



ON A TWO TYPE DIFFERENCE SYSTEM

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Abstract

In this paper, we investigate the periodic character of the solutions of the following difference system:

$$\begin{cases} x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-1}}{y_n}, \\ y_{n+1} = \frac{y_{n-1}}{x_n}, \end{cases} \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

1. Introduction

In [1], Amleh et al. studied the difference equation

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha + \frac{x_{n-1}}{x_n}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

They used the basic theorems to study the subsequence of this equation.

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In [2], El-Owaidy et al. studied the difference equation

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha + \frac{x_{n-k}}{x_n}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

They investigated the periodic character and global asymptotically stable character of the equation. The conclusions in [1] are included the conclusions in [2].

In [3], Papaschinopoulos and Papadopoulos studied the existence, the boundedness and the asymptotic behavior of the positive solutions of the fuzzy equation $x_{n+1} = A + \frac{x_n}{x_{n-m}}$.

Moreover, in [4], Zhang et al. studied the following equation:

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-1}}{x_n}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Motivated by [1-7], we investigate the convergence of solutions of following system of difference equations:

$$\begin{cases} x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-1}}{y_n}, \\ y_{n+1} = \frac{y_{n-1}}{x_n}, \end{cases} \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (1.1)$$

2. Some Lemmas

Lemma 2.1. *Equations (1.1) possess a unique positive equilibrium $\bar{x} = \bar{y} = 1$.*

The proof being easy is left.

Lemma 2.2. *Let $x_{-1} = p \neq 0$, $x_0 = q \neq 0$, $y_{-1} = h \neq 0$, $y_0 = k \neq 0$, and $\{x_n, y_n\}_{n=-1}^{\infty}$ be a solution of (1.1). Then the following statements are true:*

$$(a) \quad x_{2n} = \frac{q^{a_n}}{h^{b_n}}, \quad y_{2n} = \frac{k^{a_n}}{p^{b_n}}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

where

$$a_n = \frac{5 + 2\sqrt{5}}{5} \left(\frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1} + \frac{5 - 2\sqrt{5}}{5} \left(\frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1},$$

$$b_n = \frac{5 + 3\sqrt{5}}{10} \left(\frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1} + \frac{5 - 3\sqrt{5}}{10} \left(\frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1}.$$

$$(b) \quad x_{2n+1} = \frac{p^{c_n}}{k^{d_n}}, \quad y_{2n+1} = \frac{h^{c_n}}{q^{d_n}}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

where

$$c_n = \frac{5 + 2\sqrt{5}}{5} \left(\frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1} + \frac{5 - 2\sqrt{5}}{5} \left(\frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1},$$

$$d_n = \frac{15 + 7\sqrt{5}}{10} \left(\frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1} + \frac{15 - 7\sqrt{5}}{10} \left(\frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1}.$$

Proof. Part (a).

By equations (1.1), we have

$$x_2 = \frac{q^2}{h}, \quad y_2 = \frac{k^2}{p};$$

$$x_4 = \frac{q^5}{h^3}, \quad y_4 = \frac{k^5}{p^3};$$

$$x_6 = \frac{q^{13}}{h^8}, \quad y_6 = \frac{k^{13}}{p^8};$$

...

We assume that

$$x_{2n} = \frac{q^{a_n}}{h^{b_n}}, \quad y_{2n} = \frac{k^{a_n}}{p^{b_n}}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

By induction, we have

$$\begin{cases} b_{n+1} = a_n + b_n, \\ a_{n+1} = a_n + b_{n+1} = 2a_n + b_n, \end{cases} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, \quad (2.1)$$

where $a_1 = 2$, $b_1 = 1$.

(2.1) can be written as

$$\begin{pmatrix} b_{n+1} \\ a_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_n \\ a_n \end{pmatrix},$$

i.e.,

$$Z_{n+1} = AZ_n, \text{ where } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Obviously, $A = PBP^{-1}$, where

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} & \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5-\sqrt{5}}{10} & \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5} \\ \frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{10} & -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{5} \end{pmatrix}.$$

So, $Z_{n+1} = PBP^{-1}Z_n$. This equation can be changed into $P^{-1}Z_{n+1} = BP^{-1}Z_n$. Let $Y_n = P^{-1}Z_n$. Then

$$Y_{n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{pmatrix} Y_n$$

and $Y_1 = P^{-1}Z_1 = P^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$

By induction

$$Y_{n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} \left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n & 0 \\ 0 & \left(\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n \end{pmatrix} Y_1.$$

Therefore,

$$Z_{n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5+3\sqrt{5}}{10} \left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n + \frac{5-3\sqrt{5}}{10} \left(\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n \\ \frac{5+2\sqrt{5}}{5} \left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n + \frac{5-2\sqrt{5}}{5} \left(\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n \end{pmatrix}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

This proves part (a). Part (b) can be proved on similar lines.

Lemma 2.3. Let $x_{-1} = p \neq 0$, $x_0 = q \neq 0$, $y_{-1} = h \neq 0$, $y_0 = k \neq 0$.

Then the following statements are true:

(a) If $h = -1$, $q = 1$, then the solution $\{x_{2n}, y_{2n-1}\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ of equations (1.1) is periodic with period-3 as follows:

$$-1, 1, -1, 1, -1, \dots$$

(b) If $h = 1$, $q = -1$, then the solution $\{x_{2n}, y_{2n-1}\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ of equations (1.1) is periodic with period-3 as follows:

$$1, -1, -1, 1, -1, -1, \dots$$

(c) If $h = -1$, $q = -1$, then the solution $\{x_{2n}, y_{2n-1}\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ of equations (1.1) is periodic with period-3 as follows:

$$-1, -1, 1, -1, -1, 1, \dots$$

(d) If $p = -1$, $k = 1$, then the solution $\{x_{2n-1}, y_{2n}\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ of equations (1.1) is periodic with period-3 as follows:

$$-1, 1, -1, -1, 1, -1, \dots$$

(e) If $p = 1$, $k = -1$, then the solution $\{x_{2n-1}, y_{2n}\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ of equations (1.1) is periodic with period-3 as follows:

$$1, -1, -1, 1, -1, -1, \dots$$

(f) If $p = -1$, $k = 1$, then the solution $\{x_{2n-1}, y_{2n}\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ of equations (1.1) is periodic with period-3 as follows:

$$-1, -1, 1, -1, -1, 1, \dots$$

The proof is easy.

3. Main Results

Theorem 3.1. Assume that $x_{-1} = p > 0$, $x_0 = q > 0$, $y_{-1} = h > 0$, $y_0 = k > 0$ and $\{x_n, y_n\}_{n=-1}^{\infty}$ is a positive solution of equations (1.1). Then the following statements are true:

(a) If $h = q^{\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}}$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n} = 1$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n+1} = 1$.

(b) If $h > q^{\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}}$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n} = 0$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n+1} = +\infty$.

(c) If $h < q^{\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}}$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n} = +\infty$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n+1} = 0$.

(d) If $p = k^{\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}}$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n} = 1$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n+1} = 1$.

(e) If $p > k^{\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}}$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n} = 0$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n+1} = +\infty$.

(f) If $p < k^{\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}}$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n} = +\infty$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n+1} = 0$.

Proof. To complete the proof, note that by Lemma 2.2,

$$x_{2n} = \frac{q^{a_n}}{h^{b_n}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{\frac{5+2\sqrt{5}}{5} \left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1} + \frac{5-2\sqrt{5}}{5} \left(\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1}}{h \frac{5+3\sqrt{5}}{10} \left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1} + \frac{5-3\sqrt{5}}{10} \left(\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1}} \\
&= \left(\frac{q \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}}{h} \right)^{\frac{5+3\sqrt{5}}{10} \left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1}} q^{\frac{5-2\sqrt{5}}{5} \left(\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1}} h^{\frac{3\sqrt{5}-5}{10} \left(\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1}}, \\
\\
y_{2n} &= \frac{k^{a_n}}{p^{b_n}} \\
&= \frac{k \frac{5+2\sqrt{5}}{5} \left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1} + \frac{5-2\sqrt{5}}{5} \left(\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1}}{p \frac{5+3\sqrt{5}}{10} \left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1} + \frac{5-3\sqrt{5}}{10} \left(\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1}} \\
&= \left(\frac{k \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}}{p} \right)^{\frac{5+3\sqrt{5}}{10} \left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1}} q^{\frac{5-2\sqrt{5}}{5} \left(\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1}} p^{\frac{3\sqrt{5}-5}{10} \left(\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1}}, \\
\\
x_{2n+1} &= \frac{p^{c_n}}{k^{d_n}} \\
&= \frac{p \frac{5+2\sqrt{5}}{5} \left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1} + \frac{5-2\sqrt{5}}{5} \left(\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1}}{k \frac{15+7\sqrt{5}}{10} \left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1} + \frac{15-7\sqrt{5}}{10} \left(\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1}} \\
&= \left(\frac{p}{k \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}} \right)^{\frac{5+2\sqrt{5}}{5} \left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1}} q^{\frac{5-2\sqrt{5}}{5} \left(\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1}} k^{\frac{7\sqrt{5}-15}{10} \left(\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n-1}},
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
y_{2n+1} &= \frac{h^{c_n}}{q^{d_n}} \\
&= \frac{h^{\frac{5+2\sqrt{5}}{5}\left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n-1} + \frac{5-2\sqrt{5}}{5}\left(\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n-1}}}{q^{\frac{15+7\sqrt{5}}{10}\left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n-1} + \frac{15-7\sqrt{5}}{10}\left(\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n-1}}} \\
&= \left(\frac{h}{q^{\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}}} \right)^{\frac{5+2\sqrt{5}}{5}\left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n-1}} h^{\frac{5-2\sqrt{5}}{5}\left(\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n-1}} q^{\frac{7\sqrt{5}-15}{10}\left(\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n-1}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Noting that $\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2} > 1$, $0 < \frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} < 1$.

Theorem 3.2. Assume that $x_{-1} = p \neq 0$, $x_0 = q \neq 0$, $y_{-1} = h \neq 0$, $y_0 = k \neq 0$, and $\{x_n, y_n\}_{n=-1}^{\infty}$ is a positive solution of equations (1.1). Then the following statements are true:

(a) If $|h| = |q|^{\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}}$, and at least one of h and q is less than 0, then $\{x_{2n}, y_{2n-1}\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ of equations (1.1) converges to a period-3 solution of equations (1.1) as one of Lemma 2.3(a)-(c), that is:

(i) if $h < 0$, $q > 0$, $\{x_{2n}, y_{2n-1}\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ converges to a period-3 solution as (a);

(ii) if $h > 0$, $q < 0$, $\{x_{2n}, y_{2n-1}\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ converges to a period-3 solution as (b);

(iii) if $h < 0$, $q < 0$, $\{x_{2n}, y_{2n-1}\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ converges to a period-3 solution as (c).

(b) If $|h| > |q|^{\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}}$, and at least one of h and q is less than 0, then

$\{x_{2n}, y_{2n-1}\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ of equations (1.1) has the following properties:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n} = 0, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |y_{2n-1}| = +\infty;$$

(i) if $h < 0$, $q > 0$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{6n-1} = -\infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{6n+1} = -\infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{6n+3} = +\infty;$$

(ii) if $h > 0$, $q < 0$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{6n-1} = +\infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{6n+1} = -\infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{6n+3} = +\infty;$$

(iii) if $h < 0$, $q < 0$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{6n-1} = -\infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{6n+1} = +\infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{6n+3} = +\infty.$$

(c) If $|h| < |q|^{\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}}$, and at least one of h and q is less than 0, then

$\{x_{2n}, y_{2n-1}\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ of equations (1.1) has the following properties:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x_{2n}| = +\infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n-1} = 0;$$

(i) if $h < 0$, $q > 0$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{6n} = +\infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{6n+2} = -\infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{6n+4} = -\infty;$$

(ii) if $h > 0$, $q < 0$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{6n} = -\infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{6n+2} = +\infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{6n+4} = -\infty;$$

(iii) if $h < 0$, $q < 0$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{6n} = -\infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{6n+2} = -\infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{6n+4} = +\infty.$$

(d) If $|p| = |k| \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$, and at least one of p and k is less than 0, then $\{x_{2n-1}, y_{2n}\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ of equations (1.1) converges to a period-3 solution of equations (1.1) as one of Lemma 2.3(d)-(f), that is:

(i) if $p < 0$, $k > 0$, $\{x_{2n-1}, y_{2n}\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ converges to a period-3 solution as (d);

(ii) if $p > 0$, $k < 0$, $\{x_{2n-1}, y_{2n}\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ converges to a period-3 solution as (e);

(iii) if $p < 0$, $k < 0$, $\{x_{2n-1}, y_{2n}\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ converges to a period-3 solution as (f).

(e) If $|p| > |k| \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$, and at least one of p and k is less than 0, then $\{x_{2n-1}, y_{2n}\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ of equations (1.1) has the following properties:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x_{2n-1}| = +\infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n} = 0;$$

(i) if $p < 0$, $k > 0$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{6n-1} = -\infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{6n+1} = -\infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{6n+3} = +\infty;$$

(ii) if $p > 0$, $k < 0$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{6n-1} = +\infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{6n+1} = -\infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{6n+3} = -\infty;$$

(iii) if $p < 0$, $k < 0$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{6n-1} = -\infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{6n+1} = +\infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{6n+3} = -\infty.$$

(f) If $|p| < |k| \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$, and at least one of p and k is less than 0, then $\{x_{2n-1}, y_{2n}\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ of equations (1.1) has the following properties:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n-1} = 0, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |y_{2n}| = +\infty;$$

(i) if $p < 0$, $k > 0$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{6n} = +\infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{6n+2} = -\infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{6n+4} = -\infty;$$

(ii) if $p > 0$, $k < 0$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{6n} = -\infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{6n+2} = +\infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{6n+4} = -\infty;$$

(iii) if $p < 0$, $k < 0$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{6n} = -\infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{6n+2} = -\infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{6n+4} = +\infty.$$

The result follows easily by Lemma 2.3 and Theorem 3.1.

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