# 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 CauchyJensen additive mapping:

$$
r f\left(\frac{s \sum_{j=1}^{p} x_{j}+t \sum_{j=1}^{d} x_{j}}{r}\right)=s \sum_{j=1}^{p} f\left(x_{j}\right)+t \sum_{j=1}^{d} f\left(x_{j}\right)
$$

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 $(x, y, z) \longmapsto[x, y, z]$ 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 $(A,[., .,]$.$) has an iden-$ tity, i.e., an element $e \in A$ such that $x=[x, e, e]=[e, e, x]$ for all $x \in A$, then it is

[^0]routine to verify that $A$, endowed with $x o y:=[x, e, y]$ and $x^{*}:=[e, x, e]$, is a unital $C^{*}$-algebra. Conversely, if $(A, o)$ is a unital $C^{*}-$ algebra, then $[x, y, z]:=x o y^{*} o z$ makes $A$ into a $C^{*}$-ternary algebra.
A $\mathbb{C}$-linear mapping $H: A \rightarrow B$ 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 $\left(G_{1},.\right)$ be a group and let $\left(G_{2}, *\right)$ 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 $E^{\prime}$ are Banach spaces and $f: E \longrightarrow E^{\prime}$ is a mapping for which there is $\varepsilon>0$ such that $\|f(x+y)-f(x)-f(y)\| \leq \varepsilon$ for all $x, y \in E$, then there is a unique additive mapping $L: E \longrightarrow E^{\prime}$ such that $\|f(x)-L(x)\| \leq \varepsilon$ 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 Gǎvruta [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 CauchyJensen additive mapping

$$
r f\left(\frac{s \sum_{j=1}^{p} x_{j}+t \sum_{j=1}^{d} x_{j}}{r}\right)=s \sum_{j=1}^{p} f\left(x_{j}\right)+t \sum_{j=1}^{d} f\left(x_{j}\right)
$$

is given.

## 2. Stability of Jordan homomorphisms

Let $A, B$ be $C^{*}$-ternary algebras. For a given mapping $f: A \longrightarrow B$, we define
$C_{\mu} f\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{p}, y_{1}, \ldots, y_{d}\right):=r f\left(\frac{s \sum_{j=1}^{p} \mu x_{j}+t \sum_{j=1}^{d} \mu x_{j}}{r}\right)-s \sum_{j=1}^{p} \mu f\left(x_{j}\right)-t \sum_{j=1}^{d} \mu f\left(x_{j}\right)$
for all $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^{1}:=\{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}:|\lambda|=1\}$ and all $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{p}, y_{1}, \ldots, y_{d} \in A$.
One can easily show that a mapping $f: A \longrightarrow A$ satisfies

$$
C_{\mu} f\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{p}, y_{1}, \ldots, y_{d}\right)=0
$$

for all $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^{1}$ and all $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{p}, y_{1}, \ldots, y_{d} \in A$ 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 $\left\{x_{n}\right\}_{n},\left\{y_{n}\right\}_{n}$ and $\left\{z_{n}\right\}_{n}$ be convergent sequences in $A$. Then the sequence $\left\{\left[x_{n}, y_{n}, z_{n}\right]\right\}_{n}$ 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

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|C_{\mu} f\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{p}, y_{1}, \ldots, y_{d}\right)\right\|_{A} \leq \theta\left(\sum_{j=1}^{p}\left\|x_{j}\right\|_{A}^{r}+\sum_{j=1}^{d}\left\|y_{j}\right\|_{A}^{r}\right) \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|f([x, x, x])-[f(x), f(x), f(x)]\|_{A} \leq 3 \theta\|x\|_{A}^{r} \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^{1}$ and all $x, x_{1}, \ldots, x_{p}, y_{1}, \ldots, y_{d} \in A$. Then there exists a unique ternary Jordan homomorphism $h: A \longrightarrow A$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|f(x)-h(x)\|_{A} \leq \frac{2^{r}(p+d) \theta}{\left|2(p+2 d)^{r}-(p+2 d) 2^{r}\right|}\|x\|_{A}^{r} \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $x \in A$.

Proof. Letting $\mu=1$ and $x_{1}=\ldots=x_{p}=y_{1}, \ldots, y_{d}=x$ and $s=1, t=2$ in (2.1), we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|f((p+2 d) x)-(p+2 d) f(x)\| \leq(p+d) \theta\|x\|_{A}^{r} \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $x \in A$. So

$$
\left\|f(x)-(p+2 d) f\left(\frac{x}{p+2 d}\right)\right\| \leq \frac{(p+d) \theta}{2^{r}(p+2 d)^{r}}\|x\|_{A}^{r}
$$

for all $x \in A$. Hence

$$
\begin{align*}
\|(p+2 d)^{l} f\left(\frac{x}{(p+2 d)^{l}}\right. & -(p+2 d)^{m} f\left(\frac{x}{(p+2 d)^{m}}\left\|\leq \sum_{j=l}^{m-1}\right\|(p+2 d)^{j} f\left(\frac{x}{(p+2 d)^{j}}\right)\right. \\
& -(p+2 d)^{j+1} f\left(\frac{x}{(p+2 d)^{j+1}}\right)\left\|\leq \frac{\theta}{2^{r}} \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \frac{(p+2 d)^{j}}{(p+2 d)^{r j}}\right\| x \|_{A}^{r} \tag{2.5}
\end{align*}
$$

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

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

$$
h(x):=\lim _{n \longrightarrow \infty}(p+2 d)^{n} f\left(\frac{x}{(p+2 d)^{n}}\right)
$$

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

$$
\begin{aligned}
\| r h\left(\frac{(p+2 d) x}{r}\right) & -(p+2 d) h(x)\left\|\leq \lim _{n \longrightarrow \infty}(p+2 d)^{n}\right\| r f\left(\frac{x}{(p+2 d)^{n-1}}\right) \\
& -(p+2 d) f\left(\frac{x}{(p+2 d)^{n}}\right) \| \leq \lim _{n \longrightarrow \infty} \frac{(p+2 d)^{n}}{(p+2 d)^{n r}}\left(3 \theta\|x\|_{A}^{r}\right) \\
& =0
\end{aligned}
$$

for all $x \in A$. So

$$
r h\left(\frac{s \sum_{j=1}^{p} x_{j}+t \sum_{j=1}^{d} x_{j}}{r}\right)=s \sum_{j=1}^{p} h\left(x_{j}\right)+t \sum_{j=1}^{d} h\left(x_{j}\right)
$$

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

$$
\begin{aligned}
\| h([x, x, x]) & -[h(x), h(x), h(x)]\left\|\leq \lim _{n \longrightarrow \infty}(p+2 d)^{3 n}\right\| f\left(\frac{[x, x, x]}{(p+2 d)^{3 n}}\right) \\
& -\left[f\left(\frac{x}{(p+2 d)^{n}}\right), f\left(\frac{x}{(p+2 d)^{n}}\right), f\left(\frac{x}{(p+2 d)^{n}}\right)\right] \| \\
& \leq \lim _{n \longrightarrow \infty} \frac{(p+2 d)^{3 n}}{(p+2 d)^{n r}}\left(3 \theta\|x\|_{A}^{r}\right)=0
\end{aligned}
$$

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

$$
\begin{aligned}
\| h(x) & -T(x)\left\|=(p+2 d)^{n}\right\| h\left(\frac{x}{(p+2 d)^{n}}\right)-T\left(\frac{x}{(p+2 d)^{n}}\right) \| \\
& \leq(p+2 d)^{n}\left(\left\|h\left(\frac{x}{(p+2 d)^{n}}\right)-f\left(\frac{x}{(p+2 d)^{n}}\right)\right\|+\left\|T\left(\frac{x}{(p+2 d)^{n}}\right)-f\left(x(p+2 d)^{n}\right)\right\|\right) \\
& \leq \frac{6(p+2 d)^{n} \theta}{\left((2)^{r}-(2)\right)(p+2 d)^{n r}}\|x\|_{A}^{r}
\end{aligned}
$$

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 $d \geq 2$. Suppose that $f: A \longrightarrow A$ is a mapping with $f(0)=0$, satisfying (2.1) and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|f([x, x, x])-[f(x), f(x), f(x)]\|_{A} \leq 3 \theta\|x\|_{A}^{s} \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

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

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|f(x)-h(x)\|_{A} \leq \frac{d \theta}{2\left|d-d^{r}\right|}\|x\|_{A}^{r} \tag{2.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $x \in A$.
Proof. Case I. $0<r<1$ and $0<s<3$.
Letting $\mu=1, x_{1}=\ldots=x_{p}=0$ and $y_{1}=\ldots=y_{d}=x$ and $t=1$ in (2.1), we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|f(d x)-d f(x)\|_{A} \leq \frac{d \theta}{2}\|x\|_{A}^{r} \tag{2.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

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

$$
\left\|\frac{1}{d^{n+1}} f\left(d^{n+1} x\right)-\frac{1}{d^{n}} f\left(d^{n} x\right)\right\|_{A} \leq \frac{\theta}{2} d^{(r-1) n}\|x\|_{A}^{r}
$$

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

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|\frac{1}{d^{n+1}} f\left(d^{n+1} x\right)-\frac{1}{d^{m}} f\left(d^{m} x\right)\right\|_{A} \leq \frac{\theta}{2} \sum_{i=m}^{n} d^{(r-1) i}\|x\|_{A}^{r} \tag{2.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

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

$$
h(x):=\lim _{n \longrightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{d^{n}} f\left(d^{n} x\right)
$$

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

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left\|r h\left(\frac{s \sum_{j=1}^{p} \mu x_{j}+t \sum_{j=1}^{d} \mu y_{j}}{r}\right)-s \sum_{j=1}^{p} \mu h\left(x_{j}\right)-t \sum_{j=1}^{d} \mu h\left(y_{j}\right)\right\|_{A} \\
& \quad=\lim _{n \longrightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{d^{n}}\left\|r f\left(d^{n} \frac{s \sum_{j=1}^{p} \mu x_{j}+t \sum_{j=1}^{d} \mu y_{j}}{r}\right)-s \sum_{j=1}^{p} \mu f\left(d^{n} x_{j}\right)-t \sum_{j=1}^{d} \mu f\left(d^{n} y_{j}\right)\right\|_{A} \\
& \quad \leq \lim _{n \longrightarrow \infty} \frac{d^{n r}}{d^{n}} \theta\left(\sum_{j=1}^{p}\left\|x_{j}\right\|_{A}^{r}+\sum_{j=1}^{d}\left\|y_{j}\right\|_{A}^{r}\right)=0
\end{aligned}
$$

for all $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^{1}$ and all $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{p}, y_{1}, \ldots, y_{d} \in A$. Hence

$$
r h\left(\frac{s \sum_{j=1}^{p} \mu x_{j}+t \sum_{j=1}^{d} \mu y_{j}}{r}\right)=s \sum_{j=1}^{p} \mu h\left(x_{j}\right)+t \sum_{j=1}^{d} \mu h\left(y_{j}\right)
$$

for all $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^{1}$ and all $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{p}, y_{1}, \ldots, y_{d} \in A$. 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

$$
\begin{aligned}
\| h([x, x, x]) & -[h(x), h(x), h(x)]\left\|_{A}=\lim _{n \longrightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{d^{3 n}}\right\| f\left(\left[d^{n} x, d^{n} x, d^{n} x\right]\right) \\
& -\left[f\left(d^{n} x\right), f\left(d^{n} x\right), f\left(d^{n} x\right)\right] \|_{A} \leq \theta \lim _{n \longrightarrow \infty} \frac{d^{n s}}{d^{3 n}}\left(\|x\|_{A}^{s}+\|x\|_{A}^{s}+\|x\|_{A}^{s}\right) \\
& =0
\end{aligned}
$$

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

$$
h(x):=\lim _{n \longrightarrow \infty} d^{n} f\left(d^{-n} x\right)
$$

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 $r \in\left(-\infty, \frac{1}{p+d}\right) \cup$ $(1,+\infty)$, and let $f: A \longrightarrow A$ be a mapping such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|C_{\mu} f\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{p}, y_{1}, \ldots, y_{d}\right)\right\|_{A} \leq \theta \prod_{j=1}^{p}\left\|x_{j}\right\|_{A}^{r} \cdot \prod_{j=1}^{d}\left\|y_{j}\right\|_{A}^{r} \tag{2.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|f([x, x, x])-[f(x), f(x), f(x)]\|_{A} \leq \theta\|x\|_{A}^{3 r} \tag{2.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^{1}$ and all $x, x_{1}, \ldots, x_{p}, y_{1}, \ldots, y_{d} \in A$. Then there exists a unique ternary Jordan homomorphism $h: A \longrightarrow A$ such that

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

for all $x \in A$.
Proof. Letting $\mu=1$ and $x_{1}=\ldots=x_{p}=y_{1}, \ldots, y_{d}=x$ and $s=1, t=2$ in (2.8), we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|f((p+2 d) x)-(p+2 d) f(x)\| \leq(p+d) \theta\|x\|_{A}^{3 r} \tag{2.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $x \in A$. So

$$
\left\|f(x)-(p+2 d) f\left(\frac{x}{p+2 d}\right)\right\| \leq \frac{\theta}{(p+2 d)^{(p+d) r}}\|x\|_{A}^{(p+d) r}
$$

for all $x \in A$. Hence,

$$
\begin{align*}
\|(p+2 d)^{l} f\left(\frac{x}{(p+2 d)^{l}}\right. & -(p+2 d)^{m} f\left(\frac{x}{(p+2 d)^{m}} \|\right. \\
& \leq \sum_{j=l}^{m-1}\left\|(p+2 d)^{j} f\left(\frac{x}{(p+2 d)^{j}}\right)-(p+2 d)^{j+1} f\left(\frac{x}{(p+2 d)^{j+1}}\right)\right\| \\
& \leq \frac{\theta}{(p+2 d)^{(p+d) r}} \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \frac{(p+2 d)^{j}}{(p+2 d)^{(p+d) r j}}\|x\|_{A}^{(p+d) r} \tag{2.11}
\end{align*}
$$

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

$$
h(x):=\lim _{n \longrightarrow \infty}(p+2 d)^{n} f\left(\frac{x}{(p+2 d)^{n}}\right)
$$

for all $x \in A$.
Moreover letting $l=0$ and passing the limit $m \longrightarrow \infty$ 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 $r, s, p, r_{1}, \ldots, r_{p}, s_{1}, \ldots, s_{d}$ and $\theta$ be non-negative real numbers such that $r+s+p \neq 3$ and $r_{k}>0\left(s_{k}>0\right)$ for some $1 \leq k \leq p(1 \leq k \leq d)$. Let $f: A \longrightarrow A$ be a mapping satisfying

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|C_{\mu} f\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{p}, y_{1}, \ldots, y_{d}\right)\right\|_{A} \leq \theta \prod_{j=1}^{p}\left\|x_{j}\right\|_{A}^{r_{j}} \cdot \prod_{j=1}^{d}\left\|y_{j}\right\|_{A}^{s_{j}} \tag{2.12}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|f([x, x, x])-[f(x), f(x), f(x)]\|_{A} \leq \theta\|x\|_{A}^{r+s+p} \tag{2.13}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^{1}$ and all $x, x_{1}, \ldots, x_{p}, y_{1}, \ldots, y_{d} \in A$. 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

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

for all $x \in A$. Therefore,

$$
\begin{equation*}
f([x, x, x])=[f(x), f(x), f(x)] \tag{2.14}
\end{equation*}
$$

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

## 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 $C_{\mu} f\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{p}, y_{1}, \ldots, y_{d}\right)=0$.

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 $\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda^{n}} f\left(\lambda^{n} x_{0}\right)=$ $e\left(\lim _{n \longrightarrow \infty} \lambda^{n} f\left(\frac{x_{0}}{\lambda^{n}}\right)=e\right)$ ), 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

$$
\begin{equation*}
h(x)=\lim _{n \longrightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda^{n}} f\left(\lambda^{n} x\right),\left(h(x)=\lim _{n \longrightarrow \infty} \lambda^{n} f\left(\frac{x}{\lambda^{n}}\right)\right. \tag{3.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

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

$$
\begin{aligned}
\|[h(x), h(x), h(x)] & -[h(x), h(x), f(x)]\left\|_{A}=\right\| h[x, x, x]-[h(x), h(x), f(x)] \|_{A} \\
& =\lim _{n \longrightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda^{2 n}} \| f\left(\left[\lambda^{n} x, \lambda^{n} x, x\right]\right)-\left[f\left(\lambda^{n} x\right), f\left(\lambda^{n} x\right), f(x) \|_{A}\right. \\
& \leq \theta \lim _{n \longrightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda^{2 n}}\left(\lambda^{n s}\|x\|_{A}^{s}+\lambda^{n s}\|x\|_{A}^{s}+\|x\|_{A}^{s}\right)=0
\end{aligned}
$$

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 $\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda^{n} f\left(\frac{x_{0}}{\lambda^{n}}\right)=e$. Therefore, the mapping $f: A \longrightarrow A$ is a ternary Jordan homomorphism.

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 $\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda^{n}} f\left(\lambda^{n} x_{0}\right)=$ $e\left(\lim _{n \longrightarrow \infty} \lambda^{n} f\left(\frac{x_{0}}{\lambda^{n}}\right)=e\right)$, 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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