

## ON THE ASYMPTOTIC BEHAVIORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DAVISON FUNCTIONAL EQUATION

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ABSTRACT. We prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of the Davison functional equation

$$f(x + xy) + f(y) = f(x + y) + f(xy),$$

for a class of mappings from a normed algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  (with a unit element 1) into a Banach space  $\mathcal{B}$ , on the restricted domain  $\{(x, y) \in \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A} : \min\{\|x\|, \|y\|\} \geq d\}$ , where  $d > 0$  is a constant. As a result, we obtain some asymptotic behaviors of Davison mappings. In addition, we obtain the corollary that for every mapping  $g$  from a normed algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  into a normed space  $\mathcal{B}$ , and for all positive real numbers  $r, s$ , one of the following two conditions must be valid:

$$\sup_{x, y \in \mathcal{A}} \|g(x + y) + g(xy) - g(x + xy) - g(y)\| \cdot \|x\|^r \cdot \|y\|^s = +\infty$$

or

$$g(x + y) + g(xy) = g(x + xy) + g(y).$$

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

The functional equation

$$(1.1) \quad f(x + xy) + f(y) = f(x + y) + f(xy),$$

was proposed by Davison [2] at the 17th International Symposium on Functional Equations. He inquired about its general solution for mappings from a commutative field  $\mathbb{F}$  to another commutative field  $\mathbb{K}$ . At the same symposium, Benz [1] provided the general continuous solution to the functional equation (1.1) when  $f$  is an unknown mapping from the real numbers to the real numbers. In 2000, Girsensohn and Lajkó [4] characterized the general solution of (1.1) without requiring any regular condition.

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They showed that if  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a solution of (1.1), then  $f$  can be expressed as  $f(x) = A(x) + b$ , where  $A : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an additive mapping and  $b \in \mathbb{R}$  is any constant. Furthermore, they derived the general solution of the pexiderized version of (1.1). In a separate work, Davison [3] determined the solution of (1.1) when the domain of the unknown mapping  $f$  is the ring of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  or the set of natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$ . Najati and Sahoo [9] introduced two pexiderized functional equations of Davison type and obtained their general solutions.

Jung and Sahoo [6] were the first to study the Hyers-Ulam stability of the Davison functional equation (1.1). The pexiderized functional equation

$$f(xy) + f(x + y) = g(xy + x) + g(y)$$

was investigated for the Hyers-Ulam stability in [5]. Studying the Hyers-Ulam stability of Davison functional equation (1.1) and its pexiderized version on restricted domains would be interesting topics. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a normed algebra and consider

$$D_1 := \{(x, y) \in \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A} : \min\{\|x\|, \|y\|\} \geq d\},$$

$$D_2 := \{(x, y) \in \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A} : \|x\| \geq d\},$$

$$D_3 := \{(x, y) \in \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A} : \|y\| \geq d\},$$

$$D_4 := \{(x, y) \in \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A} : \|x\| + \|y\| \geq d\},$$

$$D_5 := \{(x, y) \in \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A} : \max\{\|x\|, \|y\|\} \geq d\},$$

where  $d > 0$  is a real constant. It is clear that  $D_1 \subseteq D_j$  for  $2 \leq j \leq 5$ . The primary objective of this current paper is to investigate the Hyers-Ulam stability of (1.1) on the unbounded restricted domain  $D_1$ . As a consequence, we obtain a hyperstability result for the Davison functional equation (1.1). This leads us to deduce the slightly surprising result that for any mapping  $f$ , from a normed algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  into a normed space  $\mathcal{B}$ , and for all positive real numbers  $r, s > 0$  one of the following two conditions must hold true:

- (i)  $\sup_{x, y \in \mathcal{A}} \|f(x + xy) + f(y) - f(x + y) - f(xy)\| \cdot \|x\|^r \cdot \|y\|^s = +\infty$ ,
- (ii)  $f(x + xy) + f(y) = f(x + y) + f(xy)$ ,  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Also (ii) is equivalent to

$$\sup_{x, y \in \mathcal{A}} \|f(x + xy) + f(y) - f(x + y) - f(xy)\| (\|x\|^r + \|y\|^s) = +\infty.$$

## 2. STABILITY AND HYPERSTABILITY

The following lemma plays a key role in proving the main theorem.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $\varepsilon \geq 0$  and  $d > 0$ . Suppose that  $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  is a mapping from a normed algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  (with unit element 1) to a normed space  $\mathcal{B}$  satisfying*

$$(2.1) \quad \|f(x + y) + f(xy) - f(x + xy) - f(y)\| \leq \varepsilon, \quad \min\{\|x\|, \|y\|\} \geq d.$$

Then,

$$(2.2) \quad \|f(x + 4y) + f(x + 4y + 1) - f(4y) - f(4y + 1) - f(2x + 2y) + f(2y)\| \leq 3\varepsilon,$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ , with  $\min\{\|x\|, \|y\|\} \geq d + 1$ . Moreover,

$$(2.3) \quad \|f(-2x) + f(2x) - f(x) - f(-x)\| \leq 39\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq 4d + 4,$$

$$(2.4) \quad \|-f(-4x + 1) - f(2x) + f(-2x) + f(1)\| \leq 12\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq 2d + 2,$$

$$(2.5) \quad \|f(2x) - 2f(x) + f(0)\| \leq 213\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq 12d + 12.$$

*Proof.* Replace  $y$  by  $y + 1$  in (2.1) to obtain

$$(2.6) \quad \|f(x + y + 1) + f(xy + x) - f(2x + xy) - f(y + 1)\| \leq \varepsilon, \quad \min\{\|x\|, \|y\|\} \geq d + 1.$$

Adding (2.6) and (2.1), one obtains

$$(2.7) \quad \|f(x + y + 1) + f(x + y) + f(xy) - f(2x + xy) - f(y) - f(y + 1)\| \leq 2\varepsilon,$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ , with  $\min\{\|x\|, \|y\|\} \geq d + 1$ . By substituting  $4y$  for  $y$  in (2.7), we obtain

$$(2.8) \quad \|f(x + 4y + 1) + f(x + 4y) + f(4xy) - f(2x + 4xy) - f(4y) - f(4y + 1)\| \leq 2\varepsilon,$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ , with  $\min\{\|x\|, \|y\|\} \geq d + 1$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $2x$  and  $y$  by  $2y$  in (2.1), one obtains

$$(2.9) \quad \|f(2x + 2y) + f(4xy) - f(2x + 4xy) - f(2y)\| \leq \varepsilon, \quad \min\{\|x\|, \|y\|\} \geq d.$$

Using (2.8) and (2.9), we get (2.2).

By substituting  $-2x$  for  $x$  and  $x$  for  $y$  in (2.2), we obtain

$$(2.10) \quad \|2f(2x) + f(2x + 1) - f(4x) - f(4x + 1) - f(-2x)\| \leq 3\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq d + 1.$$

Also, replacing  $x$  by  $2x$  and  $y$  by  $\frac{x}{2}$  in (2.2), we get

$$(2.11) \quad \|f(4x) + f(4x + 1) - f(2x) - f(2x + 1) - f(5x) + f(x)\| \leq 3\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq 2d + 2.$$

Adding (2.10) and (2.11), we obtain

$$(2.12) \quad \|f(2x) - f(-2x) - f(5x) + f(x)\| \leq 6\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq 2d + 2.$$

By substituting  $-3x$  for  $x$  and  $\frac{x}{2}$  for  $y$  in (2.2), we have

$$(2.13) \quad \|f(-x) + f(-x + 1) - f(2x) - f(2x + 1) - f(-5x) + f(x)\| \leq 3\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq 2d + 2.$$

Add (2.10) and (2.13), to get

$$(2.14) \quad \|f(2x) - f(4x) - f(4x + 1) - f(-2x) + f(-x) + f(-x + 1) - f(-5x) + f(x)\| \leq 6\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq 2d + 2.$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $3x$  and  $y$  by  $-x$  in (2.2), we have

$$(2.15) \quad \|f(-x) + f(-x + 1) - f(-4x) - f(-4x + 1) - f(4x) + f(-2x)\| \leq 3\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq d + 1.$$

By (2.14) and (2.15), we conclude

$$(2.16) \quad \|f(-4x) + f(-4x + 1) - 2f(-2x) + f(2x) - f(4x + 1) - f(-5x) + f(x)\| \leq 9\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq 2d + 2.$$

By substituting  $-x$  for  $x$  in equation (2.10) and then combining the result with inequalities (2.10) and (2.16), we arrive at

$$(2.17) \quad \|f(-2x) - 2f(2x) - f(-5x) + f(x) + f(-2x + 1) - f(2x + 1) + f(4x)\| \leq 15\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq 2d + 2.$$

If we substitute  $-4x$  for  $x$  and  $\frac{x}{2}$  for  $y$  in (2.2), we can obtain

$$(2.18) \quad \|f(-2x) + f(-2x + 1) - f(2x) - f(2x + 1) - f(-7x) + f(x)\| \leq 3\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq 2d + 2.$$

It can be inferred from equations (2.17) and (2.18) that

$$(2.19) \quad \|-f(2x) - f(-5x) + f(4x) + f(-7x)\| \leq 18\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq 2d + 2.$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $-x$  in (2.19) and adding the resultant to (2.12), we obtain

$$(2.20) \quad \|f(7x) + f(-4x) - f(2x) - f(x)\| \leq 24\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq 2d + 2.$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $2x$  and  $y$  by  $\frac{3x}{2}$  in (2.2), we have

$$(2.21) \quad \|f(8x) + f(8x + 1) - f(6x) - f(6x + 1) - f(7x) + f(3x)\| \leq 3\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq d + 1.$$

Also, replacing  $x$  by  $-2x$  and  $y$  by  $2x$  in (2.2), we get

$$(2.22) \quad \|f(6x) + f(6x + 1) - f(8x) - f(8x + 1) - f(0) + f(4x)\| \leq 3\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq d + 1.$$

Add (2.21) and (2.22), to obtain

$$(2.23) \quad \|-f(7x) + f(3x) + f(4x) - f(0)\| \leq 6\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq d + 1.$$

Also, adding (2.20) and (2.23), we arrive at

$$(2.24) \quad \|f(-4x) + f(4x) + f(3x) - f(2x) - f(x) - f(0)\| \leq 30\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq 2d + 2.$$

Putting  $y = \frac{x}{2}$  in (2.2), we have

$$(2.25) \quad \|f(3x + 1) - f(2x) - f(2x + 1) + f(x)\| \leq 3\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq 2d + 2.$$

Now, replacing  $x$  by  $\frac{x}{2}$  in (2.22) and combining the resultant to (2.25), we conclude

$$(2.26) \quad \|f(3x) - f(4x) - f(4x + 1) + 2f(2x) + f(2x + 1) - f(x) - f(0)\| \leq 6\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq 2d + 2.$$

It follows from (2.10) and (2.26) that

$$(2.27) \quad \|f(3x) + f(-2x) - f(x) - f(0)\| \leq 9\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq 2d + 2.$$

So, by combining (2.24) and (2.27), we get (2.3).

By substituting  $3x - y$  for  $x$  in (2.2), we get the following inequality:

$$\|f(3x + 3y) + f(3x + 3y + 1) - f(6x) - f(4y) - f(4y + 1) + f(2y)\| \leq 3\varepsilon,$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ , with  $\min\{\|3x - y\|, \|y\|\} \geq d + 1$ . If we put  $y = -x$  in the above inequality, we can rewrite it as:

$$(2.28) \quad \|f(0) + f(1) - f(6x) - f(-4x) - f(-4x + 1) + f(-2x)\| \leq 3\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq d + 1.$$

Finally, by substituting  $2x$  for  $x$  in (2.27) and adding the result to (2.28), we arrive at inequality (2.4).

Replacing  $x$  by  $-x$  in (2.10) and then combining the resultant inequality with (2.4), one obtains

$$(2.29) \quad \|f(-4x) - f(-2x + 1) - f(-2x) + f(1)\| \leq 15\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq 2d + 2.$$

Also, replacing  $x$  by  $\frac{x}{2}$  in (2.4) and then combining the resultant inequality with (2.29), we conclude

$$(2.30) \quad \|f(-4x) - f(-2x) + f(x) - f(-x)\| \leq 27\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq 4d + 4.$$

Substitute  $2x$  for  $x$  in (2.27) and then combining the obtained inequality with (2.30), we obtain the following inequality:

$$(2.31) \quad \|f(6x) + f(-2x) - f(x) + f(-x) - f(2x) - f(0)\| \leq 36\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq 4d + 4.$$

Inequality (2.3) gives us

$$\|2f(-4x) + 2f(4x) - 2f(2x) - 2f(-2x)\| \leq 78\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq 4d + 4.$$

By (2.3), (2.31) and the above inequality, we conclude

$$(2.32) \quad \|f(6x) - 2f(2x) - 2f(x) + 2f(4x) + 2f(-4x) - f(0)\| \leq 153\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq 4d + 4.$$

By multiplying (2.24) by 2 and adding the result to (2.32), we get

$$\|f(6x) - 2f(3x) + f(0)\| \leq 213\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq 4d + 4.$$

This can be rewritten as inequality (2.5), which is the desired result. □

Now we are ready to prove the main theorem.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Take  $\varepsilon \geq 0$ ,  $d > 0$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a normed algebra (with unit element 1) and  $\mathcal{B}$  a Banach space. If a mapping  $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  satisfies (2.1), then there is a unique additive mapping  $\varphi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  such that*

$$(2.33) \quad \|f(x) - \varphi(x) - f(0)\| \leq 640\varepsilon, \quad x \in \mathcal{A}.$$

*Proof.* By Lemma 2.1,  $f$  fulfills (2.5). Then, for all integers  $n, m$  with  $n \geq m \geq 0$ , we have

$$(2.34) \quad \left\| \frac{f(2^{n+1}x)}{2^{n+1}} - \frac{f(2^m x)}{2^m} + \sum_{i=m}^n \frac{f(0)}{2^{i+1}} \right\| \leq \sum_{i=m}^n \frac{213\varepsilon}{2^{i+1}}, \quad \|x\| \geq 12d + 12.$$

Therefore,  $\{\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n}\}_n$  is a Cauchy sequence for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . Define  $\varphi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  by  $\varphi(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n}$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . Obviously,  $\varphi(2x) = 2\varphi(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . Therefore, by (2.3) we infer that  $\varphi$  is odd. So, by (2.4), we conclude

$$\varphi(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{f(2^n x + 1)}{2^n}, \quad x \in \mathcal{A}.$$

Hence, it follows from (2.2) that

$$(2.35) \quad 2\varphi(x + 4y) + \varphi(2y) = 2\varphi(4y) + \varphi(2x + 2y), \quad x, y \in \mathcal{A}.$$

Since  $\varphi(2x) = 2\varphi(x)$ , (2.35) can be written as

$$(2.36) \quad \varphi(2x + 8y) = 3\varphi(2y) + \varphi(2x + 2y), \quad x, y \in \mathcal{A}.$$

Putting  $x = -y$  in (2.36) and using  $\varphi(0) = 0$ , we conclude

$$(2.37) \quad \varphi(3y) = 3\varphi(y), \quad y \in \mathcal{A}.$$

Hence, (2.36) and (2.37) yield

$$(2.38) \quad \varphi(2x + 8y) = \varphi(6y) + \varphi(2x + 2y), \quad x, y \in \mathcal{A}.$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $\frac{y}{6}$  and  $x$  by  $\frac{x}{2} - \frac{y}{6}$  in (2.38), we deduce that  $\varphi$  is an additive mapping.

By setting  $m = 0$  and letting  $n$  approach infinity in (2.34), we arrive at

$$(2.39) \quad \|f(x) - \varphi(x) - f(0)\| \leq 213\varepsilon, \quad \|x\| \geq 12d + 12.$$

For  $y \in \mathcal{A} \setminus \{0\}$  we can choose  $x \in \mathcal{A}$  such that

$$\min\{\|x\|, \|xy\|, \|x + y\|, \|x + xy\|\} \geq 12d + 12.$$

By (2.39), we have the following inequalities

$$\| -f(x + y) + \varphi(x + y) + f(0) \| \leq 213\varepsilon,$$

$$\| -f(xy) + \varphi(xy) + f(0) \| \leq 213\varepsilon,$$

$$\|f(x + xy) - \varphi(x + xy) - f(0)\| \leq 213\varepsilon.$$

Combining the previous inequalities and (2.1), we get

$$\|f(y) - \varphi(y) - f(0)\| \leq 640\varepsilon.$$

Since this inequality holds for  $y = 0$ , we deduce (2.33) which is what we wanted to prove.  $\square$

As a result, we conclude that if a mapping  $f$  satisfies (1.1) on a certain subset  $D \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ , then  $f$  fulfills (1.1) on the entire  $\mathcal{A}$ .

In the subsequent results,  $\mathcal{A}$  denotes a normed algebra with unit element and  $\mathcal{B}$  is a normed space.

**Corollary 2.1.** *Suppose that a mapping  $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  satisfies one of the following assertions:*

- (i)  $f(x + y) + f(xy) - f(x + xy) - f(y) = 0$ ,  $\min\{\|x\|, \|y\|\} \geq d$ ,
- (ii)  $f(x + y) + f(xy) - f(x + xy) - f(y) = 0$ ,  $\max\{\|x\|, \|y\|\} \geq d$ ,
- (iii)  $f(x + y) + f(xy) - f(x + xy) - f(y) = 0$ ,  $\|x\| + \|y\| \geq d$ ,
- (iv)  $f(x + y) + f(xy) - f(x + xy) - f(y) = 0$ ,  $\|x\| \geq d$ ,
- (v)  $f(x + y) + f(xy) - f(x + xy) - f(y) = 0$ ,  $\|y\| \geq d$ ,

for some constant  $d > 0$ . Then,  $f - f(0)$  is additive on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

*Proof.* Since (ii) – (v) imply (i), we only need to deal with (i). Applying Lemma 2.1 for  $\varepsilon = 0$  we deduce

$$f(2x) = 2f(x) - f(0), \quad \|x\| \geq 12d + 12.$$

By induction on  $n$ , one obtains

$$f(2^n x) = 2^n f(x) - (2^n - 1)f(0), \quad \|x\| \geq 12d + 12.$$

This yields the sequence  $\{\frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n}\}_n$  is convergent for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . We define

$$\varphi(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{f(2^n x)}{2^n}, \quad x \in \mathcal{A}.$$

By applying some parts of the proof of Theorem 2.1, we deduce that  $\varphi$  is additive and  $\varphi(x) = f(x) - f(0)$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ . This ends the proof.  $\square$

In the following, we investigate a result that concerns some asymptotic properties related to Davison mappings.

**Corollary 2.2.** *Suppose that a mapping  $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  satisfies one of the following conditions:*

- (i)  $\lim_{\min\{\|x\|, \|y\|\} \rightarrow +\infty} [f(x + y) + f(xy) - f(x + xy) - f(y)] = 0,$
- (ii)  $\lim_{\max\{\|x\|, \|y\|\} \rightarrow +\infty} [f(x + y) + f(xy) - f(x + xy) - f(y)] = 0,$
- (iii)  $\lim_{\|x\| + \|y\| \rightarrow +\infty} [f(x + y) + f(xy) - f(x + xy) - f(y)] = 0,$
- (iv)  $\lim_{\|x\| \rightarrow +\infty} \sup_{y \in \mathcal{A}} [f(x + y) + f(xy) - f(x + xy) - f(y)] = 0,$
- (v)  $\lim_{\|y\| \rightarrow +\infty} \sup_{x \in \mathcal{A}} [f(x + y) + f(xy) - f(x + xy) - f(y)] = 0.$

Then,  $f - f(0)$  is additive on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

*Proof.* It is clear that (i) is a consequence of (ii) – (v). Therefore, we only consider (i). Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be any given real number and  $\widehat{\mathcal{B}}$  be the completion of  $\mathcal{B}$ . From (i), we can find  $d_\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$\|f(x + y) + f(xy) - f(x + xy) - f(y)\| < \varepsilon, \quad \min\{\|x\|, \|y\|\} \geq d_\varepsilon.$$

By applying Theorem 2.1 we obtain a constant  $K > 0$  and an additive mapping  $\varphi_\varepsilon : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{B}}$  that satisfy

$$\|\varphi_\varepsilon(x) - f(x) + f(0)\| \leq K\varepsilon, \quad x \in \mathcal{A}.$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y) + f(0)\| &\leq \|f(x + y) - \varphi_\varepsilon(x + y) - f(0)\| \\ &\quad + \|\varphi_\varepsilon(x) - f(x) + f(0)\| \\ &\quad + \|\varphi_\varepsilon(y) - f(y) + f(0)\| \leq 3K\varepsilon, \quad x, y \in \mathcal{A}. \end{aligned}$$

Because  $\varepsilon$  was chosen arbitrarily, we conclude that  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y) - f(0)$  for every  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ . This yields that  $f - f(0)$  is additive on  $\mathcal{A}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.3.** *Take  $\delta, \varepsilon \geq 0$  and suppose that  $p, q < 0$  are real numbers and a mapping  $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  satisfies*

$$\|f(x+y) + f(xy) - f(x+xy) - f(y)\| \leq \varepsilon \|x\|^p \|y\|^q + \delta (\|x\|^p + \|y\|^q),$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $\min\{\|x\|, \|y\|\} \geq d$ , where  $d > 0$  is a constant. Then,  $f - f(0)$  is additive on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

As a result, we can deduce the slightly surprising result that for any mapping  $f$ , from a normed algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  into a normed space  $\mathcal{B}$ , and for all positive real numbers  $r, s > 0$  one of the following two conditions must hold true:

- (i)  $\sup_{x, y \in \mathcal{A}} \|f(x+xy) + f(y) - f(x+y) - f(xy)\| \cdot \|x\|^r \cdot \|y\|^s = +\infty$ ,
- (ii)  $f(x+xy) + f(y) = f(x+y) + f(xy)$ ,  $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Also (ii) is equivalent to

$$\sup_{x, y \in \mathcal{A}} \|f(x+xy) + f(y) - f(x+y) - f(xy)\| (\|x\|^r + \|y\|^s) = +\infty.$$

**Corollary 2.4.** *Take  $\delta, \varepsilon > 0$  and  $d > 0$ . Suppose that  $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  is a mapping such that  $F(x_0, y_0) \neq 0$  for some  $x_0, y_0 \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $\min\{\|x_0\|, \|y_0\|\} \geq d$  and there are real numbers  $p, q < 0$  such that*

$$\|F(x, y)\| \leq \varepsilon \|x\|^p \|y\|^q + \delta (\|x\|^p + \|y\|^q), \quad \min\{\|x\|, \|y\|\} \geq d.$$

Then, there does not exist any mapping  $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  satisfies

$$(2.40) \quad f(x+y) + f(xy) = f(x+xy) + f(y) + F(x, y).$$

*Proof.* Suppose that  $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  is a solution of (2.40). So,

$$\|f(x+y) + f(xy) - f(x+xy) - f(y)\| \leq \varepsilon \|x\|^p \|y\|^q + \delta (\|x\|^p + \|y\|^q),$$

where  $\min\{\|x\|, \|y\|\} \geq d$ . Consequently, based on the previous lemma, it can be concluded that  $f - f(0)$  is additive on  $\mathcal{A}$ , which implies that  $F(x_0, y_0) = 0$ . This contradicts our initial assumption.  $\square$

### 3. CONCLUSIONS

The Hyers-Ulam stability of the Davison functional equation has been investigated in previous studies [5–8]. In all of them, a mapping  $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  satisfies the inequality

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

on the whole space  $\mathcal{A}$ . Studying the stability problems of the Davison functional equation on a restricted domain will also be an intriguing area of research. In more specific terms, we investigated whether a true additive mapping exists close to a mapping  $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  that fulfills the aforementioned inequality only in the restricted domain  $D_1 = \{(x, y) \in \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A} : \min\{\|x\|, \|y\|\} \geq d\}$ . Consequently, we will be able to derive certain asymptotic behaviors of Davison mappings. Of course, it should be noted that this issue has been investigated on the domain  $D_2 = \{(x, y) \in \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A} : \|x\| \geq d\}$ , which contains  $D_1$ . The value derived from the estimate (2.33) is relatively large. It

is anticipated that smaller values may be attainable through an alternative proof method. Therefore, an unresolved question arises: does the constant in inequality (2.33) represent the optimal estimate?

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