

**OSCILLATION OF GENERALIZED SECOND KIND LINEAR DIFFERENCE EQUATION**

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**Abstract:** In this paper, the authors obtain new sufficient conditions of all solutions the generalized second kind difference equation (1) where  $\Delta_{\ell_1, \ell_2}$  and  $\Delta_{\ell_1, \ell_2}^{-1}$  are generalized difference equation of second kind and first kind respectively,  $p(k)$  is nonnegative real valued functions. Our results improve the know results in the literature.

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**Introduction:** Difference equation usually describes the evaluation of some certain phenomena over time and is also important in describing dynamics for fundamentally discrete system, see [1]. For example, in the numerical integration, the standard approach is to use the difference equation, similarly, the population dynamics have discrete generations; the size of the  $n$ th generation is a function of the  $k$ th generation. This can be expressed as  $u(k + 1) = f(u(k))$ .

Further, the concepts of difference equations with many examples in application such as asymptotic behavior of solution of difference equations were studied extensively by Elayadi [9] where the analytic and geometric approaches were also combined in order to studying difference equations. Further, in [8], both classical modern treatments of the difference equations were presented in excellent form.

Consequently the basic theory of difference equations is based on operator  $\Delta$  is

$$\Delta u(k) = u(k + 1) - u(k), \quad k \in N \quad (2)$$

where  $N = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ . Even though many authors [1, 8, 9] have suggested the definition of  $\Delta$  as

$$\Delta u(k) = u(k + \ell) - u(k), \quad k \in N, \ell \in R - \{0\} \quad (3)$$

and there are several research took place on this line.

By defining its inverse  $\Delta_{\ell}^{-1}$ , many interesting results and applications in number theory as well as in fluid dynamics can be obtained. By extending the study for sequences of complex numbers and  $\ell$  to be real, some new qualitative properties like rotatory, expanding, shrinking, spiral and weblike structures were studied for the solutions of difference equations involving  $\Delta_{\ell}$  for similar results, refer to [2-6].

In particular, when  $\ell_1 = \ell_2 = \ell$  the generalized second kind linear difference equations becomes a generalized second order linear difference equations and also by taking  $\ell_1 = \ell_2 = \ell = 1$ , the above equations becomes the second order linear difference equations, were discussed in [10].

In this paper, we discuss the sufficient conditions for

oscillation of generalized second kind linear difference equation (1).

Throughout this paper, we use the following notations.

$$(i) \quad u_n(\alpha) = n^{1-\alpha} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} k^{\alpha} p(k), \quad \text{for } \alpha < 1,$$

$$(ii) \quad p_*(\alpha) = \liminf u_n(\alpha), \quad p^*(\alpha) = \limsup u_n(\alpha),$$

$$(iii) \quad q = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 p(k).$$

$$(iv) \quad k \text{ means by either } kl_1 + j \text{ (or) } kl_2 + j$$

**Preliminaries:**

**Definition 2.1.**[7] Let  $u(k)$  be real valued function. Then the generalized difference operator of second kind is defined as

$$\Delta_{\ell_1, \ell_2} u(k) = u(k + \ell_1 + \ell_2) - [u(k + \ell_1) + u(k + \ell_2)] + u(k). \quad (4)$$

**Definition 2.2.**[7] The inverse of generalized difference operator of the second kind denoted by  $\Delta_{\ell_1, \ell_2}^{-1}$  is defined as follows. If  $\Delta_{\ell_1, \ell_2} v(k) = u(k)$ ,

then

$$v(k) = \Delta_{\ell_1, \ell_2}^{-1} u(k) + \frac{c_{1j}}{\ell} k + c_{0j}. \quad (5)$$

**Theorem 2.3.** If

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} p(k) > \frac{1}{4}. \quad (6)$$

Then every solution of equation (1) is oscillatory.

**Theorem 2.4.** If for all large  $n$

$$n \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} p(k) < \frac{1}{4}. \quad (7)$$

Then the equation (1) has a nonoscillatory solution.

**Main Results:**

**Lemma 3.1.** Assume that  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ . Then

$$\sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \Delta_{\ell_1, \ell_2} k^{\alpha} \leq \frac{\alpha^2}{1-\alpha} n^{\alpha-1}, \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{(n+1)^{1-\alpha}}{1-\alpha} \leq \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} k^{\alpha-2} \leq \frac{n^{\alpha-1}}{1-\alpha}. \tag{9}$$

*Proof.* By the mean value theorem, there exist  $\xi_k \in (k, k + \ell_1 + \ell_2), \eta_k \in (k - \ell_1 - \ell_2)$  such that

$$\frac{\Delta_{\ell_1, \ell_2} k^\alpha}{k^\alpha} = \frac{\alpha^2 \xi_k^{2\alpha-2}}{k^\alpha} \leq \frac{\alpha^2 k^{2\alpha-2}}{k^\alpha}, \tag{10}$$

and  $\frac{(n+1)^{1-\alpha}}{1-\alpha} = \eta_k^{-\alpha} \geq \frac{1}{k^\alpha}.$  (11)

By (10) and (11), we have

$$\sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} (\Delta_{\ell_1} k^\alpha)^2 \leq \frac{\alpha^2}{\ell_1 - \alpha} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta_{\ell_1} (k - \ell_1)^{1-\alpha}}{k^{2-2\alpha}}. \tag{12}$$

We define for  $k - \ell_1 \leq t \leq k,$

$$r(t) = (k - \ell_1)^{1-\alpha} + (t - k + \ell_1) \Delta_{\ell_1} (k - \ell_1)^{1-\alpha},$$

Then  $r'(t) = \Delta_{\ell_1} (k - \ell_1)^{1-\alpha}$

and  $(k - \ell_1)^{1-\alpha} \leq r(t) \leq k^{1-\alpha}, \quad k - \ell_1 \leq t \leq k.$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta_{\ell_1} (k - \ell_1)^{1-\alpha}}{k^{2-2\alpha}} &= \int_{k-1}^k \frac{\Delta_{\ell_1} (k - \ell_1)^{1-\alpha}}{k^{2-2\alpha}} dt \\ &\leq \int_{k-1}^k \frac{r'(t)}{r^2(t)} dt = \frac{1}{(k-1)^{1-\alpha}} - \frac{1}{k^{1-\alpha}}, \end{aligned}$$

which, together with (12), yields

$$\sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{\Delta_{\ell_1, \ell_2} k^\alpha}{k^\alpha} \leq \frac{\alpha^2}{1-\alpha} n^{\alpha-1},$$

since,  $\int_{n+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{t^{2-\alpha}} dt < \int_n^{\infty} \frac{1}{t^{2-\alpha}} dt.$

Hence, (9) holds. The proof is complete.

**Corollary 3.2** Assume that  $\alpha \in [0, 1).$  Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \Delta_{\ell}^2 k^\alpha &\leq \frac{\alpha^2}{1-\alpha} n^{\alpha-1}, \\ \frac{(n+1)^{1-\alpha}}{1-\alpha} &\leq \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} k^{\alpha-2} \leq \frac{n^{\alpha-1}}{1-\alpha}. \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

*Proof.* The proof follows by substituting  $\ell_1 = \ell_2 = \ell$  in the equations (8) and (9) respectively.

**Lemma 3.3.** Assume that  $u(k)$  is a nonoscillatory solution of equation (1) such that  $u(k - \ell_1) > 0$  for

$k \geq k_0.$  Let  $w(k) = \frac{\Delta_{\ell_1} u(k - \ell_1)}{u(k - \ell_2)}.$  Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{\ell_2} w(k) + w(k)w(k + \ell_1) + p(k) &\leq 0, \\ w(k) \geq w(k + \ell_2), (k - k_0)w(k) < 1, k \geq k_0, \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

and  $p_*(0) \leq r - r^2, \quad q \leq R - R^2,$  (15)

where  $r = \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} kw(k + \ell_2)$  and

$$R = \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} kw(k + \ell_2). \tag{16}$$

*Proof.* Since  $u(k)$  is a nonoscillatory solution of equation (1) such that  $u(k - \ell_1) > 0$  for  $k \geq k_0.$

By (1), we can easily show that for  $k \geq k_0.$

$$\Delta_{\ell_1} u(k - \ell_1) \geq 0, \quad \Delta_{\ell_1, \ell_2} u(k - \ell_1) \leq 0, \tag{17}$$

In view of the definition of  $w(k),$  we obtain

$$\Delta_{\ell_2} w(k) = \frac{\Delta_{\ell_1, \ell_2} u(k - \ell_1)}{u(k)} - \frac{\Delta_{\ell_1} u(k - \ell_1)}{u(k)u(k + \ell_2)}, \quad \text{for } k \geq k_0. \tag{18}$$

which, together with (1) and (17), yields

$$\Delta_{\ell_2} w(k) + w(k)w(k + \ell_1) + p(k) \leq 0, \quad k \geq k_0. \tag{19}$$

Since  $w(k) > 0$  for  $k \geq k_0,$  it follows that

$$w(k) \geq w(k + \ell_1), \quad k \geq k_0, \tag{20}$$

and  $\frac{\Delta_{\ell_2} w(k)}{w(k)w(k + \ell_1)} < -1.$  (21)

Summing (21) from  $k_0$  to  $k - 1,$  we have

$$(k - k_0)w(k) < 1, \quad k \geq k_0, \tag{22}$$

which implies that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} w(k) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\nu} \sum_{n=k_0}^k w(n) = 0. \tag{23}$$

By (16) and (22), we have

$$0 \leq r \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq R \leq 1. \tag{24}$$

Hence

$$r - r^2 \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad R - R^2 \geq 0. \tag{25}$$

We now prove that (15) holds. By (25), we may assume that  $p_*(0) \neq 0$  and  $q \neq 0.$  From (19) and (20), we easily find that for any  $k_1 > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} kw(k + \ell_1) &\geq k \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} p(n) \\ &+ k \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} \frac{(n - \ell_1)w(n)nw(n + \ell_1)}{(n - \ell_1)n}, \quad k > k_1 \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

and for any  $k_1 \geq k_0,$  we have

$$\Delta_{\ell_2} w(k) + w^2(k + \ell_1) + p(k) \leq 0. \tag{27}$$

Multiplying (27) by  $k^2$  summing it from  $k_1$  to  $k,$  we obtain

$$(13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=k_1}^k n^2 p(n) &\leq -\sum_{n=k_1}^k n^2 \Delta_{\ell_2} w(n) - \sum_{n=k_1}^k n^2 w^2(n + \ell_1) \\ &= -(k + \ell_1)^2 w(k + \ell_1) + k_1^2 w(k_1) \\ &+ \sum_{n=k_1}^k w(n + \ell_1) \Delta_{\ell_2} n^2 - \sum_{n=k_1}^k n^2 w^2(n + \ell_1) \\ &= -(k + \ell_1)^2 w(k + \ell_1) + k_1^2 w(k_1) + \\ &\sum_{n=k_1}^k w(n + \ell_1) + \sum_{n=k_1}^k n w(n + \ell_1) (\ell_1 + \ell_2 - n w(n + \ell_1)). \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} k w(k + \ell_1) &< \frac{k_1^2 p(k_1) + \sum_{n=k_1}^k w(n + \ell_1)}{k} - \sum_{n=k_1}^k \frac{n^2 p(n)}{k} \\ &+ \frac{1}{k} \sum_{n=k_1}^k n w(n + \ell_1) (\ell_1 + \ell_2 - n w(n + \ell_1)), k > k_1. \end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

Since  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k_1^2 p(k_1) + \sum_{n=k_1}^k w(n + \ell_1)}{k} = 0$  and

$$n w(n + \ell_1) (\ell_1 + \ell_2 - n w(n + \ell_1)) < 1.$$

By (26) and (28), we have

$$r \geq p_*(0) \quad \text{and} \quad R \leq 1 - q.$$

It is easy to see that for any  $\min\{j_1, j_2\} < \epsilon < \min\{r, \ell_1 - R, \ell_2 - R\}$  there exist

$k_2 > k_1$  such that

$$r - \epsilon < k w(k + \ell_1) < R + \epsilon,$$

$$k \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} p(n) > p_*(0) - \epsilon \quad \text{for } k > k_2.$$

$$\text{and } \frac{1}{k} \sum_{n=k_1}^k n^2 p(n) > q - \epsilon, \text{ for } k > k_2.$$

This, together with (26) and (28), yields

$$k w(k + \ell_1) > p_*(0) - \epsilon + (r - \epsilon)^2, \text{ for } k > k_2$$

$$k w(k + \ell_1) < \frac{1}{k} \left( k_2^2 p(k_2) + \sum_{n=k_2}^k w(n + \ell_1) \right)$$

$$-q + \epsilon + (R + \epsilon) (\ell_1 + \ell_2 - R - \epsilon),$$

for  $k > k_2$ , which implies that

$$r \geq p_*(0) + r^2 \quad \text{and} \quad R \leq -q + R(2 - R).$$

Thus (13) holds and the proof is complete.

**Theorem 3.4.** If

$$q = \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k} \sum_{n=1}^k n^2 p(n) > \frac{1}{4}, \tag{29}$$

then every solution of (1) is oscillatory.

*Proof.* If not, let  $u(k)$  be a oscillatory solution of equation (1) such that  $u(k - \ell_1) > 0$  for  $k > k_0$ . Let  $R = \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} k w(k + \ell_1)$ . By lemma 3.3, we have

$$q \leq R - R^2 \leq \frac{1}{4}, \text{ which contradicts (29) and the}$$

proof is complete.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $q \leq 1/4$  and assume that there exists  $\alpha \in [j, \ell_1)$  such that

$$p^*(\alpha) > \frac{\alpha^2}{4(1-\alpha)} + \frac{1}{2} (1 + \sqrt{1-4q}). \tag{30}$$

Then every solution of (1) oscillates.

*Proof.* If not, let  $u(k)$  be a non oscillatory solution of equation (1) such that  $u(k - \ell_1) > 0$  for  $k > k_0$ .

By lemma 3.3, we have

$$\Delta_{\ell_2} w(k) + w^2(k + \ell_1) + p(k) \leq 0, \quad k > k_0, \tag{31}$$

$$\text{and } q \leq R - R^2, \tag{32}$$

where  $w(k) = \frac{\Delta_{\ell_1} u(k - \ell_1)}{u(k - \ell_2)}$  and

$$R = \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} k w(k + \ell_1).$$

Equation (32) implies that

$$R \leq M = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \sqrt{\ell_1 - 4q}). \tag{33}$$

Multiply (31) by  $k^\alpha$  summing it from  $k + 1$  to  $\infty$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} n^\alpha p(n) &\leq -\sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} n^\alpha \Delta_{\ell_2} w(n) \\ &- \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} n^\alpha w^2(n + \ell_1) = (k + \ell_2)^\alpha w(k + \ell_1 + \ell_2) \\ &+ \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} w(n + \ell_2) \Delta_{\ell_2} n^\alpha - \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} n^\alpha w^2(n + \ell_1) \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

$$= (k + \ell_2)^\alpha w(k + \ell_1 + \ell_2) + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} \frac{(\Delta_{\ell_2} n^\alpha)^2}{n^\alpha}$$

$$- \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} \left( n^{\alpha/2} w(n + \ell_1) - \frac{1}{2} n^{-\alpha/2} \Delta_{\ell_1} n^\alpha \right)^2$$

$$< (k + \ell_2)^\alpha w(k + \ell_1 + \ell_2) + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} \frac{(\Delta_{\ell_2} n^\alpha)^2}{n^\alpha}. \tag{35}$$

It follows that

$$k^{1-\alpha} \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} n^{\alpha} p(n) < \left(\frac{k+\ell_2}{k}\right)^{\alpha} kw(k+\ell_1+\ell_2) + \frac{1}{4}k^{1-\alpha} \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} \frac{(\Delta_{\ell_2} n^{\alpha})^2}{n^{\alpha}}. \tag{36}$$

(33), (36), and lemma 3.1, we have

$$p^*(\alpha) \leq \frac{\alpha^2}{4(1-\alpha)} + \frac{1}{2}(1+\sqrt{1-4q}),$$

which contradicts (30). The proof is complete.

**Corollary 3.6.** Assume that

$$q \leq \frac{1}{4} \text{ and } p^*(0) > \frac{1}{2}(1+\sqrt{1-4q}). \tag{37}$$

Then every solution of (i) oscillates.

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $p_*(0) \leq 1/4$  and  $q \leq 1/4$  assume that there exists  $\alpha \in [0,1)$  such that

$$p_*(0) > \frac{\alpha(2-\alpha)}{4} \tag{38}$$

and

$$p^*(\alpha) > \frac{p_*(0)}{1-\alpha} + \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{1-4p_*(0)} + \sqrt{1-4q}). \tag{39}$$

Then every solution of (i) oscillates.

*Proof.* If not, let  $u(k)$  be a non oscillatory solution of equation (i) such that  $u(k-\ell_1)$  for  $k > k_0$ . By Lemma 3.3, we have

$$\Delta_{\ell_2} w(k) + w^2(k+\ell_1) + p(k) \leq 0, \quad k \geq k_0, \tag{40}$$

$$\text{and } p_*(0) \leq r - r^2 \text{ and } q \leq R - R^2 \tag{41}$$

$$\text{where } r = \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} kw(k+\ell_1)$$

$$R = \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} kw(k+\ell_1).$$

Equation (40) implies that

$$r \geq m = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{1-4p_*(0)}) \tag{42}$$

$$\text{and } R \leq M = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{1-4q}). \tag{43}$$

By (37) and (41), we have  $m > \frac{\alpha}{2}$ . Hence, for any

$0 < \epsilon < m - \alpha/2$  there exists  $k_1 > k_0$  such that

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$$m - \epsilon < kw(k+\ell_1+\ell_2) < \left(\frac{k+\ell_2}{k}\right)^{\alpha} kw(k+\ell_1+\ell_2) < M + \epsilon, \tag{44}$$

for  $k > k_1$ .

Multiplying (39) by  $k^{\alpha}$ , summing it from  $k+1$  to  $\infty$ , we have

$$\sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} n^{\alpha} p(n) \tag{45}$$

$$\leq - \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} n^{\alpha} \Delta_{\ell_2} w(n) - \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} n^{\alpha} w^2(n+\ell_1)$$

$$= (k+\ell_2)^{\alpha} w(k+\ell_1) + \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} w(n+\ell_1) \Delta_{\ell_2} n^{\alpha}$$

$$- \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} n^{\alpha} w^2(n+\ell_1). \tag{46}$$

By the mean value theorem, we can show that

$$\Delta_{\ell_1} n^{\alpha} = (n+\ell_1)^{\alpha} < \alpha n^{\alpha-1}, \tag{47}$$

which, together with (45), yields

$$k^{1-\alpha} \sum_{n=k+\ell_1}^{\infty} n^{\alpha} p_n \leq \left(\frac{k+\ell_2}{k}\right)^{\alpha} kw(n+\ell_1) + k^{1-\alpha} \sum_{n=k+\ell_1}^{\infty} n^{\alpha-2} [n w(n+\ell_1)(\alpha - n w(n+\ell_1+\ell_2))]. \tag{48}$$

By (41), (45), and Lemma 3.1, we obtain

$$k^{1-\alpha} \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} n^{\alpha} p_n \leq \epsilon + (m-\epsilon)(\alpha - m + \epsilon)k^{1-\alpha}$$

$$\sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} n^{\alpha-2} < M + \epsilon + \frac{(m-\epsilon)(\alpha - m + \epsilon)}{1-\alpha}, \quad k > k_1$$

which, together with (41) and (42), implies that

$$p^*(\alpha) \leq M + \frac{m(\alpha - m)}{1-\alpha} = \frac{p_*(0)}{1-\alpha} + \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{1-4p_*(0)} + \sqrt{1-4q}). \tag{42}$$

Which contradicts (38) and hence the proof.

**Corollary 3.8.** Let  $0 < p_*(0) \leq \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $q \leq \frac{1}{4}$ , and

$$p^*(0) > p_*(0) + \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{1-4p_*(0)} + \sqrt{1-4q}). \tag{47}$$

Then every solution (i) oscillates.

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