

## Minimal and Maximal Solutions of Second-order Functional Difference Equations

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### Abstract

In this paper the minimal and maximal solutions of second order functional difference equations with nonlinear boundary conditions of the form

$$\Delta^2 x(m_1 - 1) = \begin{cases} (F_1 x)(m_1), m_1 \in [1, W] = 1, 2, \dots, W \\ f_2(x(0), x(W)) = 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $(F_1 x)(m_1) = f_1((k_1, x(m_1)), x(\beta_1(m_1)), x(\beta_2(m_1)), \dots, x(\beta_r(m_1)))$  are analyzed. The above equation depends on  $r$  delayed arguments. We illustrate our results with numerical example.

### Introduction

Let us consider the second-order functional difference equations

$$\Delta^2 x(m_1 - 1) = \begin{cases} (F_1 x)(m_1), m_1 \in [1, W] = 1, 2, \dots, W \\ f_2(x(0), x(W)) = 0, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

and  $(F_1 x)(m_1) = f_1((m_1, x(m_1)), x(\beta_1(m_1)), x(\beta_2(m_1)), \dots, x(\beta_r(m_1)))$  where  $\Delta^2 x(m_1 - 1) = x(m_1 + 1) - 2x(m_1) + x(m_1 - 1)$

Assume

$$A_1 : f_1 \in ([0, W] \times \mathfrak{R}^{r+1}, \mathfrak{R}), f_2 \in N(\mathfrak{R}, \mathfrak{R} \times \mathfrak{R}), \beta_d \in N([1, W], [0, W]) \beta_d(m_1) \leq m_1, d = 1, 2, \dots, r,$$

and another type of equations:

$$\Delta^2 x(m_1) = \begin{cases} (F_1 x)(m_1), m_1 \in [1, W - 1], \\ f_2(x(0), x(W)) = 0, \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where  $\Delta^2 x(m_1) = x(m_1 + 2) - 2x(m_1 + 1) + x(m_1)$

Assume

$$A_2 : f_1 \in ([0, W - 1] \times \mathfrak{R}^{r+1}, \mathfrak{R}), f_2 \in N(\mathfrak{R}, \mathfrak{R} \times \mathfrak{R}), \beta_d \in N([0, W - 1], [0, W - 1]) \\ \beta_d(m_1) \leq m_1, d = 1, 2, \dots, r.$$

Difference equations is a very fascinating subject because we can derive many complex properties based on simple formulation. Problems such as vibration of particles, phenomena in crystals, Statistics, electrical circuit analysis, dynamical systems, molecular chains, control theory etc. can be modeled by difference equations.

In the recent years, there has been an increasing interest in the study of second order functional difference equations with nonlinear boundary value conditions see [1-8].

Let  $C = N([0, 1], R)$  be a Banach space, a class of maps  $\omega$  continuous on  $[0, W]$  with the norm

$$\|\omega\| = \max_{m_1 \in [0, W]} |\omega|.$$

A solution of (1) is  $\omega \in C$  satisfies (1).

## 2. RESULTS

**Theorem 1** Suppose

$$\beta \in N([1, W], [0, W]), \beta(m_1) \leq m_1, m_1 \in [0, W], x \in N([0, W], R), P, Q \in N([1, W], R_+), R_+ = [0, \infty)$$

and

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \Delta^2 x(m_1 - 1) &\leq -(P(m_1)(P(m_1 + 1) + P(m_1) + P(m_1 + 1))x(m_1 + 1) - 2P(m_1)x(m_1) - Q(m_1)x(\beta(m_1))), m_1 \in [1, W] \\ x(0) &\leq 0. \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Also, assume that

$$\delta_1 = \sum_{m_1=1}^W \sum_{d=1}^T Q(r) \prod_{d=1}^{m_1-1} [1 + P(d)] \leq 1 \text{ where } \prod_{d=1}^0 \dots = 1. \quad (3)$$

Then  $x(m_1) \leq 0, m_1 \in [0, W]$ .

**Proof:** Consider  $x(m_1) > 0$ . Then there exists  $m_0 \in (0, W]$  such that  $x(m_0) > 0$ .

$$\text{Let } x(m_2) = \min_{m_1 \in [0, m_0]} x(m_1) = \mu \leq 0$$

Therefore,

$$[1 + P(m_1)][1 + P(m_1 + 1)]x(m_1 + 1) - 2(1 + p(m_1))x(m_1) + x(m_1 - 1) \leq -\mu Q(m_1), m_1 \in [1, m_0]$$

$$[1 + P(m_1)][1 + P(m_1 + 1)]x(m_1 + 1)S_{m_1-1} - 2[1 + P(m_1)]x(m_1)S_{m_1} + x(m_1 - 1)S_{m_1-1} \leq -\mu Q(m_1)S_{m_1-1}, m_1 \in [1, m_0],$$

$$S_0 = 1, S_{m_1} = \prod_{d=1}^{m_1} [1 + P(d)], m_1 \in [1, W].$$

Therefore,

$$\Delta^2[x(m_1 - 1)S_{m_1-1}] \leq -\mu Q(m_1)S_{m_1-1}, m_1 \in [1, m_0],$$

which implies that,

$$x(m_1 + 1)S_{m_1+1} - 2x(m_1)S_{m_1} + x(m_1 - 1)S_{m_1-1} \leq -\mu Q(m_1)S_{m_1-1}$$

Adding from  $m_2 + 1$  to  $m_0$

$$\Delta[x(m_0)S_{r_0} - \mu S_{m_2}] \leq \sum_{d=m_2+1}^{m_0} -\mu Q(m_1)S_{m_1-1},$$

$$\Delta[-\mu S_{r_1}] \leq -\mu \left[ \sum_{r_1+1}^{r_0} Q(m_1)S_{m_1-1} \right]$$

Adding from  $r_1 + 1$  to  $r_0$

$$-\mu[S_{r_0+1} - \mu S_{r_1+1}] \leq -\mu \sum_{r_1+1}^{r_0} \sum_{i=m_2+1}^{m_0} Q(m_1)S_{m_1-1}, \quad (4)$$

Hence

$$-\mu(S_r - S_{r_1+2}) - x(r_1+2)S_{r_1+2} \leq -\mu \sum_{r_1+1}^{r_0} \sum_{d=m_2+1}^{m_0} Q(m_1)S_{m_1-1}$$

since  $S_{r_0}$  &  $S_{r_1+2}$  leads to zero  $S_{m_1} \geq 1, \mu < 0$ .

$$-x(r_1 + 2)S_{r_1+2} \leq \sum_{r_1+1}^{r_0} \left[ \sum_{d=m_2+1}^{m_0} Q(m_1)S_{m_1-1} \right]$$

For  $\mu < 0, S_{m_1} \geq 1$  is a contradiction.

Hence the proof.

**Remark 1**

Suppose

$\beta_d \in N([1, W], [0, W]), \beta_d(m_1) \leq m_1, m_1 \in [0, W], d \in [1, r], x \in N([0, W], R), P, Q_d \in N([1, W], R_+),$   
 $d \in [1, r]$

and

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta^2 x(m_1) \leq -(P(m_1)(P(m_1 + 1) + P(m_1) + P(m_1 + 1))x(m_1 + 1) - 2P(m_1)x(m_1) - Q_d(m_1)x(\beta_d(m_1))), m_1 \in [1, W] \\ x(0) \leq 0. \end{array} \right\}$$

Also, assume that

$$\delta_2 = \sum_{m_1=1}^W \sum_{d=1}^r Q_d(m_1) \prod_{d=1}^{m_1-1} [1 + P(d)] \leq 1, \text{ where } Q(d) = \sum_{s=1}^r Q_s(d) \quad (5)$$

Then  $x(m_1) \leq 0, m_1 \in [0, W]$ .

**Remark 2** Consider the second order functional difference equation

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta^2 x(m_1 - 1) = -(P(m_1)(P(m_1 + 1) + P(m_1) + P(m_1 + 1))x(m_1 + 1) - 2P(m_1)x(m_1) - \sum_{d=1}^r Q_d(m_1)x(\beta_d(m_1))) + h(m_1), m_1 \in [0, W - 1] \\ x(0) = \varepsilon \in R \end{array} \right.$$

(6) where  $h \in N([1, W], R)$  is bounded by Arzela–Ascoli’s theorem.

**Theorem 2**

Suppose that  $P, Q_d \in N([1, W], R_+), \beta_d \in N([0, W], [0, W]), \beta_d(m_1) \leq m_1, d = 1, 2, \dots, r$ . Assume  $h \in N([0, W], R)$  and be bounded. Also assume (5) its also true. Then (6) has a unique solution.

**Proof:**

Suppose  $x$  is a solution of (6), then (6) can be written as

$$\Delta^2 [x(m_1 - 1) \prod_{d=1}^{k_1-1} (1 + P(d))] = [-\sum_{d=1}^r Q_d(d)x(\beta_d(m_1)) + h(m_1)] \prod_{d=1}^{m_1-1} (1 + P(d)) \text{ for } m_1 \in [1, W].$$

Adding from 1 to  $s - 1$  we get,

$$\Delta(x(s)) = \left[ \varepsilon + \sum_{d=1}^s \left( \left( - \sum_{u=1}^r \sum_{v=1}^r Q_v(d)x(\beta_m(d)) + h(d) \right) \right) \right] \prod_{d=1}^s [1 + P(j)] \left( \prod_{d=1}^s [[1 + P(j)]]^{-1} \right)$$

Adding from 0 to  $r - 1$  we get,

$$x(r) = \varepsilon + \sum_0^{r-1} \left[ \varepsilon + \sum_{d=1}^s \left( \left( - \sum_{u=1}^r \sum_{v=1}^r Q_v(d)x(\beta_d(d)) + h(d) \right) \right) \right] \prod_{d=1}^s [1 + P(j)] \left( \prod_{d=1}^s [[1 + P(j)]]^{-1} \right)$$

$$= [(A_h x)](s) \text{ for } s \in [0, W].$$

Moreover, if  $x$  is any solution of  $x = A_h x$ , then  $x$  is solution of (6).

Suppose (6) has two solutions  $a, b$  and  $a \neq b$ .

Let  $\phi = a - b$  and  $\phi(0) = 0$ , and

$$\Delta^2 \phi(m_1 - 1) = \Delta^2 x(m_1 - 1) = -(P(m_1)(P(m_1 + 1) + P(m_1) + P(m_1 + 1))x(m_1 + 1) - 2P(m_1)x(m_1) - \sum_{d=1}^r Q_d(m_1)x(\beta_d(m_1)) + h(m_1), m_1 \in [0, W - 1])$$

By remark 1  $\phi(m_1) \leq 0$  for  $m_1 \in [0, W]$ . Therefore  $a \leq b$ . Also if we consider  $\phi = a - b$ , from remark 1 we get,  $b \leq a$ . Hence (6) has unique solution.

### Theorem: 3

Let  $A_1$  holds and  $x_0$  and  $y_0, x_0 \leq y_0$  be minimal and maximal values of solutions of (1). Assume  $A_3$ : there exist functions  $P, Q_d \in N([1, W], R_+), d = 1, 2, \dots, r$  such that (5) holds. Also

$$f_1(m_1, a, b_1, \dots, b_r) - f_1(m_1, \bar{a}, \bar{b}_1, \dots, \bar{a}_r) \leq (P(m_1)(P(m_1 + 1) + P(m_1) + P(m_1 + 1))[\bar{a} - a] - 2P(m_1)[\bar{a} - a] - \sum_{d=1}^r Q_d(m)[\bar{b}_d - b_d])$$

$$x_0 \leq a \leq \bar{a} \leq y_0, x_0(\phi_d(t)) \leq b_d \leq \bar{b}_d \leq y_0(\phi_d(t)), d = 1, 2, \dots, r.$$

$A_4$ :  $f_2$  is non-increasing with respect to the second variable, and there exists a constant  $b > 0$  such that,

$$f_2(\bar{a}, b) - f_2(a, b) \leq b(\bar{a} - a) \text{ for } x_0(0) \leq a \leq \bar{a} \leq y_0(0), x_0(W) \leq b \leq y_0(W)$$

Then in  $[x_0, y_0]_*$ , (1) has minimal and maximal values of solutions

$$[x_0, y_0]_* = w \in \rho : x_0 \leq w \leq y_0.$$

$$x(n) \leq 0, n \in Z[0, T]$$

**Proof**

Suppose we define  $f_2$  by

$$(f_2(a, b))(m_1) = (P(m_1)(P(m_1 + 1) + P(m_1) + P(m_1 + 1))[\bar{a} - a] - 2P(m_1)[\bar{a} - a][a(m_1 + 1) - b(m_1 + 1)] - 2P(m_1)[a(m_1) - b(m_1)]) + \sum_{d=1}^r Q_d(m_1)[a(\beta_d(m_1)) - b(\beta_d(m_1))]$$

For  $m_1 \in [1, W]$  and  $k = 0, 1, \dots$ , Consider

$$\begin{cases} \Delta^2 x_{k+1}(m_1 - 1) = F_1 x_k(m_1) - (f_2(x_{k+1} - x_k))(m_1) \\ x_{k+1}(0) = x_k(0) + \frac{1}{b} f_2(x_k(0), x_k(W)) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \Delta^2 y_{k+1}(m_1 - 1) = F_1 y_k(m_1) - (f_2(y_{k+1} - y_k))(m_1) \\ y_{k+1}(0) = y_k(0) + \frac{1}{b} f_2(y_k(0), y_k(W)) \end{cases}$$

From theorem 2  $x_1, y_1$  are well defined. To prove that  $x_0 \leq x_1 \leq y_1 \leq y_0$ . (7)

Let  $\phi = x_0 - x_1$

$$\phi(0) = x_0(0) - x_1(0) + \frac{1}{b} f_2(x_0(0), x_0(W)) \leq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta^2 \phi(m_1 - 1) &= F_1 x_0(m_1) - F_1 x_1(m_1) + f_2(x_1, x_0)(m_1) \\ &= (P(m_1)(P(m_1 + 1) + P(m_1) + P(m_1 + 1))[\bar{a}(m_1 + 1) - b(m_1 + 1)] - 2P(m_1)[\bar{a}(m_1 + 1) - b(m_1 + 1)] - 2P(m_1)[a(m_1) - b(m_1)]) \\ &\quad - \sum_{j=t}^k \sum_{d=t}^r Q_d(m_1) \phi(\beta_d(m_1)) \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

From (8) and Remark 1 we get  $\phi \leq 0$ , therefore  $x_0 \leq x_1$ .

To prove that  $y_1 \leq y_0$  and  $x_1 \leq y_1$ .

Let  $\phi = x_1 - y_1$ . Then by using  $A_3$  and  $A_4$

$$\phi(0) = x_0(0) - y_0(0) + \frac{1}{b} f_2[y_0(0), y_0(W) - f_2(x_0(0), x_0(W))] \leq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta^2 \phi(m_1 - 1) &= F_1 x_0(m_1) - F_1 y_0(m_1) + f_2(x_1, x_0)(m_1) + f_2(y_1, y_0)(m_1) \\ &\leq (P(m_1)(P(m_1 + 1) + P(m_1) + P(m_1 + 1)))\phi(m_1 + 1) - 2P(m_1)\phi(m_1) - \sum_{j=m_1}^k \sum_{d=m_1}^r Q_d(m_1)\phi(\beta_d(m_1)) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore (7) holds.

By mathematical induction,

$$x_0 \leq x_1 \leq \dots \leq x_k \leq y_k \leq \dots \leq y_1 \leq y_0.$$

$\{x_k\}$  is increasing and bounded,  $\{x_k\}$  converging to  $x$  uniformly and  $\{y_k\}$  is converging to  $y$  uniformly on  $[0, W]$  and  $x_0 \leq x \leq y \leq y_0$ .  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are continuous. Therefore  $x$  and  $y$  are solutions of equation(1).

To prove that  $x, y$  are minimal and maximal solutions of (1) in the sector  $[x_0, y_0]_*$ . Assume  $a \in [x_0, y_0]$  any solution of (1) in that sector. Suppose that  $x_i \leq a \leq y_i$  for some positive  $i$ . Let  $\phi = x_i - a; \theta = a - y_i$ . Then  $\phi(0) \leq 0, \theta(0) \leq 0$ . and

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta^2 \phi(m_1 - 1) &= F_1 x_{i-1}(m_1) - f_2(x_i, x_{i-1})(m_1) - (F_1 a)(m_1) \\ &\leq (-P(m_1)(P(m_1 + 1) + P(m_1) + P(m_1 + 1)))\phi(m_1 + 1) - 2P(m_1)\phi(m_1) - \sum_{j=m_1}^k \sum_{d=m_1}^r Q_d(m_1)\phi(\beta_d(m_1)) \\ \Delta^2 \theta(m_1 - 1) &= (F_1 a)(m_1) - F_1 y_{d-1}(m_1) + f_2(y_d, y_{d-1})(m_1) \\ &\leq (-P(m_1)(P(m_1 + 1) + P(m_1) + P(m_1 + 1)))\theta(m_1 + 1) - 2P(m_1)\theta(m_1) - \sum_{j=m_1}^k \sum_{d=m_1}^r Q_d(m_1)\theta(\beta_d(m_1)) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

From (9) and remark 1 we get  $x_d \leq a \leq y_d$ . By induction we get  $x_k \leq a \leq y_k$ . When  $n$  tends to infinity  $x \leq a \leq y$ . Hence the proved.

### EXAMPLE:

Let  $W \leq 25$  and  $0 < \varepsilon < 0.003$ . We consider the following problem

$$\begin{cases} \Delta^2 x(k_1 - 1) = -\left(\frac{4k_1}{1000} \cdot \frac{4(k_1 + 1)}{1000} + \frac{4k_1}{1000} + \left(\frac{4(k_1 + 1)}{1000}\right)x(k_1 + 1) - 2\left(\frac{4k_1}{1000}\right)x(k_1)\right) \\ + \frac{2k_1}{1000}x(k_1 - 1) + \varepsilon = F_1(x)(k_1), k_1 \in [1, W]. \\ x(0) = x(W) \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

So  $f_2(a, b) = a - b$ .  $\beta(0) = 0$  and  $\beta(k_1) = k_1 - 1$  if  $k_1 \in [1, W]$ . Note that

$$P(k_1) = \frac{4k_1}{1000}, Q_1(k_1) = \frac{2k_1}{1000}, b = 1$$

and

$$\delta_2 = \sum_{k_1=1}^W \sum_{d=1}^T Q(d) \prod_{r=1}^{k_1-1} [1 + P(r)] \leq 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_2 &= \frac{1}{1000} \sum_{k_1=1}^w \sum_{d=1}^T 2r_1 \prod_{j=1}^{d-1} \left[1 + \frac{4j}{1000}\right] \leq \frac{50}{1000} \sum_{k_1=1}^{25} \sum_{d=1}^{15} \left(1 + \frac{100}{1000}\right)^{t-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{20} [(1.1)^{25} - 1] \approx 0.491735297 \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the assumption  $A_1, A_3, A_4$  are satisfied. Let  $x_0(k_1) = 0, y_0(k_1) = 1, k_1 \in [1, W]$ . Hence  $x_0, y_0$  are minimal and maximal values of solution (10). By theorem 3, (10) has extremal solution in  $[x_0, y_0]_*$ .

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