > 0. Replacing x by  $\frac{x}{2^n}$  in (2.18) and using (2.19), we get

$$N\left(2f\left(\frac{x}{2^{n-1}}\right) - 4f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right), t\right) \ge N'(\varphi(x, x, x), \alpha^n t),$$
(2.20)

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

$$N\left(2^{n-1}f\left(\frac{x}{2^{n-1}}\right) - 2^{n}f\left(\frac{x}{2^{n}}\right), \ 2^{n-2}t\right) \ge N'\left(\frac{1}{\alpha^{2}}\phi(x, \ x, \ x), \ \alpha^{n-2}t\right),$$

and whence,

$$N\left(2^{n-1}f\left(\frac{x}{2^{n-1}}\right)-2^nf\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right),\left(\frac{2}{\alpha}\right)^{n-2}t\right)\geq N'\left(\frac{1}{\alpha^2}\,\varphi(x,\,x,\,x),\,t\right),$$

for all  $n \ge 1$ ,  $x \in X$ , and t > 0. Then

$$\begin{split} N\!\!\left(2^n f\!\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) - 2^m f\!\left(\frac{x}{2^m}\right), & \sum_{k=m+1}^n \!\left(\frac{2}{\alpha}\right)^{k-2} t\right) \\ &= N\!\!\left(\sum_{k=m+1}^n \!\left(2^k f\!\left(\frac{x}{2^k}\right) - 2^{k-1} f\!\left(\frac{x}{2^{k-1}}\right)\right), & \sum_{k=m+1}^n \!\left(\frac{2}{\alpha}\right)^{k-2} t\right) \\ &\ge N'\!\!\left(\frac{1}{\alpha^2} \varphi(x, x, x), t\right), \end{split}$$

and therefore,

$$N\left(2^{n}f\left(\frac{x}{2^{n}}\right) - 2^{m}f\left(\frac{x}{2^{m}}\right), t\right) \ge N'\left(\frac{1}{\alpha^{2}}\varphi(x, x, x), \frac{t}{\sum_{k=m+1}^{n} (\frac{2}{\alpha})^{k-2}}\right), (2.21)$$

for all  $n > m \ge 0$ ,  $x \in X$ , and t > 0.

Fix 
$$x \in X$$
. Since,  $\lim_{s \to \infty} N'\left(\frac{1}{\alpha^2} \phi(x, x, x), s\right) = 1$  and that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{\alpha}\right)^n$ 

is convergent,  $\left\{2^n f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)\right\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in (Y, N). Since (Y, N)

is a fuzzy Banach space, this sequence converges to some point  $H(x) \in Y$ . Hence, we can define  $H: X \to Y$  by

$$H(x) = N - \lim_{n \to \infty} 2^n f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right),$$

for all  $x \in A$ . The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.1.

**Corollary 2.4.** Suppose X is a normed space with  $\|\cdot\|$  and (Y, N) is a fuzzy Banach space. Denote by N', the fuzzy norm obtained as Example 1.2 on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Assume that  $\theta > 0$ , p > 1,  $\alpha \in (2, \infty)$ , and  $2^p < \alpha$ . Suppose  $f: X \to Y$  is an odd function such that

$$N(C_{\lambda}f(x, y, z), t) \ge N'(\theta(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p + \|z\|^p), t),$$

and

$$N(f([x, y, z]) - [f(x), f(y), f(z)], s) \ge N'(\theta(||x||^p + ||y||^p + ||z||^p), s),$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and all t, s > 0. Then, there exists a unique  $C^*$ -ternary homomorphism  $H : X \to Y$  such that

$$N(f(x) - H(x), t) \ge \frac{t(\alpha - 2)}{t(\alpha - 2) + 3\theta ||x||^p},$$

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

**Proof.** Let

$$\varphi(x, y, z) = \theta(||x||^p + ||y||^p + ||z||^p),$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Then

$$N'(\varphi\left(\frac{x}{2}, \frac{y}{2}, \frac{z}{2}\right), t) = \frac{t}{t + \theta\left(\|\frac{x}{2}\|^{p} + \|\frac{y}{2}\|^{p} + \|\frac{z}{2}\|^{p}\right)}$$
$$\geq \frac{\alpha t}{\alpha t + \theta(\|x\|^{p} + \|y\|^{p} + \|z\|^{p})}$$
$$= N'(\varphi(x, y, z), \alpha t),$$

and

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} N'(2^n \varphi\left(\frac{x}{2^n}, \frac{y}{2^n}, \frac{z}{2^n}\right), t) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{t}{t + 2^{n(1-p)} \Theta(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p + \|z\|^p)} = 1,$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and all t > 0. By Theorem 2.3, there is a unique  $C^*$ -ternary homomorphism  $H: X \to Y$  such that

$$N(f(x) - H(x), t) \ge N'\left(rac{\varphi(x, x, x)}{lpha - 2}, t
ight) = rac{t(lpha - 2)}{t(lpha - 2) + 3\theta \|x\|^p},$$

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

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