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# On the stability of a cubic functional equation in random 2-normed spaces

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## Abstract

In this article, we propose to determine some stability results for the functional equation of cubic in random 2-normed spaces which seems to be a quite new and interesting idea. Also, we define the notion of continuity, approximately and conditional cubic mapping in random 2-normed spaces and prove some interesting results.

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## 1 Introduction and preliminaries

In 1940, Ulam [1] proposed the following question concerning the stability of group homomorphisms:

Let  $G_1$  be a group and let  $G_2$  be a metric group with the metric  $d(., .)$ . Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , does there exist a  $\delta > 0$  such that if a function  $h : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  satisfies the inequality  $d(h(xy), h(x)h(y)) < \delta$  for all  $x, y \in G_1$ , then there exists a homomorphism  $H : G_1 \rightarrow G_1$  with  $d(h(x), H(x)) < \epsilon$  for all  $x \in G_1$ ?

In next year, Hyers [2] answers the problem of Ulam under the assumption that the groups are Banach spaces and then generalized by Aoki [3] and Rassias [4] for additive mappings and linear mappings, respectively. Since then several stability problems for various functional equations have been investigated in [5-12].

The stability problem for the cubic functional equation was proved by Jun and Kim [5] for mappings  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , where  $X$  is a real normed space and  $Y$  is a Banach space. Later on, the problem of stability of cubic functional equation were discussed by many mathematician.

An interesting and important generalization of the notion of a metric space was introduced by Menger [13] under the name of statistical metric space, which is now called a probabilistic metric space. An important family of probabilistic metric spaces is that of probabilistic normed spaces. The theory of probabilistic normed spaces is important as a generalization of deterministic results of linear normed spaces. The theory of probabilistic normed spaces was initiated and developed in [14,15] and further it was extended to random 2-normed spaces by Goleř [16] using the concept of 2-norm of Gahler [17]. For more details of probabilistic and random/fuzzy 2-normed space, we refer to [18-22] and references therein.

In this article, we establish Hyers-Ulam stability concerning the cubic functional equations in random 2-normed spaces which is quite a new and interesting idea to study with.

In this section, we recall some notations and basic definitions used in this article.

A distribution function is an element of  $\Delta^+$ , where  $\Delta^+ = \{f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]; f \text{ is left-continuous, nondecreasing, } f(0) = 0 \text{ and } f(+\infty) = 1\}$  and the subset  $D^+ \subseteq \Delta^+$  is the set  $D^+ = \{f \in \Delta^+; l f(+\infty) = 1\}$ . Here  $l f(+\infty)$  denotes the left limit of the function  $f$  at the point  $x$ . The space  $\Delta^+$  is partially ordered by the usual point-wise ordering of functions, i.e.,  $f \leq g$  if and only if  $f(x) \leq g(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . For any  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $H_a$  is a distribution function defined by

$$H_a(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq a; \\ 1 & \text{if } x > a. \end{cases}$$

The set  $\Delta$ , as well as its subsets, can be partially ordered by the usual pointwise order: in this order,  $H_0$  is the maximal element in  $\Delta^+$ .

A triangle function is a binary operation on  $\Delta^+$ , namely a function  $\tau: \Delta^+ \times \Delta^+ \rightarrow \Delta^+$  that is associative, commutative nondecreasing and which has  $\varepsilon_0$  as unit, that is, for all  $f, g, h \in \Delta^+$ , we have:

- (i)  $\tau(\tau(f, g), h) = \tau(f, \tau(g, h))$ ,
- (ii)  $\tau(f, g) = \tau(g, f)$ ,
- (iii)  $\tau(f, g) = \tau(g, f)$  whenever  $f \leq g$ ,
- (iv)  $\tau(f, H_0) = f$ .

A *t-norm* is a continuous mapping  $*$ :  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that  $([0, 1], *)$  is abelian monoid with unit one and  $c * d \geq a * b$  if  $c \geq a$  and  $d \geq b$  for all  $a, b, c, d \in [0, 1]$ .

The concept of 2-normed space was first introduced in [17] and further studied in [23-25].

Let  $X$  is a linear space of a dimension  $d$ , where  $2 \leq d < \infty$ . A 2-normed on  $X$  is a function  $\|\cdot, \cdot\|: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying the following conditions, for every  $x, y \in X$  (i)  $\|x, y\| = 0$  if and only if  $x$  and  $y$  are linearly dependent; (ii)  $\|x, y\| = \|y, x\|$ ; (iii)  $\|\alpha x, y\| = |\alpha| \|x, y\|$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ; (iv)  $\|x + y, z\| \leq \|x, z\| + \|y, z\|$ . In this case  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  is called a 2-norm space.

**Example 1.1.** Take  $X = \mathbb{R}^2$  being equipped with the 2-norm  $\|x, y\| =$  the area of the parallelogram spanned by the vectors  $x$  and  $y$ , which may be given explicitly by the formula

$$\|x, y\| = |x_1 y_2 - x_2 y_1|, \text{ where } x = (x_1, x_2), y = (y_1, y_2).$$

Recently, Goleř [16] introduced the notion of random 2-normed space and further studied by Mursaleen [26].

Let  $X$  be a linear space of a dimension greater than one,  $\tau$  is a triangle function, and  $\mathcal{F}: X \times X \rightarrow \Delta^+$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}$  is called a *probabilistic 2-norm* on  $X$  and  $(X, \mathcal{F}, \tau)$  a *probabilistic 2-normed space* if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i)  $\mathcal{F}_{x,y}(t) = H_0(t)$  if  $x$  and  $y$  are linearly dependent, where  $\mathcal{F}_{x,y}(t)$  denotes the value of  $\mathcal{F}_{x,y}$  at  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,
- (ii)  $\mathcal{F}_{x,y} \neq H_0$  if  $x$  and  $y$  are linearly independent,

- (iii)  $\mathcal{F}_{x,y} = \mathcal{F}_{y,x}$  for every  $x, y$  in  $X$ ,
- (iv)  $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha x,y}(t) = \mathcal{F}_{x,y}(\frac{t}{|\alpha|})$  for every  $t > 0, \alpha \neq 0$  and  $x, y \in X$ ,
- (v)  $\mathcal{F}_{x+y,z} \geq \tau(\mathcal{F}_{x,z}, \mathcal{F}_{y,z})$  whenever  $x, y, z \in X$ .

If (v) is replaced by

(v')  $\mathcal{F}_{x+y,z}(t_1 + t_2) \geq \mathcal{F}_{x,z}(t_1) * \mathcal{F}_{y,z}(t_2)$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$  and  $t_1, t_2 \in \mathbb{R}_0^+$ , then triple  $(X, \mathcal{F}, *)$  is called a *random 2-normed space* (for short, RTN-space).

**Example 1.2.** Let  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  be a 2-normed space with  $\|x, z\| = \|x_1z_2 - x_2z_1\|, x = (x_1, x_2), z = (z_1, z_2)$  and  $a * b = ab$  for  $a, b \in [0, 1]$ . For all  $x \in X, t > 0$  and nonzero  $z \in X$ , consider

$$\mathcal{F}_{x,z}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t}{t + \|x,z\|} & \text{if } t > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } t \leq 0; \end{cases}$$

Then  $(X, \mathcal{F}, *)$  is a random 2-normed space.

**Remark 1.3.** Note that every 2-normed space  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|)$  can be made a random 2-normed space in a natural way, by setting  $\mathcal{F}_{x,y}(t) = H_0(t - \|x, y\|)$ , for every  $x, y \in X, t > 0$  and  $a * b = \min\{a, b\}, a, b \in [0, 1]$ .

## 2 Stability of cubic functional equation

In the present section, we define the notion of convergence, Cauchy sequence and completeness in RTN-space and determine some stability results of the cubic functional equation in RTN-space.

The functional equation

$$f(2x + y) + f(2x - y) = 2f(x + y) + 2f(x - y) + 12f(x) \tag{1}$$

is called the *cubic functional equation*, since the function  $f(x) = cx^3$  is its solution. Every solution of the cubic functional equation is said to be a *cubic mapping*.

We shall assume throughout this article that  $X$  and  $Y$  are linear spaces;  $(X, \mathcal{F}, *)$  and  $(Z, \mathcal{F}', *)$  are random 2-normed spaces; and  $(Y, \mathcal{F}, *)$  is a random 2-Banach space.

Let  $\phi$  be a function from  $X \times X$  to  $Z$ . A mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $\phi$ -approximately cubic function if

$$\mathcal{F}_{E_{x,y},z}(t) \geq \mathcal{F}'_{\phi(x,y),z}(t), \tag{2}$$

for all  $x, y \in X, t > 0$  and nonzero  $z \in X$ , where

$$E_{x,y} = f(2x + y) + f(2x - y) - 2f(x + y) - 2f(x - y) - 12f(x).$$

We define:

We say that a sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is *convergent* in  $(X, \mathcal{F}, *)$  or simply  *$\mathcal{F}$ -convergent* to  $\ell$  if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  there exists  $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\mathcal{F}_{x_k - \ell, z}(\epsilon) > 1 - \theta$  whenever  $k \geq k_0$  and nonzero  $z \in X$ . In this case we write  $\mathcal{F} - \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = \ell$  and  $\ell$  is called the  *$\mathcal{F}$ -limit* of  $x = (x_k)$ .

A sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is said to be *Cauchy sequence* in  $(X, \mathcal{F}, *)$  or simply  *$\mathcal{F}$ -Cauchy* if for every  $\epsilon > 0, \theta > 0$  and nonzero  $z \in X$  there exists a number  $N = N(\epsilon, z)$  such that  $\lim \mathcal{F}_{x_n - x_m, z}(\epsilon) > 1 - \theta$  for all  $n, m \geq N$ . RTN-space  $(X, \mathcal{F}, *)$  is said to be *complete* if

every  $\mathcal{F}$ -Cauchy is  $\mathcal{F}$ -convergent. In this case  $(X, \mathcal{F}, *)$  is called random 2-Banach space.

**Theorem 2.1.** Suppose that a function  $\phi : X \times X \rightarrow Z$  satisfies  $\phi(2x, 2y) = \alpha\phi(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $\alpha \neq 0$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $\phi$ -approximately cubic function. If for some  $0 < \alpha < 8$ ,

$$\mathcal{F}'_{\phi(2x,2y),z}(t) \geq \mathcal{F}'_{\alpha\phi(x,y),z}(t), \tag{3}$$

and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}'_{\phi(2^n x, 2^n y),z}(8^n t) = 1$  for all  $x, y \in X, t > 0$  and nonzero  $z \in X$ . Then there exists a unique cubic mapping  $C : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\mathcal{F}_{C(x)-f(x),z}(t) \geq \mathcal{F}'_{\phi(x,0),z}((8-\alpha)t), \tag{4}$$

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

**Proof.** For convenience, let us fix  $y = 0$  in (2). Then for all  $x \in X, t > 0$  and nonzero  $z \in X$

$$\mathcal{F}_{\frac{f(2x)}{8}-f(x),z}\left(\frac{t}{16}\right) \geq \mathcal{F}'_{\phi(x,0),z}(t). \tag{5}$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $2^n x$  in (5) and using (3), we obtain

$$\mathcal{F}_{\frac{f(2^{n+1}x)}{8^{n+1}}-\frac{f(2^n x)}{8^n},z}\left(\frac{t}{16(8^n)}\right) \geq \mathcal{F}'_{\phi(2^n x,0),z}(t) \geq \mathcal{F}'_{\phi(x,0),z}(t/\alpha^n),$$

for all  $x \in X, t > 0$  and nonzero  $z \in X$ ; and for all  $n \geq 0$ . By replacing  $t$  by  $\alpha^n t$ , we get

$$\mathcal{F}_{\frac{f(2^{n+1}x)}{8^{n+1}}-\frac{f(2^n x)}{8^n},z}\left(\frac{\alpha^n t}{16(8^n)}\right) \geq \mathcal{F}'_{\phi(x,0),z}(t). \tag{6}$$

It follows from  $\frac{f(2^n x)}{8^n} - f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{f(2^{k+1}x)}{8^{k+1}} - \frac{f(2^k x)}{8^k}\right)$  and (6) that

$$\mathcal{F}_{\frac{f(2^n x)}{8^n}-f(x),z}\left(\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{\alpha^k t}{16(8^k)}\right) \geq \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} \mathcal{F}_{\frac{f(2^{k+1}x)}{8^{k+1}}-\frac{f(2^k x)}{8^k},z}\left(\frac{\alpha^k t}{16(8^k)}\right) \geq \mathcal{F}'_{\phi(x,0),z}(t), \tag{7}$$

for all  $x \in X, t > 0$  and  $n > 0$  where  $\prod_{j=1}^n a_j = a_1 * a_2 * \dots * a_n$ . By replacing  $x$  with  $2^m x$  in (7), we have

$$\mathcal{F}_{\frac{f(2^{n+m}x)}{8^{n+m}}-\frac{f(2^m x)}{8^m},z}\left(\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{\alpha^k t}{16(8)^{k+m}}\right) \geq \mathcal{F}'_{\phi(2^m x,0),z}(t) \geq \mathcal{F}'_{\phi(x,0),z}(t/\alpha^m).$$

Thus

$$\mathcal{F}_{\frac{f(2^{n+m}x)}{8^{n+m}}-\frac{f(2^m x)}{8^m},z}\left(\sum_{k=m}^{n+m-1} \frac{\alpha^k t}{16(8)^k}\right) \geq \mathcal{F}'_{\phi(x,0),z}(t),$$

for all  $x \in X, t > 0, m > 0, n \geq 0$  and nonzero  $z \in X$ . Hence

$$\mathcal{F}_{\frac{f(2^{n+m}x)}{8^{n+m}} - \frac{f(2^m x)}{8^m}, z}(t) \geq \mathcal{F}'_{\varphi(x,0),z} \left( \frac{t}{\sum_{k=m}^{n+m-1} \frac{\alpha^k}{16(8)^k}} \right), \tag{8}$$

for all  $x \in X, t > 0, m \geq 0, n \geq 0$  and nonzero  $z \in X$ . Since  $0 < \alpha < 8$  and  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\frac{\alpha}{8})^k < \infty$ , the Cauchy criterion for convergence shows that  $(\frac{f(2^n x)}{8^n})$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $(Y, \mathcal{F}, *)$ . Since  $(Y, \mathcal{F}, *)$  is complete, this sequence converges to some point  $C(x) \in Y$ . Fix  $x \in X$  and put  $m = 0$  in (8) to obtain

$$\mathcal{F}_{\frac{f(2^n x)}{8^n} - f(x), z}(t) \geq \mathcal{F}'_{\varphi(x,0),z} \left( \frac{t}{\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{\alpha^k}{16(8)^k}} \right),$$

for all  $t > 0, n > 0$  and nonzero  $z \in X$ . Thus we obtain

$$\mathcal{F}_{C(x)-f(x),z}(t) \geq \mathcal{F}_{C(x)-\frac{f(2^n x)}{8^n},z}(t/2) * \mathcal{F}_{\frac{f(2^n x)}{8^n}-f(x),z}(t/2) \geq \mathcal{F}'_{\varphi(x,0),z} \left( \frac{t}{\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{\alpha^k}{8(8)^k}} \right),$$

for large  $n$ . Taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using the definition of RTN-space, we get

$$\mathcal{F}_{C(x)-f(x),z}(t) \geq \mathcal{F}'_{\varphi(x,0),z}((8 - \alpha)t).$$

Replace  $x$  and  $y$  by  $2^n x$  and  $2^n y$ , respectively, in (2), we have

$$\mathcal{F}_{\frac{E_{2^n x, 2^n y}}{8^n}, z}(t) \geq \mathcal{F}'_{\varphi(2^n x, 2^n y), z}(8^n t),$$

for all  $x, y \in X, t > 0$  and nonzero  $z \in X$ . Since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}'_{\varphi(2^n x, 2^n y), z}(8^n t) = 1,$$

we observe that  $C$  fulfills (1). To Prove the uniqueness of the cubic function  $C$ , assume that there exists a cubic function  $D : X \rightarrow Y$  which satisfies (4). For fix  $x \in X$ , clearly  $C(2^n x) = 8^n C(x)$  and  $D(2^n x) = 8^n D(x)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . It follows from (4) that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{C(x)-D(x),z}(t) &= \mathcal{F}_{\frac{C(2^n x)}{8^n} - \frac{D(2^n x)}{8^n}, z}(t) \geq \mathcal{F}_{\frac{C(2^n x)}{8^n} - \frac{f(2^n x)}{8^n}, z} \left( \frac{t}{2} \right) * \mathcal{F}_{\frac{f(2^n x)}{8^n} - \frac{D(2^n x)}{8^n}, z} \left( \frac{t}{2} \right) \\ &\geq \mathcal{F}'_{\varphi(2^n x, 0), z} \left( \frac{8^n(8 - \alpha)t}{2} \right) \geq \mathcal{F}'_{\varphi(x,0),z} \left( \frac{8^n(8 - \alpha)t}{2\alpha^n} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\mathcal{F}'_{\varphi(x,0),z} \left( \frac{8^n(8 - \alpha)t}{2\alpha^n} \right) = 1.$$

Thus  $\mathcal{F}_{C(x)-D(x),z}(t) = 1$  for all  $x \in X, t > 0$  and nonzero  $z \in X$ . Hence  $C(x) = D(x)$ .

**Example 2.2.** Let  $X$  be a Hilbert space and  $Z$  be a normed space. By  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{F}'$ , we denote the random 2-norms given as in Example 1.1 on  $X$  and  $Z$ , respectively. Let  $\phi : X \times X \rightarrow Z$  be defined by  $\phi(x, y) = 8(\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2)z_0$ , where  $z_0$  is a fixed unit vector in  $Z$ . Define  $f : X \rightarrow X$  by  $f(x) = \|x\|^2 x + \|x\|^2 x_0$  for some unit vector  $x_0 \in X$ . Then

$$\mathcal{F}_{E_{x,y,z}}(t) = \frac{t}{t + 8\|x, z\|^2 + 2\|y, z\|^2} \geq \frac{t}{t + 8\|x, z\|^2 + 8\|y, z\|^2} = \mathcal{F}'_{\varphi(x,y),z}(t).$$

Also

$$\mathcal{F}'_{\varphi(2x,0),z}(t) = \frac{t}{t + 32\|x, z\|^2} = \mathcal{F}'_{4\varphi(x,0),z}(t).$$

Thus,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}'_{\varphi(2^n x, 2^n y),z}(8^n t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8^n t}{8^n t + 8(4^n)(\|x, z\|^2 + \|y, z\|^2)} = 1.$$

Hence, conditions of Theorem 2.1 for  $\alpha = 4$  are fulfilled. Therefore, there is a unique cubic mapping  $C : X \rightarrow X$  such that  $\mathcal{F}_{C(x)-f(x),z}(t) \geq \mathcal{F}'_{\varphi(x,0),z}(4t)$  for all  $x \in X, t > 0$  and nonzero  $z \in X$ .

By a modification in the proof of Theorem 2.1, one can easily prove the following:

**Theorem 2.3.** Suppose that a function  $\phi : X \times X \rightarrow Z$  satisfies  $\phi(x/2, y/2) = \frac{1}{\alpha}\phi(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $\alpha \neq 0$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $\phi$ -approximately cubic function. If for some  $\alpha > 8$

$$\mathcal{F}'_{\varphi(x/2,y/2),z}(t) \geq \mathcal{F}'_{\varphi(x,y),z}(\alpha t)$$

and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}'_{8^n \varphi(2^{-n}x, 2^{-n}y),z}(t) = 1$  for all  $x, y \in X, t > 0$  and nonzero  $z \in X$ . Then there exists a unique cubic mapping  $C : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\mathcal{F}_{C(x)-f(x),z}(t) \geq \mathcal{F}'_{\varphi(x,0),z}((\alpha - 8)t),$$

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

### 3 Continuity in random 2-normed spaces

In this section, we establish some interesting results of continuous approximately cubic mappings.

Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow X$  be a function, where  $\mathbb{R}$  is endowed with the Euclidean topology and  $X$  is an random 2-normed space equipped with random 2-norm  $\mathcal{F}$ . Then,  $f$  is said to be *random 2-continuous* or simply  *$\mathcal{F}$ -continuous* at a point  $s_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  if for all  $\epsilon > 0$  and all  $0 < \alpha < 1$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\mathcal{F}_{f(sx)-f(s_0x),z}(\epsilon) \geq \alpha,$$

for each  $s$  with  $0 < |s - s_0| < \delta$  and nonzero  $z \in X$ .

A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $(p, q)$ -approximately cubic function if, for some  $p, q$  and some  $z_0 \in Z$ ,

$$\mathcal{F}_{E_{x,y,z}}(t) \geq \mathcal{F}'_{(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^q)z_0,z}(t),$$

for all  $x, y \in X, t > 0$  and nonzero  $z \in X$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $X$  be a normed space and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $(p, q)$ -approximately cubic function. If  $p, q < 3$ , there exists a unique cubic mapping  $C : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\mathcal{F}_{C(x)-f(x),z}(t) \geq \mathcal{F}'_{\|x\|^p z_0,z}((8 - 2^p)t), \tag{9}$$

for all  $x \in X$ ,  $t > 0$  and nonzero  $z \in X$ . Furthermore, if for some  $x \in X$  and all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the mapping  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow Y$  defined by  $g(s) = f(2^n sx)$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -continuous. Then the mapping  $s \mapsto C(sx)$  from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $Y$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -continuous; in this case,  $C(rx) = r^3 C(x)$  for all  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that a function  $\phi : X \times X \rightarrow Z$  satisfies  $\phi(x, y) = (\|x\|^p + \|y\|^q)z_0$ . Existence and uniqueness of the cubic mapping  $C$  satisfying (9) are deduced from Theorem 2.1. Note that for each  $x \in X$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$\mathcal{F}_{C(x)-\frac{f(2^n x)}{8^n},z}(t) = \mathcal{F}_{C(2^n x)-f(2^n x),z}(8^n t) \geq \mathcal{F}'_{2^{np}\|x\|^p z_0,z}(8^n(8-2^p)t) = \mathcal{F}'_{\|x\|^p z_0,z}\left(\frac{8^n(8-2^p)t}{2^{np}}\right). \tag{10}$$

Fix  $x \in X$  and  $s_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Given  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . From (10) follows that

$$\mathcal{F}_{C(sx)-\frac{f(2^n sx)}{8^n},z}(t) \geq \mathcal{F}'_{\|x\|^p z_0,z}\left(\frac{8^n(8-2^p)t}{|s|^p 2^{np}}\right) \geq \mathcal{F}'_{\|x\|^p z_0,z}\left(\frac{8^n(8-2^p)t}{(1+|s_0|)^p 2^{np}}\right),$$

for all  $|s - s_0| < 1$  and  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8^n(8-2^p)t}{(1+|s_0|)^p 2^{np}} = \infty$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\mathcal{F}_{C(sx)-\frac{f(2^{n_0} sx)}{8^{n_0}},z}\left(\frac{\epsilon}{3}\right) \geq \alpha,$$

for all  $|s - s_0| < 1$  and  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . By the  $\mathcal{F}$ -continuity of the mapping  $t \rightarrow f(2^{n_0} tx)$ , there exists  $\delta < 1$  such that for each  $s$  with  $0 < |s - s_0| < \delta$ , we have

$$\mathcal{F}_{\frac{f(2^{n_0} sx)}{8^{n_0}} - \frac{f(2^{n_0} s_0 x)}{8^{n_0}},z}\left(\frac{\epsilon}{3}\right) \geq \alpha.$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathcal{F}_{C(sx)-C(s_0 x),z}(\epsilon) \\ &\geq \mathcal{F}_{C(sx)-\frac{f(2^{n_0} sx)}{8^{n_0}},z}\left(\frac{\epsilon}{3}\right) * \mathcal{F}_{\frac{f(2^{n_0} sx)}{8^{n_0}} - \frac{f(2^{n_0} s_0 x)}{8^{n_0}},z}\left(\frac{\epsilon}{3}\right) * \mathcal{F}_{C(s_0 x)-\frac{f(2^{n_0} s_0 x)}{8^{n_0}},z}\left(\frac{\epsilon}{3}\right) \geq \alpha, \end{aligned}$$

for each  $s$  with  $0 < |s - s_0| < \delta$ . Hence, the mapping  $s \mapsto C(sx)$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -continuous.

Now, we use the  $\mathcal{F}$ -continuity of  $s \mapsto C(sx)$  to establish that  $C(r_0 x) = r_0^3 C(x)$  for all  $r_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ . For each  $r, Q$  is a dense subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ , we have  $C(rx) = r^3 C(x)$ . Fix  $r_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $t > 0$ . Then, for  $0 < \alpha < 1$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\mathcal{F}_{C(rx)-C(r_0 x),z}(t/3) \geq \alpha,$$

for each  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $0 < |r - r_0| < \delta$ . Choose a rational number  $r$  with  $0 < |r - r_0| < \delta$  and  $|r^3 - r_0^3| < 1 - \alpha$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{C(r_0 x)-r_0^3 C(x),z}(t) &\geq \mathcal{F}_{C(r_0 x)-C(r_0 x),z}(t/3) * \mathcal{F}_{C(rx)-r^3 C(x),z}(t/3) * \mathcal{F}_{r^3 C(x)-r_0^3 C(x),z}(t/3) \\ &\geq \alpha * 1 * \mathcal{F}_{C(x),z}(t/3(1 - \alpha)). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\mathcal{F}_{C(r_0 x)-r_0^3 C(x),z}(t) = 1$ . Hence, we conclude that  $C(r_0 x) = r_0^3 C(x)$ .

**Remark 3.2.** We can also prove Theorem 3.1 for the case when  $p, q > 3$ . In this case, there exists a unique cubic mapping  $C : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $\mathcal{F}_{C(x)-f(x),z}(t) \geq \mathcal{F}'_{\|x\|^p z_0,z}((2^p - 8)t)$  for all  $x \in X$ ,  $t > 0$  and nonzero  $z \in X$ .

#### 4 Approximately and conditional cubic mapping in random 2-normed spaces

In this section, we obtain completeness in RTN-space through the existence of some solution of a stability problem for cubic functional equation.

A mapping  $f: \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \rightarrow X$  is said to be *approximately cubic* if for each  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  there exists some  $n_\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\mathcal{F}_{E(n,m),z}(1) \geq \alpha$ , for all  $n \geq 2m \geq n_\alpha$  and nonzero  $z \in X$ .

By a *conditional cubic mapping*, we mean a mapping  $f: \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \rightarrow X$  such that (1) holds whenever  $x \geq 2y$ .

It can be easily verified that for each conditional cubic mapping  $f: \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \rightarrow X$ , we have  $f(2^n) = 2^{3n}f(1)$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{F}, *)$  be a RTN-space such that for each approximately cubic mapping  $f: \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \rightarrow X$ , there exists a conditional cubic mapping  $C: \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \rightarrow X$ , such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}_{C(n)-f(n),z}(1) = 1,$$

for nonzero  $z \in X$ . Then  $(X, \mathcal{F}, *)$  is a random 2-Banach space.

**Proof.** Let  $(x_n)$  be a Cauchy sequence in a RTN-space. By induction on  $k$ , we can find a strictly increasing sequence  $(n_k)$  of natural numbers such that

$$\mathcal{F}_{x_n-x_m,z} \left( \frac{1}{(10k)^3} \right) \geq 1 - \frac{1}{k},$$

for each  $n, m \geq n_k$  and nonzero  $z \in X$ . Let  $y_k = x_{n_k}$  and define  $f: \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \rightarrow X$  by  $f(k) = k^3 y_k$ . Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , and find some  $n_\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $1 - \frac{1}{n_\alpha} > \alpha$ . One can easily verified that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{E_{k,j},z}(1) &\geq \mathcal{F}_{y_{2k+j}-y_{k+j},z} \left( \frac{1}{20k^3} \right) * \mathcal{F}_{y_{2k+j}-y_{k-j},z} \left( \frac{1}{20k^3} \right) * \mathcal{F}_{y_{2k+j}-y_k,z} \left( \frac{1}{40k^3} \right) \\ &\quad * \mathcal{F}_{y_{2k-j}-y_k,z} \left( \frac{1}{80k^3} \right) * \mathcal{F}_{y_{2k+j}-y_{2k-j},z} \left( \frac{1}{120k^2j} \right) * \mathcal{F}_{y_{k-j}-y_{k+j},z} \left( \frac{1}{60k^2j} \right) \\ &\quad * \mathcal{F}_{y_{2k+j}-y_{k+j},z} \left( \frac{1}{60kj^2} \right) * \mathcal{F}_{y_{2k-j}-y_{k-j},z} \left( \frac{1}{60kj^2} \right) \\ &\quad * \mathcal{F}_{y_{2k+j}-y_{2k-j},z} \left( \frac{1}{10j^3} \right) * \mathcal{F}_{y_{k-j}-y_{k+j},z} \left( \frac{1}{20j^3} \right), \end{aligned}$$

for each  $k \geq 2j$ , and nonzero  $z \in X$ . Then

$$\mathcal{F}_{y_{2k+j}-y_{k+j},z} \left( \frac{1}{20k^3} \right) \geq \mathcal{F}_{y_{2k+j}-y_{k+j},z} \left( \frac{1}{20(k+j)^3} \right) \geq \mathcal{F}_{y_{2k+j}-y_{k+j},z} \left( \frac{1}{10^3(k+j)^3} \right) \geq \alpha,$$



for  $j > n_0$  and nonzero  $z \in X$ . Since  $k - j \geq \frac{k}{2}$  and  $k - j \geq j$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{\gamma_{2k+j}-\gamma_{k-j},z} \left( \frac{1}{20k^3} \right) &\geq \mathcal{F}_{\gamma_{2k+j}-\gamma_{k-j},z} \left( \frac{1}{10^3(k-j)^3} \right) \geq \alpha, \\ \mathcal{F}_{\gamma_{k-j}-\gamma_{k+j},z} \left( \frac{1}{60k^2j} \right) &\geq \mathcal{F}_{\gamma_{k-j}-\gamma_{k+j},z} \left( \frac{1}{10^3(k-j)^3} \right) \geq \alpha, \\ \mathcal{F}_{\gamma_{2k-j}-\gamma_{k-j},z} \left( \frac{1}{60kj^2} \right) &\geq \mathcal{F}_{\gamma_{2k-j}-\gamma_{k-j},z} \left( \frac{1}{10^3(k-j)^3} \right) \geq \alpha, \\ \mathcal{F}_{\gamma_{k-j}-\gamma_{k+j},z} \left( \frac{1}{20j^3} \right) &\geq \mathcal{F}_{\gamma_{2k-j}-\gamma_{k-j},z} \left( \frac{1}{10^3(k-j)^3} \right) \geq \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{\gamma_{2k+j}-\gamma_k,z} \left( \frac{1}{40k^3} \right) &\geq \mathcal{F}_{\gamma_{2k+j}-\gamma_k,z} \left( \frac{1}{10^3k^3} \right) \geq \alpha, \quad \mathcal{F}_{\gamma_{2k-j}-\gamma_k,z} \left( \frac{1}{80k^3} \right) \geq \mathcal{F}_{\gamma_{2k-j}-\gamma_k,z} \left( \frac{1}{10^3k^3} \right) \geq \alpha, \\ \text{and } \mathcal{F}_{\gamma_{2k+j}-\gamma_{k+j},z} \left( \frac{1}{60kj^2} \right) &\geq \mathcal{F}_{\gamma_{2k+j}-\gamma_{k+j},z} \left( \frac{1}{10^3(k+j)^3} \right) \geq \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

The inequalities  $2k - j \geq j$  and  $2k - j > k$  imply

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{\gamma_{2k+j}-\gamma_{2k-j},z} \left( \frac{1}{120k^2j} \right) &\geq \mathcal{F}_{\gamma_{2k+j}-\gamma_{2k-j},z} \left( \frac{1}{120(2k-j)^3} \right) \geq \mathcal{F}_{\gamma_{2k+j}-\gamma_{2k-j},z} \left( \frac{1}{10^3(2k-j)^3} \right) \geq \alpha \\ \mathcal{F}_{\gamma_{2k+j}-\gamma_{2k-j},z} \left( \frac{1}{10j^3} \right) &\geq \mathcal{F}_{\gamma_{2k+j}-\gamma_{2k-j},z} \left( \frac{1}{10(2k-j)^3} \right) \geq \mathcal{F}_{\gamma_{2k+j}-\gamma_{2k-j},z} \left( \frac{1}{10^3(2k-j)^3} \right) \geq \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\mathcal{F}_{E_{k,j},z}(1) \geq \alpha$ . This shows that  $f$  is approximately cubic type mapping. By our assumption, there exists a conditional cubic mapping  $C : \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \rightarrow X$ , such that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}_{C(k)-f(k),z}(1) = 1$ . In particular,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}_{C(2^k)-f(2^k),z}(1) = 1$ . This means that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{F}_{C(1)-\gamma_{2^k},z} \left( \frac{1}{2^3k} \right) = 1$$

Hence the subsequence  $(\gamma_{2^k})$  converges to  $y = C(1)$ . Therefore, the Cauchy sequence  $(x_n)$  also converges to  $y$ .

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