

ON THE OSCILLATORY BEHAVIOR  
 FOR A CERTAIN CLASS OF SECOND ORDER DELAY DIFFERENCE EQUATIONS

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we study the oscillatory behavior for a certain class of second order delay difference equation of the form

$$\Delta \left( \frac{1}{a_n} \Delta u_n \right) + q_n u_{\sigma(n)} = 0 \quad (1.1)$$

Where  $\{a_n\}, \{q_n\}$  are real sequence and  $\{a_n\} > 0$ . Examples are inserted to illustrate the results.

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INTRODUCTION

We consider the second order delay difference equation of the form

$$\Delta \left( \frac{1}{a_n} \Delta u_n \right) + q_n u_{\sigma(n)} = 0 \quad (1.1)$$

Where  $\Delta$  is the forward difference operator is defined by  $\Delta u_n = u_{n+1} - u_n$  and  $\{a_n\}, \{q_n\}$  are real sequence. With respected to the difference equations (1.1) throughout we shall assume that the following conditions holds.

(C1):  $\{a_n\}, \{q_n\}$  are real sequence and  $\{a_n\} > 0$

(C2):  $\sigma(n) > 0$  is an integer such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(n) = \infty$

(C3):  $R_n = \sum_{s=n_0}^{n-1} a_s \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

By a solution of equation (1.1) we mean a real sequence  $\{u_n\}$  satisfying (1.1) for  $n \geq n_0$ . A solution  $\{u_n\}$  is said to be oscillatory if it is neither eventually positive nor eventually negative. Otherwise it is called non-oscillatory. For more details on oscillatory behavior difference equation we refer [1-23].

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**MAIN RESULT**

In this section, we present some sufficient conditions for the oscillation of all the solutions of equations (1.1)

**Theorem: 1** Assume the (C3) hold  $\Delta\sigma(n) \geq 0$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{s=n_0}^{n-1} \left[ R_{\sigma(n)} p_s + \frac{(\Delta R_{\sigma(s)})^2}{4a_{s+1} R_{\sigma(n)}} \right] = \infty \tag{1.2}$$

Then every solution of equations (1.1) is oscillatory.

**Proof:** Let  $\{u_n\}$  be non-oscillatory solution of equation (1.1) without loss of generality, we suppose that

$u_n > 0, u_{\sigma(n)} > 0$  and for  $n \geq n_1$  from the equation  $\Delta \left( \frac{1}{a_n} \Delta u_n \right) < 0$  for  $n \geq n_1$ . Since  $\Delta \left( \frac{1}{a_n} \Delta u_n \right)$  is non-

increasing there exist a non-negative constant  $k$  and  $n_2 \geq n_1$   $\frac{1}{a_n} \Delta u_n \leq -k$  for  $n \geq n_2, k > 0$

$$\Delta u_n \leq -ka_n, n \geq n_2, k > 0$$

Summing the inequality for  $n_2$  to  $n-1$

$$u_n \leq u_{n_2} - k \sum_{s=n_2}^{n-1} a_s$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we have  $u_n \rightarrow \infty$ , which is contradiction to the fact that  $u_n$  is positive.

Then  $\Delta \left( \frac{1}{a_n} \Delta u_n \right) > 0$  and  $\frac{1}{a_n} \Delta u_n > 0$

Define

$$\omega_n = \frac{R_{\sigma(n)} \Delta u_n}{a_n u_{\sigma(n)}} \tag{A}$$

$$\Delta \omega_n = \frac{R_{\sigma(n)}}{u_{\sigma(n)}} \Delta \left( \frac{1}{a_n} \Delta u_n \right) + \frac{\Delta u_{n+1}}{a_{n+1}} \left[ \Delta \left( \frac{R_{\sigma(n)}}{u_{\sigma(n)}} \right) \right]$$

$$\Delta \omega_n = \frac{R_{\sigma(n)}}{u_{\sigma(n)}} \Delta \left( \frac{1}{a_n} \Delta u_n \right) + \frac{\Delta u_{n+1}}{a_{n+1}} \left[ \frac{\Delta R_{\sigma(n)} u_{\sigma(n)} - \Delta u_{\sigma(n)} R_{\sigma(n)}}{u_{\sigma(n)} u_{\sigma(n+1)}} \right]$$

$$\Delta \omega_n = \frac{R_{\sigma(n)}}{u_{\sigma(n)}} \Delta \left( \frac{1}{a_n} \Delta u_n \right) + \frac{\Delta u_{n+1}}{a_{n+1}} \frac{\Delta R_{\sigma(n)}}{u_{\sigma(n+1)}} - \frac{\Delta u_{n+1}}{a_{n+1}} \frac{\Delta u_{\sigma(n)} R_{\sigma(n)}}{u_{\sigma(n)} u_{\sigma(n+1)}}$$

$$\Delta \omega_n = -R_{\sigma(n)} q_n + \frac{\Delta R_{\sigma(n)}}{R_{\sigma(n+1)}} \omega_{n+1} - \frac{R_{\sigma(n)} \Delta u_{n+1} \Delta u_{\sigma(n)}}{a_{n+1} u_{\sigma(n)} u_{\sigma(n+1)}}$$

In the view of (C2) and (1.1)

$$\Delta \omega_n = -R_{\sigma(n)} q_n + \frac{\Delta R_{\sigma(n)}}{R_{\sigma(n+1)}} \omega_{n+1} - \frac{R_{\sigma(n)} (\Delta u_{n+1})^2}{a_{n+1} (u_{\sigma(n+1)})^2}$$

$$\Delta \omega_n = -R_{\sigma(n)} q_n + \frac{\Delta R_{\sigma(n)}}{R_{\sigma(n+1)}} \omega_{n+1} - \frac{a_{n+1} R_{\sigma(n)} (\omega_{n+1})^2}{(R_{\sigma(n+1)})^2} \quad \text{That is}$$

$$\Delta \omega_n = -R_{\sigma(n)} q_n + \frac{(\Delta R_{\sigma(n)})^2}{4a_{n+1} R_{\sigma(n)}} - \left[ \frac{\sqrt{a_{n+1} R_{\sigma(n)}}}{R_{\sigma(n+1)}} \omega_{n+1} - \frac{\Delta R_{\sigma(n)}}{2\sqrt{a_{n+1} R_{\sigma(n)}}} \right]^2$$

This implies that

$$\Delta \omega_n < - \left( R_{\sigma(n)} q_n - \frac{(\Delta R_{\sigma(n)})^2}{4a_{n+1} R_{\sigma(n)}} \right) \tag{1.3}$$

Summing the inequality for  $n_2$  to  $n-1$  we have

$$\omega_n \leq \omega_{n_1} - \sum_{s=n_2}^{n-1} \left( R_{\sigma(s)} q_s - \frac{(\Delta R_{\sigma(s)})^2}{4a_{s+1} R_{\sigma(s)}} \right)$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have, in view of (1.2) that  $\omega_n \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , which contradicts  $\omega_n > 0$  and the proof is complete.

**Theorem: 2** Let all the assumption of Theorem 1 holds except the condition (1.2) which changed to

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^r} \sum_{s=n_0}^{n-1} (n-s)^r \left( q_n R_{\sigma(n)} - \frac{(\Delta R_{\sigma(n)})^2}{4a_{n+1} R_{\sigma(n)}} \right) = \infty \tag{1.4}$$

Then every solutions  $\{u_n\}$  of equation (1.1) is oscillatory.

**Proof:** Proceeding as in the proof of Theorem 1, we assume that equations (1.1) non-oscillatory solution, say  $u_n > 0, u_{\sigma(n)} > 0$  and for  $n \geq n_1$  from the equation (1.3) we have  $n \geq n_1$ .

$$\sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} (n-s)^r \left( R_{\sigma(s)} q_s - \frac{(\Delta R_{\sigma(s)})^2}{4a_{s+1} R_{\sigma(s)}} \right) < - \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} (n-s)^r \Delta \omega_s \tag{1.5}$$

Since

$$\sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} (n-s)^r \Delta \omega_s = r \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} (n-s)^{r-1} \omega_s - \omega_{n_1} (n-n_1)^r \tag{1.6}$$

We get

$$\frac{1}{n^r} \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} (n-s)^r M_s \leq \omega_{n_1} \left( \frac{n-n_1}{n} \right)^r - \frac{r}{n^r} \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} (n-s)^{r-1} \omega_s \tag{1.7}$$

Where

$$M_s = R_{\sigma(s)} q_s - \frac{(\Delta R_{\sigma(s)})^2}{4a_{s+1} R_{\sigma(s)}}$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

we have

$$\frac{1}{n^r} \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} (n-s)^r M_s \leq \omega_{n_1} \left( \frac{n-n_1}{n} \right)^r \tag{1.8}$$

Then

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^r} \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} (n-s)^r M_s \rightarrow \omega_{n_1}$$

Which contradicts the condition (1.4)

This completes the proof.

Next, we present some new oscillation results for equation (1.1) we introduce a double sequence  $\{H(m, n) / m \geq n \geq 0\}$

Such that

- (i)  $H(m, n) = 0$  for  $m \geq 0$
- (ii)  $H(m, n) > 0$  for  $m > n \geq 0$  and
- (ii)  $-L_2 H(m, n) = h(m, n)\sqrt{H(m, n)}$ ; for  $m \geq n \geq 0$

**Theorem: 3** Assume that (C1)-(C3) holds and let  $\{u_n\}$  be a positive sequence and assume that there exist a double sequence  $\{H(m, n) / m \geq n \geq 0\}$  such that

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(n, n_1)} \sum_{s=n_0}^{n-1} H(n, s) \left( q_n R_{\sigma(n)} - \frac{(\Delta R_{\sigma(n)})^2}{4a_{n+1} R_{\sigma(n)}} \right) = \infty \tag{1.9}$$

$$\text{where } M(n, s) = \frac{h(n, s)}{\sqrt{H(n, s)}} - \frac{\Delta R_{\sigma(n)}}{R_{\sigma(n+1)}} \tag{1.10}$$

Then every solutions  $\{u_n\}$  of equation (1.1) is oscillatory

**Proof:** Let  $\{u_n\}$  be non-oscillatory solution of equation (1.1). Let us first assume the  $\{u_n\}$  is eventually positive and that  $u_n > 0, u_{\sigma(n)} > 0$  and for  $n \geq n_1$

In the view of (A) and (B)

$$\text{Let us denote } \gamma_s = \frac{\Delta R_{\sigma(n)}}{R_{\sigma(n+1)}} \quad \text{and} \quad B_s = \frac{a_{s+1} R_{\sigma(s)}}{R_{\sigma(n+1)}^2}$$

$$\Delta \omega_n = -R_{\sigma(n)} q_n + \frac{\Delta R_{\sigma(n)}}{R_{\sigma(n+1)}} \omega_{n+1} - \frac{a_{n+1} R_{\sigma(n)} (\omega_{n+1})^2}{(R_{\sigma(n+1)})^2}$$

$$R_{\sigma(n)} q_n = -\Delta \omega_n + \frac{\Delta R_{\sigma(n)}}{R_{\sigma(n+1)}} \omega_{n+1} - \frac{a_{n+1} R_{\sigma(n)} (\omega_{n+1})^2}{(R_{\sigma(n+1)})^2}$$

$$\sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} H(n, s) R_{\sigma(s)} q_s \leq \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} H(n, s) \left[ -\Delta \omega_s + \gamma_s \omega_{s+1} - B_s (\omega_s)^2 \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} H(n, s) R_{\sigma(s)} q_s &\leq [H(n, s) \omega_s]_{s=n_1}^n - \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \left\{ L_2 H(n, s) \omega_{s+1} + H(n, s) \left[ \gamma_s \omega_{s+1} - B_s (\omega_s)^2 \right] \right\} \\ &= H(n, n_1) \omega_{n_1} - \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \left[ \sqrt{H(n, s)} \left( h(n, s) - \sqrt{H(n, s)} \gamma_s \right) \omega_{s+1} + H(n, s) B_s (\omega_{s+1})^2 \right] \\ &= H(n, n_1) \omega_{n_1} - \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} H(n, s) \left[ \sqrt{B_s} \omega_{s+1} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{M(n, s)}{\sqrt{B_s}} \right]^2 + \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \frac{M^2(n, s) H(n, s)}{4B_s} \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(n, n_1)} \sum_{s=n_0}^{n-1} H(n, s) \left( q_n R_{\sigma(n)} - \frac{(\Delta R_{\sigma(n)})^2}{4a_{n+1} R_{\sigma(n)}} \right) \leq \omega_{n_1}$$

Which clearly contradicts (1.9). This contradiction completes our proof

**Remarks:** By choosing various specific double sequences  $\{H(m, n)\}$  we can derive several oscillation criteria for (1.1)

Let us consider the double sequence  $\{H(m, n)\}$  defined by

$$H(m, n) = (m - n)^\mu, \quad m \geq n \geq 0, \quad \text{Where } \mu \geq 1 \text{ is a constant.}$$

Then  $H(m, n) = 0$  for  $m \geq 0$ ,  $H(m, n) > 0$  for  $m > n \geq 0$  and  $L_2 H(m, n) \leq 0$  for  $m > n \geq 0$

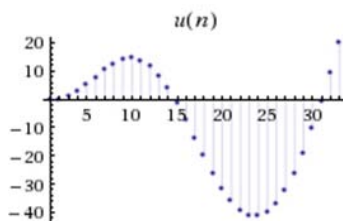
Hence, we have the following corollary

**Corollary: 1** If  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{m^\mu} \sum_{s=n_0}^{n-1} (m - s)^\mu \left( q_n R_{\sigma(n)} - \frac{(\Delta R_{\sigma(n)})^2}{4a_{n+1} R_{\sigma(n)}} \right) = \infty$  for some  $\mu \geq 1$ , Then every solutions  $\{u_n\}$  of equation (1.1) is oscillatory

**Example: 1** Consider the delay difference equations

$$\Delta \left( \frac{1}{n-1} \Delta u_n \right) + \frac{1}{(n-1)} u_{n-1} = 0 \quad (E1)$$

where  $\lambda \geq 0$   $\mu = 2$   $R_{\sigma(n)} = 1$ , the equation (E1) is Oscillatory.



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