



# Oscillation of Generalized Second-Order Quasi Linear Difference Equations

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## Abstract

Authors present sufficient conditions for the oscillation of the generalized perturbed quasilinear difference equation

$$\Delta_\ell \left( a((x-1)\ell + i) |\Delta_\ell v((x-1)\ell + i)|^{\gamma-1} \Delta_\ell v((x-1)\ell + i) \right) + F(x\ell + i, v(x\ell + i)) = G(x\ell + i, v(x\ell + i), \Delta_\ell v(x\ell + i))$$

where  $0 < \gamma < 1$ ,  $x \in [0, \infty)$  and  $i = x - \left\lfloor \frac{x}{\ell} \right\rfloor \ell$ . Examples illustrating the importance of our results are also included.

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## 1. Introduction

Difference equations represent a captivating mathematical field, has a rich field of applications in such diverse disciplines as population dynamics, operations research, ecology, economics, biology etc. For the background of difference equations and its applications in diverse fields with examples, see [1]. The study of difference equations is based on the operator  $\Delta$  defined as  $\Delta u(x) = u(x+1) - u(x), x \in [0, \infty)$ .

Though many authors [1],[16] have discussed the definition of  $\Delta$  as

$$\Delta u(x) = u(x+\ell) - u(x), \quad \ell \in (0, \infty), \quad (1)$$

no notable progress has been taken on this line. But in [13] the authors took up the definition of  $\Delta$  as given in (1), and given many important results and applications. They labeled the operator  $\Delta$  defined by (1) as  $\Delta_\ell$  and its inverse as  $\Delta_\ell^{-1}$ , many interesting results in number theory were obtained. Qualitative properties like rotatory, expanding, shrinking, spiral and web like were established by extending the theory of  $\Delta_\ell$  to complex function, for the solutions of difference equations involving  $\Delta_\ell$  in [2-15, 17-21].

In the sequel, in this paper we will consider the generalized perturbed quasi linear difference equation for  $x \in [0, \infty)$

$$\Delta_\ell \left( a((x-1)\ell + i) |\Delta_\ell v((x-1)\ell + i)|^{\gamma-1} \Delta_\ell v((x-1)\ell + i) \right) + F(x\ell + i, v(x\ell + i)) = G(x\ell + i, v(x\ell + i), \Delta_\ell v(x\ell + i)) \quad (2)$$

where  $0 < \gamma < 1$ ,  $a(x\ell + i)$  is an eventually positive real valued function, and  $\Delta_\ell$  is the generalized forward difference operator

defined as  $\Delta_\ell v(x\ell + i) = v((x+1)\ell + i) - v(x\ell + i)$ .

By a solution of (2), we mean a nontrivial real valued function  $v(x\ell + i)$  satisfying (2) for  $x \in [0, \infty)$ . A solution  $v(x\ell + i)$  is said to be oscillatory if it is neither eventually positive nor negative, and non oscillatory otherwise.

## 2. Main Results

In this paper we assume that there exist real valued functions  $q(x\ell + i)$ ,  $p(x\ell + i)$  and a function  $f : R \rightarrow R$  such that

- (i).  $v f(v) > 0$  for all  $v \neq 0$ ;
- (ii).  $f(v) - f(w) = g(v, w)(v - w)$  for  $v, w \neq 0$ , where  $g$  is a nonnegative function; and
- (iii).  $\frac{F(x\ell + i, v\ell + i)}{f(v\ell + i)} \geq q(x\ell + i)$ ,

$$\frac{G(x\ell + i, v\ell + j, w\ell + i)}{f(v\ell + i)} \leq p(x\ell + i) \text{ for } v, w \neq 0.$$

The following conditions are used throughout this paper:

$$\sum a^{1/\gamma}((x-1)\ell + i) = \infty, \quad (3)$$

$$\int_\theta^\infty \frac{dx}{f(x)^{1/\gamma}} < \infty, \int_{-\theta}^\infty \frac{dx}{f(x)^{1/\gamma}} < \infty \text{ for all } \theta > 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\liminf_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{r=x_0}^x (q(r\ell + i) - p(r\ell + i)) \geq 0 \text{ for all large } x_0, \quad (5)$$

$$\int_0^\theta \frac{dx}{f(x)^{1/\gamma}} < \infty, \int_0^{-\theta} \frac{dx}{f(x)^{1/\gamma}} < \infty \text{ for all } \theta > 0, \quad (6)$$

$$\sum \left[ \frac{N}{a(r\ell + i)} - \frac{1}{a(r\ell + i)} \sum_{s=x_0}^r (q(s\ell + i) - p(s\ell + i)) \right] = -\infty \quad (7)$$

for every constant  $N$ ,

$$\limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{r=x_0}^x (q(r\ell + i) - p(r\ell + i)) = \infty \text{ for all large } x_0, \quad (8)$$

$$\limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{r=x_0}^x r(q(r\ell + i) - p(r\ell + i)) = \infty \text{ for all large } x_0, \quad (9)$$

$$\sum (q(x\ell + i) - p(x\ell + i))R(x\ell + i, x_0\ell + i) = \infty \text{ where}$$

$$R(x\ell + i, x_0\ell + i) = \sum_{r=x_0}^x \frac{1}{a((r-1)\ell + i)}, \quad (10)$$

$$\sum \frac{1}{a((n-1)\ell + i)} < \infty, \quad (11)$$

$$\sum (q(x\ell + i) - p(x\ell + i))T(x\ell + i, x_0\ell + i) = \infty \text{ where} \quad (12)$$

$$T(x\ell + i, x_0\ell + i) = R((x-1)\ell + i, x_0\ell + i) = \sum_{r=x_0}^{x-1} \frac{1}{a((r-1)\ell + i)},$$

$$\sum \frac{1}{a((x-1)\ell + i)} = \infty, \quad (13)$$

$$\frac{a(x\ell + i)}{a((x-1)\ell + i)} \leq 1 \text{ for } x \geq 1. \quad (14)$$

**Theorem 1** Suppose  $\gamma \geq 1$  and (5)-(7) hold. Then, all solutions of (2) are oscillatory.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $v(x\ell + i)$  is a nonoscillatory solution of (2), say,  $v(x\ell + i) > 0$  for  $k \geq k_0 \geq 1$ . Since (5) holds,  $\Delta_\ell v(x\ell + i)$  does not oscillate. We begin with the following identity

$$\Delta_\ell \left[ \frac{a((x-1)\ell + i) |\Delta_\ell v((x-1)\ell + i)|^{\gamma-1} \Delta_\ell v((x-1)\ell + i)}{f(v((x-1)\ell + i))} \right]$$

$$= \frac{G(x\ell + i, v(x\ell + i), \Delta f(v(x\ell + i)))}{f(v(x\ell + i))} - \frac{F(x\ell + i, v(x\ell + i))}{f(v(x\ell + i))}$$

$$- \frac{a((x-1)\ell + i)g(v(x\ell + i), v((x-1)\ell + i))(\Delta_\ell v((x-1)\ell + i))^2}{f(v((x-1)\ell + i))f(v(x\ell + i))}$$

$$\times |\Delta_\ell v((x-1)\ell + i)|^{\gamma-1} \quad (15)$$

which implies

$$\Delta_\ell \left[ \frac{a((x-1)\ell + i) |\Delta_\ell v((x-1)\ell + i)|^{\gamma-1} \Delta_\ell v((x-1)\ell + i)}{f(v((x-1)\ell + i))} \right]$$

$$\leq p(x\ell + i) - q(x\ell + i). \quad (16)$$

**Case 1.** Suppose that  $\Delta_\ell v(x\ell + i) \geq 0$  for  $x \geq x_1 \geq x_0$ . Summing (16) from  $(x_1 + 1)$  to  $x$  gives

$$\frac{a(x\ell + i) |\Delta_\ell v(x\ell + i)|^{\gamma-1} \Delta_\ell v(x\ell + i)}{f(v(x\ell + i))}$$

$$\leq \frac{a(x_1\ell + i) |\Delta_\ell v(x_1\ell + i)|^{\gamma-1} \Delta_\ell v(x_1\ell + i)}{f(v(x_1\ell + i))}$$

$$- \sum_{r=x_1+1}^x (q(r\ell + i) - p(r\ell + i))$$

$$\frac{|\Delta_\ell v(x\ell + i)|^{\gamma-1} \Delta_\ell v(x\ell + i)}{f(v(x\ell + i))} \leq \frac{N}{a(x\ell + i)}$$

$$- \frac{1}{a(x\ell + i)} \sum_{r=x_1+1}^x (q(r\ell + i) - p(r\ell + i)) \quad (17)$$

where  $X = a(x_1\ell + i) |\Delta_\ell v(x_1\ell + i)|^{\gamma-1} \Delta_\ell v(x_1\ell + i) / f(v(x_1\ell + i))$ .

Again we sum (17) from  $(k_1 + 1)$  to  $k$ , to obtain

$$\sum_{r=x_1+1}^x \frac{|\Delta_\ell v(r\ell + i)|^{\gamma-1} \Delta_\ell v(r\ell + i)}{f(v(r\ell + i))} \quad (18)$$

$$\leq \sum_{s=x_1+1}^x \left[ \frac{N}{a(r\ell + i)} - \frac{1}{a(r\ell + i)} \sum_{s=x_1+1}^r (q(s\ell + i) - p(s\ell + i)) \right].$$

By (7), the right side of (18) tends to  $-\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  where as the left side is nonnegative.

**Case 2.** Suppose that  $\Delta_\ell v(x\ell + i) < 0$  for  $x \geq x_1 \geq x_0$ . Then, from (18) we find

$$- \sum_{r=x_1+1}^x \left[ \frac{N}{a(r\ell + i)} - \frac{1}{a(r\ell + i)} \sum_{s=x_1+1}^r (q(s\ell + i) - p(s\ell + i)) \right]$$

$$\leq \sum_{r=x_1+1}^x \frac{|\Delta_\ell v(r\ell + i)|^\gamma}{f(v(r\ell + i))} \quad (19)$$

$$\leq \left[ \sum_{r=x_1+1}^x \frac{|\Delta_\ell v(r\ell + i)|}{f(v(r\ell + i))^{1/\gamma}} \right]^\gamma$$

$$\leq \left[ \int_{v(x_1+1)}^{v(x+1)} \frac{du}{f(u)^{1/\gamma}} \right]^\gamma$$

$$\leq \left[ \int_0^{v(x_1+1)} \frac{du}{f(u)^{1/\gamma}} \right]^\gamma. \quad (20)$$

By (7), the left side of (20) tends to  $\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  where as the right side is finite by (6).

**Theorem 2** Suppose  $a((x-1)\ell + i) \equiv 1$ ,  $\gamma \geq 1$  and (4), (5), (9) hold. Then all solutions of (2) are oscillatory.

*Proof.* Assume that  $v(x\ell + i)$  is a nonoscillatory solution of (2), say,  $v(x\ell + i) > 0$  for  $x \geq x_0 \geq 1$ . Since (5) holds, we see that  $\Delta_\ell v(x\ell + i)$  does not oscillate.

We begin with the following identity

$$\Delta_\ell \left[ \frac{(x\ell + i) |\Delta_\ell v((x-1)\ell + i)|^{\gamma-1} \Delta_\ell v((x-1)\ell + i)}{f(v(x\ell + i))} \right]$$

$$= \frac{(x\ell + i)G(x\ell + i, v(x\ell + i), \Delta f(v(x\ell + i)))}{f(v(x\ell + i))}$$

$$- \frac{(x\ell + i)F(x\ell + i, v(x\ell + i))}{f(v(x\ell + i))} + \frac{|\Delta_\ell v(x\ell + i)|^{\gamma-1} \Delta_\ell v(x\ell + i)}{f(v((x+1)\ell + i))}$$

$$- \frac{(x\ell + i)g(v((x+1)\ell + i), v(x\ell + i))(\Delta_\ell v(x\ell + i))^2}{f(v(x\ell + i))}$$

$$\times \frac{|\Delta_\ell v(x\ell + i)|^{\gamma-1}}{f(v((x+1)\ell + i))}$$

Which give rise to

$$\Delta_\ell \left[ \frac{(x\ell + i) |\Delta_\ell v((x-1)\ell + i)|^{\gamma-1} \Delta_\ell v((x-1)\ell + i)}{f(v(x\ell + i))} \right]$$

$$\leq (x\ell + i)(p(x\ell + i) - q(x\ell + i)) + \frac{|\Delta_\ell v(x\ell + i)|^{\gamma-1} \Delta_\ell v(x\ell + i)}{f(v((x+1)\ell + i))}. \quad (21)$$

**Case 1.** Suppose that  $\Delta_\ell v(x\ell + i) \geq 0$  for  $x \geq x_1 \geq x_0$ . Summing (21) from  $(x_1 + 1)$  to  $x$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{r=x_1+1}^x (r\ell + i)(q(r\ell + i) - p(r\ell + i)) &\leq \frac{((x_1 + 1)\ell + i)(\Delta_\ell v(x_1\ell + i))^\gamma}{f(v((x_1 + 1)\ell + i))} \\ &\quad - \frac{((x + 1)\ell + i)(\Delta_\ell v(x\ell + i))^\gamma}{f(v((x + 1)\ell + i))} + \sum_{r=x_1+1}^x \frac{(\Delta_\ell v(r\ell + i))^\gamma}{f(v((r + 1)\ell + i))} \\ &\leq \frac{((x_1 + 1)\ell + i)(\Delta_\ell v(x_1\ell + i))^\gamma}{f(v((x_1 + 1)\ell + i))} + \sum_{r=x_1+1}^x \frac{(\Delta_\ell v(r_1\ell + i))^\gamma}{f(v((r + 1)\ell + i))} \\ &\leq \frac{((x_1 + 1)\ell + i)(\Delta_\ell v(x_1\ell + i))^\gamma}{f(v((x_1 + 1)\ell + i))} + \left[ \sum_{r=x_1+1}^x \frac{\Delta_\ell v(r\ell + i)}{f(v((r + 1)\ell + i))^{1/\gamma}} \right]^\gamma \\ &\leq \frac{((x_1 + 1)\ell + i)(\Delta_\ell v(x_1\ell + i))^\gamma}{f(v((x_1 + 1)\ell + i))} + \left[ \int_{v(x_1+1)}^{v(x+1)} \frac{du}{f(u)^{1/\gamma}} \right]^\gamma. \quad (22) \end{aligned}$$

By (9), the left side of (22) tends to  $\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  whereas the right side is finite by (4).

**Case 2.** Suppose that  $\Delta_\ell v(x\ell + i) < 0$  for  $k \geq k_1 \geq k_0$ . Condition (21) implies the existence of an integer  $x_2 \geq x_1$  such that

$$\sum_{r=x_1+1}^x (r\ell + i)(q(r\ell + i) - p(r\ell + i)) \geq 0, \quad x \geq x_2 + 1. \quad (23)$$

Multiplying (2) by  $x\ell + i$  and using (iii), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (x\ell + i)|\Delta_\ell v((x-1)\ell + i)|^{\gamma-1} \Delta_\ell v((x-1)\ell + i) \\ \leq (x\ell + i)f(v(x\ell + i))(p(x\ell + i) - q(x\ell + i)) \end{aligned}$$

Which on summing by parts from  $(x_2 + 1)$  to  $x$  provides

$$\begin{aligned} &((x + 1)\ell + i)|\Delta_\ell v(x\ell + i)|^{\gamma-1} \Delta_\ell v(x\ell + i) \\ &\leq ((x_2 + 1)\ell + i)|\Delta_\ell v(x_2\ell + i)|^{\gamma-1} \Delta_\ell v(x_2\ell + i) \\ &+ \sum_{r=x_1+1}^x |\Delta_\ell v(r\ell + i)|^{\gamma-1} \Delta_\ell v(r\ell + i) \\ &- \sum_{r=x_1+1}^x (r\ell + i)(q(r\ell + i) - p(r\ell + i)) \\ &= ((x_2 + 1)\ell + i)|\Delta_\ell v(x_2\ell + i)|^{\gamma-1} \Delta_\ell v(x_2\ell + i) \\ &+ \sum_{r=x_1+1}^x |\Delta_\ell v(r\ell + i)|^{\gamma-1} \Delta_\ell v(r\ell + i) - f(v((x + 1)\ell + i)) \\ &\times \sum_{r=x_1+1}^x (r\ell + i)(q(r\ell + i) - p(r\ell + i)) \\ &+ \sum_{r=x_1+1}^x \Delta_\ell f(v(r\ell + i)) \left[ \sum_{s=x_1+1}^r (s\ell + i)(q(s\ell + i) - p(s\ell + i)) \right] \\ &= ((x_2 + 1)\ell + i)|\Delta_\ell v(x_2\ell + i)|^{\gamma-1} \Delta_\ell v(x_2\ell + i) \\ &+ \sum_{r=x_1+1}^x |\Delta_\ell v(r\ell + i)|^{\gamma-1} \Delta_\ell v(r\ell + i) \\ &- f(v((x + 1)\ell + i)) \sum_{r=x_1+1}^x (r\ell + i)(q(r\ell + i) - p(r\ell + i)) \\ &+ \sum_{r=x_1+1}^x g(v((r + 1)\ell + i), v(r\ell + i)) \Delta_\ell v(r\ell + i) \\ &\times \left[ \sum_{s=x_1+1}^r (s\ell + i)(q(s\ell + i) - p(s\ell + i)) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq ((x_2 + 1)\ell + i)|\Delta_\ell v(x_2\ell + i)|^{\gamma-1} \Delta_\ell v(x_2\ell + i)$$

Where we have also used (23) in the last inequality. It follows that

$$\Delta_\ell v(x\ell + i) \leq \frac{-((x_2 + 1)\ell + i)^{1/\gamma} |\Delta_\ell v(x_2\ell + i)|}{((x + 1)\ell + i)^{1/\gamma}}, \quad (24)$$

For  $x \geq x_2 + 1$ . Once again we sum (24) from  $(x_2 + 1)$  to  $x$  to get

$$\begin{aligned} v((x + 1)\ell + i) &\leq v((x_2 + 1)\ell + i) \\ -((x_2 + 1)\ell + i)^{1/\gamma} |\Delta_\ell v(x_2\ell + i)| &\sum_{r=x_2+1}^x \frac{1}{((r + 1)\ell + i)^{1/\gamma}}. \quad (25) \end{aligned}$$

The right side of (25) tends to  $-\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , this contradicts the assumption that  $v(x\ell + i)$  is eventually positive.

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