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On the behavior of solutions of the system of rational difference equations

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-1}}{\gamma_n x_{n-1} - 1}, \quad y_{n+1} = \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{x_n \gamma_{n-1} - 1}, \quad z_{n+1} = \frac{1}{\gamma_n z_n}$$

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Abstract

In this article, we investigate the solutions of the system of difference equations $y_{n+1} = \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{x_n \gamma_{n-1} - 1}$, $y_{n+1} = \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{x_n \gamma_{n-1} - 1}$, $z_{n+1} = \frac{1}{\gamma_n z_n}$ where $x_0, x_{-1}, y_0, y_{-1}, z_0, z_{-1}$ real numbers such that $y_0 x_{-1} \neq 1, x_0 y_{-1} \neq 1$ and $y_0 z_0 \neq 0$.

1. Introduction

In [1], Kurbanli et al. studied the behavior of positive solutions of the system of rational difference equations

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-1}}{\gamma_n x_{n-1} + 1}, \quad y_{n+1} = \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{x_n \gamma_{n-1} + 1}.$$

In [2], Cinar studied the solutions of the systems of difference equations

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{\gamma_n}, \quad y_{n+1} = \frac{\gamma_n}{x_{n-1} \gamma_{n-1}}.$$

In [3], Kurbanli, studied the behavior of solutions of the system of rational difference equations

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-1}}{\gamma_n x_{n-1} - 1}, \quad y_{n+1} = \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{x_n \gamma_{n-1} - 1}, \quad z_{n+1} = \frac{z_{n-1}}{\gamma_n z_{n-1} - 1}.$$

In [4], Papaschinnopoulos and Schinas proved the boundedness, persistence, the oscillatory behavior, and the asymptotic behavior of the positive solutions of the system of difference equations

$$x_{n+1} = \sum_{i=0}^k A_i / \gamma_{n-i}^{p_i}, \quad y_{n+1} = \sum_{i=0}^k B_i / x_{n-i}^{q_i}$$

In [5], Clark and Kulenović investigate the global stability properties and asymptotic behavior of solutions of the system of difference equations

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_n}{a + c \gamma_n}, \quad y_{n+1} = \frac{\gamma_n}{b + d x_n}.$$

In [6], Camouzis and Papaschinnopoulos studied the global asymptotic behavior of positive solutions of the system of rational difference equations

$$x_{n+1} = 1 + \frac{x_n}{\gamma_{n-m}}, \quad \gamma_{n+1} = 1 + \frac{\gamma_n}{x_{n-m}}.$$

In [7], Kulenović and Nurkanović studied the global asymptotic behavior of solutions of the system of difference equations

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{a + x_n}{b + \gamma_n}, \quad \gamma_{n+1} = \frac{c + \gamma_n}{d + z_n}, \quad z_{n+1} = \frac{e + z_n}{f + x_n}.$$

In [8], Özban studied the positive solutions of the system of rational difference equations

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{\gamma_{n-k}}, \quad \gamma_{n+1} = \frac{\gamma_n}{x_{n-m}\gamma_{n-m-k}}.$$

In [9], Zhang et al. investigated the behavior of the positive solutions of the system of the difference equations

$$x_n = A + \frac{1}{\gamma_{n-p}}, \quad \gamma_n = A + \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{x_{n-r}\gamma_{n-s}}.$$

In [10], Yalcinkaya studied the global asymptotic stability of the system of difference equations

$$z_{n+1} = \frac{t_n z_{n-1} + a}{t_n + z_{n-1}}, \quad t_{n+1} = \frac{z_n t_{n-1} + a}{z_n + t_{n-1}}$$

In [11], Irićanin and Stević studied the positive solutions of the system of difference equations

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1}^{(1)} &= \frac{1 + x_n^{(2)}}{x_{n-1}^{(3)}}, & x_{n+1}^{(2)} &= \frac{1 + x_n^{(3)}}{x_{n-1}^{(4)}}, & \dots, & & x_{n+1}^{(k)} &= \frac{1 + x_n^{(1)}}{x_{n-1}^{(2)}}, \\ x_{n+1}^{(1)} &= \frac{1 + x_n^{(2)} + x_{n-1}^{(3)}}{x_{n-2}^{(4)}}, & x_{n+1}^{(2)} &= \frac{1 + x_n^{(3)} + x_{n-1}^{(4)}}{x_{n-2}^{(5)}}, & \dots, & & x_{n+1}^{(k)} &= \frac{1 + x_n^{(1)} + x_{n-1}^{(2)}}{x_{n-2}^{(3)}} \end{aligned}$$

Although difference equations are very simple in form, it is extremely difficult to understand throughly the global behavior of their solutions, for example, see Refs. [12-34].

In this article, we investigate the behavior of the solutions of the difference equation system

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-1}}{\gamma_n x_{n-1} - 1}, \quad \gamma_{n+1} = \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{x_n \gamma_{n-1} - 1}, \quad z_{n+1} = \frac{1}{\gamma_n z_n} \tag{1.1}$$

where $x_0, x_{-1}, \gamma_0, \gamma_{-1}, z_0, z_{-1}$ real numbers such that $\gamma_0 x_{-1} \neq 1, x_0 \gamma_{-1} \neq 1$ and $\gamma_0 z_0 \neq 0$.

2. Main results

Theorem 1. *Let $\gamma_0 = a, \gamma_{-1} = b, x_0 = c, x_{-1} = d, z_0 = e, z_{-1} = f$ be real numbers such that $\gamma_0 x_{-1} \neq 1, x_0 \gamma_{-1} \neq 1$ and $\gamma_0 z_0 \neq 0$. Let $\{x_n, \gamma_n, z_n\}$ be a solution of the system (1.1). Then all solutions of (1.1) are*

$$x_n = \left\{ \frac{d}{(ad - 1)^n} \right\}, \quad n \text{ --- odd } c \text{ --- } (cb - 1)^n, \quad n \text{ --- even} \tag{1.2}$$

$$\gamma_n = \left\{ \frac{b}{(cb-1)^n} \right\}, \quad n \text{ --- odd } a(ad-1)^n, \quad n \text{ --- even} \tag{1.3}$$

$$z_n = \begin{cases} \frac{b^{n-1}}{a^n e[(ad-1)(cb-1)]^{\sum_{i=1}^k i}}, & n \text{ --- odd} \\ \frac{ane(ad-1)^{\sum_{i=1}^k (i-1)}(cb-1)^{\sum_{i=1}^k i}}{b^n}, & n \text{ --- even} \end{cases} \tag{1.4}$$

Proof. For $n = 0, 1, 2, 3$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \frac{x_{-1}}{\gamma_0 x_{-1} - 1} = \frac{d}{ad-1}, \\ \gamma_1 &= \frac{\gamma_{-1}}{x_0 \gamma_{-1} - 1} = \frac{b}{cb-1}, \\ z_1 &= \frac{1}{\gamma_0 z_0} = \frac{1}{ae}, \\ x_2 &= \frac{x_0}{\gamma_1 x_0 - 1} = \frac{c}{\frac{b}{cb-1}c - 1} = c(cb-1), \\ \gamma_2 &= \frac{\gamma_0}{x_1 \gamma_0 - 1} = \frac{a}{\frac{d}{ad-1}a - 1} = a(ad-1) \\ z_2 &= \frac{1}{\gamma_1 z_1} = \frac{1}{\frac{b}{cb-1} \frac{1}{ae}} = \frac{(cb-1)ae}{b}, \\ x_3 &= \frac{x_1}{\gamma_2 x_1 - 1} = \frac{\frac{d}{ad-1}}{a(ad-1) \frac{d}{ad-1} - 1} = \frac{d}{(ad-1)^2}, \\ \gamma_3 &= \frac{\gamma_1}{x_2 \gamma_1 - 1} = \frac{\frac{b}{cb-1}}{c(cb-1) \frac{b}{cb-1} - 1} = \frac{b}{(cb-1)^2}, \\ z_3 &= \frac{1}{\gamma_2 z_2} = \frac{1}{a(ad-1) \frac{(cb-1)ae}{b}} = \frac{b}{a^2 e(ad-1)(cb-1)} \end{aligned}$$

for $n = k$, assume that

$$\begin{aligned} x_{2k-1} &= \frac{x_{2k-3}}{\gamma_{2k-2} x_{2k-3} - 1} = \frac{d}{(ad-1)^k}, \\ x_{2k} &= \frac{x_{2k-2}}{\gamma_{2k-1} x_{2k-2} - 1} = c(cb-1)^k, \\ \gamma_{2k-1} &= \frac{\gamma_{2k-3}}{x_{2k-2} \gamma_{2k-3} - 1} = \frac{b}{(cb-1)^k}, \\ \gamma_{2k} &= \frac{\gamma_{2k-2}}{x_{2k-1} \gamma_{2k-2} - 1} = a(ad-1)^k \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} z_{2k-1} &= \frac{b^{k-1}}{a^k e[(ad-1)(cb-1)]^{\sum_{i=1}^k i}}, \\ z_{2k} &= \frac{a^k e(ad-1)^{\sum_{i=1}^k (i-1)}(cb-1)^{\sum_{i=1}^k i}}{b^k} \end{aligned}$$

are true. Then, for $n = k + 1$ we will show that (1.2), (1.3), and (1.4) are true. From (1.1), we have

$$x_{2k+1} = \frac{x_{2k-1}}{\gamma_{2k}x_{2k-1} - 1} = \frac{\frac{d}{(ad-1)^k}}{a(ad-1)^k \frac{d}{(ad-1)^k} - 1} = \frac{d}{(ad-1)^{k+1}},$$

$$\gamma_{2k+1} = \frac{\gamma_{2k-1}}{x_{2k}\gamma_{2k-1} - 1} = \frac{\frac{b}{(cb-1)^k}}{c(cb-1)^k \frac{b}{(cb-1)^k} - 1} = \frac{b}{(cb-1)^{k+1}}.$$

Also, similarly from (1.1), we have

$$z_{2k+1} = \frac{1}{\gamma_{2k}z_{2k}} = \frac{1}{a(ad-1)^k \frac{e(ad-1)^{\sum_{i=1}^k (i-1)}}{b^k} (cb-1)^{\sum_{i=1}^k i}}$$

$$= \frac{b^k}{a^{k+1}e(ad-1)^{\sum_{i=1}^k i} (cb-1)^{\sum_{i=1}^k i}}.$$

Also, we have

$$x_{2k+2} = \frac{x_{2k}}{\gamma_{2k+1}x_{2k} - 1} = \frac{c(cb-1)^k}{\frac{b}{(cb-1)^{k+1}}c(cb-1)^k - 1} = \frac{c(cb-1)^k}{\frac{b}{(cb-1)}c - 1} = c(cb-1)^{k+1},$$

$$\gamma_{2k+2} = \frac{\gamma_{2k}}{x_{2k+1}\gamma_{2k} - 1} = \frac{a(ad-1)^k}{\frac{d}{(ad-1)^{k+1}}a(ad-1)^k - 1} = \frac{a(ad-1)^k}{\frac{d}{(ad-1)}a - 1} = a(ad-1)^{k+1}$$

and

$$z_{2k+2} = \frac{1}{\gamma_{2k+1}z_{2k+1}} = \frac{1}{\frac{b}{(cb-1)^{k+1}} \frac{b^k}{a^{k+1}e(ad-1)^{\sum_{i=1}^k i} (cb-1)^{\sum_{i=1}^k i}}}$$

$$= \frac{a^{k+1}e(ad-1)^{\sum_{i=1}^k i} (cb-1)^{\sum_{i=1}^k i}}{b^{k+1}} = \frac{a^{k+1}e(ad-1)^{\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (i-1)} (cb-1)^{\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i}}{b^{k+1}}.$$

□

Corollary 1. Let $\{x_n, y_n, z_n\}$ be a solution of the system (1.1). Let a, b, c, d, e, f be real numbers such that $ad \neq 1, cb \neq 1, ae \neq 0$ and $b \neq 0$. Also, if $ad, cb \in (1, 2)$ and $b > a$ then we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_{2n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n-1} = \infty$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n} = 0.$$

Proof. From $ad, cb \in (1, 2)$ and $b > a$ we have $0 < ad - 1 < 1$ and $0 < cb - 1 < 1$. Hence, we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d}{(ad-1)^n} = d \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(ad-1)^n} = d. \quad \infty = \begin{cases} -\infty, & d < 0 \\ +\infty, & d > 0 \end{cases},$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_{2n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b}{(cb-1)^n} = b \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(cb-1)^n} = b. \quad \infty = \begin{cases} -\infty, & b < 0 \\ +\infty, & b > 0 \end{cases}$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b^{n-1}}{a^n e [(ad-1)(cb-1)]^{\sum_{i=1}^k i}} = \frac{1}{e}. \quad \infty = \begin{cases} -\infty, & e < 0 \\ +\infty, & e > 0 \end{cases}$$

Similarly, from $ad, cb \in (1, 2)$ and $b > a$, we have $0 < ad - 1 < 1$ and $0 < cb - 1 < 1$.

Hence, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c(cd-1)^n = c \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (cd-1)^n = c. \quad 0 = 0, \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a(af-1)^n = a \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (af-1)^n = a. \quad 0 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a^n e (ad-1)^{\sum_{i=1}^k (i-1)} (cb-1)^{\sum_{i=1}^k i}}{b^n} = 0.e. \quad 0 = 0.$$

□

Corollary 2. Let $\{x_n, y_n, z_n\}$ be a solution of the system (1.1). Let a, b, c, d, e, f be real numbers such that $ad \neq 1, cb \neq 1, ae \neq 0$ and $b \neq 0$. If $a = b$ and $cb = ad = 2$ then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n-1} &= d, \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n-1} &= b, \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n-1} &= \frac{1}{ae} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n} &= c, \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n} &= a, \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n} &= e. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. From $a = b$ and $cb = ad = 2$ then we have, $cb - 1 = ad - 1 = 1$. Hence, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (cb-1)^n = 1$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (ad-1)^n = 1.$$

Also, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n-1} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d}{(ad-1)^n} = d \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(ad-1)^n} = d. \quad 1 = d, \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n-1} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b}{(cb-1)^n} = b \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(cb-1)^n} = b. \quad 1 = b \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b^{n-1}}{a^n e [(ad-1)(cb-1)]^{\sum_{i=1}^k i}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{ae} \frac{b^{n-1}}{a^{n-1} [(ad-1)(cb-1)]^{\sum_{i=1}^k i}} = \frac{1}{ae}.$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c(cb - 1)^n = c \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (cb - 1)^n = c, \quad 1 = c, \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a(ad - 1)^n = a \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (ad - 1)^n = a, \quad 1 = a. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a^n e(ad - 1)^{\sum_{i=1}^k (i-1)} (cb - 1)^{\sum_{i=1}^k i}}{b^n} = 1, \quad e = e.$$

□

Corollary 3. Let $\{x_n, y_n, z_n\}$ be a solution of the system (1.1). Let a, b, c, d, e, f be real numbers such that $ad \neq 1, cb \neq 1, ae \neq 0$ and $b \neq 0$. Also, if $0 < a, b, c, d, e, f < 1$ then we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n} = 0$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n-1} = \infty.$$

Proof. From $0 < a, b, c, d, e, f < 1$ we have $-1 < ad - 1 < 0$ and $-1 < cb - 1 < 0$. Hence, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c(bc - 1)^n = c \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (bc - 1)^n = c, \quad 0 = 0, \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a(ad - 1)^n = a \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (ad - 1)^n = a, \quad 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a^n e(ad - 1)^{\sum_{i=1}^k (i-1)} (cb - 1)^{\sum_{i=1}^k i}}{b^n} = e, \quad 0 = 0.$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n-1} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d}{(ad - 1)^n} = d \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(ad - 1)^n} = d \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(ad - 1)^n} = d, \quad \infty = \begin{cases} -\infty, & n - \text{odd} \\ +\infty, & n - \text{even} \end{cases}, \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n-1} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b}{(bc - 1)^n} = b \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(bc - 1)^n} = b, \quad \infty = \begin{cases} -\infty, & n - \text{odd} \\ +\infty, & n - \text{even} \end{cases}. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b^{n-1}}{a^n e[(ad - 1)(cb - 1)]^{\sum_{i=1}^k i}} = +\infty.$$

□

Corollary 4. Let $\{x_n, y_n, z_n\}$ be a solution of the system (1.1). Let a, b, c, d, e, f be real numbers such that $ad \neq 1, cb \neq 1, ae \neq 0$, and $b \neq 0$. Also, if $0 < a, b, c, d, e, f < 1$ then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n} y_{2n-1} &= cb, \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n-1} y_{2n} &= ad \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n-1} z_{2n} = \infty.$$

Proof. The proof is clear from Theorem 1. \square

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