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Qualitative Behavior of a Nonlinear Generalized Recursive Sequence with Delay

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Difference equations are of growing importance in engineering in view of their applications in discrete time-systems used in association with microprocessors. We will check out the global stability and boundedness for a nonlinear generalized high-order difference equation with delay.

1. Introduction

Recently, there is a tremendous rate of interest in examining difference formulas. Among the factors, this is a necessity for techniques that we can use in checking out equations emerging in mathematical models.

Difference formulas have been investigated in different mathematical branches for an extended period.

Camouzis et al. [1] studied

$$Y_{n+1} = \frac{\beta Y_n^2}{1 + Y_{n-1}}. \quad (1)$$

Elabbasy et al. [2] dealt with

$$Y_{n+1} = \frac{\alpha Y_{n-k}}{\beta + \gamma \prod_{i=0}^k Y_{n-i}}. \quad (2)$$

Grove et al. [3] presented a summary of

$$Y_{n+1} = \frac{A_1 + B_1 Y_n + C_1 Y_{n-1} + D_1 Y_{n-2}}{A_2 + B_2 Y_n + C_2 Y_{n-1} + D_2 Y_{n-2}}. \quad (3)$$

Kulenovic et al. [4] studied

$$Y_{n+1} = \frac{A_1 Y_n + B_1 Y_{n-1}}{C_1 Y_n + D_1 Y_{n-1}}. \quad (4)$$

Kulenovic and Ladas [5] studied

$$Y_{n+1} = \frac{A_1 + B_1 Y_n + C_1 Y_{n-1}}{A_2 + B_2 Y_n + C_2 Y_{n-1}}. \quad (5)$$

Stevic in [6] studied the positive solution of

$$Y_{n+1} = \frac{Y_{n-k}}{Y_n + \dots + Y_{n-k+1} + 1}. \quad (6)$$

Agarwal and Elsayed [7] studied

$$Y_{n+1} = a Y_n + \frac{b Y_n Y_{n-3}}{c Y_{n-2} + d Y_{n-3}}. \quad (7)$$

For other works, we refer to [6, 8–27].

Our objective is to check out global stability and boundedness of solutions for

$$Y_{n+1} = \alpha + \sum_{i=0}^k a_i Y_{n-i} + \frac{Y_n Y_{n-k}}{\beta + \sum_{j=0}^k b_j Y_{n-j}}, \quad (8)$$

where a_i and $b_i \in (0, \infty)$ and $\alpha, \beta \geq 1$ with the initials $Y_{-1}, Y_{-p+1}, \dots, Y_{-p}$ and $Y_0 \in (0, \infty)$.

2. Local Stability of Equilibrium

Theorem 1. Equation (8) has the following equilibriums:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{Y}_1 &= -\frac{1}{2}D_1, \\ \bar{Y}_2 &= -\frac{1}{2}D_2, \\ D_1 &= \frac{-\beta + \alpha B + A\beta - C}{-B + AB + 1}, \\ D_2 &= \frac{-\beta + \alpha B + A\beta + C}{-B + AB + 1},\end{aligned}\tag{9}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}C &= \sqrt{\beta^2 + 2\beta\alpha B - 2A\beta^2 + \alpha^2\beta^2 - 2\alpha\beta AB + A^2\beta^2 - 4\alpha\beta}, \\ A &= \sum_{i=0}^k a_i, \\ B &= \sum_{j=0}^k b_j.\end{aligned}\tag{10}$$

Let f be defined by

$$f(v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k) = \alpha + \sum_{i=0}^k a_i v_i + \frac{v_0 v_k}{\beta + \sum_{i=0}^k b_i v_i}.\tag{11}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f(v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)}{\partial v_0} &= a_0 + \frac{(\beta + \sum_{i=0}^k b_i v_i)v_k - (v_0 v_k)b_0}{(\beta + \sum_{i=0}^k b_i v_i)^2}, \\ \frac{\partial f(v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p)}{\partial v_1} &= a_1 + \frac{(\beta + \sum_{i=0}^k b_i v_i)0 - (v_0 v_k)b_1}{(\beta + \sum_{i=0}^k b_i v_i)^2} = a_1 - \frac{(v_0 v_k)b_1}{(\beta + \sum_{i=0}^k b_i v_i)^2}, \\ \frac{\partial f(v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p)}{\partial v_2} &= a_2 + \frac{(\beta + \sum_{i=0}^k b_i v_i)0 - (v_0 v_k)b_2}{(\beta + \sum_{i=0}^k b_i v_i)^2} = a_2 - \frac{(v_0 v_k)b_2}{(\beta + \sum_{i=0}^k b_i v_i)^2}, \\ &\vdots \\ \frac{\partial f(v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p)}{\partial v_{k-1}} &= a_{k-1} - \frac{(v_0 v_k)b_{k-1}}{(\beta + \sum_{i=0}^k b_i v_i)^2}, \\ \frac{\partial f(v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p)}{\partial v_k} &= a_k + \frac{(\beta + \sum_{i=0}^k b_i v_i)v_0 - (v_0 v_k)b_k}{(\beta + \sum_{i=0}^k b_i v_i)^2}.\end{aligned}\tag{12}$$

At $\bar{Y}_1 = -(1/2)D_1$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f(\bar{Y}, \bar{Y}, \bar{Y}, \dots, \bar{Y})}{\partial v_0} &= a_0 + \frac{(\beta + B\bar{Y})\bar{Y} - (\bar{Y}^2)b_0}{(\beta + \bar{x}B)^2} = a_0 + \frac{-(1/2)\beta D_1 + (1/4)BD_1^2 - (1/4)D_1^2 b_0}{(\beta - (1/2)BD_1)^2}, \\ \frac{\partial f(\bar{Y}, \bar{Y}, \bar{Y}, \dots, \bar{Y})}{\partial v_1} &= a_1 - (1/4) \frac{D_1^2 b_1}{(\beta - (1/2)BD_1)^2}, \\ \frac{\partial f(\bar{Y}, \bar{Y}, \bar{Y}, \dots, \bar{Y})}{\partial v_2} &= a_2 - (1/4) \frac{D_1^2 b_2}{(\beta - (1/2)BD_1)^2}, \\ &\vdots \\ \frac{\partial f(\bar{Y}, \bar{Y}, \bar{Y}, \dots, \bar{Y})}{\partial v_{k-1}} &= a_{k-1} - (1/4) \frac{D_1^2 b_{k-1}}{(\beta - (1/2)BD_1)^2}, \\ \frac{\partial f(\bar{Y}, \bar{Y}, \bar{Y}, \dots, \bar{Y})}{\partial v_k} &= a_k + \frac{-(1/2)\beta D_1 + (1/4)BD_1^2 - (1/4)D_1^2 b_k}{(\beta - (1/2)BD_1)^2}, \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

and we have

$$A + \frac{D_1[-\beta + (1/4)BD_1]}{(\beta - (1/2)BD_1)^2} < 1; \tag{16}$$

$$y_{n+1} + \sum_{i=0}^k d_i y_{n-i} = 0, \tag{14}$$

(ii) $\bar{Y}_1 = -(1/2)D_2$ of (8) is locally asymptotically stable if

where $d_i = -f_{v_i}(\bar{Y}, \bar{Y}, \dots, \bar{Y})$, for $i = 0, 1, \dots, k$, where

$$A + \frac{D_2[-\beta + (1/4)BD_2]}{(\beta - (1/2)BD_2)^2} < 1. \tag{17}$$

$$\lambda^{k+1} + \sum_{i=0}^k d_i \lambda^i = 0. \tag{15}$$

Proof

Theorem 2. (i) $\bar{Y}_1 = -(1/2)D_1$ of (8) is locally asymptotically stable if

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| a_0 + \frac{-(1/2)\beta D_1 + (1/4)BD_1^2 - (1/4)D_1^2 b_0}{(\beta - (1/2)BD_1)^2} \right| + \left| a_1 - \frac{1}{4} \frac{D_1^2 b_1}{(\beta - (1/2)BD_1)^2} \right| + \left| a_2 - \frac{1}{4} \frac{D_1^2 b_2}{(\beta - (1/2)BD_1)^2} \right| \\ &+ \dots + \left| a_{k-1} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{D_1^2 b_{k-1}}{(\beta - (1/2)BD_1)^2} \right| + \left| a_k + \frac{-(1/2)\beta D_1 + (1/4)BD_1^2 - (1/4)D_1^2 b_k}{(\beta - (1/2)BD_1)^2} \right| < 1, \\ &\sum_{i=0}^k a_i + \frac{1}{(\beta - (1/2)BD_1)^2} \left\{ \left(-\frac{1}{2}\beta D_1 + \frac{1}{4}BD_1^2 - \frac{1}{4}D_1^2 b_0 \right) + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\beta D_1 + \frac{1}{4}BD_1^2 - \frac{1}{4}D_1^2 b_k \right) \right\} \\ &- \frac{D_1^2}{4(\beta - (1/2)BD_1)^2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} b_i \right] < 1, \\ &\sum_{i=0}^k a_i + \frac{1}{(\beta - (1/2)BD_1)^2} \left\{ -\beta D_1 + \frac{1}{2}BD_1^2 - \frac{1}{4}D_1^2 (b_0 + b_k) \right\} - \frac{D_1^2}{4(\beta - (1/2)BD_1)^2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} b_i \right] < 1, \\ &A + \frac{1}{(\beta - (1/2)BD_1)^2} \left\{ -\beta D_1 + \frac{1}{2}BD_1^2 - \frac{1}{4}D_1^2 (b_0 + b_k) \right\} - \frac{D_1^2}{4(\beta - (1/2)BD_1)^2} [B - b_0 - b_k] < 1, \\ &A + \frac{1}{(\beta - (1/2)BD_1)^2} \left[-\beta D_1 + \frac{1}{2}BD_1^2 - \frac{D_1^2}{4}b_0 - \frac{D_1^2}{4}b_k - \frac{D_1^2}{4}B + \frac{D_1^2}{4}b_0 + \frac{D_1^2}{4}b_k \right] < 1, \\ &A + \frac{D_1[-\beta + (1/4)BD_1]}{(\beta - (1/2)BD_1)^2} < 1, \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

where

$$D_1 = \frac{-\beta + \alpha B + A\beta - C}{-B + AB + 1}, \tag{19}$$

i.e.,

$$A + \frac{((-\beta + \alpha B + A\beta - C)/(-B + AB + 1))[-\beta + (1/4)B((-\beta + \alpha B + A\beta - C)/(-B + AB + 1))]}{(\beta - (1/2)B((-\beta + \alpha B + A\beta - C)/(-B + AB + 1)))^2} < 1. \tag{20}$$

Proof of (ii) is the same as the proof of (i). □ Proof

3. Solutions Boundedness for (8)

In Theorem 3, every solution of (8) is bounded.

$$Y_{n+1} = \alpha + \sum_{i=0}^k a_i Y_{n-i} + \frac{Y_n Y_{n-k}}{\beta + \sum_{j=0}^k b_j Y_{n-j}} \leq \alpha + \sum_{i=0}^k a_i Y_{n-i} + \frac{Y_n Y_{n-k}}{b_k Y_{n-k}} \leq \alpha + \sum_{i=0}^k a_i Y_{n-i} + \frac{Y_n}{b_k}. \tag{21}$$

4. Applications

4.1. Case 1: $\alpha = 0$ and $\beta = 0$. We have

$$Y_{n+1} = \sum_{i=0}^k a_i Y_{n-i} + \frac{Y_n Y_{n-k}}{\sum_{j=0}^k b_j Y_{n-j}}. \tag{22}$$

Equation (22) has equilibrium $\bar{Y} = 0$.

where $A = \sum_{i=0}^k a_i$ and $B = \sum_{j=0}^k b_j$. Then, the equilibrium of (22) is locally asymptotically stable.

Proof

Theorem 3. Suppose that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| a_0 + \frac{(1/4)B - (1/4)b_0}{(-(1/2)B)^2} \right| + \left| a_1 - \frac{1}{4} \frac{b_1}{(-(1/2)B)^2} \right| + \left| a_2 - \frac{1}{4} \frac{b_2}{(-(1/2)B)^2} \right| \\ & + \dots + \left| a_{k-1} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{b_{k-1}}{(-(1/2)B)^2} \right| + \left| a_k + \frac{(1/4)B - (1/4)b_k}{(-(1/2)B)^2} \right| < 1, \\ & \sum_{i=0}^k a_i + \frac{1}{(-(1/2)B)^2} \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{4}B - \frac{1}{4}b_0 \right) + \left(\frac{1}{4}B - \frac{1}{4}b_k \right) \right\} - \frac{1}{4(-(1/2)B)^2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^k b_i \right] < 1, \\ & \sum_{i=0}^k a_i + \frac{1}{(-(1/2)B)^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{2}B - \frac{1}{4}b_0 - \frac{1}{4}b_k \right\} - \frac{1}{4(-(1/2)B)^2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} b_i \right] < 1, \\ & \sum_{i=0}^k a_i + \frac{1}{(-(1/2)B)^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{2}B - \frac{1}{4}b_0 - \frac{1}{4}b_k \right\} - \frac{1}{4(-(1/2)B)^2} [B - b_0 - b_k] < 1, \\ & \sum_{i=0}^k a_i + \frac{1}{(-(1/2)B)^2} \left[\frac{1}{2}B - \frac{1}{4}b_0 - \frac{1}{4}b_k \right] - \frac{1}{4} [B - b_0 - b_k] < 1, \\ & \sum_{i=0}^k a_i + \frac{1}{(-(1/2)B)^2} \left[\frac{1}{2}B - \frac{1}{4}B \right] < 1, \\ & A + \frac{1}{B} < 1. \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

□

4.2. Case 2 [7]. $\alpha = 0$ and $\beta = 0$ with $k = 3$, $\{a_i\}_{i=0}^k$ & $\{b_i\}_{i=0}^k = 0$ except $a_0, b_2, b_3 \neq 0$
 We have

$$Y_{n+1} = a_0 Y_n + \frac{Y_n Y_{n-3}}{b_2 Y_{n-2} + b_3 Y_{n-3}}. \quad (25)$$

Equation (25) has equilibriums $\bar{Y} = 0$.
 Let f be defined by

$$f(v_0, v_2, v_3) = a_0 v_0 + \frac{v_0 v_3}{b_2 v_2 + b_3 v_3},$$

$$\left| a_0 + \frac{(1/4)(b_2 + b_3)}{(-(1/2)(b_2 + b_3))^2} \right| + \left| -\frac{1}{4} \frac{b_2}{(-(1/2)(b_2 + b_3))^2} \right| + \left| \frac{(1/4)(b_2 + b_3) - (1/4)b_3}{(-(1/2)(b_2 + b_3))^2} \right| < 1,$$

$$\left| a_0 + \frac{(b_2 + b_3)}{(b_2 + b_3)^2} \right| + \left| -\frac{b_2}{(b_2 + b_3)^2} \right| + \left| \frac{(b_2 + b_3) - b_3}{(b_2 + b_3)^2} \right| < 1,$$

$$\left| a_0 + \frac{b_2 + b_3}{(b_2 + b_3)^2} \right| + \left| -\frac{b_2}{(b_2 + b_3)^2} \right| + \left| \frac{b_2 + b_3 - b_3}{(b_2 + b_3)^2} \right| < 1, \quad (26)$$

$$\left| a_0 + \frac{1}{(b_2 + b_3)} \right| + \left| -\frac{b_2}{(b_2 + b_3)^2} \right| + \left| \frac{b_2}{(b_2 + b_3)^2} \right| < 1,$$

$$a_0 + \frac{1}{(b_2 + b_3)} + \frac{2b_2}{(b_2 + b_3)^2} < 1,$$

$$\frac{(3b_2 + b_3)}{(b_2 + b_3)^2} < 1 - a_0.$$

Hence, the equilibrium $\bar{Y} = 0$ of (25) is locally asymptotically stable if $((3b_2 + b_3)/(b_2 + b_3)^2) < 1 - a_0$.

4.3. Case 3. $\alpha = 0$ and $\beta = 1$ with $k = 2$, $\{a_i\}_{i=0}^k$ & $\{b_i\}_{i=0}^k = 0$ except $a_0, a_1, b_1, b_2 \neq 0$
 Here, we have

$$Y_{n+1} = a_0 Y_n + a_1 Y_{n-1} + \frac{Y_n Y_{n-2}}{1 + b_1 Y_{n-1} + b_2 Y_{n-2}}. \quad (27)$$

Equation (27) has the following equilibriums:

$$\bar{Y}_1 = 0, \quad (28)$$

$$\bar{Y}_2 = \frac{a_0 + a_1 - 1}{1 + (a_0 + a_1 - 1)(b_1 + b_2)}.$$

Let f defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(v_0, v_1, v_2) &= a_0 v_0 + a_1 v_1 + \frac{v_0 v_2}{1 + b_1 v_1 + b_2 v_2}, \\
 \frac{\partial f(v_0, v_1, v_2)}{\partial v_0} &= a_0 + \frac{(b_1 v_1 + 1 + b_2 v_2)v_2}{(b_1 v_1 + 1 + b_2 v_2)^2} = a_0 + \frac{v_2}{(b_1 v_1 + 1 + b_2 v_2)}, \\
 \frac{\partial f(v_0, v_1, v_2)}{\partial v_1} &= a_1 + \frac{-v_0 v_2 (b_1)}{(b_1 v_1 + 1 + b_2 v_2)^2}, \\
 \frac{\partial f(v_0, v_1, v_2)}{\partial v_2} &= \frac{(1 + b_1 v_1 + b_2 v_2)v_0 - v_0 v_2 b_2}{(1 + b_1 v_1 + b_2 v_2)^2} = \frac{(b_1 v_1 + 1)v_0}{(b_1 v_1 + 1 + b_2 v_2)^2}, \\
 \left| a_0 + \frac{v_2}{(b_1 v_1 + 1 + b_2 v_2)} \right| + \left| a_1 + \frac{-v_0 v_2 (b_1)}{(b_1 v_1 + 1 + b_2 v_2)^2} \right| + \left| \frac{(b_1 v_1 + 1)v_0}{(b_1 v_1 + 1 + b_2 v_2)^2} \right| &< 1, \tag{29} \\
 a_0 + \frac{v_2}{(b_1 v_1 + 1 + b_2 v_2)} + a_1 - \frac{v_0 v_2 (b_1)}{(b_1 v_1 + 1 + b_2 v_2)^2} + \frac{(b_1 v_1 + 1)v_0}{(b_1 v_1 + 1 + b_2 v_2)^2} &< 1, \\
 a_0 + \frac{(b_1 v_1 + 1 + b_2 v_2)v_2}{(b_1 v_1 + 1 + b_2 v_2)^2} + a_1 - \frac{v_0 v_2 (b_1)}{(b_1 v_1 + 1 + b_2 v_2)^2} + \frac{(b_1 v_1 + 1)v_0}{(b_1 v_1 + 1 + b_2 v_2)^2} &< 1, \\
 \frac{(b_1 v_1 + 1 + b_2 v_2)v_2 - v_0 v_2 (b_1) + (1 + b_1 v_1)v_0}{(b_1 v_1 + 1 + b_2 v_2)^2} &< 1 - a_0 - a_1, \\
 \frac{v_2 + b_1 v_1 v_2 + b_2 v_2^2 - v_0 v_2 b_1 + v_0 + b_1 v_0 v_1}{(b_1 v_1 + 1 + b_2 v_2)^2} &< 1 - a_0 - a_1.
 \end{aligned}$$

So, we have

$$0 < 1 - a_0 - a_1; \tag{30}$$

Theorem 4

(i) The equilibrium $\bar{Y}_1 = 0$ of equation (27) is locally asymptotically stable if

(ii) The equilibrium $\bar{Y}_1 = -((a_0 + a_1 - 1)/(1 + (a_0 + a_1 - 1)(b_1 + b_2)))$ of equation (27) is locally asymptotically stable if

$$\frac{(-1 + a_0 + a_1)(2a_0(b_1 + b_2) + 2a_1(b_1 + b_2) - b_1 + b_1 a_0 + b_1 a_1 - b_2 + b_2 a_0 + b_2 a_1)}{(a_0(b_1 + b_2) + a_1(b_1 + b_2) - b_1 + b_1 a_0 + b_1 a_1 - b_2 + b_2 a_0 + b_2 a_1)^2} < 1 - a_0 - a_1. \tag{31}$$

4.4. Case 4. We will consider the difference equation as a particular case of (8):

$$Y_{n+1} = a_0 Y_n + a_2 Y_{n-2} + a_4 Y_{n-4} + \frac{Y_n Y_{n-4}}{b_0 Y_n + b_2 Y_{n-2} + b_4 Y_{n-4}}. \tag{32}$$

Theorem 5. Suppose

$$1 < (1 - a_0 - a_2 - a_4)(b_0 + b_4 + b_2). \tag{33}$$

Then, the equilibrium $\bar{Y} = 0$ of (32) is locally asymptotically stable.

Proof. Let f be defined by

$$f(v_0, v_2, v_4) = a_0 v_0 + a_2 v_2 + a_4 v_4 + \frac{v_0 v_4}{b_0 v_0 + b_2 v_2 + b_4 v_4}. \tag{34}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f(v_0, v_2, v_4)}{\partial v_0} &= a_0 + \frac{(b_0 v_0 + b_2 v_2 + b_4 v_4)v_4 - v_0 v_4 (b_0)}{(b_0 v_0 + b_2 v_2 + b_4 v_4)^2} = a_0 + \frac{b_2 v_2 v_4 + b_4 v_4^2}{(b_0 v_0 + b_2 v_2 + b_4 v_4)^2}, \\ \frac{\partial f(v_0, v_2, v_4)}{\partial v_2} &= a_2 + \frac{(b_0 v_0 + b_2 v_2 + b_4 v_4)0 - v_0 v_4 (b_2)}{(b_0 v_0 + b_2 v_2 + b_4 v_4)^2} = a_2 + \frac{-v_0 v_4 b_2}{(b_0 v_0 + b_2 v_2 + b_4 v_4)^2}, \\ \frac{\partial f(v_0, v_2, v_4)}{\partial v_4} &= a_4 + \frac{(b_0 v_0 + b_2 v_2 + b_4 v_4)v_0 - v_0 v_4 (b_4)}{(b_0 v_0 + b_2 v_2 + b_4 v_4)^2} = a_4 + \frac{b_0 v_0^2 + b_2 v_2 v_0}{(b_0 v_0 + b_2 v_2 + b_4 v_4)^2}, \\ \frac{\partial f(\bar{Y}, \bar{Y}, \bar{Y})}{\partial v_0} &= a_0 + \frac{b_2 + b_4}{(b_0 + b_4 + b_2)^2}, \\ \frac{\partial f(\bar{Y}, \bar{Y}, \bar{Y})}{\partial v_2} &= a_2 + \frac{-b_2}{(b_0 + b_4 + b_2)^2}, \\ \frac{\partial f(\bar{Y}, \bar{Y}, \bar{Y})}{\partial v_4} &= a_4 + \frac{b_0 + b_2}{(b_0 + b_4 + b_2)^2}, \\ \left| a_0 + \frac{b_2 + b_4}{(b_0 + b_4 + b_2)^2} \right| + \left| a_2 + \frac{-b_2}{(b_0 + b_4 + b_2)^2} \right| + \left| a_4 + \frac{b_0 + b_2}{(b_0 + b_4 + b_2)^2} \right| &< 1, \\ \frac{b_4 + b_0 + b_2}{(b_0 + b_4 + b_2)^2} &< 1 - a_0 - a_2 - a_4, \\ 1 &< (1 - a_0 - a_2 - a_4)(b_0 + b_4 + b_2). \end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

Theorem 6. Every solution of (32) is bounded.

Proof

□

$$Y_{n+1} = a_0 Y_n + a_2 Y_{n-2} + a_4 Y_{n-4} + \frac{Y_n Y_{n-4}}{b_0 Y_n + b_2 Y_{n-2} + b_4 Y_{n-4}} < \left(a_0 + \frac{1}{b_4} \right) Y_n + a_2 Y_{n-2} + a_4 Y_{n-4}. \tag{36}$$

There are many cases in which the solution of (32) is bounded:

- (1) If $(a_0 + (1/b_4)) < 1, a_2 = 0$ and $a_4 = 0$.
- (2) If $(a_0 + a_2 + (1/b_4)) < 1, Y_{n-2} < Y_n$ and $a_4 = 0$.
- (3) If $(a_0 + a_4 + (1/b_4)) < 1, Y_{n-4} < Y_n$ and $a_2 = 0$.
- (4) If $(a_0 + a_2 + a_4 + (1/b_4)) < 1, Y_{n-4} < Y_n$ and $Y_{n-2} < Y_n$. □

Data Availability

The data used to support the findings of the study are available within the article.

Conflicts of Interest

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