## Research Article

# Superstability of Generalized Higher Derivations 

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We define the notion of an approximate generalized higher derivation and investigate the superstability of strong generalized higher derivations.

## 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

The problem of stability of functional equations was originally raised by Ulam [1, 2] in 1940 concerning the stability of group homomorphisms. Hyers [3] gave an affirmative answer to the question of Ulam. Superstability, the result of Hyers, was generalized by Aoki [4], Bourgin [5], and Rassias [6]. During the last decades, several stability problems for various functional equations have been investigated by several authors. We refer the reader to the monographs [7-10].

Let $(E,\|\cdot\|)$ be a complex normed space, and let $k \in \mathbb{N}$. We denote by $E^{k}$ the linear space $E \oplus \cdots \oplus E$ consisting of $k$-tuples $\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k}\right)$, where $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k} \in E$. The linear operations on $E^{k}$ are defined coordinatewise. The zero element of either $E$ or $E^{k}$ is denoted by 0 . We denote by $\mathbb{N}_{k}$ the set $\{1,2, \ldots, k\}$ and by $\mathfrak{C}_{k}$ the group of permutations on $k$ symbols.

Definition 1.1. A multi-norm on $\left\{E^{k}: k \in \mathbb{N}\right\}$ is a sequence $\left(\|\cdot\|_{k}\right)=\left(\|\cdot\|_{k}: k \in \mathbb{N}\right)$ such that $\|\cdot\|_{k}$ is a norm on $E^{k}$ for each $k \in \mathbb{N},\|x\|_{1}=\|x\|$ for each $x \in E$, and the following axioms are satisfied for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$ with $k \geq 2$ :
(M1) $\left\|\left(x_{\sigma(1)}, \ldots, x_{\sigma(k)}\right)\right\|_{k}=\left\|\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k}\right)\right\|_{k}\left(\sigma \in \mathfrak{C}_{k}, x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k} \in E\right)$;
(M2) $\left\|\left(\alpha_{1} x_{1}, \ldots, \alpha_{k} x_{k}\right)\right\|_{k} \leq\left(\max _{i \in \mathbb{N}_{k}}\left|\alpha_{i}\right|\right)\left\|\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k}\right)\right\|_{k}\left(\alpha_{1}, \ldots, \alpha_{k} \in \mathbb{C}, x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k} \in E\right)$;
(M3) $\left\|\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k-1}, 0\right)\right\|_{k}=\left\|\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k-1}\right)\right\|_{k-1}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k} \in E\right)$;
(M4) $\left\|\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k-1}, x_{k-1}\right)\right\|_{k}=\left\|\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k-1}\right)\right\|_{k-1}\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k} \in E\right)$.
In this case, we say that $\left(\left(E^{k},\|\cdot\|\right) k \in \mathbb{N}\right)$ is a multi-normed space.

We recall that the notion of multi-normed space was introduced by Dales and Polyakov in [11]. Motivations for the study of multi-normed spaces and many examples are given in [11].

Suppose that $\left(\left(E^{k},\|\cdot\|_{k}\right) k \in \mathbb{N}\right)$ is a multi-normed space, and $k \in \mathbb{N}$. The following properties are almost immediate consequences of the axioms:
(i) $\|(x, \ldots, x)\|_{k}=\|x\|(x \in E)$;
(ii) $\max _{i \in \mathbb{N}_{k}}\left\|x_{i}\right\| \leq\left\|\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k}\right)\right\|_{k} \leq \sum_{i=1}^{k}\left\|x_{i}\right\| \leq k \max _{i \in \mathbb{N}_{k}}\left\|x_{i}\right\|\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k} \in E\right)$.

It follows from (ii) that if $(E,\|\cdot\|)$ is a Banach space, then $\left(\left(E^{k},\|\cdot\|_{k}\right)\right.$ is a Banach space for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$. In this case, $\left(\left(E^{k},\|\cdot\|_{k}\right) k \in \mathbb{N}\right)$ is a multi-Banach space.

By (ii), we get the following lemma.
Lemma 1.2. Suppose that $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k}\right) \in E^{k}$. For each $j \in \mathbb{N}_{k}$, let $\left\{x_{n}^{j}\right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence in $E$ such that $\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{n}^{j}=x_{j}$. Then for each $\left(y_{1}, \ldots, y_{k}\right) \in E^{k}$, one has

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty}\left(x_{n}^{1}-y_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}^{k}-y_{k}\right)=\left(x_{1}-y_{1}, \ldots, x_{k}-y_{k}\right) \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Definition 1.3. Let $\left(\left(E^{k},\|\cdot\|_{k}\right) k \in \mathbb{N}\right)$ be a multi-normed space. A sequence $\left\{x_{n}\right\}$ in $E$ is a multinull sequence if, for each $\epsilon>0$, there exists $n_{0} \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sup _{k \in \mathbb{N}}\left\|\left(x_{n}, \ldots, x_{n+k-1}\right)\right\|_{k}<\epsilon \quad\left(n \geq n_{0}\right) \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let $x \in E$. We say that $\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{n}=x$ if $\left\{x_{n}-x\right\}$ is a multi-null sequence.
Definition 1.4. Let $(\mathcal{A},\|\cdot\|)$ be a normed algebra such that $\left(\left(\mathcal{A}^{k},\|\cdot\|_{k}\right) k \in \mathbb{N}\right)$ is said to be a multi-normed space. Then $\left(\left(\mathcal{A}^{k},\|\cdot\|_{k}\right) k \in \mathbb{N}\right)$ is a multi-normed algebra if

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|\left(x_{1} y_{1}, \ldots, x_{k} y_{k}\right)\right\|_{k} \leq\left\|\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k}\right)\right\|_{k}\left\|\left(y_{1}, \ldots, y_{k}\right)\right\|_{k^{\prime}} \tag{1.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k}, y_{1}, \ldots, y_{k} \in \mathcal{A}$. Furthermore, if $\left(\left(\mathcal{A}^{k},\|\cdot\|_{k}\right) k \in \mathbb{N}\right)$ is a multi-Banach space, then $\left(\left(\mathscr{A}^{k},\|\cdot\|_{k}\right) k \in \mathbb{N}\right)$ is a multi-Banach algebra.

Let $\mathcal{A}$ be an algebra and $k_{0} \in\{0,1, \ldots,\} \cup\{\infty\}$. A family $\left\{D_{j}\right\}_{j=0}^{k_{0}}$ of linear mappings on $\mathcal{A}$ is said to be a higher derivation of rank $k_{0}$ if the functional equation $D_{j}(x y)=$ $\sum_{i=0}^{j} D_{i}(x) D_{j-i}(y)$ holds for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}, j=0,1,2, \ldots, k_{0}$. If $D_{0}=i d_{A}$, where $i d_{\mathcal{A}}$ is the identity map on $\mathcal{A}$, then $D_{1}$ is a derivation and $\left\{D_{j}\right\}_{j=0}^{k_{0}}$ is called a strong higher derivation. A standard example of a higher derivation of rank $k_{0}$ is $\left\{D^{j} / j!\right\}_{j=0}^{k_{0}}$, where $D: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is a derivation. The reader may find more information about higher derivations in [12-18].

A family $\left\{f_{j}\right\}_{j=0}^{k_{0}}$ of linear mappings on $\mathcal{A}$ is called a generalized strong higher derivation if $f_{0}=i d_{\mathcal{A}}$, and there exists a higher derivation $\left\{D_{j}\right\}_{j=0}^{k_{0}}$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{j}(x y)=x f_{j}(y)+\sum_{i=1}^{j} D_{i}(x) f_{j-i}(y) \tag{1.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ and $j=0,1,2, \ldots, k_{0}$.

The stability of derivations was studied by Park [19, 20]. In this paper, using some ideas from $[21,22]$, we investigate the superstability of generalized strong higher derivations in multi-Banach algebras.

## 2. Stability of Generalized Higher Derivations

In this section, we define the notion of an approximate generalized higher derivation. Then we show that an approximate generalized strong higher derivation on a multi-Banach algebra is a strong generalized higher derivation.

Lemma 2.1. Let $(E,\|\cdot\|)$ be a normed space, and let $\left(\left(F^{k},\|\cdot\|_{k}: k \in \mathbb{N}\right)\right.$ be a multi-Banach space. Let $k \in \mathbb{N}, \epsilon>0$, and $f: E \rightarrow F$ a mapping satisfying $f(0)=0$ and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sup _{k \in \mathbb{N}}\left\|\left(f\left(\frac{x_{1}+y_{1}}{t}\right)-\frac{f\left(x_{1}\right)}{t}-\frac{f\left(y_{1}\right)}{t}, \ldots, f\left(\frac{x_{k}+y_{k}}{t}\right)-\frac{f\left(x_{k}\right)}{t}-\frac{f\left(y_{k}\right)}{t}\right)\right\|_{k} \leq \epsilon \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all integer $t>1$ and all $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k}, y_{1}, \ldots, y_{k} \in E$, then there exists a unique additive mapping $T: E \rightarrow F$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|\left(f\left(x_{1}\right)-T\left(x_{1}\right), \ldots, f\left(x_{k}\right)-T\left(x_{k}\right)\right)\right\| \leq \epsilon \quad\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k} \in E\right) \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof. Substituting $y_{i}=0$ for $i=1, \ldots, k$ and replacing $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k}$ by $t x_{1}, \ldots, t x_{k}$ in (2.1), we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sup _{k \in \mathbb{N}}\left\|\left(f\left(x_{1}\right)-\frac{f\left(t x_{1}\right)}{t}, \ldots, f\left(x_{k}\right)-\frac{f\left(t x_{k}\right)}{t}\right)\right\|_{k} \leq \epsilon . \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Replacing $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k}$ by $t^{n} x_{1}, \ldots, t^{n} x_{k}$ and dividing by $t^{n}$ in (2.3), it follows that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sup _{k \in \mathbb{N}}\left\|\left(\frac{f\left(t^{n} x_{1}\right)}{t^{n}}-\frac{f\left(t^{n+1} x_{1}\right)}{t^{n+1}}, \ldots, \frac{f\left(t^{n} x_{k}\right)}{t^{n}}-\frac{f\left(t^{n+1} x_{k}\right)}{t^{n+1}}\right)\right\|_{k} \leq \frac{\epsilon}{t^{n}} \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

An induction argument implies that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sup _{k \in \mathbb{N}}\left\|\left(\frac{f\left(t^{n} x_{1}\right)}{t^{n}}-\frac{f\left(t^{n+m} x_{1}\right)}{t^{n+m}}, \ldots, \frac{f\left(t^{n} x_{k}\right)}{t^{n}}-\frac{f\left(t^{n+m} x_{k}\right)}{t^{n+m}}\right)\right\|_{k} \leq \epsilon\left(\frac{1}{t^{n+1}}+\cdots \frac{1}{t^{n+m}}\right) \tag{2.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $x \in E$ and $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$. Hence, the sequence $\left\{f\left(t^{n} x\right) / t^{n}\right\}$ is cauchy and hence is convergent in the complete multi-normed space $F$. Let $T: E \rightarrow F$ be the mapping defined by

$$
\begin{equation*}
T(x):=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f\left(t^{n} x\right)}{t^{n}} \tag{2.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

Hence, for each $r>0$, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sup _{k \in \mathbb{N}}\left\|\left(\frac{f\left(t^{n} x_{1}\right)}{t^{n}}-T(x), \ldots, \frac{f\left(t^{n+k-1} x_{k}\right)}{t^{n+k-1}}-T(x)\right)\right\|_{k} \leq r(n \geq N) \tag{2.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

In particular, the property (ii) of multi-norm implies that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty}\left\|\frac{f\left(t^{n} x\right)}{t^{n}}-T(x)\right\|=0 \quad(x \in E) \tag{2.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

We show that $T$ is additive. Putting $n=0$ in (2.5), we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sup _{k \in \mathbb{N}}\left\|\left(f\left(x_{1}\right)-\frac{f\left(t^{m} x_{1}\right)}{t^{m}}, \ldots, f\left(x_{k}\right)-\frac{f\left(t^{m} x_{k}\right)}{t^{m}}\right)\right\|_{k} \leq \epsilon . \tag{2.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

Taking the limit as $m \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sup _{k \in \mathbb{N}}\left\|\left(f\left(x_{1}\right)-T\left(x_{1}\right), \ldots, f\left(x_{k}\right)-T\left(x_{k}\right)\right)\right\|_{k} \leq \epsilon \tag{2.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let $x, y \in E$, put $x_{1}=\cdots=x_{k}=t^{n} x, y_{1}=\cdots=y_{k}=t^{n} y$ in (2.1), and divide by $t^{n}$, Then we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|t^{-n} f\left(\frac{t^{n} x+t^{n} y}{t}\right)-t^{-1} \frac{f\left(t^{n} x\right)}{t^{n}}-t^{-1} \frac{f\left(t^{n} y\right)}{t^{n}}\right\|_{k} \leq \frac{\epsilon}{t^{n}} . \tag{2.11}
\end{equation*}
$$

By letting $n \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
T\left(\frac{x+y}{t}\right)=\frac{T(x)}{t}+\frac{T(y)}{t} \tag{2.12}
\end{equation*}
$$

Letting $y=0$ in (2.12) yields $T(x / t)=T(x) / t$ for all $x \in E$. Hence, we get $T(x+y)=$ $T(x)+T(y)$, that is, $T$ is additive. Now, if $T^{\prime}$ is another required additive mapping, we see that

$$
\begin{align*}
\left\|T^{\prime}(x)-T(x)\right\| & \leq \frac{1}{t^{n}}\left\|T^{\prime}\left(t^{n} x\right)-T\left(t^{n} x\right)\right\| \\
& \leq \frac{1}{t^{n}}\left\|T^{\prime}\left(t^{n} x\right)-f\left(t^{n} x\right)\right\|+\frac{1}{t^{n}}\left\|f\left(t^{n} x\right)-T\left(t^{n} x\right)\right\|  \tag{2.13}\\
& \leq \frac{2}{t^{n-1}(t-1)} \epsilon
\end{align*}
$$

for all $x \in E$. By letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ in this inequality, we conclude that $T=T^{\prime}$. This proves the uniqueness assertion.

Definition 2.2. Let $\left(\left(\mathcal{A}^{k},\|\cdot\|_{k}\right) k \in \mathbb{N}\right)$ be a multi-Banach algebra. Suppose that $\epsilon>0, t>1$ is an integer and $\psi: \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A} \rightarrow[0, \infty)$ is a control function such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\psi\left(t^{n} x, t^{m} y\right) \leq \alpha^{n+m} \psi(x, y) \tag{2.14}
\end{equation*}
$$

for some $0<\alpha<t$, all nonnegative numbers $m, n$ and all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$. An $(\epsilon, \psi)$-approximate generalized strong higher derivation of rank $k_{0}$ is a family $\left\{f_{j}\right\}_{j=0}^{k_{0}}$ of mappings from $\mathcal{A}$ into $\mathcal{A}$ with $f_{j}(0)=0, f_{0}=i d_{\mathcal{A}}$, and there exists a family $\left\{g_{j}\right\}_{j=0}^{k_{0}}$ of mappings from $\mathcal{A}$ into $\mathcal{A}$ such that $g_{0}=i d_{A}$ and

$$
\begin{align*}
\sup _{k \in \mathbb{N}} \|\left(f_{j}( \right. & \left.\frac{x_{1}+y_{1}}{t}+z_{1} w_{1}\right)-\frac{f_{j}\left(x_{1}\right)}{t}-\frac{f_{j}\left(y_{1}\right)}{t}-z_{1} f_{j}\left(w_{1}\right) \\
& -g_{j}\left(z_{1}\right) w_{1}, \ldots, f_{j}\left(\frac{x_{k}+k_{1}}{t}+z_{k} w_{k}\right)  \tag{2.15}\\
& \left.-\frac{f_{j}\left(x_{k}\right)}{t}-\frac{f_{j}\left(y_{k}\right)}{t}-z_{k} f_{j}\left(w_{k}\right)-g_{j}\left(z_{k}\right) w_{k}\right) \|_{k} \leq \epsilon
\end{align*}
$$

for all $0 \leq j \leq k_{0}, t>1$ and all $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k}, y_{1}, \ldots, y_{k}, z_{1}, \ldots, z_{k}, w_{1}, \ldots, w_{k} \in \mathcal{A}$, and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|f_{j}(x y)-x f_{j}(y)-\sum_{i=1}^{j} g_{i}(x) f_{j-i}(y)\right\| \leq \psi(x, y) \tag{2.16}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $0 \leq j \leq k_{0}$ and $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$.
Theorem 2.3. Let $\mathcal{A}$ be a Banach algebra with unit $e$, and let $\left\{f_{j}\right\}_{j=0}^{k_{0}}$ be a $(\epsilon, \psi)$-approximate generalized strong higher derivation on a multi-Banach algebra $\left(\left(\mathcal{A}^{k},\|\cdot\|_{k}\right) k \in \mathbb{N}\right)$, then $\left\{f_{j}\right\}_{j=0}^{k_{0}}$ is a strong higher derivation.

Proof. Letting $z_{i}=w_{i}=0$ for $i=1, \ldots, k$ in (2.15), Lemma 2.1 implies that for each $0 \leq$ $j \leq k_{0}$, there is an additive mapping $d_{j}$ defined by $d_{j}(x)=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty}\left(f_{j}\left(t^{n} x\right) / t^{n}\right)$ such that $\left\|d_{j}(x)-f_{j}(x)\right\| \leq \epsilon$ for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$. If $j=1$, [21, Theorem 2.2] implies that $f_{1}$ and $g_{1}$ are a generalized derivation and a derivation, respectively. Also by the proof of [21, Theorem 2.2], we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{1}(x y)=x f_{1}(y)+g_{1}(x) y, \quad \lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g_{1}\left(t^{n} x\right)}{t^{n}}=d_{1}(x)-x d_{1}(e)=g_{1}(x) \tag{2.17}
\end{equation*}
$$

By induction for $1 \leq i \leq j-1$, assume that

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{i}=x f_{i}(y)+\sum_{l=1}^{i} g_{l}(x) f_{i-l}(y), \quad g_{i}=\sum_{l=0}^{i} g_{l}(x) g_{i-l}(y) \tag{2.18}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g_{i}\left(t^{n} x\right)}{t^{n}}=d_{i}(x)-x d_{i}(e)-\sum_{l=1}^{i} g_{l}(x) d_{i-l}(e)=g_{i}(x) \tag{2.19}
\end{equation*}
$$

It follows from (2.14) and (2.16) that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|\frac{f_{j}\left(t^{2 n} x y\right)}{t^{2 n}}-x f_{j}\left(t^{n} y\right)-\sum_{i=1}^{j} \frac{g_{i}\left(t^{n} x\right)}{t^{n}} \frac{f_{j-i}\left(t^{n} y\right)}{t^{n}}\right\| \leq \frac{\psi\left(t^{n} x, t^{n} y\right)}{t^{2 n}} \leq\left(\frac{\alpha}{t}\right)^{2 n} \tag{2.20}
\end{equation*}
$$

Passing the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} y \frac{g_{j}\left(t^{n} x\right)}{t^{n}}=d_{j}(x y)-x d_{j}(y)-\sum_{i=1}^{j-1} g_{i}(x) d_{j-i}(y) \tag{2.21}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$. Put $y=e$ in the above equation, then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g_{j}\left(t^{n} x\right)}{t^{n}}=d_{j}(x)-x d_{j}(e)-\sum_{i=1}^{j-1} g_{i}(x) d_{j-i}(e) \tag{2.22}
\end{equation*}
$$

If $D_{j}(x)=d_{j}(x)-x d_{j}(e)-\sum_{i=1}^{j-1} g_{i}(x) d_{j-i}(e)$, then by additivity of $d_{i}$ and $g_{i}$ for $0 \leq i \leq j-1$, we get

$$
\begin{align*}
D_{j}(a+b) & =d_{j}(a+b)-(a+b) d_{j}(e)-\sum_{i=1}^{j} g_{i}(a+b) d_{j-i}(e) \\
& =d_{j}(a)+d_{j}(b)-a d_{j}(e)-b d_{j}(e)-\sum_{i=1}^{j} g_{i}(a) d_{j-i}(e)-\sum_{i=1}^{j} g_{i}(b) d_{j-i}(e)  \tag{2.23}\\
& =D_{j}(a)+D_{j}(b)
\end{align*}
$$

Therefore, $D_{j}$ is additive. Now, let $F(x, y)=f_{j}(x y)-x f_{j}(y)-\sum_{i=1}^{j} g_{i}(x) f_{j-i}(y)$, if we take $x_{i}=y_{i}=0$ and $z_{i}=x, w_{i}=y$ for $i=1, \ldots, k$ in (2.15), then $\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty}\left(F\left(t^{n} x, y\right) / t^{n}\right)=0$. Hence,

$$
\begin{align*}
d_{j}(x y) & =\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f_{j}\left(t^{n} x y\right)}{t^{n}}=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f_{j}\left(t^{n} x \cdot y\right)}{t^{n}} \\
& =\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t^{n} x f_{j}(y)+\sum_{i=1}^{j} g_{i}\left(t^{n} x\right) f_{j-i}(y)+F\left(t^{n} x, y\right)}{t^{n}}  \tag{2.24}\\
& =x f_{j}(y)+\sum_{i=1}^{j-1} g_{i}(x) f_{j-i}(y)+D_{j}(x) y
\end{align*}
$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$. Since $g_{1}, \ldots, g_{j-1}, f_{1}, \ldots, f_{j-1}$ and $D_{j}$ are additive, we can write

$$
\begin{align*}
& t^{n} x f_{j}(y)+\sum_{i=1}^{j-1} t^{n} g_{i}(x) f_{j-i}(y)+t^{n} D_{j}(x) y \\
& \quad=d_{j}\left(t^{n} x \cdot y\right) \\
& \quad=d_{j}\left(x \cdot t^{n} y\right)  \tag{2.25}\\
& \quad=x f_{j}\left(t^{n} y\right)+\sum_{i=1}^{j-1} t^{n} g_{i}(x) f_{j-i}(y)+t^{n} D_{j}(x) y
\end{align*}
$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$. We conclude that $x f_{j}(y)=x\left(f_{j}\left(t^{n} y\right) / t^{n}\right)$, so we can obtain $x f_{j}(y)=x d_{j}(y)$, for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. If $x=e$, we have $f_{j}=d_{j}$. Therefore,

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{j}(x y)=x f_{j}(y)+\sum_{i=1}^{j-1} g_{i}(x) f_{j-i}(y)+D_{j}(x) y \tag{2.26}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$. Now, we replace $y$ by $t^{n} y$ in (2.16), then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|\frac{f_{j}\left(t^{n} x y\right)}{t^{n}}-\frac{x f_{j}\left(t^{n} y\right)}{t^{n}}-\sum_{i=1}^{j} g_{i}(x) f_{j-i}(y)\right\| \leq \frac{\psi\left(x, t^{n} y\right)}{t^{n}} \leq\left(\frac{\alpha}{t}\right)^{n} \tag{2.27}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$. We conclude that $x f_{j}(y)=x\left(f_{j}\left(t^{n} y\right) / t^{n}\right)$, so we can obtain $x f_{j}(y)=x d_{j}(y)$, for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. If $x=e$, we have $f_{j}=d_{j}$. Therefore,

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{j}(x y)=x f_{j}(y)+\sum_{i=1}^{j-1} g_{i}(x) f_{j-i}(y)+D_{j}(x) y \tag{2.28}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$. Now, we replace $y$ by $t^{n} y$ in (2.16), then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|\frac{f_{j}\left(t^{n} x y\right)}{t^{n}}-\frac{x f_{j}\left(t^{n} y\right)}{t^{n}}-\sum_{i=1}^{j} g_{i}(x) f_{j-i}(y)\right\| \leq \frac{\psi\left(x, t^{n} y\right)}{t^{n}} \leq\left(\frac{\alpha}{t}\right)^{n} \tag{2.29}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$. Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
d_{j}(x y)=x d_{j}(y)+\sum_{i=1}^{j} g_{i}(x) f_{j-i}(y) \tag{2.30}
\end{equation*}
$$

Thus if $y=e$, we conclude that

$$
\begin{equation*}
d_{j}(x)=x d_{j}(e)+\sum_{i=1}^{j} g_{i}(x) f_{j-i}(e) \tag{2.31}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{A}$. Hence,

$$
\begin{equation*}
g_{j}(x)=d_{j}(x)-x d_{j}(e)-\sum_{i=1}^{j-1} g_{i}(x) f_{j-i}(e)=D_{j}(x) \tag{2.32}
\end{equation*}
$$

But for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$, we have

$$
\begin{align*}
D_{j}(x y) & =f_{j}(x y)-x y f_{j}(e)-\sum_{i=1}^{j-1} g_{i}(x y) f_{j-i}(e) \\
& =x f_{j}(y)+\sum_{i=1}^{j-1} g_{i}(x) f_{j-i}(y)+D_{j}(x) y-x y f_{j}(e)-\sum_{i=1}^{j-1}\left(\sum_{l=1}^{i} g_{l}(x) g_{i-l}(y)\right) f_{j-i}(e) \\
& =g_{1}(x)\left(f_{j-1}(y)-y f_{j-1}(e)-\sum_{l=1}^{j-1} g_{l}(y) f_{j-l}(e)\right)+\cdots+g_{j-1}\left(f_{1}(y)-y f_{1}(e)\right) \\
& =x D_{j}(y)+D_{j}(x) y+\sum_{i=1}^{j-1} g_{i}(x) g_{j-i}(y), \tag{2.33}
\end{align*}
$$

and by (2.32), it follows that $g_{j}(x y)=D_{j}(x y)=\sum_{i=0}^{j} g_{i}(x) g_{j-i}(y)$; therefore $\left\{g_{j}\right\}$ is a strong higher derivation. By (2.28), we can conclude that $\left\{f_{j}\right\}$ is a generalized strong higher derivation.

Remark 2.4. Recall that a control function is an operation that controls the recording or processing or transmission of interpretation of data. A typical example of the control function $\psi$ is $\psi(x, y)=\alpha \epsilon\left(\|x\|^{p}+\|y\|^{q}\right)+\delta\|x\|^{p}\|y\|^{q}$, such that $\epsilon, \delta \geq 0$ and $0 \leq p, q<1$.

Corollary 2.5. Every $(\epsilon, \psi)$-approximate generalized derivation (regarded as an approximate generalized strong higher derivation of rank 1) on a multi-Banach algebra $\left(\left(\mathcal{A}^{k},\|\cdot\|_{k}\right) k \in \mathbb{N}\right)$ is a derivation.

The following theorem generalizes Theorem 2.3. The arguments are similar to those in the proof of [21, Theorem 2.3].

Theorem 2.6. Let $\boldsymbol{A}$ be a Banach algebra with unit e, and let $\left\{f_{j}\right\}_{j=0}^{k_{0}}$ be a family $\left\{f_{j}\right\}_{j=0}^{k_{0}}$ of mappings from $\mathcal{A}$ into $\mathcal{A}$ with $f_{j}(0)=0$ and $f_{0}=i d_{\mathcal{A}}$ for which there exists a family $\left\{g_{j}\right\}_{j=0}^{k_{0}}$ of mappings in which $g_{0}=i d_{\mathbb{A}}$ on $\mathcal{A}$ such that

$$
\begin{align*}
\sup _{k \in \mathbb{N}} \| & \left(f_{j}\left(\frac{\beta x_{1}+\gamma y_{1}}{t}+z_{1} w_{1}\right)-\beta \frac{f_{j}\left(x_{1}\right)}{t}-\gamma \frac{f_{j}\left(y_{1}\right)}{t}-z_{1} f_{j}\left(w_{1}\right)\right. \\
& -g_{j}\left(z_{1}\right) w_{1}, \ldots, f_{j}\left(\frac{\beta x_{k}+\gamma y_{k}}{t}+z_{k} w_{k}\right)  \tag{2.34}\\
& \left.-\beta \frac{f_{j}\left(x_{k}\right)}{t}-\gamma \frac{f_{j}\left(y_{k}\right)}{t}-z_{k} f_{j}\left(w_{k}\right)-g_{j}\left(z_{k}\right) w_{k}\right) \|_{k} \leq \epsilon
\end{align*}
$$

for all $0 \leq j \leq k_{0}, t>1$ and all $\beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{T}=\{z \in \mathbb{C}:|z|=1\}$ and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|f_{j}(x y)-x f_{j}(y)-\sum_{i=1}^{j} g_{i}(x) f_{j-i}(y)\right\| \leq \psi(x, y) \tag{2.35}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $0 \leq j \leq k_{0}$ and $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$, then $\left\{f_{j}\right\}_{j=0}^{k_{0}}$ is a strong higher derivation.

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