



On the Difference Equations

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-5}}{\pm 1 - x_{n-2}x_{n-5}}$$

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Abstract : We study the solutions of the following difference equations

$$\begin{aligned}x_{n+1} &= \frac{x_{n-5}}{1 - x_{n-2}x_{n-5}}, \\x_{n+1} &= \frac{x_{n-5}}{-1 - x_{n-2}x_{n-5}}, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots\end{aligned}$$

where initial values are non zero real numbers.

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1 Introduction

Recently there has been a lot of interest in studying the global attractivity, boundedness character and the periodic nature of nonlinear difference equations. For some results in this area, see for example [1-10]. Cinar [2-4] investigated the solutions of the following difference equations

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-1}}{1 + x_n x_{n-1}}, \quad x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-1}}{-1 + x_n x_{n-1}}, \quad x_{n+1} = \frac{ax_{n-1}}{1 + bx_n x_{n-1}}.$$

Aloqeili [1] has obtained the solutions of the difference equation

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-1}}{a - x_n x_{n-1}},$$

Elabbasy et al. [5] investigated the global stability, periodicity character and gave the solution of special case of the following recursive sequence

$$x_{n+1} = ax_n - \frac{bx_n}{cx_n - dx_{n-1}}.$$

Elabbasy et al. [7] investigated the global stability, periodicity character and gave the solution of some special cases of the difference equation

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{dx_{n-1}x_{n-k}}{cx_{n-s} - b} + a.$$

Elsayed [8] has obtained the solutions of the difference equations

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_n}{x_{n-1}(x_n \pm 1)}.$$

Karatas et al.[9] gave that the solution of the difference equation

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-5}}{1 + x_{n-2}x_{n-5}}.$$

In this paper a solution of the following two difference equations

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-5}}{1 - x_{n-2}x_{n-5}}, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots \quad (1.1)$$

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-5}}{-1 - x_{n-2}x_{n-5}}, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots \quad (1.2)$$

where the initial conditions $x_{-5}, x_{-4}, x_{-3}, x_{-2}, x_{-1}, x_0$ are arbitrary non zero real numbers are investigated.

Definition 1. (Periodicity)

A sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=-k}^{\infty}$ is said to be periodic with period p if $x_{n+p} = x_n$ for all $n \geq -k$.

2 MAIN RESULTS

2.1 Equation (1)

In this section we give a specific form of the solutions of Eq.(1)

Theorem 2.1. Let $\{x_n\}_{n=-5}^{\infty}$ be a solution of Eq.(1). Then for $n = 0, 1, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} x_{6n-5} &= f_{i=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{1 - 2ifc}{1 - (2i+1)fc} \right), & x_{6n-4} &= e_{i=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{1 - 2ieb}{1 - (2i+1)eb} \right), \\ x_{6n-3} &= d_{i=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{1 - 2ida}{1 - (2i+1)da} \right), & x_{6n-2} &= c_{i=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{1 - (2i+1)fc}{1 - (2i+2)fc} \right), \\ x_{6n-1} &= b_{i=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{1 - (2i+1)eb}{1 - (2i+2)eb} \right), & x_{6n} &= a_{i=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{1 - (2i+1)da}{1 - (2i+2)da} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

where $x_{-5} = f, x_{-4} = e, x_{-3} = d, x_{-2} = c, x_{-1} = b, x_0 = a$.

Proof: For $n = 0$ the result holds. Now suppose that $n > 0$ and that our assumption holds for $n - 1$. That is;

$$\begin{aligned} x_{6n-11} &= f_{i=0}^{n-2} \left(\frac{1 - 2ifc}{1 - (2i+1)fc} \right), & x_{6n-10} &= e_{i=0}^{n-2} \left(\frac{1 - 2ieb}{1 - (2i+1)eb} \right), \\ x_{6n-9} &= d_{i=0}^{n-2} \left(\frac{1 - 2ida}{1 - (2i+1)da} \right), & x_{6n-8} &= c_{i=0}^{n-2} \left(\frac{1 - (2i+1)fc}{1 - (2i+2)fc} \right), \\ x_{6n-7} &= b_{i=0}^{n-2} \left(\frac{1 - (2i+1)eb}{1 - (2i+2)eb} \right), & x_{6n-6} &= a_{i=0}^{n-2} \left(\frac{1 - (2i+1)da}{1 - (2i+2)da} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Now, it follows from Eq.(1) that

$$\begin{aligned} x_{6n-5} &= \frac{x_{6n-11}}{1 - x_{6n-8}x_{6n-11}} = \frac{f_{i=0}^{n-2} \left(\frac{1 - 2ifc}{1 - (2i+1)fc} \right)}{1 - c_{i=0}^{n-2} \left(\frac{1 - (2i+1)fc}{1 - (2i+2)fc} \right) f_{i=0}^{n-2} \left(\frac{1 - 2ifc}{1 - (2i+1)fc} \right)} \\ &= \frac{f_{i=0}^{n-2} \left(\frac{1 - 2ifc}{1 - (2i+1)fc} \right)}{1 - fc \left(\frac{1}{1 - (2n-2)fc} \right)} = \frac{f_{i=0}^{n-2} \left(\frac{1 - 2ifc}{1 - (2i+1)fc} \right) (1 - (2n-2)fc)}{(1 - (2n-2)fc) - fc} \\ &= f_{i=0}^{n-2} \left(\frac{1 - 2ifc}{1 - (2i+1)fc} \right) \left(\frac{1 - 2(n-1)fc}{1 - (2n-1)fc} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$x_{6n-5} = f_{i=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{1 - 2ifc}{1 - (2i+1)fc} \right).$$

Also, we see from Eq.(1) that

$$\begin{aligned} x_{6n-3} &= \frac{x_{6n-9}}{1 - x_{6n-6}x_{6n-9}} = \frac{d_{i=0}^{n-2} \left(\frac{1 - 2ida}{1 - (2i+1)da} \right)}{1 - a_{i=0}^{n-2} \left(\frac{1 - (2i+1)da}{1 - (2i+2)da} \right) d_{i=0}^{n-2} \left(\frac{1 - 2ida}{1 - (2i+1)da} \right)} \\ &= \frac{d_{i=0}^{n-2} \left(\frac{1 - 2ida}{1 - (2i+1)da} \right)}{1 - \left(\frac{da}{1 - (2n-2)da} \right)} \left(\frac{1 - (2n-2)da}{1 - (2n-2)da} \right) = d_{i=0}^{n-2} \left(\frac{1 - 2ida}{1 - (2i+1)da} \right) \left(\frac{1 - 2(n-1)da}{1 - (2n-1)da} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$x_{6n-2} = d_{i=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{1 - 2ida}{1 - (2i+1)da} \right).$$

Similarly, one can easily obtain the other relations. Thus, the proof is completed.

Theorem 2.2. *Eq.(1) has a unique equilibrium point which is the number zero.*

Proof: For the equilibrium points of Eq.(1), we can write

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\bar{x}}{1 - \bar{x}^2}.$$

Then we have

$$\bar{x} - \bar{x}^3 = \bar{x},$$

or,

$$-\bar{x}^3 = 0.$$

Thus the equilibrium point of Eq.(1) is $\bar{x} = 0$.

Numerical examples

For confirming the results of this section, we consider numerical examples which represent different types of solutions to Eq. (1).

Example 1. We consider $x_{-5} = 8$, $x_{-4} = 3$, $x_{-3} = 5$, $x_{-2} = 11$, $x_{-1} = 1$, $x_0 = 2$ See Fig. 1.

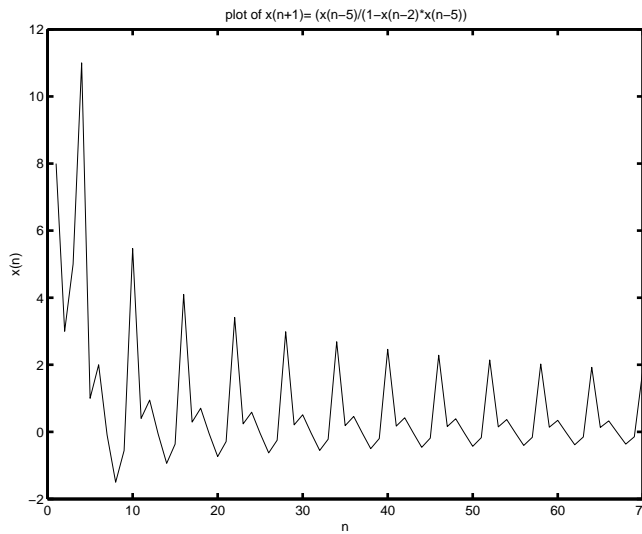


Fig.1

Example 2. See Fig. 2, since $x_{-5} = -2$, $x_{-4} = 3$, $x_{-3} = 5$, $x_{-2} = -3$, $x_{-1} = 11$, $x_0 = -9$.

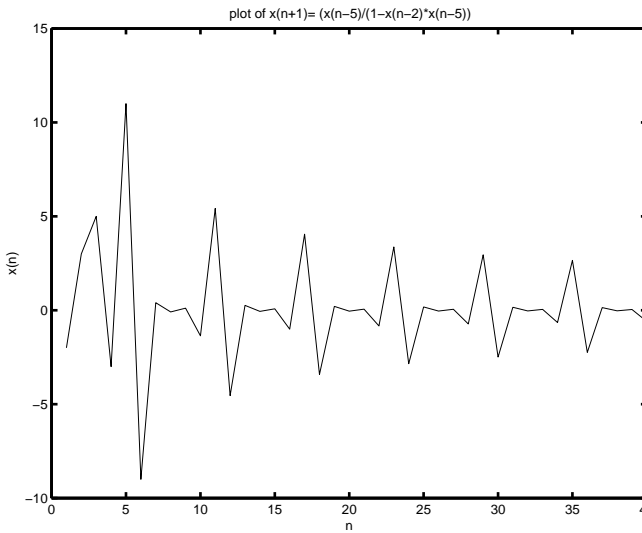


Fig.1

2.2 Equation (2)

Here we obtain a form of the solutions of Eq.(2)

Theorem 2.3. Let $\{x_n\}_{n=-5}^{\infty}$ be a solution of Eq.(2). Then every solution of Eq.(2) is unbounded and for $n = 0, 1, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_{6n-5} &= \frac{(-1)^n f}{(1 + cf)^n}, & x_{6n-4} &= \frac{e(-1)^n}{(1 + be)^n}, \\
 x_{6n-3} &= \frac{(-1)^n d}{(1 + ad)^n}, & x_{6n-2} &= c(-1)^n (1 + cf)^n, \\
 x_{6n-1} &= (-1)^n b(1 + be)^n, & x_{6n} &= a(-1)^n (1 + ad)^n,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.2}$$

where $x_{-5} = f$, $x_{-4} = e$, $x_{-3} = d$, $x_{-2} = c$, $x_{-1} = b$, $x_0 = a$, $x_{-5}x_{-2} \neq -1$, $x_{-4}x_{-1} \neq -1$, $x_{-3}x_0 \neq -1$.

Proof: For $n = 0$ the result holds. Now suppose that $n > 0$ and that our assumption holds for $n - 1$. That is;

$$\begin{aligned} x_{6n-11} &= \frac{(-1)^{n-1} f}{(1+cf)^{n-1}}, & x_{6n-10} &= \frac{e(-1)^{n-1}}{(1+be)^{n-1}}, \\ x_{6n-9} &= \frac{(-1)^{n-1} d}{(1+ad)^{n-1}}, & x_{6n-8} &= c(-1)^{n-1} (1+cf)^{n-1}, \\ x_{6n-7} &= (-1)^{n-1} b(1+be)^{n-1}, & x_{6n-6} &= a(-1)^{n-1} (1+ad)^{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, it follows from Eq.(2) that

$$\begin{aligned} x_{6n-5} &= \frac{x_{6n-11}}{-1 - x_{6n-8}x_{6n-11}} = \frac{\frac{(-1)^{n-1} f}{(1+cf)^{n-1}}}{-1 - c(-1)^{n-1} (1+cf)^{n-1} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} f}{(1+cf)^{n-1}}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{(-1)^{n-1} f}{(1+cf)^{n-1}}}{-1 - cf}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$x_{6n-5} = \frac{(-1)^n f}{(1+cf)^n}.$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned} x_{6n-3} &= \frac{x_{6n-9}}{-1 - x_{6n-6}x_{6n-9}} = \frac{\frac{(-1)^{n-1} d}{(1+ad)^{n-1}}}{-1 + a(-1)^{n-1} (1+ad)^{n-1} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} d}{(1+ad)^{n-1}}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{(-1)^{n-1} d}{(1+ad)^{n-1}}}{-1 - ad}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$x_{6n-2} = \frac{(-1)^n d}{(1+ad)^n}.$$

Similarly, one can easily obtain the other relations. Thus, the proof is completed.

Theorem 2.4. *Eq.(2) has a unique equilibrium point which is the number zero.*

Proof: For the equilibrium points of Eq.(1), we can write

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\bar{x}}{-1 - \bar{x}^2}.$$

Then we have

$$-\bar{x} - \bar{x}^3 = \bar{x},$$

or,

$$\bar{x}(\bar{x}^2 + 2) = 0.$$

Thus the equilibrium point of Eq.(2) is $\bar{x} = 0$.

Theorem 2.5. Eq.(2) has a periodic solutions of period six iff $cf = be = ad = -2$ and will be take the form $\{f, e, d, c, b, a, f, e, d, c, b, a, \dots\}$.

Proof: First suppose that there exists a prime period six solution

$$f, e, d, c, b, a, f, e, d, c, b, a, \dots$$

of Eq.(2), we see from Eq.(4) that

$$\begin{aligned} f &= \frac{(-1)^n f}{(1 + cf)^n}, & e &= \frac{e(-1)^n}{(1 + be)^n}, \\ d &= \frac{(-1)^n d}{(1 + ad)^n}, & c &= c(-1)^n (1 + cf)^n, \\ b &= (-1)^n b(1 + be)^n, & a &= a(-1)^n (1 + ad)^n, \end{aligned}$$

or,

$$(1 + cf)^n = (-1)^n, \quad (1 + be)^n = (-1)^n, \quad (1 + ad)^n = (-1)^n.$$

Then

$$cf = -2, \quad be = -2, \quad ad = -2.$$

Second suppose $cf = -2, be = -2, ad = -2$. Then we see from Eq.(4) that

$$\begin{aligned} x_{6n-5} &= f, & x_{6n-4} &= e, \\ x_{6n-3} &= d, & x_{6n-2} &= c, \\ x_{6n-1} &= b, & x_{6n} &= a. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have a period six solution and the proof is complete.

Numerical examples

Example 3. Consider $x_{-5} = 8, x_{-4} = 7, x_{-3} = 12, x_{-2} = 4, x_{-1} = 3, x_0 = 5$ See Fig. 3.

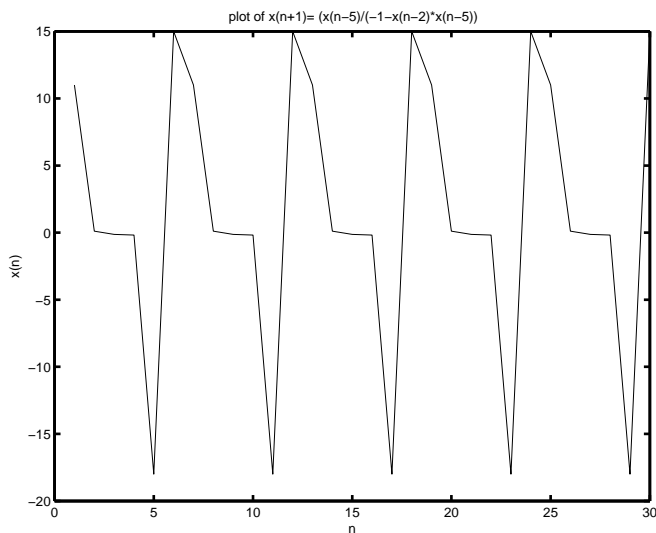


Fig.3

Example 4. See Fig. 4, since $x_{-5} = 0.2$, $x_{-4} = 0.7$, $x_{-3} = 1.2$, $x_{-2} = 0.4$, $x_{-1} = 0.3$, $x_0 = 0.2$.

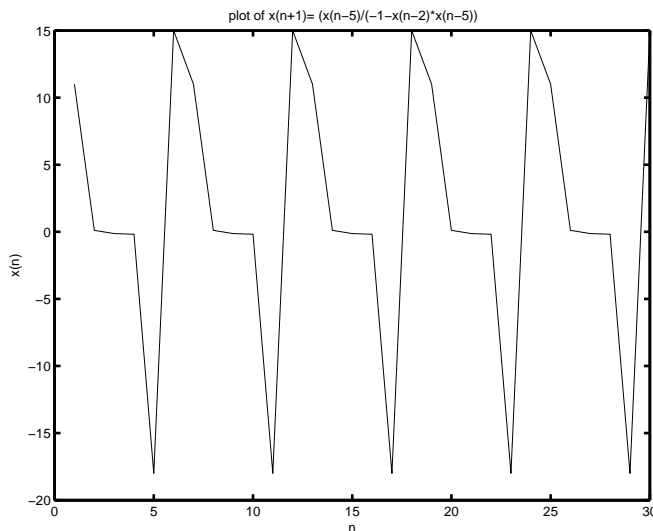


Fig.4

Example 5. In Fig. 5, we assume $x_{-5} = 11$, $x_{-4} = 1/9$, $x_{-3} = -2/15$, $x_{-2} = -2/11$, $x_{-1} = -18$, $x_0 = 15$.

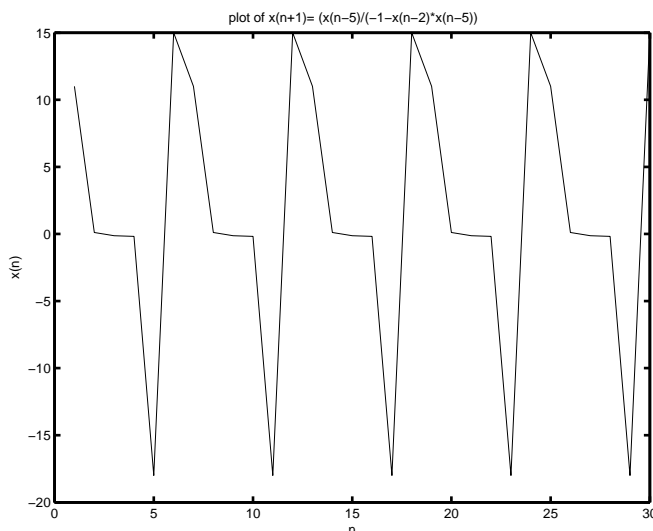


Fig.5

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