

# Ulam-Hyers-Rassias stability of pseudoparabolic partial differential equations

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**ABSTRACT.** The aim of this paper is to give some types of Ulam stability for a pseudoparabolic partial differential equation. In this case we consider Ulam-Hyers stability and generalized Ulam-Hyers-Rassias stability. We investigate some new applications of the Gronwall lemmas to the Ulam stability of a nonlinear pseudoparabolic partial differential equations.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

In 1940, on a talk given at Wisconsin University, S. M. Ulam has formulated the following problem: Under what conditions does there exist near every approximately homomorphism of a given metric group an homomorphism of the group? If the answer to the previous question is affirmative, we say that the equation of the homomorphism is stable. Generally, we say that a differential equation is stable (Ulam) if for every approximate solution of the differential equation, there exists an exact solution near it ([1], [5], [6], [10], [15], [16]).

The Ulam stability is an important concept in the theory of nonlinear partial differential equations (see [13], [14], [15], [16]). Following I. A. Rus - N. Lungu ([13]), I. A. Rus ([15], [16]), in this paper we shall present two types of Ulam stability for a pseudoparabolic partial differential equation: Ulam-Hyers stability and generalized Ulam-Hyers-Rassias stability.

More precisely we shall consider the following equation ([2], [3], [4], [17], [18], [19]):

$$(1.1) \quad \frac{\partial^3 u(x, y)}{\partial x^2 \partial y} = f \left( x, y, u(x, y), \frac{\partial u(x, y)}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial^2 u(x, y)}{\partial x^2} \right),$$

$0 \leq x < a$ ,  $0 \leq y < b$ , where  $f \in C([0, a) \times [0, b) \times \mathbb{B}^3, \mathbb{B})$  and  $(\mathbb{B}, |\cdot|)$  is a (real or complex) Banach space.

A function  $u : [0, a) \times [0, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$  is a solution of (1.1) if  $u \in C([0, a) \times [0, b)) \cap C^1([0, a) \times [0, b))$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \in C([0, a) \times (0, b))$ ,  $\frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^2 \partial y} \in C([0, a) \times [0, b))$  and  $u$  satisfies the equation (1.1).

The equations of this type arise in the theory of the consolidation of clay and in the theory of seepage of homogeneous fluid through fissured rocks.

## 2. DEFINITIONS AND NOTIONS

Let  $a, b \in (0, \infty]$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\varphi \in C([0, a) \times [0, b), \mathbb{R}_+)$ .

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We consider the following inequalities:

$$(2.2) \quad \left| \frac{\partial^3 v(x, y)}{\partial x^2 \partial y} - f \left( x, y, v(x, y), \frac{\partial v(x, y)}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial^2 v(x, y)}{\partial x^2} \right) \right| \leq \varepsilon$$

$$(2.3) \quad \left| \frac{\partial^3 v(x, y)}{\partial x^2 \partial y} - f \left( x, y, v(x, y), \frac{\partial v(x, y)}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial^2 v(x, y)}{\partial x^2} \right) \right| \leq \varphi(x, y)$$

for  $x \in [0, a), y \in [0, b)$ .

**Definition 2.1.** The equation (1.1) is Ulam-Hyers stable if there exists the real numbers  $c_f^1, c_f^2, c_f^3 > 0$  such that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and for each solution  $v$  of (2.2), there exists a solution  $u$  of (1.1) with

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{cases} |v(x, y) - u(x, y)| \leq c_f^1 \cdot \varepsilon \\ \left| \frac{\partial v(x, y)}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u(x, y)}{\partial y} \right| \leq c_f^2 \cdot \varepsilon \\ \left| \frac{\partial^2 v(x, y)}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u(x, y)}{\partial x^2} \right| \leq c_f^3 \cdot \varepsilon, \forall x \in [0, a), y \in [0, b). \end{cases}$$

**Definition 2.2.** The equation (1.1) is generalized Ulam-Hyers-Rassias stable if there exists the real numbers  $c_{f,\varphi}^1, c_{f,\varphi}^2, c_{f,\varphi}^3 > 0$  such that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and for each solution  $v$  of (2.3), there exists a solution of (1.1) with

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{cases} |v(x, y) - u(x, y)| \leq c_{f,\varphi}^1 \cdot \varphi(x, y) \\ \left| \frac{\partial v(x, y)}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u(x, y)}{\partial y} \right| \leq c_{f,\varphi}^2 \cdot \varphi(x, y) \\ \left| \frac{\partial^2 v(x, y)}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u(x, y)}{\partial x^2} \right| \leq c_{f,\varphi}^3 \cdot \varphi(x, y), \forall x \in [0, a), y \in [0, b). \end{cases}$$

**Remark 2.1.** A function  $v$  is a solution of (2.2) if and only if there exists a function  $g \in C([0, a) \times [0, b), \mathbb{B})$  such that

$$(2.6) \quad \begin{aligned} (i) \quad & |g(x, y)| \leq \varepsilon, \forall x \in [0, a), \forall y \in [0, b); \\ (ii) \quad & \frac{\partial^3 v(x, y)}{\partial x^2 \partial y} = f \left( x, y, v(x, y), \frac{\partial v(x, y)}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial^2 v(x, y)}{\partial x^2} \right) + g(x, y), \\ & \forall x \in [0, a), y \in [0, b). \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 2.2.** A function  $v$  is a solution of (2.3) if and only if there exists a function  $g \in C([0, a) \times [0, b), \mathbb{B})$  such that

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{aligned} (i) \quad & |g(x, y)| \leq \varphi(x, y), \forall x \in [0, a), \forall y \in [0, b); \\ (ii) \quad & \frac{\partial^3 v(x, y)}{\partial x^2 \partial y} = f \left( x, y, v(x, y), \frac{\partial v(x, y)}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial^2 v(x, y)}{\partial x^2} \right) + g(x, y), \\ & \forall x \in [0, a), y \in [0, b). \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 2.3.** If  $v$  is a solution of the inequality (2.2), then  $(v, v_1, v_2)$  is a solution of the following system of integral inequalities:

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{cases} \left| v(x, y) - v(x, 0) - v(0, y) - xv_x(0, y) - \int_0^x \int_0^s \int_0^y f(z, t, v(z, t), v_1(z, t), v_2(z, t)) dt dz ds \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon x^2 y, \\ \left| v_1(x, y) - v_1(0, y) - xv_{1x}(0, y) - \int_0^x \int_0^s f(z, y, v(z, y), v_1(z, y), v_2(z, y)) dz ds \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon x^2, \\ \left| v_2(x, y) - v_2(x, 0) - \int_0^y f(x, t, v(x, t), v_1(x, t), v_2(x, t)) dt \right| \leq \varepsilon y, \end{cases}$$

$$\forall x \in [0, a), y \in [0, b) \text{ and } v_1 = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, v_2 = \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2}.$$

*Proof.* From (2.3) we have that

$$(2.9) \quad v(x, y) = v(x, 0) + v(0, y) + xv_x(0, y) - \int_0^x \int_0^s \int_0^y f(z, t, v(z, t), v_1(z, t), v_2(z, t)) dt dz ds + \int_0^x \int_0^s \int_0^y g(z, t) dt dz ds.$$

Then we have

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left| v(x, y) - v(x, 0) - v(0, y) - xv_x(0, y) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \int_0^x \int_0^s \int_0^y f(z, t, v(z, t), v_1(z, t), v_2(z, t)) dt dz ds \right| \\ & \leq \int_0^x \int_0^s \int_0^y |g(z, t)| dt dz ds \leq \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon x^2 y. \end{aligned}$$

By analogous method, we have the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| v_1(x, y) - v_1(0, y) - xv_{1x}(0, y) - \int_0^x \int_0^s f(z, y, v(z, y), v_1(z, y), v_2(z, y)) dz ds \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon x^2, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\left| v_2(x, y) - v_2(x, 0) - \int_0^y f(x, t, v(x, t), v_1(x, t), v_2(x, t)) dt \right| \leq \varepsilon y.$$

□

In a similar way we have

**Remark 2.4.** If  $v$  is a solution of (2.3), then  $(v, v_1, v_2)$  is a solution of the following system of integral inequalities:

$$(2.11) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left| v(x, y) - v(x, 0) - v(0, y) - xv_x(0, y) \right. \\ \left. - \int_0^x \int_0^s \int_0^y f(z, t, v(z, t), v_1(z, t), v_2(z, t)) dt dz ds \right| \\ \leq \int_0^x \int_0^s \int_0^y \varphi(z, t) dt dz ds, \\ \\ \left| v_1(x, y) - v_1(0, y) - xv_{1x}(0, y) \right. \\ \left. - \int_0^x \int_0^s f(z, y, v(z, y), v_1(z, y), v_2(z, y)) dz ds \right| \\ \leq \int_0^x \int_0^s \varphi(z, y) dz ds, \\ \\ \left| v_2(x, y) - v_2(x, 0) - \int_0^y f(x, y, v(x, t), v_1(x, t), v_2(x, t)) dt \right| \\ \leq \int_0^y \varphi(x, t) dt. \end{array} \right.$$

### 3. ULAM-HYERS STABILITY

In this paragraph, we will consider Ulam-Hyers stability of the equation (1.1). For this problem we have the following result:

**Lemma 3.1.** (Gronwall Lemma) ([3], [8], [14], [15]) *let  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}_+$  and  $\psi \in C([a, b], \mathbb{R}_+)$  be given. Then if  $x \in C[a, b]$  is a solution of the inequality*

$$x(t) \leq \alpha + \beta \int_a^t \psi(s)x(s)ds, \quad \forall t \in [a, b]$$

then

$$x(t) \leq \alpha \exp \left( \beta \int_a^t \psi(s)ds \right), \quad \forall t \in [a, b].$$

In what follows, we consider:

**Theorem 3.1.** *We suppose that*

- (i)  $a < \infty, b < \infty$ ;
- (ii)  $f \in C(D \times \mathbb{B}^3, \mathbb{B})$ ;
- (iii)  $\exists L_f > 0$  such that

$$|f(x, y, u_1, u_2, u_3) - f(x, y, v_1, v_2, v_3)| \leq L_f \max\{|u_i - v_i|, i = 1, 2, 3\};$$

for all  $x \in [0, a], y \in [0, b]$  and  $u_1, u_2, u_3, v_1, v_2, v_3 \in \mathbb{B}$ .

Then:

(a) for  $h \in C^2([0, a], \mathbb{B}), g_1, g_2 \in C^1([0, b], \mathbb{B})$  the equation (1.1) has a unique solution with

$$(3.12) \quad \begin{cases} u(x, 0) = h(x), & x \in [0, a] \\ u(0, y) = g_1(y), & y \in [0, b] \\ u_x(0, y) = g_2(y), & y \in [0, b]. \end{cases}$$

(b) the equation (1.1) is Ulam-Hyers stable.

*Proof.* (a) This is a known result, consequence of the Banach fixed point theorem (see [4], [7]).

(b) Let  $v$  be a solution of the inequality (2.2). Let  $u$  be the unique solution of the equation (1.1) which satisfies the conditions:

$$(3.13) \quad \begin{cases} u(x, 0) = v(x, 0), & x \in [0, a] \\ u(0, y) = v(0, y), & y \in [0, b] \\ u_x(0, y) = v_x(0, y), & y \in [0, b]. \end{cases}$$

From Remark 2.3, the condition (iii) and Lemma 3.1 (Gronwall lemma), we have that

$$|v(x, y) - u(x, y)| \leq \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon a^2 b \exp\left(\frac{1}{2} L_f a^2 b\right) = c_f^1 \cdot \varepsilon$$

where

$$c_f^1 = \frac{1}{2} a^2 b \exp\left(\frac{1}{2} L_f a^2 b\right),$$

analogous we have

$$|v_1(x, y) - u_1(x, y)| \leq \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon a^2 \exp\left(\frac{1}{2} L_f a^2\right) = c_f^2 \cdot \varepsilon, \quad c_f^2 = \frac{1}{2} a^2 \exp\left(\frac{1}{2} L_f a^2\right),$$

and

$$|v_2(x, y) - u_2(x, y)| \leq \varepsilon b \exp(L_f b) = c_f^3 \cdot \varepsilon, \quad c_f^3 = b \exp(L_f b).$$

So, the equation (1.1) is Ulam-Hyers stable. □

#### 4. GENERALIZED ULAM-HYERS-RASSIAS STABILITY

In what follows we consider the equation (1.1) and the inequality (2.3) in the case  $a = \infty, b = \infty$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** *We suppose that:*

- (i)  $f \in C([0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \times \mathbb{B}^3, \mathbb{B})$ ;
- (ii) there exists  $l_f \in C^1([0, \infty) \times [0, \infty), \mathbb{R}_+)$  such that

$$|f(x, y, u_1, u_2, u_3) - f(x, y, v_1, v_2, v_3)| \leq l_f(x, y) \max\{|u_i - v_i|, i = 1, 2, 3\},$$

for all  $x, y \in [0, \infty), u_1, u_2, u_3, v_1, v_2, v_3 \in \mathbb{B}$ ;

- (iii) there exists  $\lambda_\varphi^1, \lambda_\varphi^2, \lambda_\varphi^3 > 0$  such that

$$\int_0^x \int_0^s \int_0^y \varphi(z, t) dt dz ds \leq \lambda_\varphi^1 \varphi(x, y), \quad \forall x, y \in [0, \infty),$$

$$\int_0^x \int_0^s \varphi(z, y) dz ds \leq \lambda_\varphi^2 \varphi(x, y), \quad \forall x, y \in [0, \infty),$$

$$\int_0^y \varphi(x, t) dt \leq \lambda_\varphi^3 \varphi(x, y), \quad \forall x, y \in [0, \infty),$$

- (iv)  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is increasing.

Then the equation (1.1) ( $a = \infty, b = \infty$ ) is generalized Ulam-Hyers-Rassias stable.

*Proof.* Let  $v$  be a solution of the inequality (2.3) and  $u(x, y)$  the unique solution of the problem:

$$(4.14) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial^3 u(x, y)}{\partial x^2 \partial y} = f \left( x, y, u(x, y), \frac{\partial u(x, y)}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial^2 u(x, y)}{\partial x^2} \right), \quad x, y \in [0, \infty) \\ & u(x, 0) = v(x, 0), \quad \forall x \in [0, \infty), \\ & u(0, y) = v(0, y), \quad \forall y \in [0, \infty), \\ & u_x(0, y) = v_x(0, y), \quad \forall y \in [0, \infty), \end{aligned} \right.$$

then  $(u, u_1, u_2)$  is a solution of the system:

$$(4.15) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} u(x, y) &= v(x, 0) + v(0, y) + xv_x(0, y) \\ &+ \int_0^x \int_0^s \int_0^y f(z, t, u(z, t), u_1(z, t), u_2(z, t)) dt dz ds \\ u_1(x, y) &= v_1(0, y) + xv_{1x}(0, y) \\ &+ \int_0^x \int_0^s f(z, y, u(z, y), u_1(z, y), u_2(z, y)) dz ds \\ u_2(x, y) &= v_2(x, 0) + \int_0^y f(x, t, u(x, t), u_1(x, t), u_2(x, t)) dt. \end{aligned} \right.$$

From Remark 2.4 and the condition (iii), we have that

$$(4.16) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \left| v(x, y) - v(x, 0) - v(0, y) - xv_x(0, y) \right. \\ & \left. - \int_0^x \int_0^s \int_0^y f(z, t, v(z, t), v_1(z, t), v_2(z, t)) dt dz ds \right| \\ & \leq \int_0^x \int_0^s \int_0^y \varphi(z, t) dt dz ds \leq \lambda_\varphi^1 \varphi(x, y), \quad \forall x, y \in [0, \infty), \\ & \left| v_1(x, y) - v_1(0, y) - xv_{1x}(0, y) \right. \\ & \left. - \int_0^x \int_0^s f(z, y, v(z, y), v_1(z, y), v_2(z, y)) dz ds \right| \\ & \leq \int_0^x \int_0^s \varphi(z, y) dz ds \leq \lambda_\varphi^2 \cdot \varphi(x, y), \quad x, y \in [0, \infty), \\ & \left| v_2(x, y) - v_2(x, 0) - \int_0^y f(x, t, v(x, t), v_1(x, t), v_2(x, t)) dt \right| \\ & \leq \lambda_\varphi^3 \cdot \varphi(x, y), \quad x \in [0, \infty). \end{aligned} \right.$$

From (4.16), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |v(x, y) - u(x, y)| &\leq \left| v(x, y) - v(x, 0) - v(0, y) - xv_x(0, y) \right. \\ & \left. - \int_0^x \int_0^s \int_0^y f(z, t, v(z, t), v_1(z, t), v_2(z, t)) dt dz ds \right| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \int_0^x \int_0^s \int_0^y |f(z,t,v(z,t),v_1(z,t),v_2(z,t)) - f(z,t,u(z,t),u_1(z,t),u_2(z,t))| dt dz ds \\
& \leq \lambda_\varphi^1 \cdot \varphi(x,y) + \int_0^x \int_0^s \int_0^y l_f(z,t) \max_{i \in \{1,2,3\}} (|v_i(z,t) - u_i(z,t)|) dt dz ds.
\end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 3.1 (Gronwall lemma) it follows:

$$|v(x,y) - u(x,y)| \leq \lambda_\varphi^1 \cdot \varphi(x,y) \exp \left( \int_0^\infty \int_0^s \int_0^\infty l_f(z,t) dt dz ds \right),$$

and  $|v(x,y) - u(x,y)| \leq c_{f,\varphi}^1 \cdot \varphi(x,y)$  where

$$c_{f,\varphi}^1 = \lambda_\varphi^1 \exp \left( \int_0^\infty \int_0^s \int_0^\infty l_f(z,t) dt dz ds \right), \quad \forall x, y \in [0, \infty).$$

Analogous we have:

$$|v_1(x,y) - u_1(x,y)| \leq c_{f,\varphi}^2 \cdot \varphi(x,y)$$

where

$$c_{f,\varphi}^2 = \lambda_\varphi^2 \exp \left( \int_0^\infty \int_0^s l_f(z,y) dz ds \right), \quad \forall x, y \in [0, \infty),$$

and  $|v_2(x,y) - u_2(x,y)| \leq c_{f,\varphi}^3 \cdot \varphi(x,y)$  where

$$c_{f,\varphi}^3 = \lambda_\varphi^3 \exp \left( \int_0^\infty l_f(z,t) dt \right), \quad \forall x, y \in [0, \infty).$$

Then the equation (1.1) is generalized Ulam-Hyers-Rassias stable.  $\square$

For other applications see N. Lungu, D. Popa [9], D. Popa [10], [11], [12].

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