



Kamenev-Type Oscillation Criteria for Generalized Second Order Sublinear α -Difference Equations

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Abstract

By means of Riccati transformation techniques, authors establish some new oscillation criteria for generalized second order nonlinear α -difference equation $\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)}(p(k\ell + j)(\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)}(u(k\ell + j)))^\gamma) + q(k\ell + j)u^\beta((k - \sigma)\ell + j) = 0$, when $0 < \beta < 1$ and γ are quotient of odd positive integers.

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1. Introduction

Difference equations represent a fascinating mathematical area on its own as well as a rich field of the applications in such diverse disciplines. For general background as difference equations with many examples from diverse fields, one can refer to [1].

The theory of difference equations is based on the operator Δ defined as $\Delta u(k) = u(k + 1) - u(k)$, $k \in \mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$. Even though some authors [1] have suggested the definition of Δ as

$$\Delta u(k) = u(k + \ell) - u(k), \quad \ell \in (0, \infty), \quad (E)$$

no significant progress took place on this line. Jerzy Popenda, et.al., [16] defined Δ_α as $\Delta_\alpha u(k) = u(k + 1) - \alpha u(k)$. Authors in [14], considering the operator Δ defined by (E) as Δ_ℓ many interesting results in number theory were obtained [14]. In [15], they generalized the definition of Δ_α by $\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)}$ defined as $\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u(k) = u(k + \ell) - \alpha u(k)$ for the real valued function $u(k)$ and $\ell \in (0, \infty)$ and also obtained the solutions of certain types of generalized α -difference equations.

In recent years, the asymptotic behaviour of second order difference equations has been the subject of investigations by many authors [2-12, 17-19, 21-22].

In this paper, we will be concerned with a class of generalized second order sublinear delay difference equations of the form

$$\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)}(p(k\ell + j)(\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)}(u(k\ell + j)))^\gamma) + q(k\ell + j)u^\beta((k - \sigma)\ell + j) = 0, \quad (1)$$

where $\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)}$ denotes the forward difference operator for any real valued function $u(k\ell + j)$, $k \in (0, \infty)$, $\ell \in (0, \infty)$,

$j = k - \left\lfloor \frac{k}{\ell} \right\rfloor \ell$, γ is quotient of odd positive integers, $0 < \beta < 1$ is quotient of odd positive integers, σ is a fixed nonnegative integer, $p(k\ell + j) > 0$, and $q(k\ell + j) \geq 0$ are real valued functions, and for some $k_0 > 0$,

$$\sum_{k=k_0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{p(k\ell + j)} \right)^{1/\gamma} = \infty, \quad (2)$$

By a solution of (1) we mean a nontrivial real valued function $u(k)$ defined for $k \geq -\sigma$, and satisfies equation (1) for $k \in (0, \infty)$. Clearly, if

$$u(k\ell + j) = A(k\ell + j) \text{ for } k \in [-\sigma, 0] \quad (3)$$

are given, then equation (1) has a unique solution satisfying the initial condition (3).

2. Main Results

Theorem 1 Assume that (2) holds. Furthermore, assume that there exist a positive real valued functions $\rho(k\ell + j)$ such that for every $\eta \geq 1$ and positive number M .

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{r=0}^k [\rho(r\ell + j)q(r\ell + j) - \alpha(p((r - \sigma)\ell + j))^{1/\gamma} \times \frac{\eta^{1-\beta}((r - \sigma + 1)\ell + j)^{1-\beta}(\Delta_\ell \rho(r\ell + j))^2}{4\beta(M)^{(\gamma-1)/\gamma} \rho(r\ell + j)}] \quad (4)$$

Then every solution of equation (1) oscillates.

Proof. Suppose to the contrary that $u(k\ell + j)$ is an eventually nonoscillatory solution of (1) such that $u((k - \sigma)\ell + j) > 0$ for

all $k \geq k_0 > 0$. We shall consider only this case, since the substitution $v(k\ell + j) = -u(k\ell + j)$ transforms equation (1) into an equation of the same form. From equation (1) we have for $k \geq k_0$

$$\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)}(p(k\ell + j)(\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u(k\ell + j))^\gamma) = -q(k\ell + j) u^\beta((k - \sigma)\ell + j) \leq 0, \tag{5}$$

and so $p(k\ell + j)(\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u(k\ell + j))^\gamma$ is an eventually nonincreasing sequence. We first show that $p(k\ell + j)(\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u(k\ell + j))^\gamma \geq 0$ for $k \geq k_0$. In fact, if there exists a real $k_1 \geq k_0$ such that $p(k_1\ell + j)(\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u(k_1\ell + j))^\gamma = c < 0$, then (5) implies that $p(k\ell + j)(\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u(k\ell + j))^\gamma \leq c$ for $k \geq k_1$ that is $\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u(k\ell + j) \leq (c/p(k\ell + j))^{1/\gamma}$ hence as $k \rightarrow \infty$ $u(k\ell + j) \leq \alpha u(k_1\ell + j)$

$$+ \sum_{r=k_1}^{k-1} \left[(\alpha - 1) u(r\ell + j) + \left(\frac{1}{p(r\ell + j)} \right)^{1/\gamma} \right] \rightarrow -\infty \tag{6}$$

which contradicts the fact that $u(k\ell + j) > 0$ for $k \geq k_0$, then $p(k\ell + j)(\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u(k\ell + j))^\gamma \geq 0$. Also we claim that $\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)}^2 u(k\ell + j) \leq 0$. If not there exists $k_1 \geq k_0$ such that $\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)}^2 u(k\ell + j) > 0$ for $k \geq k_1$ and this implies that $\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u((k+1)\ell + j) > \Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u(k\ell + j)$, so that since $\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} p(k\ell + j) \geq 0$, $p((k+1)\ell + j)(\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u((k+1)\ell + j))^\gamma > p(k\ell + j)(\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u(k\ell + j))^\gamma$ and this contradicts the fact that $p(k\ell + j)(\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u(k\ell + j))^\gamma$ is nonincreasing sequence, then $\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)}^2 u(k\ell + j) \leq 0$, and therefore we have for $k \geq k_0$

$$u(k\ell + j) > 0, \Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u(k\ell + j) \text{ and } \Delta_{\alpha(\ell)}^2 u(k\ell + j) \leq 0. \tag{7}$$

Define the sequence $z(k\ell + j)$ by

$$z(k\ell + j) = \alpha^{\left[\frac{k}{\ell}\right]-1} \frac{\rho(k\ell + j) p(k\ell + j)(\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u(k\ell + j))^\gamma}{u^\beta((k - \sigma)\ell + j)} \tag{8}$$

then $z(k\ell + j) > 0$, and

$$\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} z(k\ell + j) = \frac{\alpha^{\left[\frac{k}{\ell}\right]} \rho(k\ell + j) \Delta_\ell(p(k\ell + j)(\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u(k\ell + j))^\gamma)}{u^\beta((k - \sigma)\ell + j)} + p((k+1)\ell + j)(\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u((k+1)\ell + j)) \Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} \left(\frac{\alpha^{\left[\frac{k}{\ell}\right]-1} \rho(k\ell + j)}{u^\beta((k - \sigma)\ell + j)} \right) \tag{9}$$

From (1) and (9), we have

$$\Delta_\ell z(k\ell + j) = -\rho(k\ell + j) q(k\ell + j) + \frac{\Delta_\ell \rho(k\ell + j) z((k+1)\ell + j)}{\rho((k+1)\ell + j)} - \frac{\alpha^{\left[\frac{k}{\ell}\right]} \rho(k\ell + j) p((k+1)\ell + j)(\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u((k+1)\ell + j))^\gamma}{u^\beta((k - \sigma + 1)\ell + j)} \times \frac{\Delta_\ell u^\beta((k - \sigma)\ell + j)}{u^\beta((k - \sigma)\ell + j)} \tag{10}$$

From (5) and (7), we get

$$p((k - \sigma)\ell + j)(\Delta_\ell u((k - \sigma)\ell + j))^\gamma \geq p((k+1)\ell + j)(\Delta_\ell u((k+1)\ell + j))^\gamma \text{ and } u((k+1 - \sigma)\ell + j) \geq u((k - \sigma)\ell + j) \tag{11}$$

and then from (10) and (11), we have

$$\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} z(k\ell + j) \leq -\rho(k\ell + j) q(k\ell + j) + \frac{\Delta_\ell \rho(k\ell + j) z((k+1)\ell + j)}{\rho((k+1)\ell + j)} - \frac{\rho(k\ell + j) p((k+1)\ell + j)(\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u((k+1)\ell + j))^\gamma}{(u^\beta((k - \sigma + 1)\ell + j))^2} \times \Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} \alpha^{\left[\frac{k}{\ell}\right]-1} u^\beta((k - \sigma)\ell + j) \tag{12}$$

Now, by using the inequality in [2], for all $u \neq v > 0$ and for $0 < \beta \leq 1$, $u^\beta - v^\beta \geq \beta u^{\beta-1} (u - v)$. Then, we have

$$\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} \alpha^{\left[\frac{k}{\ell}\right]-1} u^\beta((k - \sigma)\ell + j) = \beta (u((k - \sigma + 1)\ell + j))^{\beta-1} \Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} \alpha^{\left[\frac{k}{\ell}\right]-1} u((k - \sigma)\ell + j). \tag{13}$$

Substitute from (13) in (12), we have

$$\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} z(k\ell + j) \leq -\rho(k\ell + j) q(k\ell + j) + \frac{\Delta_\ell \rho(k\ell + j) z((k+1)\ell + j)}{\rho((k+1)\ell + j)} - \left(\frac{\rho(k\ell + j) p((k+1)\ell + j) \beta (u((k+1 - \sigma)\ell + j))^{\beta-1}}{(u^\beta((k - \sigma + 1)\ell + j))^2} \right) \times \Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u((k - \sigma)\ell + j)(\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u((k+1)\ell + j))^\gamma \tag{14}$$

From (11) and (14), we have

$$\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} z(k\ell + j) \leq -\rho(k\ell + j) q(k\ell + j) + \frac{\Delta_\ell \rho(k\ell + j) z((k+1)\ell + j)}{\rho((k+1)\ell + j)} - \frac{\beta \rho(k\ell + j) (p((k+1)\ell + j))^{1/\gamma} p((k+1)\ell + j)}{(p((k - \sigma)\ell + j))^{1/\gamma} (u((k - \sigma + 1)\ell + j))^{1-\beta}} \times \frac{(\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u((k+1)\ell + j))^{\gamma+1}}{(u^\beta((k - \sigma + 1)\ell + j))} \Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} z(k\ell + j) \leq -\rho(k\ell + j) q(k\ell + j) + \frac{\Delta_\ell \rho(k\ell + j) z((k+1)\ell + j)}{\rho((k+1)\ell + j)} - \left(\frac{\beta \rho(k\ell + j) (p((k+1)\ell + j))^{1/\gamma-1} (p((k+1)\ell + j))^2}{(p((k+1)\ell + j))^2 (p((k - \sigma)\ell + j))^{1/\gamma} (u((k - \sigma + 1)\ell + j))^{1-\beta}} \right)$$

$$\times \left(\frac{(\rho((k+1)\ell + j))^2 (\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u((k+1)\ell + j))^{2\gamma}}{(u^\beta((k-\sigma+1)\ell + j))^2 (\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u((k+1)\ell + j))^{\gamma-1}} \right) \quad (15)$$

From (7), we conclude that

$u(k\ell + j) \leq \alpha u(k_0\ell + j) + \Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u(k_0\ell + j)((k - k_0)\ell + j), k \geq k_0$
 and consequently there exists a $k_1 \geq k_0$ and appropriate constant $\eta \geq 1$ such that $u(k\ell + j) \leq \eta(k\ell + j)$ for $k \geq k_1$ and this implies that $u((k - \sigma + 1)\ell + j) \leq \eta((k - \sigma + 1)\ell + j)$ for $k \geq k_2 = k_1 + \sigma - 1$ and, hence

$$\frac{1}{(u((k - \sigma + 1)\ell + j))^{1-\beta}} \geq \frac{1}{(\eta((k - \sigma + 1)\ell + j))^{1-\beta}}. \quad (16)$$

Since $p(k\ell + j)(\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u(k\ell + j))^\gamma$ is a positive and increasing function, there exists a $k_2 \geq k_1$ sufficiently large such that

$p(k\ell + j)(\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u(k\ell + j))^\gamma \leq \frac{1}{M}$ for some positive constant M and $k \geq k_2$, and hence by (5) we have $p((k+1)\ell + j)(\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u((k+1)\ell + j))^\gamma \leq \frac{1}{M}$, so that

$$\frac{1}{(\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} u((k+1)\ell + j))^{\gamma-1}} \geq (Mp((k+1)\ell + j))^{(\gamma-1)/\gamma} \quad (17)$$

Then from (8), (15), (16) and (17) we have

$$\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} z(k\ell + j) \leq -\rho(k\ell + j)q(k\ell + j) + \frac{\Delta_\ell \rho(k\ell + j)z((k+1)\ell + j)}{\rho((k+1)\ell + j)} - \frac{\beta \rho(k\ell + j)M^{(\gamma-1)/\gamma} (z((k+1)\ell + j))^2}{(p((k+1)\ell + j))^2 (p((k-\sigma)\ell + j))^{\gamma-1} \eta^{1-\beta} ((k-\sigma+1)\ell + j)^{1-\beta}} \quad (18)$$

$$\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} z(k\ell + j) \leq -\rho(k\ell + j)q(k\ell + j) + \frac{(p((k-\sigma)\ell + j))^{\gamma-1} \eta^{1-\beta} ((k-\sigma+1)\ell + j)^{1-\beta} (\Delta_\ell \rho(k\ell + j))^2}{4\beta(M)^{(\gamma-1)/\gamma} \rho(k\ell + j)} - \left[\frac{\sqrt{\beta(M)^{(\gamma-1)/\gamma} \rho(k\ell + j)z((k+1)\ell + j)}}{\rho((k+1)\ell + j)\sqrt{\eta((k-\sigma+1)\ell + j)^{1-\beta} p((k-\sigma)\ell + j)}} - \frac{\sqrt{\eta^{1-\beta} ((k-\sigma+1)\ell + j)^{1-\beta} (p((k-\sigma)\ell + j))^{\gamma-1} \Delta_\ell \rho(k\ell + j)}}{2\sqrt{\beta(M)^{(\gamma-1)/\gamma} \rho(k\ell + j)}} \right]^2 < -[\rho(k\ell + j)q(k\ell + j) - \frac{(p((k-\sigma)\ell + j))^{\gamma-1} \eta^{1-\beta} ((k-\sigma+1)\ell + j)^{1-\beta} (\Delta_\ell \rho(k\ell + j))^2}{4\beta(M)^{(\gamma-1)/\gamma} \rho(k\ell + j)}]$$

$$\sum_{r=0}^k [\rho(r\ell + j)q(r\ell + j) - \frac{(p((r-\sigma)\ell + j))^{\gamma-1} \eta^{1-\beta} ((r-\sigma+1)\ell + j)^{1-\beta} (\Delta_\ell \rho(r\ell + j))^2}{4\beta(M)^{(\gamma-1)/\gamma} \rho(r\ell + j)}] < c_1$$

for all large k , and this is contrary to (4). The proof is complete.

Theorem 2 Assume that (2) holds. Let $\rho(k\ell + j)$ be a real valued function. Furthermore, we assume that there exists a double function $H(m, k\ell + j); m \geq k \geq 0$ such that (i) $H(m, m) = 0$ for $m \geq 0$, (ii) $H(m, k\ell + j) > 0$ for $m > k\ell + j \geq 0$,

(iii) $\Delta_{2\alpha(\ell)} H(m, k\ell + j) = H(m, (k+1)\ell + j) - \alpha H(m, k\ell + j) \leq 0$ for $m \geq k\ell + j \geq 0$. If

$$\limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(m, 0)} \sum_{k=k_0}^{m-1} \left[H(m, k\ell + j) \rho(k\ell + j) q(k\ell + j) - \frac{(\rho((k+1)\ell + j))^2}{\rho(k\ell + j)} \times \left(h(m, k\ell + j) - \frac{\Delta_\ell \rho(k\ell + j)}{\rho((k+1)\ell + j)} \sqrt{H(m, k\ell + j)} \right)^2 \right] = \infty,$$

where $h(m, k\ell + j) = -\frac{\Delta_{2\alpha(\ell)} H(m, k\ell + j)}{\sqrt{H(m, k\ell + j)}}$,
 $\rho(k\ell + j) = \frac{\beta \rho(k\ell + j) M^{(\gamma-1)/\gamma}}{(p((k-\sigma)\ell + j))^{\gamma-1} \eta^{1-\beta} ((k-\sigma+1)\ell + j)^{1-\beta}}$

Then every solution of equation (1) oscillates.

Proof. We proceed as in Theorem 1, we assume that equation (1) has a nonoscillatory solution, say $u((k-\sigma)\ell + j) > 0$ for all $k \geq k_0$. From (18) we have for $k \geq k_2$,

$$\rho(k\ell + j)q(k\ell + j) \leq -\Delta_{\alpha(\ell)} z(k\ell + j) + \frac{\Delta_\ell \rho(k\ell + j)z((k+1)\ell + j)}{\rho((k+1)\ell + j)} - \frac{\rho(k\ell + j)}{(\rho((k+1)\ell + j))^2} w^2(k\ell + j).$$

$$\sum_{k=n}^{m-1} H(m, k\ell + j) \rho(k\ell + j) q(k\ell + j) \leq H(m, k\ell + j) z(k\ell + j) + \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} z((k+1)\ell + j) \Delta_{2\alpha(\ell)} H(m, k\ell + j) + \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} H(m, k\ell + j) \frac{\Delta_\ell \rho(k\ell + j) z((k+1)\ell + j)}{\rho((k+1)\ell + j)} - \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} \frac{H(m, k\ell + j) \rho(k\ell + j) z^2((k+1)\ell + j)}{(\rho((k+1)\ell + j))^2} = H(m, k\ell + j) z(k\ell + j) - \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} [z((k+1)\ell + j)$$

$$+ \frac{\rho((k+1)\ell + j)}{2\sqrt{H(m, k\ell + j) \rho(k\ell + j)}} \times \left(h(m, k\ell + j) \sqrt{H(m, k\ell + j)} - \frac{\Delta_\ell \rho(k\ell + j) H(m, k\ell + j)}{\rho((k+1)\ell + j)} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} \frac{(\rho((k+1)\ell + j))^2}{\rho(k\ell + j)} \times \left(h(m, k\ell + j) - \frac{\Delta_\ell \rho(k\ell + j) \sqrt{H(m, k\ell + j)}}{\rho((k+1)\ell + j)} \right)^2.$$

$$\limsup_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(m, 0)} \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \left[H(m, k\ell + j) \rho(k\ell + j) q(k\ell + j) - \frac{(\rho((k+1)\ell + j))^2}{\rho(k\ell + j)} \times \left(h(m, k\ell + j) - \frac{\Delta_\ell \rho(k\ell + j) \sqrt{H(m, k\ell + j)}}{\rho((k+1)\ell + j)} \right)^2 \right] < 0,$$

$$\times \left(h(m, k\ell + j) - \frac{\Delta_\ell \rho(k\ell + j) \sqrt{H(m, k\ell + j)}}{\rho((k+1)\ell + j)} \right)^2 < 0,$$

which contradicts to our assumption. Hence the proof.

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