# Solution of the Rational Difference Equation $x_{n+1}=\frac{x_{n-17}}{1+x_{n-5} \cdot x_{n-11}}$ 

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#### Abstract

In this paper, solution of the following difference equation is examined


$$
x_{n+1}=\frac{x_{n-17}}{1+x_{n-5} \cdot x_{n-11}}
$$

where the initial conditions are positive reel numbers.

## 1. Introduction

Difference equations appear naturally as discrete analogs and as numerical solutions of differential and delay differential equations, having applications in biology, ecology, physics.

Recently, a high attention to studying the periodic nature of nonlinear difference equations has been attracted. For some recent results concerning the periodic nature of scalar nonlinear difference equations, among other problems (see, for example, [1-35]).

Cinar ([3-5]), studied the following problems with positive initial values:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
x_{n+1}=\frac{x_{n-1}}{1+a x_{n} x_{n-1}}, & n=0,1, \ldots \\
x_{n+1}=\frac{x_{n-1}}{-1+a x_{n} x_{n-1}}, & n=0,1, \ldots \\
x_{n+1}=\frac{a x_{n-1}}{1+b x_{n} x_{n-1}}, & n=0,1, \ldots
\end{array}
$$

respectively.
Simsek et. al. ([28-30, 32]), studied the following problems with positive initial values

$$
x_{n+1}=\frac{x_{n-3}}{1+x_{n-1}}, \quad n=0,1, \ldots
$$

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$$
\begin{gathered}
x_{n+1}=\frac{x_{n-5}}{1+x_{n-2}}, \quad n=0,1, \ldots \\
x_{n+1}=\frac{x_{n-5}}{1+x_{n-1} x_{n-3}}, \quad n=0,1, \ldots \\
x_{n+1}=\frac{x_{n-3}}{1+x_{n} x_{n-1} x_{n-2}}, \quad n=0,1, \ldots
\end{gathered}
$$
\]

respectively.
Elsayed [15], studied the global result, boundedness, and periodicity of solutions of the difference equation

$$
x_{n+1}=a+\frac{b x_{n-l}+c x_{n-k}}{d x_{n-l}+e x_{n-k}}, \quad n=0,1, \ldots
$$

where the parameters $a, b, c, d$ and $e$ are positive real numbers and the initial conditions $x_{-t}, x_{-t+1}, \ldots, x_{0}$ are positive real numbers where $t=\max \{l, k\}, l \neq k$.

DeVault [8], studied the following problems

$$
x_{n+1}=\frac{A}{x_{n}}+\frac{1}{x_{n-2}}, \quad n=0,1, \ldots
$$

and showed every positive solution of the equation where $A \in(0, \infty)$.
Ibrahim [18], studied the solutions of non-linear difference equation

$$
x_{n+1}=\frac{x_{n} x_{n-2}}{x_{n-1}\left(a+b x_{n} x_{n-2}\right)}, \quad n=0,1, \ldots
$$

where the initial values $x_{0}, x_{-1}$ and $x_{-2}$ non-negative real numbers with $b x_{0} x_{-2} \neq-a$ and $x_{-1} \neq 0$. He investigated some properties for this difference equation such as the local stability and the boundedness for the solutions.

In this work, the following non-linear difference equation is studied

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{n+1}=\frac{x_{n-17}}{1+x_{n-5} x_{n-11}}, \quad n=0,1, \ldots \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $x_{-17}, x_{-16}, \ldots, x_{-1}, x_{0} \in(0, \infty)$ is investigated.

## 2. Main Result

Let $\bar{x}$ be the unique positive equilibrium of the equation (1), then clearly

$$
\bar{x}=\frac{\bar{x}}{1+\bar{x} \cdot \bar{x}} \Rightarrow \bar{x}+\bar{x}^{3}=\bar{x} \Rightarrow \bar{x}^{3}=0 \Rightarrow \bar{x}=0
$$

so, $\bar{x}=0$ can be obtained. For any $k \geq 0$ and $m>k$, notation $i=\overline{k, m}$ means $i=k, k+1, \ldots, m$.
Theorem 2.1. Consider the difference equation (1). Then the following statements are true:
a) The sequences $\left(x_{18 n-17}\right),\left(x_{18 n-16}\right), \ldots,\left(x_{18 n-1}\right),\left(x_{18 n}\right)$ are decreased and $a_{1}, \ldots, a_{18} \geq 0$ is existed in such that:

$$
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{18 n-17+k}=a_{1+k}, \quad k=\overline{0,17}
$$

b) $\left(a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}, a_{4}, a_{5}, a_{6}, a_{7}, a_{8}, a_{9}, a_{10}, a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{13}, a_{14}, a_{15}, a_{16}, a_{17}, a_{18}, \ldots\right)$ is a solution of equation (1) having period eighteen.
c)

$$
\prod_{k=0}^{2} \lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{18 n-17-j+6 k}=0, \quad j=\overline{0,5}
$$

or

$$
\prod_{k=0}^{2} a_{6 k+i}=0, \quad i=\overline{1,6}
$$

d) If there exist $n_{0} \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x_{n+1} \leq x_{n-11}$ for all $n \geq n_{0}$, then

$$
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{n}=0
$$

e) The following formulas can be generated:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
x_{18 n+k+1}=x_{-17+k}\left(1-\frac{x_{-5+k} x_{-11+k}}{1+x_{-5+k} x_{-11+k}} \sum_{j=0}^{n} \prod_{i=1}^{3 j} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i-5+k} x_{6 i-11+k}}\right), & k=\overline{0,5}, \\
x_{18 n+k+7}=x_{-11+k}\left(1-\frac{x_{-5+k} x_{-17+k}}{1+x_{-5+k} x_{-11+k}} \sum_{j=0}^{n} \prod_{i=1}^{3 j+1} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i-5+k} x_{6 i-11+k}}\right), \quad k=\overline{0,5}, \\
x_{18 n+k+13}=x_{-5+k}\left(1-\frac{x_{-11+k} x_{-17+k}}{1+x_{-5+k} x_{-11+k}} \sum_{j=0}^{n} \prod_{i=1}^{3 j+2} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i-5+k} x_{6 i-11+k}}\right), \quad k=\overline{0,5 .}
\end{array}
$$

f) If $x_{18 n+k} \rightarrow a_{k} \neq 0, x_{18 n+6+k} \rightarrow a_{6+k} \neq 0$, then $x_{18 n+12+k} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty, k=\overline{1,6}$.

Proof. a) Firstly, from (1), we get

$$
x_{n+1}\left(1+x_{n-5} x_{n-11}\right)=x_{n-17} .
$$

If $x_{n-5} x_{n-11} \in(0,+\infty)$, then

$$
\left(1+x_{n-5} x_{n-11}\right) \in(1,+\infty)
$$

Since $x_{n+1}<x_{n-17}, n \in \mathbb{N}$, we obtain that there exist

$$
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{18 n-17+k}=a_{1+k}, \quad k=\overline{0,17}
$$

b) $\left(a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{18}, a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{18}, \ldots\right)$ is a solution of equation (1) having period eighteen.
c) In view of the equation (1),

$$
x_{18 n+1}=\frac{x_{18 n-17}}{1+\prod_{k=0}^{1} x_{18 n-11+6 k}}
$$

is obtained. If the limits are put on both sides of the above equality,

$$
\prod_{k=0}^{2} \lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{18 n-17+6 k}=0 \quad \text { or } \quad \prod_{k=0}^{2} a_{6 k+1}=0
$$

is obtained. Similarly, we can find $x_{18 n+2}, x_{18 n+3}, x_{18 n+4}, x_{18 n+5}, x_{18 n+6}$.
d) If there exist $n_{0} \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x_{n+1} \leq x_{n-11}$ for all $n \geq n_{0}$, then, $a_{1} \leq a_{7} \leq a_{13} \leq a_{1}, \ldots$, $a_{6} \leq a_{12} \leq a_{18} \leq a_{6}$. Using (c), we get

$$
\prod_{k=0}^{2} a_{6 k+i}=0, \quad i=\overline{1,6}
$$

Then, we see that

$$
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{n}=0
$$

Hence the proof of (d) completed.
e) Subtracting $x_{n-17}$ from the left and right-hand sides of equation (1), we obtain:

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{n+1}-x_{n-17}=\frac{1}{1+x_{n-5} x_{n-11}}\left(x_{n-5}-x_{n-23}\right) \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

From (2), for $n \geq 6$ following formula is produced.

$$
\begin{align*}
& x_{6 n-35}-x_{6 n-53}=\left(x_{1}-x_{-17}\right) \prod_{i=1}^{n-6} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i-5} x_{6 i-11}} \\
& x_{6 n-34}-x_{6 n-52}=\left(x_{2}-x_{-16}\right) \prod_{i=1}^{n-6} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i-4} x_{6 i-10}} \\
& x_{6 n-33}-x_{6 n-51}=\left(x_{3}-x_{-15}\right) \prod_{i=1}^{n-6} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i-3} x_{6 i-9}}  \tag{3}\\
& x_{6 n-32}-x_{6 n-50}=\left(x_{4}-x_{-14}\right) \prod_{i=1}^{n-6} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i-2} x_{6 i-8}} \\
& x_{6 n-31}-x_{6 n-49}=\left(x_{5}-x_{-13}\right) \prod_{i=1}^{n-6} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i-1} x_{6 i-7}} \\
& x_{6 n-30}-x_{6 n-48}=\left(x_{6}-x_{-12}\right) \prod_{i=1}^{n-6} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i} x_{6 i-6}}
\end{align*}
$$

Replacing $n$ by $3 j$ in (3) and summing from $j=0$ to $j=n$, we obtain:

$$
x_{18 n+1+k}-x_{-17+k}=\left(x_{1+k}-x_{-17+k}\right) \sum_{j=0}^{n} \prod_{i=1}^{3 j} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i-5+k} x_{6 i-11+k}}, \quad k=\overline{0,5}
$$

Also, replacing $n$ by $3 j+1$ in (3) and summing from $j=0$ to $j=n$, we obtain:

$$
x_{18 n+7+k}-x_{-11+k}=\left(x_{7+k}-x_{-11+k}\right) \sum_{j=0}^{n} \prod_{i=1}^{3 j+1} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i-5+k} x_{6 i-11+k}}, \quad k=\overline{0,5}
$$

Also, replacing $n$ by $3 j+2$ in (3) and summing from $j=0$ to $j=n$, we obtain:

$$
x_{18 n+13+k}-x_{-5+k}=\left(x_{13+k}-x_{-5+k}\right) \sum_{j=0}^{n} \prod_{i=1}^{3 j+2} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i-5+k} x_{6 i-11+k}}, \quad k=\overline{0,5}
$$

Now, we obtained of the above formulas:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x_{18 n+k+1}=x_{-17+k}\left(1-\frac{x_{-5+k} x_{-11+k}}{1+x_{-5+k} x_{-11+k}} \sum_{j=0}^{n} \prod_{i=1}^{3 j} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i-5+k} x_{6 i-11+k}}\right), \quad k=\overline{0,5}, \\
& x_{18 n+k+7}=x_{-11+k}\left(1-\frac{x_{-5+k} x_{-17+k}}{1+x_{-5+k} x_{-11+k}} \sum_{j=0}^{n} \prod_{i=1}^{3 j+1} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i-5+k} x_{6 i-11+k}}\right), \quad k=\overline{0,5}, \\
& x_{18 n+k+13}=x_{-5+k}\left(1-\frac{x_{-11+k} x_{-17+k}}{1+x_{-5+k} x_{-11+k}} \sum_{j=0}^{n} \prod_{i=1}^{3 j+2} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i-5+k} x_{6 i-11+k}}\right), \quad k=\overline{0,5} .
\end{aligned}
$$

f) Suppose that $a_{1+k}=a_{7+k}=a_{13+k}=0$ for $k=\overline{0,5}$. By (e), the following formulas are produced below

$$
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{18 n+1+k}=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{-17+k}\left(1-\frac{x_{-5+k} x_{-11+k}}{1+x_{-5+k} x_{-11+k}} \sum_{j=0}^{n} \prod_{i=1}^{3 j} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i-5+k} x_{6 i-11+k}}\right)
$$

$$
\begin{gather*}
a_{1+k}=x_{-17+k}\left(1-\frac{x_{-5+k} x_{-11+k}}{1+x_{-5+k} x_{-11+k}} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{3 j} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i-5+k} x_{6 i-11+k}}\right), \\
a_{1+k}=0 \Rightarrow \frac{1+x_{-5+k} x_{-11+k}}{x_{-5+k} x_{-11+k}}=\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{3 j} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i-5+k} x_{6 i-11+k}} . \tag{4}
\end{gather*}
$$

Similarly,

$$
\begin{gather*}
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{18 n+7+k}=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{-11}\left(1-\frac{x_{-5+k} x_{-17+k}}{1+x_{-5+k} x_{-11+k}} \sum_{j=0}^{n} \prod_{i=1}^{3 j+1} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i-5+k} x_{6 i-11+k}}\right), \\
a_{7+k}=x_{-11+k}\left(1-\frac{x_{-5+k} x_{-17+k}}{1+x_{-5+k} x_{-11+k}} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{3 j+1} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i-5+k} x_{6 i-11+k}}\right), \\
a_{7+k}=0 \Rightarrow \frac{1+x_{-5+k} x_{-11+k}}{x_{-5+k} x_{-17+k}}=\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{3 j+1} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i-5+k} x_{6 i-11+k}} . \tag{5}
\end{gather*}
$$

From (4) and (5);

$$
\begin{gathered}
\frac{1+x_{-5+k} x_{-11+k}}{x_{-5+k} x_{-11+k}}=\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{3 j} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i-5+k} x_{6 i-11+k}}>\frac{1+x_{-5+k} x_{-11+k}}{x_{-5+k} x_{-17+k}}=\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{3 j+1} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i-5+k} x_{6 i-11+k}} \\
\frac{1+x_{-5+k} \cdot x_{-11+k}}{x_{-5+k} \cdot x_{-11+k}}>\frac{1+x_{-5+k} \cdot x_{-11+k}}{x_{-5+k} \cdot x_{-17+k}} \\
\frac{1}{x_{-5+k} \cdot x_{-11+k}}>\frac{1}{x_{-5+k} \cdot x_{-17+k}} \\
x_{-5+k \cdot x_{-17+k}>x_{-5+k} \cdot x_{-11+k} \Rightarrow x_{-17+k}>x_{-11+k} .}
\end{gathered}
$$

thus $x_{-17+k}>x_{-11+k}$. Similarly,

$$
\begin{gather*}
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{18 n+13+k}=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{-5+k}\left(1-\frac{x_{-11+k} x_{-17+k}}{1+x_{-5+k} x_{-11+k}} \sum_{j=0}^{n} \prod_{i=1}^{3 j+2} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i-5+k} x_{6 i-11+k}}\right), \\
a_{13+k}=x_{-5+k}\left(1-\frac{x_{-11+k} x_{-17+k}}{1+x_{-5+k} x_{-11+k}} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{3 j+2} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i-5+k} x_{6 i-11+k}}\right), \\
a_{13+k}=0 \Rightarrow \frac{1+x_{-5+k} x_{-11+k}}{x_{-11+k} x_{-17+k}}=\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{3 j+2} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i-5+k} x_{6 i-11+k}} . \tag{6}
\end{gather*}
$$

From (5) and (6);

$$
\begin{gathered}
\frac{1+x_{-5+k} x_{-11+k}}{x_{-5+k} x_{-17+k}}=\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{3 j+1} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i-5+k} x_{6 i-11+k}}>\frac{1+x_{-5+k} x_{-11+k}}{x_{-11+k} x_{-17+k}}=\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{3 j+2} \frac{1}{1+x_{6 i-5+k} x_{6 i-11+k}} \\
\frac{1+x_{-5+k} \cdot x_{-11+k}}{x_{-5+k} \cdot x_{-17+k}}>\frac{1+x_{-5+k} \cdot x_{-11+k}}{x_{-11+k} \cdot x_{-17+k}} \\
\frac{1}{x_{-5+k} \cdot x_{-17+k}}>\frac{1}{x_{-11+k} \cdot x_{-17+k}} \\
x_{-11+k \cdot x_{-17+k}>x_{-5+k} \cdot x_{-17+k} \Rightarrow x_{-11+k}>x_{-5+k} .}
\end{gathered}
$$

Thus $x_{-11+k}>x_{-5+k}$. We obtain $x_{-17+k}>x_{-11+k}>x_{-5+k}$. We arrive at a contradiction, which completes the proof of the theorem.

Example 2.2. Consider the following equation $x_{n+1}=\frac{x_{n-17}}{1+x_{n-5} \cdot x_{n-1}}$. If the initial conditions are selected follows:


The graph of the solution is given below.
$x_{n}=\{0.5,0.5,0.5,0.500003,0.500025,0.50025,0.666667,0.666667,0.666667,0.666668,0.666678,0.666778,0.75$, $0.75,0.749999,0.749991,0.749913,0.749125,0.333333,0.333333,0.333334,0.333336,0.333361,0.333611,0.533$ $0.533,0.533,0.533335,0.533346,0.533458,0.636792,0.636792,0.636792,0.636784,0.636708,0.635947,0.248826$, $0.248826,0.248827,0.248829,0.248854,0.249103,0.460385,0.460385,0.460385,0.460386,0.460397,0.460506$, $0.571342,0.571342,0.571341,0.571333,0.571258,0.570503,0.197006,0.197006,0.197007,0.197009,0.197033$, $0.197275,0.413808,0.413808, \ldots\}$.


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