



# Stability of a Mixed Type Cubic and Quartic Functional Equation in non-Archimedean $\ell$ -Fuzzy Normed Spaces

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**Abstract :** In this paper, we prove the generalized Hyers–Ulam–Rassias stability of the mixed type cubic and quartic functional equation

$$f(x + 2y) + f(x - 2y) = 4(f(x + y) + f(x - y)) - 24f(y) - 6f(x) + 3f(2y)$$

in non-Archimedean  $\ell$ -fuzzy normed spaces.

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## 1 Introduction

The stability problem of functional equations originated from a question of Ulam [1] in 1940, concerning the stability of group homomorphisms. We are

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looking for situations when the homomorphisms are stable, i.e., if a mapping is almost a homomorphism, then there exists a true homomorphism near it. The case of approximately additive mappings was solved by Hyers [2] under the assumption that  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are Banach spaces. In 1978, a generalized version of the theorem of Hyers for approximately linear mappings was given by Rassias [3]. This new concept is known as Hyers–Ulam–Rassias stability of functional equations (see [4–22]).

Jun and Kim [7] introduced the following functional equation

$$f(2x + y) + f(2x - y) = 2f(x + y) + 2f(x - y) + 12f(x) \quad (1.2)$$

and they established the general solution and the generalized Hyers–Ulam–Rassias stability for the functional equation (1.2). The function  $f(x) = x^3$  satisfies the functional equation (1.2), which is thus called a cubic functional equation. Every solution of the cubic functional equation is said to be a cubic function. Jun and Kim proved that a function  $f$  between real vector spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  is a solution of (1.2) if and only if there exists a unique function  $C : X \times X \times X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $f(x) = C(x, x, x)$  for all  $x \in X$ , and  $C$  is symmetric for each fixed one variable and is additive for fixed two variables. For more detailed definitions of such terminologies, we can refer to [17–58].

Rassias [8, 9] studied the stability of quartic functional equations. In the following Park [59] studied the quartic functional equation

$$f(x + 2y) + f(x - 2y) = 4(f(x + y) + f(x - y)) + 24f(y) - 6f(x). \quad (1.3)$$

In fact they proved that a function  $f$  between real vector spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  is a solution of (1.3) if and only if there exists a unique symmetric multi-additive function  $Q : X \times X \times X \times X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $f(x) = Q(x, x, x, x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . It is easy to show that the function  $f(x) = x^4$  satisfies the functional equation (1.3), which is called a quartic functional equation and every solution of the quartic functional equation is said to be a quartic function.

The theory of fuzzy sets was introduced by Zadeh [60] in 1965. After the pioneering work of Zadeh, there has been a great effort to obtain fuzzy analogues of classical theories. Among other fields, a progressive development is made in the field of fuzzy topology [61–64]. Saadati and Park [65] introduced and studied the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy normed spaces (see also [20]). The pioneering work of Zadeh provided some influence to several mathematicians to study fuzzy analogues of classical theories connected with functional equations in the framework of mathematical analysis.

A triangular norm (shortly, t-norm) is a binary operation  $T : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  which is commutative, associative, monotone and has 1 as the unit element. A t-norm  $T$  can be extended (by associativity) in a unique way to an  $n$ -ary operation taking, for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in [0, 1]^n$ , the value  $T(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  defined by

$$T_{i=1}^0 x_i = 1, \quad T_{i=1}^n x_i = T(T_{i=1}^{n-1} x_i, x_n) = T(x_1, \dots, x_n).$$

A t-norm  $T$  can also be extended to a countable operation taking, for any sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $[0, 1]$ , the value

$$T_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_{i=1}^n x_i.$$

**Definition 1.1** ([66]). Let  $\ell = (L, \leq_L)$  be a complete lattice and let  $U$  be a nonempty set called the universe. An  $\ell$ -fuzzy set in  $U$  is defined as a mapping  $A : U \rightarrow L$ . For each  $u$  in  $U$ ,  $A(u)$  represents the degree (in  $L$ ) to which  $u$  is an element of  $U$ .

Consider the set  $L^*$  and operation  $\leq_{L^*}$  defined by

$$L^* = \{(x_1, x_2) : (x_1, x_2) \in [0, 1]^2 \text{ and } x_1 + x_2 \leq 1\},$$

$$(x_1, x_2) \leq_{L^*} (y_1, y_2) \iff x_1 \leq y_1, x_2 \geq y_2$$

for all  $(x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2) \in L^*$ . Then  $(L^*, \leq_{L^*})$  is a complete lattice (see [67]).

**Definition 1.2.** A triangular norm (t-norm) on  $L$  is a mapping  $T : L^2 \rightarrow L$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (1)  $T(x, 1_L) = x$  for all  $x \in L$ ; (boundary condition).
- (2)  $T(x, y) = T(y, x)$  for all  $(x, y) \in L^2$ ; (commutativity).
- (3)  $T(x, T(y, z)) = T(T(x, y), z)$  for all  $(x, y, z) \in L^3$ ; (associativity).
- (4)  $x \leq_L x', y \leq_L y' \implies T(x, y) \leq_L T(x', y')$  for all  $(x, x', y, y') \in L^4$ ; (monotonicity).

A t-norm  $T$  on  $\ell$  is said to be continuous if, for any  $x, y \in \ell$  and any sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  which converge to  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T(x_n, y_n) = T(x, y).$$

A t-norm  $T$  can also be defined recursively as an  $(n + 1)$ -ary operation ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) by  $T^1 = T$  and

$$T^n(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) = T(T^{n-1}(x_1, \dots, x_n), x_{n+1})$$

for all  $n \geq 2$  and  $x_i \in L$ .

**Definition 1.3.**

- (1) A negator on  $\ell$  is any decreasing mapping  $N : L \rightarrow L$  satisfying  $N(0_L) = 1_L$  and  $N(1_L) = 0_L$ .
- (2) If  $N(N(x)) = x$  for all  $x \in L$ , then  $N$  is called an involutive negator.
- (3) The negator  $N_s$  on  $([0, 1], \leq)$  defined as  $N_s(x) = 1 - x$  for all  $x \in [0, 1]$  is called the standard negator on  $([0, 1], \leq)$ .

**Definition 1.4.** The triple  $(X, M, T)$  is said to be an  $\ell$ -fuzzy metric space if  $X$  is an arbitrary (non-empty) set,  $T$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm on  $L$  and  $M$  is an  $\ell$ -fuzzy set on  $X^2 \times ]0, +\infty[$  satisfying the following conditions: for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $t, s \in ]0, +\infty[$ ,

- (1)  $M(x, y, t) >_L 0_L$ ;
- (2)  $M(x, y, t) = 1_L$  for all  $t > 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ ;
- (3)  $M(x, y, t) = M(y, x, t)$ ;
- (4)  $T(M(x, y, t), M(y, z, s)) \leq_L M(x, z, t + s)$ ;
- (5)  $M(x, y, \cdot) : ]0, +\infty[ \rightarrow L$  is continuous.

In this case,  $M$  is called an  $\ell$ -fuzzy metric.

**Definition 1.5.** The triple  $(V, P, T)$  is said to be an  $\ell$ -fuzzy normed space if  $V$  is a vector space,  $T$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm on  $L$  and  $P$  is an  $\ell$ -fuzzy set on  $V \times ]0, +\infty[$  satisfying the following conditions: for all  $x, y \in V$  and  $t, s \in ]0, +\infty[$ ,

- (1)  $P(x, t) >_L 0_L$ ;
- (2)  $P(x, t) = 1_L$  if and only if  $x = 0$ ;
- (3)  $P(\alpha x, t) = P(x, \frac{t}{|\alpha|})$  for each  $\alpha \neq 0$ ;
- (4)  $T(P(x, t), P(y, s)) \leq_L P(x + y, t + s)$ ;
- (5)  $P(x, \cdot) : ]0, +\infty[ \rightarrow L$  is continuous.
- (6)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} P(x, t) = 0_L$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P(x, t) = 1_L$ .

In this case,  $P$  is called an  $\ell$ -fuzzy norm.

**Definition 1.6.**

- (1) A sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in an  $\ell$ -fuzzy normed space  $(V, P, T)$  is called a Cauchy sequence if, for each  $\epsilon \in L \setminus \{0_L\}$  and  $t > 0$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that, for all  $n, m \geq n_0$ ,

$$P(x_n - x_m, t) >_L N(\epsilon),$$

where  $N$  is a negator on  $\ell$ .

- (2) A sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is said to be convergent to  $x \in V$  in the  $\ell$ -fuzzy normed space  $(V, P, T)$ , which is denoted by  $x_n \rightarrow x$  if  $P(x_n - x, t) \rightarrow 1_L$ , whenever  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  for all  $t > 0$ .
- (3) An  $\ell$ -fuzzy normed space  $(V, P, T)$  is said to be complete if and only if every Cauchy sequence in  $V$  is convergent.

Note that, if  $P$  is an  $\ell$ -fuzzy norm on  $V$ , then the following are satisfied:

- (1)  $P(x, t)$  is nondecreasing with respect to  $t$  for all  $x \in V$ .

(2)  $P(x - y, t) = P(y - x, t)$  for all  $x, y \in V$  and  $t \in ]0, +\infty[$ .

Let  $(V, P, T)$  be an  $\ell$ -fuzzy normed space. If we define

$$M(x, y, t) = P(x - y, t)$$

for all  $x, y \in V$  and  $t \in ]0, +\infty[$ , then  $M$  is an  $\ell$ -fuzzy metric on  $V$ , which is called the  $\ell$ -fuzzy metric induced by the  $\ell$ -fuzzy norm  $P$ .

In 1897, Hensel [68] introduced a field with a valuation in which does not have the Archimedean property.

**Definition 1.7.** Let  $K$  be a field. A non-Archimedean absolute value on  $K$  is a function  $|\cdot| : K \rightarrow [0, +\infty[$  such that, for any  $a, b \in K$ ,

- (1)  $|a| \geq 0$  and equality holds if and only if  $a = 0$ ,
- (2)  $|ab| = |a||b|$ ,
- (3)  $|a + b| \leq \max\{|a|, |b|\}$  (the strict triangle inequality).

Note that  $|n| \leq 1$  for each integer  $n$ . We always assume, in addition, that  $|\cdot|$  is non-trivial, i.e., there exists an  $a_0 \in K$  such that  $|a_0| \neq 0, 1$ .

**Definition 1.8.** A non-Archimedean  $\ell$ -fuzzy normed space is a triple  $(V, P, T)$ , where  $V$  is a vector space,  $T$  is a continuous  $t$ -norm on  $L$  and  $P$  is an  $\ell$ -fuzzy set on  $V \times ]0, +\infty[$  satisfying the following conditions: for all  $x, y \in V$  and  $t, s \in ]0, +\infty[$ ,

- (1)  $0_L <_L P(x, t)$ ;
- (2)  $P(x, t) = 1_L$  if and only if  $x = 0$ ;
- (3)  $P(\alpha x, t) = P(x, \frac{t}{|\alpha|})$  for all  $\alpha \neq 0$ ;
- (4)  $T(P(x, t), P(y, s)) \leq_L P(x + y, \max\{t, s\})$ ;
- (5)  $P(x, \cdot) : ]0, \infty[ \rightarrow L$  is continuous;
- (6)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} P(x, t) = 0_L$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P(x, t) = 1_L$ .

Recently, Gordji and Savadkouhi [29] proved the stability of cubic and quartic functional equations in non-Archimedean spaces. For more detailed definitions of such terminologies, we can refer to [30–32].

In 2010, Shakeri, Saadati and Park [69] investigated the classical quadratic functional equation

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

and proved the generalized Hyers–Ulam stability in the context of non-Archimedean  $\ell$ -fuzzy normed spaces. In the same year Xu, Rassias and Xu [70] investigated as well the stability of a mixed type additive cubic functional equation in non-Archimedean fuzzy normed spaces.

In the present paper we introduce the following functional equation

$$f(x + 2y) + f(x - 2y) = 4(f(x + y) + f(x - y)) - 24f(y) - 6f(x) + 3f(2y)$$

and prove the generalized Hyers–Ulam–Rassias stability in non-Archimedean  $\ell$ -fuzzy normed spaces.

## 2 Main Results

In this section, we investigate the generalized Hyers–Ulam–Rassias stability of the mixed type cubic and quartic functional equation

$$f(x+2y) + f(x-2y) = 4(f(x+y) + f(x-y)) - 24f(y) - 6f(x) + 3f(2y).$$

Let  $\Psi$  be an  $\ell$ -fuzzy set on  $X \times X \times [0, \infty)$  such that  $\Psi(x, y, \cdot)$  is nondecreasing,

$$\Psi(cx, cx, t) \geq_L \Psi\left(x, x, \frac{t}{|c|}\right), \quad \forall x \in X, c \neq 0$$

and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \Psi(x, y, t) = 1_\ell, \quad \forall x, y \in X, t > 0.$$

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $K$  be a non-Archimedean field,  $X$  a vector space over  $K$  and  $(Y, P, T)$  a non-Archimedean  $\ell$ -fuzzy Banach space over  $K$ . Suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an odd mapping satisfying*

$$P(f(x+2y)+f(x-2y)-4f(x+y)-4f(x-y)+24f(y)+6f(x)-3f(2y), t) \geq_L \Psi(x, y, t) \quad (2.1)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . If there exists an  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and an integer  $k$ ,  $k \geq 2$  with  $|2^k| < \alpha$  and  $|2| \neq 0$  such that

$$\Psi(2^{-k}x, 2^{-k}y, t) \geq_L \Psi(x, y, \alpha t), \quad \forall x \in X, t > 0, \quad (2.2)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_{j=n}^\infty M\left(x, \frac{\alpha^j t}{|2|^{kj}}\right) = 1_\ell, \quad \forall x \in X, t > 0,$$

then there exists a unique cubic mapping  $C : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$P(f(x) - C(x), t) \geq T_{i=0}^\infty M\left(x, \frac{\alpha^{i+1} t}{|2|^{ki}}\right), \quad \forall x \in X, t > 0, \quad (2.3)$$

where

$$M(x, t) := T(\Psi(0, x, 3t), \Psi(0, 2x, 3t), \dots, \Psi(0, 2^{k-1}x, 3t))$$

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

*Proof.* First, we show, by induction on  $j$ , that, for all  $x \in X$ ,  $t > 0$  and  $j \geq 1$ ,

$$P(f(2^j x) - 8^j f(x), t) \geq_L M_j(x, t) := T(\Psi(0, x, 3t), \dots, \Psi(0, 2^{j-1}x, 3t)). \quad (2.4)$$

Putting  $x = 0$  in (2.1), we obtain

$$P(3f(2y) - 24f(y), t) \geq_L \Psi(0, y, t), \quad (2.5)$$

for all  $y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . If we replace  $y$  in (2.5) by  $x$ , we get

$$P(f(2x) - 8f(x), t) \geq_L \Psi(0, x, 3t),$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . This proves (2.4) for  $j = 1$ . Let (2.4) holds for some  $j > 1$ . Putting  $x = 0$  and  $y = 2^j x$  in (2.1), we get

$$P(f(2^{j+1}x) - 8f(2^j x), t) \geq_L \Psi(0, 2^j x, 3t),$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Since  $|2| < 1$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & P(f(2^{j+1}x) - 8^{j+1}f(x), t) \\ & \geq_L T(P(f(2^{j+1}x) - 8f(2^j x), t), P(8f(2^j x) - 8^{j+1}f(x), t)) \\ & = T\left(P(f(2^{j+1}x) - 8f(2^j x), t), P\left(f(2^j x) - 8^j f(x), \frac{t}{|8|}\right)\right) \\ & \geq_L T(P(f(2^{j+1}x) - 8f(2^j x), t), P(f(2^j x) - 8^j f(x), t)) \\ & = T(\Psi(0, 2^j x, 3t), M_j(x, t)) \\ & = M_{j+1}(x, t), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Thus (2.4) holds for all  $j \geq 1$ . In particular, we have

$$P(f(2^k x) - 8^k f(x), t) \geq_L M(x, t), \tag{2.6}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $2^{-(kn+k)}x$  in (2.6) and using the inequality (2.2), we obtain

$$P\left(f\left(\frac{x}{2^{kn}}\right) - 8^k f\left(\frac{x}{2^{kn+k}}\right), t\right) \geq_L M\left(\frac{x}{2^{kn+k}}, t\right) \geq_L M(x, \alpha^{n+1}t)$$

for all  $x \in X, t > 0$  and  $n \geq 0$ . Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} P\left((2^{3k})^n f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^n}\right) - (2^{3k})^{n+1} f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^{n+1}}\right), t\right) & \geq_L M\left(x, \frac{\alpha^{n+1}}{|(2^{3k})^n|}t\right) \\ & \geq_L M\left(x, \frac{\alpha^{n+1}}{|(2^k)^n|}t\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X, t > 0$  and  $n \geq 0$ . Hence it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & P\left((2^{3k})^n f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^n}\right) - (2^{3k})^{n+p} f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^{n+p}}\right), t\right) \\ & \geq_L T_{j=n}^{n+p-1} P\left((2^{3k})^j f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^j}\right) - (2^{3k})^{j+1} f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^{j+1}}\right), t\right) \\ & \geq_L T_{j=n}^{n+p-1} M\left(x, \frac{\alpha^{j+1}}{|(2^k)^j|}t\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X, t > 0$  and  $n \geq 0$ . Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_{j=n}^\infty M(x, \frac{\alpha^{j+1}}{|(2^k)^j|}t) = 1_\ell$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ ,  $\{(2^{3k})^n f(\frac{x}{(2^k)^n})\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a Cauchy sequence in the non-Archimedean  $\ell$ -fuzzy Banach space  $(Y, P, T)$ . Hence we can define a mapping  $C : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left((2^{3k})^n f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^n}\right) - C(x), t\right) = 1_\ell \tag{2.7}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Next, for all  $n \geq 1$ ,  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & P\left(f(x) - (2^{3k})^n f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^n}\right), t\right) \\ &= P\left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left[(2^{3k})^i f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^i}\right) - (2^{3k})^{i+1} f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^{i+1}}\right)\right], t\right) \\ &\geq_L T_{i=0}^{n-1} \left(P\left((2^{3k})^i f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^i}\right) - (2^{3k})^{i+1} f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^{i+1}}\right), t\right)\right) \\ &\geq_L T_{i=0}^{n-1} M\left(x, \frac{\alpha^{i+1}}{|2^k|^i} t\right) \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} & P(f(x) - C(x), t) \\ &\geq_L T\left(P\left(f(x) - (2^{3k})^n f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^n}\right), t\right), P\left((2^{3k})^n f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^n}\right) - C(x), t\right)\right) \\ &\geq_L T\left(T_{i=0}^{n-1} M\left(x, \frac{\alpha^{i+1}}{|2^k|^i} t\right), P\left((2^{3k})^n f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^n}\right) - C(x), t\right)\right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

Taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.8), we obtain

$$P(f(x) - C(x), t) \geq_L T_{i=0}^{\infty} M\left(x, \frac{\alpha^{i+1} t}{|2^k|^i}\right),$$

which proves (2.3). Replacing  $x, y$  by  $2^{-kn}x, 2^{-kn}y$  in (2.1) and (2.2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & P\left((8^k)^n f\left(\frac{x+2y}{2^{kn}}\right) + (8^k)^n f\left(\frac{x-2y}{2^{kn}}\right) - 4(8^k)^n f\left(\frac{x+y}{2^{kn}}\right) - 4(8^k)^n f\left(\frac{x-y}{2^{kn}}\right)\right. \\ &\quad \left.+ 24(8^k)^n f\left(\frac{y}{2^{kn}}\right) + 6(8^k)^n f\left(\frac{x}{2^{kn}}\right) - 3(8^k)^n f\left(\frac{2y}{2^{kn}}\right), t\right) \\ &\geq_L \Psi\left(2^{-kn}x, 2^{-kn}y, \frac{t}{|2^{3k}|^n}\right) \\ &\geq_L \Psi\left(x, y, \frac{\alpha^n t}{|2^k|^n}\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Psi(x, y, \frac{\alpha^n t}{|2^k|^n}) = 1_\ell$ , we infer that  $C$  is a cubic mapping. For the uniqueness of  $C$ , let  $C' : X \rightarrow Y$  be another cubic mapping such that

$$P\left(C'(x) - f(x), t\right) \geq_L T_{i=0}^{\infty} M\left(x, \frac{\alpha^{i+1} t}{|2^k|^i}\right)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Then we have, for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & P(C(x) - C'(x), t) \\ &\geq_L T\left(P\left(C(x) - (2^{3k})^n f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^n}\right), t\right), P\left((2^{3k})^n f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^n}\right) - C'(x), t\right)\right). \end{aligned}$$



Therefore, from (2.7), we conclude that  $C = C'$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $K$  be a non-Archimedean field,  $X$  a vector space over  $K$  and  $(Y, P, T)$  a non-Archimedean  $\ell$ -fuzzy Banach space over  $K$ . Suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an even mapping satisfying*

$$P(f(x+2y)+f(x-2y)-4f(x+y)-4f(x-y)+24f(y)+6f(x)-3f(2y), t) \geq_L \Psi(x, y, t) \tag{2.9}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . If there exist an  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and an integer  $k, k \geq 2$  with  $|2^k| < \alpha$  and  $|2| \neq 0$  such that

$$\Psi(2^{-k}x, 2^{-k}y, t) \geq_L \Psi(x, y, \alpha t), \quad \forall x \in X, t > 0, \tag{2.10}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_{j=n}^\infty N \left( x, \frac{\alpha^j t}{|2|^{kj}} \right) = 1_\ell, \quad \forall x \in X, t > 0,$$

then there exists a unique quartic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$P(f(x) - Q(x), t) \geq T_{i=0}^\infty N \left( x, \frac{\alpha^{i+1} t}{|2|^{ki}} \right), \quad \forall x \in X, t > 0, \tag{2.11}$$

where

$$N(x, t) := T(\Psi(0, x, t), \Psi(0, 2x, t), \dots, \Psi(0, 2^{k-1}x, t))$$

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

*Proof.* First, we show, by induction on  $j$ , that, for all  $x \in X, t > 0$  and  $j \geq 1$ ,

$$P(f(2^j x) - 16^j f(x), t) \geq_L N_j(x, t) := T(\Psi(0, x, t), \dots, \Psi(0, 2^{j-1}x, t)). \tag{2.12}$$

Putting  $x = 0$  in (2.9), we obtain

$$P(f(2y) - 16f(y), t) \geq_L \Psi(0, y, t), \tag{2.13}$$

for all  $y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . If we replace  $y$  in (2.13) by  $x$ , we get

$$P(f(2x) - 16f(x), t) \geq_L \Psi(0, x, t),$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . This proves (2.12) for  $j = 1$ . Let (2.12) holds for some  $j > 1$ . Putting  $x = 0$  and  $y = 2^j x$  in (2.9), we get

$$P(f(2^{j+1}x) - 16f(2^j x), t) \geq_L \Psi(0, 2^j x, t),$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Since  $|2| < 1$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & P(f(2^{j+1}x) - 16^{j+1}f(x), t) \\ & \geq_L T(P(f(2^{j+1}x) - 16f(2^j x), t), P(16f(2^j x) - 16^{j+1}f(x), t)) \\ & = T \left( P(f(2^{j+1}x) - 16f(2^j x), t), P \left( f(2^j x) - 16^j f(x), \frac{t}{|16|} \right) \right) \\ & \geq_L T(P(f(2^{j+1}x) - 16f(2^j x), t), P(f(2^j x) - 16^j f(x), t)) \\ & = T(\Psi(0, 2^j x, t), N_j(x, t)) \\ & = N_{j+1}(x, t), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Thus (2.12) holds for all  $j \geq 1$ . In particular, we have

$$P(f(2^k x) - 16^k f(x), t) \geq_L N(x, t), \quad (2.14)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $2^{-(kn+k)}x$  in (2.14) and using the inequality (2.10), we obtain

$$P\left(f\left(\frac{x}{2^{kn}}\right) - 16^k f\left(\frac{x}{2^{kn+k}}\right), t\right) \geq_L N\left(\frac{x}{2^{kn+k}}, t\right) \geq_L N(x, \alpha^{n+1}t)$$

for all  $x \in X$ ,  $t > 0$  and  $n \geq 0$ . Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} P\left((2^{4k})^n f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^n}\right) - (2^{4k})^{n+1} f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^{n+1}}\right), t\right) &\geq_L N\left(x, \frac{\alpha^{n+1}}{|(2^{4k})^n|}t\right) \\ &\geq_L N\left(x, \frac{\alpha^{n+1}}{|(2^k)^n|}t\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$ ,  $t > 0$  and  $n \geq 0$ . Hence it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} &P\left((2^{4k})^n f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^n}\right) - (2^{4k})^{n+p} f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^{n+p}}\right), t\right) \\ &\geq_L T_{j=n}^{n+p-1} P\left((2^{4k})^j f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^j}\right) - (2^{4k})^{j+1} f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^{j+1}}\right), t\right) \\ &\geq_L T_{j=n}^{n+p-1} N\left(x, \frac{\alpha^{j+1}}{|(2^k)^j|}t\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$ ,  $t > 0$  and  $n \geq 0$ . Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_{j=n}^{\infty} N(x, \frac{\alpha^{j+1}}{|(2^k)^j|}t) = 1_\ell$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ ,  $\{(2^{4k})^n f(\frac{x}{(2^k)^n})\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a Cauchy sequence in the non-Archimedean  $\ell$ -fuzzy Banach space  $(Y, P, T)$ . Hence we can define a mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left((2^{4k})^n f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^n}\right) - Q(x), t\right) = 1_\ell \quad (2.15)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Next, for all  $n \geq 1$ ,  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &P\left(f(x) - (2^{4k})^n f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^n}\right), t\right) \\ &= P\left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left[(2^{4k})^i f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^i}\right) - (2^{4k})^{i+1} f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^{i+1}}\right)\right], t\right) \\ &\geq_L T_{i=0}^{n-1} \left(P\left((2^{4k})^i f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^i}\right) - (2^{4k})^{i+1} f\left(\frac{x}{(2^k)^{i+1}}\right), t\right)\right) \\ &\geq_L T_{i=0}^{n-1} N\left(x, \frac{\alpha^{i+1}}{|2^k|^i}t\right) \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned}
 &P(f(x) - Q(x), t) \\
 &\geq_L T \left( P \left( f(x) - (2^{4k})^n f \left( \frac{x}{(2^k)^n} \right), t \right), P \left( (2^{4k})^n f \left( \frac{x}{(2^k)^n} \right) - Q(x), t \right) \right) \\
 &\geq_L T \left( T_{i=0}^{n-1} N \left( x, \frac{\alpha^{i+1} t}{|2^k|^i} \right), P \left( (2^{4k})^n f \left( \frac{x}{(2^k)^n} \right) - Q(x), t \right) \right). \tag{2.16}
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.16), we obtain

$$P(f(x) - Q(x), t) \geq_L T_{i=0}^\infty N \left( x, \frac{\alpha^{i+1} t}{|2^k|^i} \right),$$

which proves (2.11). As  $T$  is continuous, from a well known result in  $\ell$ -fuzzy (probabilistic) normed space, replacing  $x, y$  by  $2^{-kn}x, 2^{-kn}y$  in (2.9) and (2.10), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 &P \left( (16^k)^n f \left( \frac{x+2y}{2^{kn}} \right) + (16^k)^n f \left( \frac{x-2y}{2^{kn}} \right) - 4(16^k)^n f \left( \frac{x+y}{2^{kn}} \right) - 4(16^k)^n f \left( \frac{x-y}{2^{kn}} \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + 24(16^k)^n f \left( \frac{y}{2^{kn}} \right) + 6(16^k)^n f \left( \frac{x}{2^{kn}} \right) - 3(16^k)^n f \left( \frac{2y}{2^{kn}} \right), t \right) \\
 &\geq_L \Psi \left( 2^{-kn}x, 2^{-kn}y, \frac{t}{|2^{4k}|^n} \right) \\
 &\geq_L \Psi \left( x, y, \frac{\alpha^n t}{|2^k|^n} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Psi(x, y, \frac{\alpha^n t}{|2^k|^n}) = 1_\ell$ , we infer that  $Q$  is a quartic mapping. For the uniqueness of  $Q$ , let  $Q' : X \rightarrow Y$  be another quartic mapping such that

$$P(Q'(x) - f(x), t) \geq_L T_{i=0}^\infty N \left( x, \frac{\alpha^{i+1} t}{|2^k|^i} \right)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Then we have, for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &P(Q(x) - Q'(x), t) \\
 &\geq_L T \left( P \left( Q(x) - (2^{4k})^n f \left( \frac{x}{(2^k)^n} \right), t \right), P \left( (2^{4k})^n f \left( \frac{x}{(2^k)^n} \right) - Q'(x), t \right) \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, from (2.15), we conclude that  $Q = Q'$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $K$  be a non-Archimedean field,  $X$  a vector space over  $K$  and  $(Y, P, T)$  a non-Archimedean  $\ell$ -fuzzy Banach space over  $K$ . Suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a mapping satisfying*

$$P(f(x+2y)+f(x-2y)-4f(x+y)-4f(x-y)+24f(y)+6f(x)-3f(2y), t) \geq_L \Psi(x, y, t) \tag{2.17}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . If there exist an  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and an integer  $k, k \geq 2$  with  $|2^k| < \alpha$  and  $|2| \neq 0$  such that

$$\Psi(2^{-k}x, 2^{-k}y, t) \geq_L \Psi(x, y, \alpha t), \quad \forall x \in X, t > 0, \quad (2.18)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_{j=n}^{\infty} \left( T \left( M \left( x, \frac{2\alpha^j t}{|2|^{kj}} \right), M \left( -x, \frac{2\alpha^j t}{|2|^{kj}} \right) \right) \right) = 1_{\ell},$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_{j=n}^{\infty} \left( T \left( N \left( x, \frac{2\alpha^j t}{|2|^{kj}} \right), N \left( -x, \frac{2\alpha^j t}{|2|^{kj}} \right) \right) \right) = 1_{\ell},$$

then there exist a cubic mapping  $C : X \rightarrow Y$  and a quartic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$P(f(x) - C(x) - Q(x), t) \geq_L T \left( T_{i=0}^{\infty} \left( T \left( M \left( x, \frac{2\alpha^{i+1}t}{|2^{k|i}} \right), M \left( -x, \frac{2\alpha^{i+1}t}{|2^{k|i}} \right) \right) \right), T_{i=0}^{\infty} \left( T \left( N \left( x, \frac{2\alpha^{i+1}t}{|2^{k|i}} \right), N \left( -x, \frac{2\alpha^{i+1}t}{|2^{k|i}} \right) \right) \right) \right), \quad (2.19)$$

where

$$M(x, t) := T(\Psi(0, x, 3t), \Psi(0, 2x, 3t), \dots, \Psi(0, 2^{k-1}x, 3t)),$$

$$N(x, t) := T(\Psi(0, x, t), \Psi(0, 2x, t), \dots, \Psi(0, 2^{k-1}x, t)),$$

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

*Proof.* Let  $f_o(x) = \frac{1}{2}[f(x) - f(-x)]$  for all  $x \in X$ . Then  $f_o(0) = 0, f_o(-x) = -f_o(x)$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} & P(f_o(x+2y) + f_o(x-2y) - 4f_o(x+y) - 4f_o(x-y) + 24f_o(y) + 6f_o(x) - 3f_o(2y), t) \\ & \geq_L T(P((1/2)[f(x+2y) + f(x-2y) - 4f(x+y) - 4f(x-y) + 24f(y) + 6f(x) \\ & \quad - 3f(2y)], t), P((-1/2)[f(-x-2y) + f(-x+2y) - 4f(-x-y) - 4f(-x+y) \\ & \quad + 24f(-y) + 6f(-x) - 3f(-2y)], t)) \\ & \geq_L T(\Psi(x, y, 2t), \Psi(-x, -y, 2t)) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . By Theorem 2.1, it follows that there exists a unique cubic function  $C : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying

$$P(f_o(x) - C(x), t) \geq_L T_{i=0}^{\infty} \left( T \left( M \left( x, \frac{2\alpha^{i+1}t}{|2^{k|i}} \right), M \left( -x, \frac{2\alpha^{i+1}t}{|2^{k|i}} \right) \right) \right) \quad (2.20)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Let  $f_e(x) = \frac{1}{2}[f(x) + f(-x)]$  for all  $x \in X$ . Then  $f_e(0) = 0, f_e(-x) = f_e(x)$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} & P(f_e(x+2y) + f_e(x-2y) - 4f_e(x+y) - 4f_e(x-y) + 24f_e(y) + 6f_e(x) - 3f_e(2y), t) \\ & \geq_L T(P((1/2)[f(x+2y) + f(x-2y) - 4f(x+y) - 4f(x-y) + 24f(y) + 6f(x) \\ & \quad - 3f(2y)], t), P((1/2)[f(-x-2y) + f(-x+2y) - 4f(-x-y) - 4f(-x+y) \\ & \quad + 24f(-y) + 6f(-x) - 3f(-2y)], t)) \\ & \geq_L T(\Psi(x, y, 2t), \Psi(-x, -y, 2t)) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . By Theorem 2.2, it follows that there exists a unique quartic function  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying

$$P(f_\epsilon(x) - Q(x), t) \geq_L T_{i=0}^\infty \left( T \left( N \left( x, \frac{2\alpha^{i+1}t}{|2^k|^i} \right), N \left( -x, \frac{2\alpha^{i+1}t}{|2^k|^i} \right) \right) \right) \quad (2.21)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Hence (2.19) follows from (2.20) and (2.21).  $\square$

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