

## Hyers-Ulam-Rassias Stability For Volterra Integral Equations on Time Scales

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### **Abstract**

*This paper introduce the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability for the Volterra integral equation on time scales of the form*

$$y(t) = \int_{t_0}^t f(t, s, y(s)) \Delta s, \quad s, t \in \mathbb{T},$$

where  $y \in C_{rd}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{X})$ , and  $\mathbb{X}$  is a Banach space

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### **1 . Introduction**

A time scale  $\mathbb{T}$  is an arbitrary non-empty closed subset of the set of real number. The object of the theory of dynamic equations on time scales is to unify continuous and discrete calculus which was introduced by Stefan Hilger in his Ph. D. in 1988 [16]. The theory presented a structure where, once a result is established for general time scale,

special cases include a result for differential equations and a result for difference equations. A great deal of work has been done since 1988 unifying the theory of differential equations and the theory of difference equations by establishing the corresponding results in time scale setting. Recent two books of Bohner and Paterson [6,7] provide both an excellent introduction to the subject and up to-date coverage of much of the theory . Studying the theory of dynamic equations on time scales has attracted many authors in the last few years, because of the wide applications in engineering, industry, biology, economics and other field, it appears to be advantageous to model certain processes by employing a suitable combination of both differential equations and difference equations at different stages in the process under consideration. Also, the stability analysis of dynamic equations has become an important topic both theoretically and practically because dynamic equations occur in many areas such as mechanics, physics, and economics.

This paper focuses on the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of Volterra Integral equations on time scales . It well known that the idea of Hyers-Ulam and Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability was presented after many years of introducing Ulam [22] his problem of stability in 1940 which solved by Hyers [17], and the result of Hyers was generalized by Rassias [20]. Alsina and Ger [15] were the first authors who investigated the Hyers-Ulam stability of a differential equation. Also of interest, that many of articles were edited by Rassias [21], dealing with Ulam, Hyers-Ulam and Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability . Many papers introduced the Hyers-Ulam and Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability for differential equations and integral equations[10,18]. On the other hand side the papers which were presented the Hyers- Ulam and Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of dynamic equations are still very few, may be except the studies which were presented in the papers [3,4,5].

Although there are numerous publications for different types of equations, there are very few results on the study of these kinds of stabilities for integral equations .

Volterra integral equations have been studied in a quite extensive way since the four fundamental papers of Vito Volterra in 1896, and specially since 1913 when Volterra's book *Leçons sur les Équations Intégrales et les Équations Intégrales Différentielles* appeared. Part of this interest arises directly from the applications where this kind of equations appears. This is the case in elasticity, semiconductors, scattering theory, seismology, heat conduction, fluid flow, chemical reactions, population dynamics, etc. (see [9,12, 19]).

Despite the large amount of works on Volterra integral equations, up to our knowledge only the work [18] studies conditions which ensure Hyers–Ulam–Rassias stability and Hyers–Ulam stability of a certain type of Volterra integral equations (see [12,13,14] and [18]). In [10] Castro presented a Hyers–Ulam–Rassias stability study for the nonlinear Volterra integral equations of the form

$$y(x) = \int_a^x f(x, \tau, y(\tau)) d\tau \quad (-\infty < a \leq x \leq b < +\infty), \quad (1.1)$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are fixed real numbers and  $f$  is a continuous function. He noted that this class of functional equations is more global than the one considered in [18]. He proved the Hyers–Ulam stability and the Hyers–Ulam–Rassias stability of the Volterra integral equation (1.1).

This paper focuses on the Volterra integral equations on time scales.

In [11] C. Constanda presented both Hyers–Ulam and Hyers–Ulam–Rassias stability study for the delay Volterra-type integral equations

In 2011, by using a fixed point method, Mohamed Akkouchi [1] established the Hyers–Ulam stability and the Hyers–Ulam–Rassias

stability for a general class of nonlinear Volterra integral equations in Banach spaces.

The field of studying Hyers-Ulam and Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of dynamic equations is still limited, specially up to our knowledge there is no paper presented to study the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of Volterra integral dynamic equations .

## 2. Preliminaries

We need the following definitions and notations from [8] in proving our main results in Section 3.

**Definition 2.1.** A time scale  $\mathbb{T}$  is an arbitrary nonempty closed subset of the real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Definition 2.2.** The mappings  $\sigma, \rho : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  defined by  $\sigma(t) = \inf\{s \in \mathbb{T} : s > t\}$ , and  $\rho(t) = \sup\{s \in \mathbb{T} : s < t\}$  are called the jump operators.

**Definition 2.3.** A point  $t \in \mathbb{T}$  is said to be *right-dense* if  $\sigma(t) = t$ , *right-scattered* if  $\sigma(t) > t$ , *left-dense* if  $\rho(t) = t$ , *left-scattered* if  $\rho(t) < t$ , *isolated* if  $\rho(t) < t < \sigma(t)$ , and *dense* if  $\rho(t) = t = \sigma(t)$ .

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $t \in \mathbb{T}$ . The graininess function

$\mu: \mathbb{T} \rightarrow [0, \infty[$  is defined by  $\mu(t) = \sigma(t) - t$ .

**Definition 2.5.** A function  $f: \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$  is called *rd-continuous* provided

(i)  $f$  is continuous at every right-dense point;

(ii)  $\lim_{s \rightarrow t^-} f(s)$  exists (finite) at left-dense points in  $\mathbb{T}$ .

The set of rd-continuous functions  $f: \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$  will be denoted by  $C_{rd}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{X})$ .

**Definition 2.6.** (The Delta Derivative). A function  $f: \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$  is called  $\Delta$ -*differentiable* at  $t \in \mathbb{T}^k$  if there exists an element  $f^\Delta(t) \in \mathbb{X}$  such that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is  $\delta > 0$  such that:

$$\| [f(\sigma(t)) - f(s)] - f^\Delta(t)[\sigma(t) - s] \| \leq \varepsilon |\sigma(t) - s|, s \in (t - \delta, t + \delta) \cap \mathbb{T}.$$

In this case  $f^\Delta(t)$  is called the **delta derivative** of  $f$  at  $t$ , provided it exists and we have

$$f^\Delta(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow t} \frac{f(\sigma(t)) - f(s)}{\sigma(t) - s}. \quad (2.1)$$

If  $f^\Delta(t)$  exists for all  $t \in \mathbb{T}^k$ , we say that  $f$  is delta differentiable on  $\mathbb{T}^k$ . Here

$$\mathbb{T}^k = \begin{cases} \mathbb{T} \setminus (\rho(\sup \mathbb{T}), \sup \mathbb{T}] & \text{if } \sup \mathbb{T} < \infty \\ \mathbb{T} & \text{if } \sup \mathbb{T} = \infty. \end{cases}$$

We also denote by

$$C_{rd}^n(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{X}) = \{x \in C_{rd}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{X}) : x^\Delta, \dots, x^{\Delta^n} \text{ exist and belong to } C_{rd}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{X})\}.$$

**Definition 2.7.** A function  $f: \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called **regulated** provided its right-sided limits exist (finite) at all right-dense points in  $\mathbb{T}$  and its left-sided limits exist (finite) at all left-dense points in  $\mathbb{T}$ .

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $f: \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$  be regulated function. Any function  $F$  which satisfies  $F^\Delta(t) = f(t)$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{T}^k$ , is called a pre-antiderivative of  $f$ . We define the **indefinite integral** of a regulated function  $f$  by

$$\int f(t) \Delta t = F(t) + C, \quad (2.2)$$

where  $C$  is an arbitrary constant. We define the **Cauchy integral** of  $f$  by

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$$\int_r^s f(t) \Delta t = F(s) - F(r), \quad r, s \in \mathbb{T}. \quad (2.3)$$

**Definition 2.9.** We say that a function  $p: \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is **regressive** provided

$$1 + \mu(t)p(t) \neq 0, \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathbb{T}.$$

The set of all regressive functions  $f: \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  will be denoted by  $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R})$ .

**Definition 2.10**(The Generalized Exponential Function).

If  $p \in \mathcal{R}$ , then we define the exponential function  $e_p(t, s)$  by

$$e_p(t, s) = \exp\left(\int_s^t \xi_{\mu(\tau)}(p(\tau)) \Delta \tau\right), \quad \text{for } s, t \in \mathbb{T},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} & \xi_{\mu(s)}(p(s)) \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\mu(s)} \log(|1 + \mu(s)p(s)| + i \operatorname{Arg}(1 + \mu(s)p(s))), & \text{for } \mu(s) > 0 \\ p(s) & \mu(s) = 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

For more details about the exponential function see [2]

**Definition 2.11.** [5] We say that the  $n^{\text{th}}$  order dynamic equation

$$x^{\Delta^n}(t) = F(t, x^{\Delta^{n-1}}, \dots, x^{\Delta}, x), \quad t \in \mathbb{T}. \quad (2.4)$$

has Hyers-Ulam stability on  $\mathbb{T}$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $u \in C_{rd}^n(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{X})$  which satisfies

$$\|u^{\Delta^n}(t) - F(t, u^{\Delta^{n-1}}(t), \dots, u^{\Delta}(t), u)\| < \varepsilon, \quad t \in \mathbb{T},$$

there exists a solution  $x$  of (2.4) such that:

$$\|u(t) - x(t)\| < L\varepsilon, \quad t \in \mathbb{T} \text{ for some } L > 0.$$

**Definition 2.12**[10] If for each function  $y$  satisfying

$$\left| y(x) - \int_a^x f(x, \tau, y(\tau)) d\tau \right| \leq \psi(x) \quad (-\infty < a \leq x \leq b < +\infty) \quad (2.5)$$

where  $\psi$  is a non-negative function, there exists a solution  $y_0$  of the Volterra integral equation (1.1) and a constant  $C_1 > 0$  independent of  $y$  and  $y_0$  such that

$$|y(x) - y_0(x)| \leq C_1 \psi(x), \quad (2.6)$$

for all  $x$ , then we say that the integral equation (1.1) has the Hyers–Ulam–Rassias stability.

**Definition 1.13.** In the particular case of Definition 1.12 when  $\psi$  is just a constant function in the above inequalities, we say that the integral equation (1.1) has Hyers–Ulam stability.

### 3. Hyers-Ulam-Rassias For Volterra Integral Equations on Time scales

In this section we investigate Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of the Volterra integral equations on time scales of the form

$$y(t) = \int_{t_0}^t f(t, s, y(s)) \Delta s, \quad t \in \mathbb{T}, \quad (3.1)$$

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $k, L$  are positive constants and assume that  $f: \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$  is a continuous function which additionally satisfies the Lipschitz condition*

$$\|f(t, s, y) - f(t, s, z)\| \leq L \|y - z\| \quad (3.2)$$

for any  $t, s \in \mathbb{T}$  and all  $y, z \in C_{rd}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{X})$

If a function  $g \in C_{rd}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{X})$  satisfies

$$\left\| g(t) - \int_{t_0}^t f(t, s, g(s)) \Delta s \right\| \leq \theta(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{T} \quad (3.3)$$

where  $\theta \in C_{rd}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R}^+)$  with

$$\int_{t_0}^t e_L(t, \sigma(s)) \theta(s) \Delta s \leq k \theta(t), \quad k > 0 \quad t \in \mathbb{T} \quad (3.4)$$

then there exists a unique function  $u \in C_{rd}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{X})$  of the Equation (3.1),

such that

$$\|g(t) - u(t)\| \leq (1 + Lk) \theta(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{T} \quad (3.5)$$

**Proof.** Given  $\theta \in C_{rd}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R}^+)$  and suppose  $g \in C_{rd}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{X})$  satisfies

$$\left\| g(t) - \int_{t_0}^t f(t, s, g(s)) \Delta s \right\| \leq \theta(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{T} \quad (3.6)$$



Set

$$\ell(t) = g(t) - \int_{t_0}^t f(t, s, g(s)) \Delta s, \quad t \in \mathbb{T}. \quad (3.7)$$

$$\text{So } \|\ell(t)\| \leq \theta(t) \quad (3.8)$$

Let  $u \in C_{rd}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{X})$  be the unique solution of the Volterra equation (3.1) .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|g(t) - u(t)\| &= \\ &= \left\| \ell(t) + \int_{t_0}^t f(t, s, g(s)) \Delta s - \int_{t_0}^t f(t, s, u(s)) \Delta s \right\| \\ &\leq \|\ell(t)\| + \left\| \int_{t_0}^t [f(t, s, g(s)) - f(t, s, u(s))] \Delta s \right\| \\ &\leq \|\ell(t)\| + \int_{t_0}^t \| [f(t, s, g(s)) - f(t, s, u(s))] \| \Delta s \\ &\leq \|\ell(t)\| + L \int_{t_0}^t \|g(s) - u(s)\| \Delta s \quad (\text{from (3.2)}) \end{aligned}$$

By using Gronwall"s Inequality in [8] , we have that

$$\begin{aligned}\|g(t) - u(t)\| &\leq \theta(s) + \int_{t_0}^t e_L(t, \sigma(s)) \theta(s) L \Delta s \\ &\leq \theta(s) + L \int_{t_0}^t e_L(t, \sigma(s)) \theta(s) \Delta s \\ &\leq \theta(t) + Lk \theta(t) \\ &\leq (1 + Lk) \theta(t)\end{aligned}$$

The proof is complete. ■

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