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# TERNARY JORDAN HOMOMORPHISMS IN C\*-TERNARY ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. In this note, we prove the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of Jordan homomorphisms in  $C^*$ -ternary algebras for the following generalized Cauchy-Jensen additive mapping:

$$rf(\frac{s\sum_{j=1}^{p} x_j + t\sum_{j=1}^{d} x_j}{r}) = s\sum_{j=1}^{p} f(x_j) + t\sum_{j=1}^{d} f(x_j)$$

and generalize some results concerning this functional equation.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Ternary algebraic structures appear more or less naturally in various domain of theoretical and mathematical physics, for example the quark model inspired a particular brand of ternary algebraic system. One of such attempt has been proposed by Y. Nambu in 1973, and known under the name of "Nambu mechanics" since then [43] (see also [1, 45] and [46]).

A  $C^*$ -ternary algebra is a complex Banach space A, equipped with a ternary product  $(x, y, z) \mapsto [x, y, z]$  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, u, v]] = [x, [u, z, y], v] = [[x, y, z], u, v], and satisfies  $||[x, y, z]|| \leq ||x|| \cdot ||y|| \cdot ||z||$  and  $||[x, x, x]|| = ||x||^3$ . 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

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routine to verify that A, endowed with xoy := [x, e, y] and  $x^* := [e, x, e]$ , is a unital  $C^*$ -algebra. Conversely, if (A, o) is a unital  $C^*$ - algebra, then  $[x, y, z] := xoy^*oz$  makes A into a  $C^*$ -ternary algebra.

A C-linear mapping  $H: A \to B$  between C\*-ternary algebras is called a ternary Jordan homomorphism if

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

for all  $x \in A$ .

The stability of functional equations started with the following question concerning stability of group homomorphisms proposed by S.M. Ulam [44] during a talk before a Mathematical Colloquium at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in 1940:

Let  $(G_1, .)$  be a group and let  $(G_2, *)$  be a metric group with the metric d(., .). Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , can a  $\delta > 0$  be found so if a mapping  $h : G_1 \longrightarrow G_2$  satisfies the inequality  $d(h(x.y), h(x) * h(y)) < \delta$ , for all  $x, y \in G_1$ , then a homomorphism  $H : G_1 \longrightarrow G_2$  exists with  $d(h(x), H(x)) < \varepsilon$ , for all  $x \in G_1$ .

In 1941, Hyers [18] provide the first (partial) answer to Ulam's problem as follows: If E and E' are Banach spaces and  $f: E \longrightarrow E'$  is a mapping for which there is  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $||f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y)|| \le \varepsilon$  for all  $x, y \in E$ , then there is a unique additive mapping  $L: E \longrightarrow E'$  such that  $||f(x) - L(x)|| \le \varepsilon$  for all  $x \in E$ . Hyers?theorem was generalized by Aoki [3] for additive mappings and by Rassias [35] for linear mappings by considering an unbounded Cauchy difference. The paper of Rassias [35] has provided a lot of influence in the development of what we now call generalized Hyers-Ulam stability or Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of functional equations. On the other hand, J.M. Rassias (see [32]–[34]) solved the Ulam problem by involving a product of different powers of norms. In 1994, a generalization of the Rassias' theorem was obtained by Găvruta [17] by replacing the unbounded Cauchy difference by a general control function in the spirit of Rassias' approach. For more details about the results concerning such problems the reader is referred to [2]–[31] and [36]–[41].

In this paper, we have analyzed some detail of  $C^*$ -ternary algebra. A detailed study of how we can have the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of Jordan homomorphism in  $C^*$  ternary algebra associated with the following generalized Cauchy-Jensen additive mapping

$$rf(\frac{s\sum_{j=1}^{p} x_j + t\sum_{j=1}^{d} x_j}{r}) = s\sum_{j=1}^{p} f(x_j) + t\sum_{j=1}^{d} f(x_j)$$

is given.

## 2. Stability of Jordan homomorphisms

Let A, B be  $C^*$ -ternary algebras. For a given mapping  $f: A \longrightarrow B$ , we define

$$C_{\mu}f(x_1, ..., x_p, y_1, ..., y_d) := rf(\frac{s\sum_{j=1}^p \mu x_j + t\sum_{j=1}^d \mu x_j}{r}) - s\sum_{j=1}^p \mu f(x_j) - t\sum_{j=1}^d \mu f(x_j)$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1 := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : |\lambda| = 1\}$  and all  $x_1, ..., x_p, y_1, ..., y_d \in A$ . One can easily show that a mapping  $f : A \longrightarrow A$  satisfies

$$C_{\mu}f(x_1, ..., x_p, y_1, ..., y_d) = 0$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$  and all  $x_1, ..., x_p, y_1, ..., y_d \in A$  if and only if

$$f(\mu x + \lambda y) = \mu f(x) + \lambda f(y)$$

for all  $\mu, \lambda \in \mathbb{T}^1$  and all  $x, y \in A$ .

We will use the following lemmas in this paper:

**Lemma 2.1.** [29] Let  $f : A \longrightarrow A$  be an additive mapping such that  $f(\mu x) = \mu f(x)$  for all  $x \in A$  and all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ . Then the mapping f is  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear.

**Lemma 2.2.** [26] Let  $\{x_n\}_n, \{y_n\}_n$  and  $\{z_n\}_n$  be convergent sequences in A. Then the sequence  $\{[x_n, y_n, z_n]\}_n$  is convergent in A.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $r, \theta$  be non-negative real numbers such that  $r \in (-\infty, 1) \cup (3, +\infty)$ , and let  $f : A \longrightarrow A$  be a mapping such that

$$\|C_{\mu}f(x_1,...,x_p,y_1,...,y_d)\|_A \le \theta(\sum_{j=1}^p \|x_j\|_A^r + \sum_{j=1}^d \|y_j\|_A^r)$$
(2.1)

and

$$\|f([x,x,x]) - [f(x), f(x), f(x)]\|_A \le 3\theta \|x\|_A^r$$
(2.2)

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$  and all  $x, x_1, ..., x_p, y_1, ..., y_d \in A$ . Then there exists a unique ternary Jordan homomorphism  $h : A \longrightarrow A$  such that

$$\|f(x) - h(x)\|_{A} \le \frac{2^{r}(p+d)\theta}{|2(p+2d)^{r} - (p+2d)2^{r}|} \|x\|_{A}^{r}$$
(2.3)

for all  $x \in A$ .

*Proof.* Letting  $\mu = 1$  and  $x_1 = ... = x_p = y_1, ..., y_d = x$  and s = 1, t = 2 in (2.1), we get

$$\|f((p+2d)x) - (p+2d)f(x)\| \le (p+d)\theta \|x\|_A^r$$
(2.4)

for all  $x \in A$ . So

$$\|f(x) - (p+2d)f(\frac{x}{p+2d})\| \le \frac{(p+d)\theta}{2^r(p+2d)^r} \|x\|_A^r$$

for all  $x \in A$ . Hence

$$\|(p+2d)^{l}f(\frac{x}{(p+2d)^{l}} - (p+2d)^{m}f(\frac{x}{(p+2d)^{m}}\| \le \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \|(p+2d)^{j}f(\frac{x}{(p+2d)^{j}}) - (p+2d)^{j+1}f(\frac{x}{(p+2d)^{j+1}})\| \le \frac{\theta}{2^{r}} \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \frac{(p+2d)^{j}}{(p+2d)^{rj}} \|x\|_{A}^{r}$$
(2.5)

for all non-negative integers m and l with m > 1 and all  $x \in A$ . It follows from (2.5) that the sequence  $\{(p+2d)^n f(\frac{x}{(p+2d)^n})\}$  is a Cauchy sequence for all  $x \in A$ .

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Since A is complete, the sequence  $\{(p+2d)^n f(\frac{x}{(p+2d)^n})\}$  converges. So one can define the mapping  $h: A \longrightarrow A$  by

$$h(x) := \lim_{n \to \infty} (p + 2d)^n f(\frac{x}{(p + 2d)^n})$$

for all  $x \in A$ .

Moreover letting l = 0 and passing the limit  $m \to \infty$  in (2.5), we get (2.3). It follows from (2.1) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|rh(\frac{(p+2d)x}{r}) - (p+2d)h(x)\| &\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} (p+2d)^n \|rf(\frac{x}{(p+2d)^{n-1}}) \\ &- (p+2d)f(\frac{x}{(p+2d)^n})\| \leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(p+2d)^n}{(p+2d)^{nr}} (3\theta \|x\|_A^r) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in A$ . So

$$rh(\frac{s\sum_{j=1}^{p}x_j + t\sum_{j=1}^{d}x_j}{r}) = s\sum_{j=1}^{p}h(x_j) + t\sum_{j=1}^{d}h(x_j)$$

for all  $x \in A$ . By Lemma 2.1, the mapping  $h : A \longrightarrow A$  is Cauchy additive. By the same reasoning as in the proof of Theorem 2.1 of [29], the mapping  $h : A \longrightarrow A$  is  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear.

It follows from (2.2) that

$$\begin{split} \|h([x,x,x]) - [h(x),h(x),h(x)]\| &\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} (p+2d)^{3n} \|f(\frac{[x,x,x]}{(p+2d)^{3n}}) \\ &- [f(\frac{x}{(p+2d)^n}),f(\frac{x}{(p+2d)^n}),f(\frac{x}{(p+2d)^n})]\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(p+2d)^{3n}}{(p+2d)^{nr}} (3\theta \|x\|_A^r) = 0 \end{split}$$

for all  $x \in A$ . So

$$h([x, x, x]) = [h(x), h(x), h(x)]$$

for all  $x \in A$ .

Now, let  $T : A \longrightarrow A$  be another Cauchy-Jensen additive mapping satisfying (2.3). Then we have

$$\begin{split} \|h(x) - T(x)\| &= (p+2d)^n \|h(\frac{x}{(p+2d)^n}) - T(\frac{x}{(p+2d)^n})\| \\ &\leq (p+2d)^n (\|h(\frac{x}{(p+2d)^n}) - f(\frac{x}{(p+2d)^n})\| + \|T(\frac{x}{(p+2d)^n}) - f(x(p+2d)^n)\|) \\ &\leq \frac{6(p+2d)^n \theta}{((2)^r - (2))(p+2d)^{nr}} \|x\|_A^r \end{split}$$

which tends to zero as  $n \longrightarrow \infty$  for all  $x \in A$ . So we can conclude that h(x) = T(x) for all  $x \in A$ . This proves the uniqueness property of h. Thus the mapping

 $h: A \longrightarrow A$  is unique  $C^*$ -ternary algebra Jordan homomorphism satisfying (2.3).

**Theorem 2.4.** Let r, s and  $\theta$  be non-negative real numbers such that 0 < r < 1, 0 < s < 3 (respectively, r > 1, s > 3) and let  $d \ge 2$ . Suppose that  $f : A \longrightarrow A$  is a mapping with f(0) = 0, satisfying (2.1) and

$$||f([x,x,x]) - [f(x), f(x), f(x)]||_A \le 3\theta ||x||_A^s$$
(2.4)

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$  and all  $x \in A$ . Then there exists a unique  $C^*$ -ternary algebra Jordan homomorphism  $h : A \longrightarrow A$  such that

$$||f(x) - h(x)||_A \le \frac{d\theta}{2|d - d^r|} ||x||_A^r \qquad (2.5)$$

for all  $x \in A$ .

*Proof.* Case I. 0 < r < 1 and 0 < s < 3. Letting  $\mu = 1, x_1 = \dots = x_p = 0$  and  $y_1 = \dots = y_d = x$  and t = 1 in (2.1), we get

$$||f(dx) - df(x)||_A \le \frac{d\theta}{2} ||x||_A^r$$
 (2.6)

for all  $x \in A$ . If we replace x by  $d^n$  in (2.6) and divide both sides of (2.6) to  $d^{n+1}$ , we get

$$\|\frac{1}{d^{n+1}}f(d^{n+1}x) - \frac{1}{d^n}f(d^nx)\|_A \le \frac{\theta}{2}d^{(r-1)n}\|x\|_A^r$$

for all  $x \in A$  and all non-negative integers n. Therefore,

$$\|\frac{1}{d^{n+1}}f(d^{n+1}x) - \frac{1}{d^m}f(d^mx)\|_A \le \frac{\theta}{2}\sum_{i=m}^n d^{(r-1)i}\|x\|_A^r$$
(2.7)

for all  $x \in A$  and all non-negative integers  $n \ge m$ . From this it follows that the sequence  $\{\frac{1}{d^n}f(d^nx)\}$  is Cauchy for all  $x \in A$ . Since A is complete, the sequence  $\{\frac{1}{d^n}f(d^nx)\}$  converges. Thus one can define the mapping  $h : A \longrightarrow A$  by

$$h(x) := \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{d^n} f(d^n x)$$

for all  $x \in A$ . Moreover, letting m = 0 and passing the limit  $n \longrightarrow \infty$  in (2.7) we get (2.5). It follows from (2.1) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|rh(\frac{s\sum_{j=1}^{p}\mu x_{j} + t\sum_{j=1}^{d}\mu y_{j}}{r}) - s\sum_{j=1}^{p}\mu h(x_{j}) - t\sum_{j=1}^{d}\mu h(y_{j})\|_{A} \\ &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{d^{n}} \|rf(d^{n}\frac{s\sum_{j=1}^{p}\mu x_{j} + t\sum_{j=1}^{d}\mu y_{j}}{r}) - s\sum_{j=1}^{p}\mu f(d^{n}x_{j}) - t\sum_{j=1}^{d}\mu f(d^{n}y_{j})\|_{A} \\ &\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{d^{nr}}{d^{n}} \theta(\sum_{j=1}^{p}\|x_{j}\|_{A}^{r} + \sum_{j=1}^{d}\|y_{j}\|_{A}^{r}) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$  and all  $x_1, ..., x_p, y_1, ..., y_d \in A$ . Hence

$$rh(\frac{s\sum_{j=1}^{p}\mu x_j + t\sum_{j=1}^{d}\mu y_j}{r}) = s\sum_{j=1}^{p}\mu h(x_j) + t\sum_{j=1}^{d}\mu h(y_j)$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$  and all  $x_1, ..., x_p, y_1, ..., y_d \in A$ . So  $h(\lambda x + \mu y) = \lambda h(x) + \mu h(y)$  for all  $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$  and all  $x, y \in A$ . Therefore by Lemma 2.1, the mapping  $h : A \longrightarrow A$  is  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear.

It follows from Lemma 2.2 and (2.4) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|h([x,x,x]) - [h(x),h(x),h(x)]\|_{A} &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{d^{3n}} \|f([d^{n}x,d^{n}x,d^{n}x]) \\ &- [f(d^{n}x),f(d^{n}x),f(d^{n}x)]\|_{A} \le \theta \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{d^{ns}}{d^{3n}} (\|x\|_{A}^{s} + \|x\|_{A}^{s} + \|x\|_{A}^{s}) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in A$ . Thus

$$h([x, x, x]) = [h(x), h(x), h(x)]$$

for all  $x \in A$ .

We can proved that the mapping  $h : A \longrightarrow A$  is a unique  $C^*$ -ternary algebra Jordan homomorphism satisfying (2.5), as desired (see [26]).

Case II.r > 1, s > 3.

We can define the mapping  $h: A \longrightarrow A$  by

$$h(x) := \lim_{n \longrightarrow \infty} d^n f(d^{-n}x)$$

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

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $r, \theta$  be non-negative real numbers such that  $r \in (-\infty, \frac{1}{p+d}) \cup (1, +\infty)$ , and let  $f : A \longrightarrow A$  be a mapping such that

$$\|C_{\mu}f(x_1,...,x_p,y_1,...,y_d)\|_A \le \theta \prod_{j=1}^p \|x_j\|_A^r \cdot \prod_{j=1}^d \|y_j\|_A^r$$
(2.8)

and

$$||f([x, x, x]) - [f(x), f(x), f(x)]||_A \le \theta ||x||_A^{3r}$$
(2.9)

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$  and all  $x, x_1, ..., x_p, y_1, ..., y_d \in A$ . Then there exists a unique ternary Jordan homomorphism  $h : A \longrightarrow A$  such that

$$||f(x) - h(x)||_A \le \frac{2^{(p+d)r}\theta}{|2(p+2d)^{(p+d)r} - 2^{(p+d)r}(p+2d)|} ||x||_A^{(p+d)r}$$

for all  $x \in A$ .

*Proof.* Letting  $\mu = 1$  and  $x_1 = ... = x_p = y_1, ..., y_d = x$  and s = 1, t = 2 in (2.8), we get

$$\|f((p+2d)x) - (p+2d)f(x)\| \le (p+d)\theta \|x\|_A^{3r}$$
(2.10)

for all  $x \in A$ . So

$$\|f(x) - (p+2d)f(\frac{x}{p+2d})\| \le \frac{\theta}{(p+2d)^{(p+d)r}} \|x\|_A^{(p+d)r}$$

for all  $x \in A$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \|(p+2d)^{l}f(\frac{x}{(p+2d)^{l}} - (p+2d)^{m}f(\frac{x}{(p+2d)^{m}}\| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \|(p+2d)^{j}f(\frac{x}{(p+2d)^{j}}) - (p+2d)^{j+1}f(\frac{x}{(p+2d)^{j+1}})\| \\ &\leq \frac{\theta}{(p+2d)^{(p+d)r}} \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \frac{(p+2d)^{j}}{(p+2d)^{(p+d)rj}} \|x\|_{A}^{(p+d)r} \end{aligned}$$
(2.11)

for all non-negative integers m and l with m > 1 and all  $x \in A$ . It follows from (2.11) that the sequence  $\{(p+2d)^n f(\frac{x}{(p+2d)^n})\}$  is a Cauchy sequence for all  $x \in A$ . Since A is complete, the sequence  $\{(p+2d)^n f(\frac{x}{(p+2d)^n})\}$  converges. So one can define the mapping  $h: A \longrightarrow A$  by

$$h(x) := \lim_{n \to \infty} (p + 2d)^n f(\frac{x}{(p + 2d)^n})$$

for all  $x \in A$ .

Moreover letting l = 0 and passing the limit  $m \to \infty$  in (2.11), we get (2.9). The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.3.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $r, s, p, r_1, ..., r_p, s_1, ..., s_d$  and  $\theta$  be non-negative real numbers such that  $r + s + p \neq 3$  and  $r_k > 0(s_k > 0)$  for some  $1 \leq k \leq p(1 \leq k \leq d)$ . Let  $f : A \longrightarrow A$  be a mapping satisfying

$$\|C_{\mu}f(x_1,...,x_p,y_1,...,y_d)\|_A \le \theta \prod_{j=1}^p \|x_j\|_A^{r_j} \cdot \prod_{j=1}^d \|y_j\|_A^{s_j}$$
(2.12)

and

$$\|f([x, x, x]) - [f(x), f(x), f(x)]\|_A \le \theta \|x\|_A^{r+s+p}$$
(2.13)

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$  and all  $x, x_1, ..., x_p, y_1, ..., y_d \in A$ . Then the mapping  $f : A \longrightarrow A$  is a ternary Jordan homomorphism (we put  $\|\cdot\|_A^0 = 1$ ).

*Proof.* We can show that  $f(\mu x + \lambda y) = \mu f(x) + \lambda f(y)$  for all  $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$  and  $x, y \in A$  (see [26]). Therefor, by Lemma 2.1 the mapping  $f : A \longrightarrow A$  is  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear. Let r + s + p > 3. Then it follows from (2.13) that

$$\begin{split} \|f([x,x,x]) - [f(x),f(x),f(x)]\|_{A} \\ \lim_{n \to \infty} 8^{n} \|f([\frac{x}{2^{n}},\frac{x}{2^{n}},\frac{x}{2^{n}}]) - [f(\frac{x}{2^{n}}),f(\frac{x}{2^{n}}),f(\frac{x}{2^{n}})]\|_{A} \\ & \leq \theta \|x\|_{A}^{r} \|x\|_{A}^{s} \|x\|_{A}^{p} \lim_{n \to \infty} (\frac{8}{2^{r+s+p}})^{n} = 0 \end{split}$$

for all  $x \in A$ . Therefore,

$$f([x, x, x]) = [f(x), f(x), f(x)]$$
(2.14)

for all  $x \in A$ . Similarly, for r + s + p < 3, we get (2.14).

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## 3. Superstability of ternary Jordan homomorphisms

Throughout this section, assume that A is a unital  $C^*$ -algebra with unite element e, and with norm  $\|\cdot\|_A$ .

We investigate superstability of ternary Jordan homomorphisms in  $C^*$ -ternary algebras associated with the functional equation  $C_{\mu}f(x_1, ..., x_p, y_1, ..., y_d) = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** Let r > 1, s > 3 and  $\theta$  be non-negative real numbers, and let  $f: A \longrightarrow A$  be a mapping satisfying (2.1) and (2.2). If there exists a real number  $\lambda > 1(0 < \lambda < 1)$  and an element  $x_0 \in A$  such that  $\lim_{n \longrightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda^n} f(\lambda^n x_0) = e(\lim_{n \longrightarrow \infty} \lambda^n f(\frac{x_0}{\lambda^n}) = e)$ , then the mapping  $f: A \longrightarrow A$  is a ternary Jordan homomorphism.

*Proof.* By using of Section 2, there exists a unique ternary Jordan homomorphism  $h: A \longrightarrow A$  such that

$$h(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda^n} f(\lambda^n x), (h(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \lambda^n f(\frac{x}{\lambda^n})$$
(3.2)

for all  $x \in A, \lambda > 1(0 < \lambda < 1)$ . Therefore, by the assumption we get that  $h(x_0) = e$ . Let  $\lambda > 1$  and  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda^n} f(\lambda^n x_0) = e$ . It follows from (2.4) that

$$\begin{split} \|[h(x), h(x), h(x)] - [h(x), h(x), f(x)]\|_{A} &= \|h[x, x, x] - [h(x), h(x), f(x)]\|_{A} \\ &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda^{2n}} \|f([\lambda^{n} x, \lambda^{n} x, x]) - [f(\lambda^{n} x), f(\lambda^{n} x), f(x)\|_{A} \\ &\leq \theta \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda^{2n}} (\lambda^{ns} \|x\|_{A}^{s} + \lambda^{ns} \|x\|_{A}^{s} + \|x\|_{A}^{s}) = 0 \end{split}$$

for all  $x \in A$ . So [h(x), h(x), h(x)] = [h(x), h(x), f(x)] for all  $x \in A$ . Letting  $x = x_0$  in the last equality, we get f(x) = h(x) for all  $x \in A$ . Similarly, one can show that h(x) = f(x) for all  $x \in A$  when  $0 < \lambda < 1$  and  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \lambda^n f(\frac{x_0}{\lambda^n}) = e$ . Therefore, the mapping  $f : A \longrightarrow A$  is a ternary Jordan homomorphism.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.2.** Let r < 1, s < 2 and  $\theta$  be non-negative real numbers, and let  $f: A \longrightarrow A$  be a mapping satisfying (2.1) and (2.2). If there exists a real number  $\lambda > 1(0 < \lambda < 1)$  and an element  $x_0 \in A$  such that  $\lim_{n \longrightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda^n} f(\lambda^n x_0) = e(\lim_{n \longrightarrow \infty} \lambda^n f(\frac{x_0}{\lambda^n}) = e)$ , then the mapping  $f: A \longrightarrow A$  is a ternary Jordan homomorphism.

*Proof.* The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 3.1.

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