

## $l^p$ -PERTURBATIONS OF A LINEAR DIFFERENCE EQUATION

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### Abstract

The paper deals with a general linear difference equation and gives conditions under which its linear perturbation preserves the same  $l^p$ -affiliations

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## 1. Introduction

We will start with two well known theorems concerning ordinary differential equations.

**Theorem A.** (Dini - Hukuhara [1, p.36]). *If  $q_i(t)$ ,  $t \in [0, \infty)$  are measurable functions and  $q_i(t) \in L[0, \infty)$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, n-1$ , if  $C_i$  are real numbers such that the equation*

$$Ky \equiv y^{(n)} + C_{n-1}y^{(n-1)} + \dots + C_0y = 0$$

has all solutions bounded in  $[0, \infty)$ , then, also, the equation

$$K_L y \equiv Ky + q_{n-1}(t)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + q_0(t)y = 0$$

has all solutions bounded.

**Theorem B.** (Weyl [2]) Consider the equation

$$(1) \quad y''(t) + p(t)y(t) = 0, \quad t \geq 0,$$

along with the perturbed linear equation

$$(2) \quad y''(t) + (p(t) + q(t))y(t) = 0, \quad t \geq 0,$$

where both  $p(t)$  and  $q(t)$  are locally integrable on  $[0, \infty)$ . Then, the following Weyl alternative holds: if all solution of (1) are (not) in  $L^2[0, \infty)$  and  $q(t) \in L^2[0, \infty)$  then all solutions of (2) are (not) in  $L^2[0, \infty)$ .

Weyl's alternative result was extended by Patula and Wong [3] to include arbitrary  $L^p[0, \infty)$ -perturbation  $q(t)$ .

Also, Mironov [4] extended this theorem to the case of the delay-differential equation, while Wyrwinska [5] considered some more general classes of perturbations. Wong [6] obtained related results for a restrictive class of  $2n$ -th order differential equations. All these results were generalized and improved in paper [7] to the general  $n$ -th order linear differential equation and corresponding linear and non-linear perturbations with or without retardations.

The purpose of this paper is to extend some of the results from [7] to the case of a general  $n$ -th order linear difference equation of the form

$$(3) \quad Dy \equiv y(n+m) + p_{n-1}(m)y(n+m-1) + \dots + p_0(m)y(m) = 0,$$

$m = 0, 1, \dots$  and corresponding linear perturbation

$$(4) \quad D_L y \equiv Dy + q_{n-1}(m)y(n+m-1) + \dots + q_0(m)y(m) = 0, \quad m = 0, 1, \dots$$

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section we will introduce some notations and list well-known results which will be used in the sequel.

The symbol  $\Delta$  is a forward difference operator i.e.  $\Delta y(m) = y(m + 1) - y(m)$ . By a solution of a difference equation we mean a real sequence  $\{y(m)\}$ ,  $m = 0, 1, \dots$  satisfying it, and throughout this paper we will usually refer to a solution  $\{y(m)\}$ ,  $m = 0, 1, \dots$  simply as a solution  $y$ .

Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be any of the difference operators  $D, D_L, K$  or  $K_L$ . Then we denote

$$S^k(\mathcal{D}) = \{\Delta^k y : \mathcal{D}y = 0\} \text{ for } k = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1.$$

So  $S(\mathcal{D})$  denotes the set of all the solutions of (3), (4), (7) or (8),  $S^1(\mathcal{D})$  denotes the set of all the first differences of solutions of these equations, etc. Further, let  $y_i$   $i = 1, \dots, n$  be a linearly independent solution of (3).

Our first result is a discrete form of the variation of the parameters formula.

**Lemma 1.** *Suppose  $F(u, v)$  is a continuous function on  $R^2$  and  $y$  is the solution of  $Dy = F(m, y(m))$ . Then*

$$\Delta^j y(m) = \sum_{i=1}^n C_i \Delta^j y_i(m) + \sum_{s=1}^{m-1} F(s, y(s)) \Delta_m^j G(s, m), \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1,$$

where

$$G(s, m) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} y_1(s+1) & \cdots & y_n(s+1) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ y_1(s+n-1) & \cdots & y_n(s+n-1) \\ y_1(m) & \cdots & y_n(m) \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} y_1(s+1) & \cdots & y_n(s+1) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ y_1(s+n) & \cdots & y_n(s+n) \end{vmatrix}} \equiv \frac{W(s, m)}{D(s+1)}$$

$D(s)$  is Casorati's determinant and for it we have:

**Lemma 2.** (Heymann's theorem [8, p.354]). *Casorati's determinant  $D(s)$  satisfies the linear difference equation of the first order*

$$D(s+1) = (-1)^n p_0(s) D(s).$$

We also need the following, obvious

**Lemma 3.** *If the sequence  $U \in l^p$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , then it is also true for  $\Delta U$ .*

The next result is the discrete generalization of the fundamental inequality of Gronwall and Bellmann, as far as some non-linear variants of that inequality

**Lemma 4.** (Willet and Wong [9]). *Suppose that  $V(n), W(n)$  and  $U(n+1)$ ,  $n = 0, 1, \dots$ , are non-negative sequences of numbers with  $V(0) = W(0) = 0$  and that  $U_0$  and  $p$  are constants such that  $U_0 > 0$  and  $p \geq 0$ ,  $p \neq 1$ . Then the inequality*

$$U(n+1) \leq U_0 + \sum_{j=0}^n V(j)U(j) + \sum_{j=0}^n W(j)U^p(j), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

implies that

$$e(n)U(n+1) \leq [U_0^{1-p} + (1-p) \sum_{j=0}^n W(j)e^{1-p}(j)]^{\frac{1}{1-p}}, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

where

$$e(n) = \prod_{j=0}^n (1 + V(j))^{-1}, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

The next elementary inequalities will be used in the sequel.

**Lemma 5.** (Hardy, Littlewood and Polya [10 p.26]). *Let  $a_i \geq 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . Then*

$$\sum_{i=1}^m a_i^p \leq m^{1-p} \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \right)^p, \quad \text{for } 0 \leq p \leq 1,$$

and

$$m^{p-1} \sum_{i=1}^m a_i^p \geq \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \right)^p \quad \text{for } p > 1.$$

### 3. Results

Our first result is an extension of a discrete version of Weyl's alternative theorem

**Theorem 1.** Let  $S(D) \subseteq l^2$  and  $q_i \in l^\infty$  for  $i = 0, \dots, n - 1$ . If exist  $M$  such that  $\prod_{m=0}^s |p_0(m)| \geq M > 0$  for  $s = 0, 1, \dots$  then  $S(D_L) \subseteq l^2$ .

*Proof.* From Lemma 1 we conclude that all the solutions of (4) can be represented by

$$(5) \quad y(m) = \sum_{i=1}^n C_i y_i(m) + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i(m) \sum_{s=0}^{m-1} D_i(s+1) \frac{(-1)^{n+i} f(s)}{D_0 \prod_{k=0}^s p_0(k)},$$

$m = 0, 1, \dots$  where  $D_i$  denotes the Casoratian of  $y_1, \dots, y_{i-1}, y_{i+1}, \dots, y_n$   
 $D_0 = D(0)$  and

$$f(s) = - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q_i(s) y(i+s) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \overline{q_i}(s) \Delta^i y(s).$$

Obviously  $\overline{q_i}(s)$  are linear combinations of  $q_i(s)$  which implies that  $\overline{q_i}(s) \in l^\infty$  too.

Taking into account the fact that  $G(s, m) = 0$  for  $s = m - n + 1, \dots, m - 1$  we obtain

$$\Delta^k y(m) = \sum_{i=1}^n C_i \Delta^k y_i(m) + \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta^k y_i(m) + \sum_{s=0}^{m-1} (-1)^{n+i} \frac{D_i(s+1) f(s)}{D_0 \prod_{k=0}^s p_0(k)}$$

for  $m = 0, 1, \dots$  and  $k = 0, \dots, n - 1$ .

According to Lemma 3,  $S(D) \subseteq l^2$  implies that  $S(D) \subseteq l^\infty$ , which gives

$$|D_i(s+1)| \leq K \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n |y_j(s+1)| \leq K \sum_{j=1}^n |y_j(s+1)|$$

for every  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and some constant  $K > 0$ . So, by (5) we get

$$|\Delta^k y(m)| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |\Delta^k y_i(m)| [K_1 + K \sum_{s=0}^{m-1} \sum_{j=1}^n |y_j(s+1)| \frac{|f(s)|}{|D_0| \prod_{k=0}^s |p_0(k)|}],$$

for  $k = 0, \dots, n - 1$ ;  $m = 0, 1, \dots$  or

$$|\Delta^k y(m)| \leq K_2 \Phi_k(m) [1 + \sum_{s=0}^{m-1} \Phi_0(s+1) \frac{|f(s)|}{|D_0| \prod_{k=0}^s |p_0(k)|}]$$

$k = 0, \dots, n-1, m = 0, 1, \dots$  where we denote

$$\Phi_k(m) = \max\{|\Delta^k u_i(m)| : i = 1, \dots, n\}$$

for  $k = 0, \dots, n-1$ . The low bound of  $|\prod_{m=0}^s p_0(m)|$  immediately implies

$$(6) \quad |\Delta^k y(m)| \leq K_3 \Phi_k(m) [1 + \sum_{s=0}^{m-1} \Phi_0(s+1) |f(s)|],$$

$k = 0, \dots, n-1, m = 0, 1, \dots$

Hence, by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we derive

$$|\Delta^k y(m)| \leq K_3 \Phi_k(m) [1 + (\sum_{s=0}^{m-1} \Phi_0^2(s+1))^{0.5} (\sum_{s=0}^{m-1} f^2(s))^{0.5}],$$

$k = 0, \dots, n-1, m = 0, 1, \dots$  which, in view of the fact that  $\Phi_0 \in l^2$ , implies that

$$|\Delta^k y(m)| \leq K_4 \Phi_k(m) [1 + (\sum_{s=0}^{m-1} f^2(s))^{0.5}],$$

$k = 0, \dots, n-1, m = 0, 1, \dots$  and

$$|\Delta^k y(m)|^2 \leq K_5 \Phi_k^2(m) [1 + \sum_{s=0}^{m-1} f^2(s)],$$

$k = 0, \dots, n-1, m = 0, 1, \dots$

Now, taking into account the fact that  $\bar{q}_i \in l^\infty, i = 0, \dots, n-1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\Delta^k y(m)|^2 &\leq K_5 \Phi_k^2(m) [1 + \sum_{s=0}^{m-1} |\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \bar{q}_i(s) \Delta^i y(s)|^2] \leq \\ &\leq K_6 \Phi_k^2(m) [1 + \sum_{s=0}^{m-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |\bar{q}_i(s)|^2 |\Delta^i y(s)|^2] \leq \\ &\leq K_7 \Phi_k^2(m) [1 + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{s=0}^{m-1} |\Delta^i y(s)|^2], \end{aligned}$$

$k = 0, \dots, n-1, m = 0, 1, \dots$ , which, after summation from 0 to  $n-1$ , implies

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |\Delta^k y(m)|^2 \leq$$

$$\leq K_7 \Phi_k^2(m) \left[ 1 + \sum_{s=0}^{m-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |\Delta^i y(s)|^2 \right].$$

Define now

$$u(m) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |\Delta^i y(m)|^2, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots$$

From the last relation we have

$$u(m) \leq K_7 \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \Phi_k^2(m) \left[ 1 + \sum_{s=0}^{m-1} u(s) \right],$$

or

$$\sum_{m=0}^p u(m) \leq K_7 \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \sum_{m=0}^p \Phi_k^2(m) \left[ 1 + \sum_{s=0}^{m-1} u(s) \right].$$

Put  $w(p) = \sum_{m=0}^p u(m)$ , from  $\Phi_k \in l^2$  we get

$$w(p) \leq K_8 \left[ 1 + \sum_{m=0}^p \Phi(m) \sum_{s=0}^{m-1} u(s) \right] =$$

$$K_8 \left[ 1 + \sum_{m=0}^p \Phi(m) W(m-1) \right] = K_8 \left[ 1 + \sum_{m=0}^{p-1} \Phi(m+1) W(m) \right]$$

where we denote  $\Phi(m) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \Phi_i^2(m)$  and take  $u(-1) = 0$ , which implies that  $W(-1) = 0$ . Using Lemma 4, we get  $\epsilon(p-1)w(p) \leq K$  which is equivalent to

$$w(p) \leq \frac{K}{\epsilon(p-1)} = K \prod_{j=0}^{p-1} (1 + \Phi(j+1)) < \infty$$

and it implies  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \Phi(j+1) < \infty$ , because from  $\Phi_k \in l^2$  it follows  $\Phi \in l$ .

**Corollary 1.** Let  $S(D) \not\subseteq l^2$  and  $q_i \in l^\infty$ . If  $\prod_{m=0}^s \geq M > 0$  for every  $s = 0, 1, \dots$  then  $S(D_L) \not\subseteq l^2$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $S(D_L) \subseteq l^2$  which, by Theorem 1, implies that  $S(D) \subseteq l^2$ , since  $D_y$  can be considered as a linear perturbation of  $D_L$  i.e.

$$Dy(m) = D_L y(m) - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q_i(m) y(i+m).$$

**Remark 1.** In the special case, if  $p_0(m) \equiv 1$  and  $q_m \equiv 0$ , where the operators  $D$  and  $D_L$  take respectively the forms

$$(7) \quad My \equiv y(n+m) + p_{n-1}(m)y(n+n-1) + \cdots + y(m) = 0, \quad m = 0, 1, \dots$$

and

$$(8) \quad M_L y \equiv My + q_{n-1}(m)y(m+n-1) + \cdots + q_1(m)y(m+1) = 0, \quad m = 0, 1, \dots$$

we obtain, from Theorem 1 and Corollary 1, the stronger result as follows.

**Theorem 1'.** *If  $q_i \in l^\infty$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n-1$  then  $S(M) \subseteq l^2$  if and only if  $S(M_L) \subseteq l^2$ .*

The next result is a generalisation of theorem A of Dini and Ilukuhara in the case of a difference equation.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $S(D) \subseteq l^\infty$  and  $q_i \in l$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ . If  $\prod_{s=0}^m |p_0(S)| \geq M > 0$  for every  $m = 0, 1, \dots$  then  $S(D_L) \subseteq l^\infty$ .*

*Proof.* In the same way as in the proof of Theorem 1, we obtain relation (6), which, by the fact that  $\Phi_k \in l^\infty$ , for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ , immediately implies

$$\begin{aligned} |\Delta^k y(m)| &\leq K_y \Phi_k(m) \left[ 1 + \sum_{s=0}^{m-1} |f(s)| \right] \leq \\ &\leq K_y \Phi_k(m) \left[ 1 + \sum_{s=0}^{m-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |q_i(s)| |\Delta^i y(s)| \right] \leq \\ &\leq K_{10} \left[ 1 + \sum_{s=0}^{m-1} q(s) \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |\Delta^i y(s)| \right], \end{aligned}$$

$k = 0, \dots, n-1, m = 0, 1, \dots$ , where we denote

$$q(s) = \max\{|q_i(s)| : i = 0, \dots, n-1\}.$$

The above inequality gives

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |\Delta^k y(m)| \leq K_{11} \left[ 1 + \sum_{s=0}^{m-1} q(s) \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |\Delta^i y(s)| \right], \quad m = 0, 1, \dots.$$



Putting  $u(m) = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} |\Delta^k y(m)|$  we get

$$u(m) \leq K_{11} + K_{11} \sum_{s=0}^{m-1} q(s)u(s), \quad m = 0, 1, \dots$$

which, by Lemma 4 gives

$$u(m) \leq \frac{K}{e^{(m-1)}} = K \prod_{s=0}^{m-1} (1 + q(s)) < \infty,$$

and it is equivalent with  $\sum_{s=0}^{\infty} q(s) < \infty$  or  $q \in l$ .

Using the same idea as in the Proof of Corollary 1 from Theorem 2 we can prove

**Corollary 2.** *Let  $S(D) \not\subseteq l^\infty$  and  $q_i \in l$  for  $i = 0, \dots$ , if  $\prod_{s=0}^m |\rho_0(s)| \geq M > 0$  for every  $m = 0, 1, \dots$  then  $S(D_L) \not\subseteq l^\infty$ .*

In the special case of difference operators  $M$  and  $M_L$ , we obtain a stronger conclusion.

**Theorem 2'.** *Let  $q_i \in l$  for  $i = 0, \dots, n-1$ , then  $S(M) \subseteq l^\infty$  if and only if  $S(M_L) \subseteq l^\infty$ .*

**Remark 2.** Difference equation  $My = 0$  is of great importance in practice.

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## REZIME

### $l^p$ - PERTURBACIJE LINEARNIH DIFERENCNIH JEDNAČINA

U radu se posmatra opšta linearna diferencna jednačina i daju uslovi pod kojima njena linearna perturbacija očuvava istu  $l^p$  pripadnost.

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