

# Multilinear Trif Mappings in Banach Modules over a $C^*$ -Algebra\*

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## Abstract

We prove the Hyers–Ulam–Rassias stability of multilinear Trif functional equations in Banach modules over a unital  $C^*$ -algebra.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces with norms  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $\|\cdot\|$ , respectively. Consider  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  to be a mapping such that  $f(tx)$  is continuous in  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  for each fixed  $x \in X$ . Assume that there exist constants  $\epsilon \geq 0$  and  $p \in [0, 1)$  such that

$$\|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \epsilon(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Th. M. Rassias [6] showed that there exists a unique  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear mapping  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{2\epsilon}{2-2^p} \|x\|^p$$

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for all  $x \in X$ .

Recently, T. Trif [11, Theorem 2.1] proved that a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  with  $f(0) = 0$  satisfies the functional equation

$$\begin{aligned} n {}_{n-2}C_{k-2} f\left(\frac{x_1 + \cdots + x_n}{n}\right) + {}_{n-2}C_{k-1} \sum_{l=1}^n f(x_l) \\ = k \sum_{1 \leq l_1 < \cdots < l_k \leq n} f\left(\frac{x_{l_1} + \cdots + x_{l_k}}{k}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (A)$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$  if and only if the mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies the additive Cauchy equation  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . And he proved the stability of the functional equation (A). Several authors have investigated functional equations (see [2]–[4], [7]–[10]).

Throughout this paper, let  $A$  be a unital  $C^*$ -algebra with norm  $|\cdot|$ ,  $U(A)$  the unitary group of  $A$ ,  $A_1 = \{a \in A \mid |a| = 1\}$ , and  $A_1^+$  the set of positive elements in  $A_1$ . Let  ${}_A B_l$  be left  $A$ -modules for  $l = 1, \dots, d$ . Let  ${}_A D$  be a left Banach  $A$ -module with norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . Let  $n_l$  and  $k_l$  be integers such that  $2 \leq k_l \leq n_l - 1$  for all  $l = 1, \dots, d$ .

The main purpose of this paper is to prove the Hyers–Ulam–Rassias stability of multilinear Trif functional equations in Banach modules over a unital  $C^*$ -algebra.

## 2. Stability of multilinear Trif functional equations in Banach modules over a $C^*$ -algebra

For a given mapping  $f : \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l \rightarrow {}_A D$  and given  $a_1, \dots, a_d \in A$ , we set  $D_{a_1, \dots, a_d} f(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n_1}, \dots, x_{d1}, \dots, x_{dn_d}) :$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{l=1}^d n_l {}_{n_l-2}C_{k_l-2} f\left(x_{11}, \dots, x_{l-1, 1}, \frac{a_l x_{l1} + \cdots + a_l x_{ln_l}}{n_l}, x_{l+1, 1}, \dots, x_{d1}\right) \\ &+ \sum_{l=1}^d n_l {}_{n_l-2}C_{k_l-1} \sum_{j=1}^{n_l} f\left(x_{11}, \dots, x_{l-1, 1}, a_l x_{lj}, x_{l+1, 1}, \dots, x_{d1}\right) \\ &- \sum_{l=1}^d k_l \sum_{1 \leq j_1 < \cdots < j_{k_l} \leq n_l} a_l f\left(x_{11}, \dots, x_{l-1, 1}, \frac{x_{lj_1} + \cdots + x_{lj_{k_l}}}{k_l}, x_{l+1, 1}, \dots, x_{d1}\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x_{l1}, \dots, x_{ln_l} \in {}_A B_l, l = 1, \dots, d$ .

**Theorem 1.** Let  $q_l = \frac{k_l(n_l-1)}{n_l-k_l}$  and  $r_l = -\frac{k_l}{n_l-k_l}$  for  $l = 1, \dots, d$ . Let  $f : \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l \rightarrow {}_A D$  be a mapping for which there exists a function  $\varphi : \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l^{n_l} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that

$$\tilde{\varphi}(x_1, \dots, x_d) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^d \frac{q_1^{-1} \cdots q_{l-1}^{-1}}{k_l n_{l-1} C_{k_l-1}} q_1^{-j} \cdots q_d^{-j} \varphi(\underbrace{q_1^{j+1} x_1, \dots, q_1^{j+1} x_1}_{n_1 \text{ times}}, \underbrace{q_{l-1}^{j+1} x_{l-1}, \dots, q_{l-1}^{j+1} x_{l-1}}_{n_{l-1} \text{ times}}, q_l^{j+1} x_l, \underbrace{r_l q_l^j x_l, \dots, r_l q_l^j x_l}_{n_l - 1 \text{ times}}, \dots), \tag{i}$$

$$\underbrace{q_{l+1}^j x_{l+1}, \dots, q_{l+1}^j x_{l+1}}_{n_{l+1} \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{q_d^j x_d, \dots, q_d^j x_d}_{n_d \text{ times}} < \infty$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \|D_{u_1, \dots, u_d} f(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n_1}, \dots, x_{d1}, \dots, x_{dn_d})\| \\ & \leq \varphi(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n_1}, \dots, x_{d1}, \dots, x_{dn_d}) \end{aligned} \tag{ii}$$

for all  $u_1, \dots, u_d \in U(A)$ , all  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$ , and all  $x_{l1}, \dots, x_{ln_l} \in {}_A B_l, l = 1, \dots, d$ . Assume that  $f(x_1, \dots, x_d) = 0$  if  $x_l = 0$  for any  $l = 1, \dots, d$ . Then there exists a unique  $A$ -multilinear mapping  $M : \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l \rightarrow {}_A D$  such that

$$\|f(x_1, \dots, x_d) - M(x_1, \dots, x_d)\| \leq \tilde{\varphi}(x_1, \dots, x_d) \tag{iii}$$

for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$ .

**Proof.** Put  $u_1 = \dots = u_d = 1 \in U(A)$ . For each fixed  $l$ , let  $x_{11} = \dots = x_{1n_1} = x_1, \dots, x_{l-1\ 1} = \dots = x_{l-1\ n_{l-1}} = x_{l-1}, x_{l+1\ 1} = \dots = x_{l+1\ n_{l+1}} = x_{l+1}, \dots, x_{d1} = \dots = x_{dn_d} = x_d$  and  $x_{l1} = q_l x_l, x_{l2} = \dots = x_{ln_l} = r_l x_l$  in (ii). Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \|_{n_l-2} C_{k_l-1} f(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, q_l x_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) \\ & \quad - k_l n_{l-1} C_{k_l-1} f(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, x_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d)\| \\ & \leq \varphi(\underbrace{x_1, \dots, x_1}_{n_1 \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{x_{l-1}, \dots, x_{l-1}}_{n_{l-1} \text{ times}}, q_l x_l, \underbrace{r_l x_l, \dots, r_l x_l}_{n_l - 1 \text{ times}}, \\ & \quad \underbrace{x_{l+1}, \dots, x_{l+1}}_{n_{l+1} \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{x_d, \dots, x_d}_{n_d \text{ times}}), \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, x_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) - q_l^{-1} f(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, q_l x_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d)\| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{k_l n_{l-1} C_{k_{l-1}}} \varphi(\underbrace{x_1, \dots, x_1}_{n_1 \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{x_{l-1}, \dots, x_{l-1}}_{n_{l-1} \text{ times}}, \underbrace{q_l x_l, r_l x_l, \dots, r_l x_l}_{n_l - 1 \text{ times}}, \\ & \quad \underbrace{x_{l+1}, \dots, x_{l+1}}_{n_{l+1} \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{x_d, \dots, x_d}_{n_d \text{ times}}) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$ . So one can obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|q_1^{-1} \dots q_{l-1}^{-1} f(q_1 x_1, \dots, q_{l-1} x_{l-1}, x_l, \dots, x_d) \\ & \quad - q_1^{-1} \dots q_{l-1}^{-1} q_l^{-1} f(q_1 x_1, \dots, q_l x_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d)\| \\ & \leq \frac{q_1^{-1} \dots q_{l-1}^{-1}}{k_l n_{l-1} C_{k_{l-1}}} \varphi(\underbrace{q_1 x_1, \dots, q_1 x_1}_{n_1 \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{q_{l-1} x_{l-1}, \dots, q_{l-1} x_{l-1}}_{n_{l-1} \text{ times}}, \\ & \quad \underbrace{q_l x_l, r_l x_l, \dots, r_l x_l}_{n_l - 1 \text{ times}}, \underbrace{x_{l+1}, \dots, x_{l+1}}_{n_{l+1} \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{x_d, \dots, x_d}_{n_d \text{ times}}) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(x_1, \dots, x_d) - q_1^{-1} \dots q_d^{-1} f(q_1 x_1, \dots, q_d x_d)\| \\ & \leq \sum_{l=1}^d \frac{q_1^{-1} \dots q_{l-1}^{-1}}{k_l n_{l-1} C_{k_{l-1}}} \varphi(\underbrace{q_1 x_1, \dots, q_1 x_1}_{n_1 \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{q_{l-1} x_{l-1}, \dots, q_{l-1} x_{l-1}}_{n_{l-1} \text{ times}}, \\ & \quad \underbrace{q_l x_l, r_l x_l, \dots, r_l x_l}_{n_l - 1 \text{ times}}, \underbrace{x_{l+1}, \dots, x_{l+1}}_{n_{l+1} \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{x_d, \dots, x_d}_{n_d \text{ times}}) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$ . Hence we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \|q_1^{-j} \dots q_d^{-j} f(q_1^j x_1, \dots, q_d^j x_d) - q_1^{-j-1} \dots q_d^{-j-1} f(q_1^{j+1} x_1, \dots, q_d^{j+1} x_d)\| \\ & \leq \sum_{l=1}^d \frac{q_1^{-1} \dots q_{l-1}^{-1}}{k_l n_{l-1} C_{k_{l-1}}} q_1^{-j} \dots q_d^{-j} \varphi(\underbrace{q_1^{j+1} x_1, \dots, q_1^{j+1} x_1}_{n_1 \text{ times}}, \dots, \\ & \quad \underbrace{q_{l-1}^{j+1} x_{l-1}, \dots, q_{l-1}^{j+1} x_{l-1}}_{n_{l-1} \text{ times}}, \underbrace{q_l^{j+1} x_l, r_l q_l^j x_l, \dots, r_l q_l^j x_l}_{n_l - 1 \text{ times}}, \\ & \quad \underbrace{q_{l+1}^j x_{l+1}, \dots, q_{l+1}^j x_{l+1}}_{n_{l+1} \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{q_d^j x_d, \dots, q_d^j x_d}_{n_d \text{ times}}) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(x_1, \dots, x_d) - q_1^{-n} \cdots q_d^{-n} f(q_1^n x_1, \dots, q_d^n x_d)\| \\ & \leq \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{l=1}^d \frac{q_1^{-1} \cdots q_{l-1}^{-1}}{k_l n_{l-1} C_{k_{l-1}}} q_1^{-j} \cdots q_d^{-j} \varphi(\underbrace{q_1^{j+1} x_1, \dots, q_1^{j+1} x_1}_{n_1 \text{ times}}, \dots, \\ & \quad \underbrace{q_{l-1}^{j+1} x_{l-1}, \dots, q_{l-1}^{j+1} x_{l-1}}_{n_{l-1} \text{ times}}, \underbrace{q_l^{j+1} x_l, r_l q_l^j x_l, \dots, r_l q_l^j x_l}_{n_l - 1 \text{ times}}, \\ & \quad \underbrace{q_{l+1}^j x_{l+1}, \dots, q_{l+1}^j x_{l+1}}_{n_{l+1} \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{q_d^j x_d, \dots, q_d^j x_d}_{n_d \text{ times}}) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$ .

For each  $l = 1, \dots, d$ , let  $x_l$  be an element in  ${}_A B_l$ . For positive integers  $n$  and  $m$  with  $n > m$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|q_1^{-m} \cdots q_d^{-m} f(q_1^m x_1, \dots, q_d^m x_d) - q_1^{-n} \cdots q_d^{-n} f(q_1^n x_1, \dots, q_d^n x_d)\| \\ & \leq \sum_{j=m}^{n-1} \sum_{l=1}^d \frac{q_1^{-1} \cdots q_{l-1}^{-1}}{k_l n_{l-1} C_{k_{l-1}}} q_1^{-j} \cdots q_d^{-j} \varphi(\underbrace{q_1^{j+1} x_1, \dots, q_1^{j+1} x_1}_{n_1 \text{ times}}, \dots, \\ & \quad \underbrace{q_{l-1}^{j+1} x_{l-1}, \dots, q_{l-1}^{j+1} x_{l-1}}_{n_{l-1} \text{ times}}, \underbrace{q_l^{j+1} x_l, r_l q_l^j x_l, \dots, r_l q_l^j x_l}_{n_l - 1 \text{ times}}, \\ & \quad \underbrace{q_{l+1}^j x_{l+1}, \dots, q_{l+1}^j x_{l+1}}_{n_{l+1} \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{q_d^j x_d, \dots, q_d^j x_d}_{n_d \text{ times}}) \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  by (i). So  $\{q_1^{-n} \cdots q_d^{-n} f(q_1^n x_1, \dots, q_d^n x_d)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$ . Since  ${}_A D$  is complete, the sequence  $\{q_1^{-n} \cdots q_d^{-n} f(q_1^n x_1, \dots, q_d^n x_d)\}$  converges for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$ . We can define a mapping  $M : \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l \rightarrow {}_A D$  by

$$M(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} q_1^{-j} \cdots q_d^{-j} f(q_1^j x_1, \dots, q_d^j x_d) \tag{2}$$

for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$ .

By (i) and (2), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|D_{1,\dots,1}M(\underbrace{x_1, \dots, x_1}_{n_1 \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{x_{l-1}, \dots, x_{l-1}}_{n_{l-1} \text{ times}}, x_{l1}, \dots, x_{ln_l}, \\
 & \quad \underbrace{x_{l+1}, \dots, x_{l+1}}_{n_{l+1} \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{x_d, \dots, x_d}_{n_d \text{ times}})\| \\
 &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} q_1^{-j} \cdots q_d^{-j} \|D_{1,\dots,1}f(\underbrace{q_1^j x_1, \dots, q_1^j x_1}_{n_1 \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{q_{l-1}^j x_{l-1}, \dots, q_{l-1}^j x_{l-1}}_{n_{l-1} \text{ times}}, \\
 & \quad q_l^j x_{l1}, \dots, q_l^j x_{ln_l}, \underbrace{q_{l+1}^j x_{l+1}, \dots, q_{l+1}^j x_{l+1}}_{n_{l+1} \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{q_d^j x_d, \dots, q_d^j x_d}_{n_d \text{ times}})\| \\
 &\leq \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} q_1^{-j} \cdots q_d^{-j} \varphi(\underbrace{q_1^j x_1, \dots, q_1^j x_1}_{n_1 \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{q_{l-1}^j x_{l-1}, \dots, q_{l-1}^j x_{l-1}}_{n_{l-1} \text{ times}}, \\
 & \quad q_l^j x_{l1}, \dots, q_l^j x_{ln_l}, \underbrace{q_{l+1}^j x_{l+1}, \dots, q_{l+1}^j x_{l+1}}_{n_{l+1} \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{q_d^j x_d, \dots, q_d^j x_d}_{n_d \text{ times}}) = 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 & D_{1,\dots,1}M(\underbrace{x_1, \dots, x_1}_{n_1 \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{x_{l-1}, \dots, x_{l-1}}_{n_{l-1} \text{ times}}, x_{l1}, \dots, x_{ln_l}, \\
 & \quad \underbrace{x_{l+1}, \dots, x_{l+1}}_{n_{l+1} \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{x_d, \dots, x_d}_{n_d \text{ times}}) = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, x_{l1}, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$  and all  $x_{l2}, \dots, x_{ln_l} \in {}_A B_l$ , which implies that the mapping  $M : \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l \rightarrow {}_A D$  satisfies the functional equation (A) for each  $l = 1, \dots, d$ . So  $M$  is additive for each  $l = 1, \dots, d$ . Moreover, by passing to the limit in (1) as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get the inequality (iii).

Now let  $L : \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l \rightarrow {}_A D$  be another multi-additive mapping satisfying

$$\|f(x_1, \dots, x_d) - L(x_1, \dots, x_d)\| \leq \tilde{\varphi}(x_1, \dots, x_d)$$

for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \|M(x_1, \dots, x_d) - L(x_1, \dots, x_d)\| \\ &= q_1^{-j} \cdots q_d^{-j} \|M(q_1^j x_1, \dots, q_d^j x_d) - L(q_1^j, \dots, q_d^j x_d)\| \\ &\leq q_1^{-j} \cdots q_d^{-j} \|M(q_1^j x_1, \dots, q_d^j x_d) - f(q_1^j x_1, \dots, q_d^j x_d)\| \\ &\quad + q_1^{-j} \cdots q_d^{-j} \|f(q_1^j x_1, \dots, q_d^j x_d) - L(q_1^j x_1, \dots, q_d^j x_d)\| \\ &\leq 2 \cdot q_1^{-j} \cdots q_d^{-j} \tilde{\varphi}(q_1^j x_1, \dots, q_d^j x_d), \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as  $j \rightarrow \infty$  by (i). Thus  $M(x_1, \dots, x_d) = L(x_1, \dots, x_d)$  for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$ . This proves the uniqueness of  $M$ .

By the assumption, for each  $u_l \in U(A)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & q_1^{-j} \cdots q_d^{-j} \|D_{1, \dots, 1, u_l, 1, \dots, 1} f(\underbrace{q_1^j x_1, \dots, q_1^j x_1}_{n_1 \text{ times}}, \\ & \quad \underbrace{q_l^j x_l, \dots, q_l^j x_l}_{n_l \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{q_d^j x_d, \dots, q_d^j x_d}_{n_d \text{ times}})\| \\ & \leq q_1^{-j} \cdots q_d^{-j} \varphi(\underbrace{q_1^j x_1, \dots, q_1^j x_1}_{n_1 \text{ times}}, \underbrace{q_l^j x_l, \dots, q_l^j x_l}_{n_l \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{q_d^j x_d, \dots, q_d^j x_d}_{n_d \text{ times}}) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$ , and so

$$\begin{aligned} & q_1^{-j} \cdots q_d^{-j} \|D_{1, \dots, 1, u_l, 1, \dots, 1} f(\underbrace{q_1^j x_1, \dots, q_1^j x_1}_{n_1 \text{ times}}, \\ & \quad \underbrace{q_l^j x_l, \dots, q_l^j x_l}_{n_l \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{q_d^j x_d, \dots, q_d^j x_d}_{n_d \text{ times}})\| \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

as  $j \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} & D_{1, \dots, 1, u_l, 1, \dots, 1} M(\underbrace{x_1, \dots, x_1}_{n_1 \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{x_l, \dots, x_l}_{n_l \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{x_d, \dots, x_d}_{n_d \text{ times}}) \\ &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} q_1^{-j} \cdots q_d^{-j} D_{1, \dots, 1, u_l, 1, \dots, 1} f(\underbrace{q_1^j x_1, \dots, q_1^j x_1}_{n_1 \text{ times}}, \\ & \quad \underbrace{q_l^j x_l, \dots, q_l^j x_l}_{n_l \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{q_d^j x_d, \dots, q_d^j x_d}_{n_d \text{ times}}) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u_l \in U(A)$  and all  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$ . So we get

$$M(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, u_l x_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) = u_l M(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, x_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d)$$

for all  $u_l \in U(A)$  and all  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$ .

Now let  $a \in A$  ( $a \neq 0$ ) and  $K$  an integer greater than  $4|a|$ . Then

$$\left| \frac{a}{K} \right| = \frac{1}{K} |a| < \frac{|a|}{4|a|} = \frac{1}{4} < 1 - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3}.$$

By [5, Theorem 1], there exist three elements  $u_1, u_2, u_3 \in U(A)$  such that  $3\frac{a}{K} = u_1 + u_2 + u_3$ . And

$$\begin{aligned} M(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, x_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) &= M(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, 3 \cdot \frac{1}{3} x_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) \\ &= 3M(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, \frac{1}{3} x_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$ . So

$$M(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, \frac{1}{3} x_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) = \frac{1}{3} M(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, x_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d)$$

for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} M(x_1, \dots, a x_l, \dots, x_d) &= M(x_1, \dots, \frac{K}{3} \cdot 3 \frac{a}{K} x_l, \dots, x_d) \\ &= \frac{K}{3} M(x_1, \dots, 3 \frac{a}{K} x_l, \dots, x_d) \\ &= \frac{K}{3} M(x_1, \dots, u_1 x_l + u_2 x_l + u_3 x_l, \dots, x_d) \\ &= \frac{K}{3} (u_1 + u_2 + u_3) M(x_1, \dots, x_l, \dots, x_d) \\ &= \frac{K}{3} \cdot 3 \frac{a}{K} M(x_1, \dots, x_l, \dots, x_d) \\ &= a M(x_1, \dots, x_l, \dots, x_d) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$ . Obviously,

$$M(x_1, \dots, 0 x_l, \dots, x_d) = 0 M(x_1, \dots, x_l, \dots, x_d)$$



for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} M(x_1, \dots, ax_l + by_l, \dots, x_d) &= M(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, ax_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) + M(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, by_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) \\ &= aM(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, x_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) + bM(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, y_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a, b \in A$  and all  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$  and all  $y_l \in {}_A B_l$ . So the unique multi-additive mapping  $M : \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l \rightarrow {}_A D$  is an  $A$ -multilinear mapping, as desired.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $q_l = \frac{k_l(n_l-1)}{n_l-k_l}$  and  $r_l = -\frac{k_l}{n_l-k_l}$  for  $l = 1, \dots, d$ . Let  $f : \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l \rightarrow {}_A D$  be a mapping for which there exists a function  $\varphi : \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l^{n_l} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfying (i) such that

$$\begin{aligned} \|D_{a_1, \dots, a_d} f(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n_1}, \dots, x_{d1}, \dots, x_{dn_d})\| &\leq \varphi(x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n_1}, \dots, x_{d1}, \dots, x_{dn_d}) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a_1, \dots, a_d \in A_1^+ \cup \{i\}$  and all  $x_{l1}, \dots, x_{ln_l} \in {}_A B_l$ ,  $l = 1, \dots, d$ . Assume that  $f(x_1, \dots, x_d) = 0$  if  $x_l = 0$  for any  $l = 1, \dots, d$ . Assume that for each  $l = 1, \dots, d$ ,  $f(x_1, \dots, x_{l-1}, \lambda x_l, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d)$  is continuous in  $\lambda \in R$  for each fixed  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$ , and that  $\{q_1^{-j} \dots q_d^{-j} f(q_1^j x_1, \dots, q_d^j x_d)\}$  converges uniformly for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$ . Then there exists a unique  $A$ -multilinear mapping  $M : \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l \rightarrow {}_A D$  satisfying (iii).

**Proof.** Put  $a_1 = \dots = a_d = 1 \in A_1^+$ . By the same reasoning as in the proof of Theorem 1, there exists a unique multi-additive mapping  $M : \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l \rightarrow {}_A D$  satisfying (iii).

For each fixed  $l = 1, \dots, d$ , since  $f(x_1, \dots, \lambda x_l, \dots, x_d)$  is continuous in  $\lambda \in R$  for each fixed  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$ , the mapping  $M(x_1, \dots, \lambda x_l, \dots, x_d)$  is continuous in  $\lambda \in R$  for each fixed  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$  by the uniform convergence. By the same reasoning as in the proof of [6, Theorem], the multi-additive mapping  $M : \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l \rightarrow {}_A D$  is  $R$ -linear in the  $l$ -th variable. So the multi-additive mapping  $M : \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l \rightarrow {}_A D$  is  $R$ -multilinear.

By the same reasoning as in the proof of Theorem 1,

$$M(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}, ax_j, x_{j+1}, \dots, x_d) = aM(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}, x_j, x_{j+1}, \dots, x_d) \tag{4}$$

for all  $a \in A_1^+ \cup \{i\}$  and  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$ .

For any element  $a \in A$ ,  $a = \frac{a+a^*}{2} + i\frac{a-a^*}{2i}$ , and  $\frac{a+a^*}{2}$  and  $\frac{a-a^*}{2i}$  are self-adjoint elements, furthermore,  $a = (\frac{a+a^*}{2})^+ - (\frac{a+a^*}{2})^- + i(\frac{a-a^*}{2i})^+ - i(\frac{a-a^*}{2i})^-$ , where  $(\frac{a+a^*}{2})^+$ ,  $(\frac{a+a^*}{2})^-$ ,  $(\frac{a-a^*}{2i})^+$ , and  $(\frac{a-a^*}{2i})^-$  are positive elements (see [?, ?]). Using the  $R$ -multilinearity and (4), one can easily show that

$$M(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}, ax_j, x_{j+1}, \dots, x_d) = aM(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}, x_j, x_{j+1}, \dots, x_d)$$

for all  $a \in A$  and all  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} M(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}, ax_j + by_j, x_{j+1}, \dots, x_d) \\ &= M(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}, ax_j, x_{j+1}, \dots, x_d) + M(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}, by_j, x_{j+1}, \dots, x_d) \\ &= aM(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}, x_j, x_{j+1}, \dots, x_d) + bM(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}, y_j, x_{j+1}, \dots, x_d) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a, b \in A$ , all  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \prod_{j=1}^d {}_A B_j$  and  $y_j \in {}_A B_j$ . So the unique multi-additive mapping  $M : \prod_{l=1}^d {}_A B_l \rightarrow {}_A D$  is an  $A$ -multilinear mapping, as desired.

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