



SOME STABILITY CRITERION FOR THE SOLUTIONS OF FIRST ORDER DIFFERENCE EQUATION

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we present some stability criterion for the solutions of first order difference equation applying various conditions.

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INTRODUCTION

In the recent years the theory and applications of difference equations are found to be more useful in the engineering field. Agarwal [1], Kelley and Peterson [12] developed the theory of difference equations and difference inequalities. Existence of solutions for some summation equations are obtained by K. L. Bondar, A. B. Jadhav and M. R. Pawade [10]. K. L. Bondar and M. R. Pawade studied some summation inequalities reducible to difference inequalities are given in [4]. Some differential and integral inequalities are given in [13]. K. L. Bondar contributed δ -approximate solution of summation equation in [8, 9]. K. L. Bondar, V. C. Borkar and S. T. Patil discussed some comparison results along with existence and uniqueness for the first order difference equation in [2, 3]. K. L. Bondar contributed some difference inequalities, solutions of summation equations and some summation inequalities in [5, 6, 7, 8, 9]. Some comparison results in difference equations are given by A. B. Jadhav, P. U. Chopade and K. L. Bondar in [11]. In this paper we present some stability criterion of solutions for the first order difference equation applying various conditions.

Definitions and Preliminary Notes

Consider the difference equation

$$\Delta x(t) = f(t, x), x(t_0) = x_0, t_0 \in J, \quad (2.1)$$

where $f \in C[J \times R, R_+]$, $J = \{t_0, t_0 + 1, t_0 + 2, \dots, t_0 + a\}$, $t_0 \in R_+$, the set of all non-negative real numbers.

Definition 2.1

For $V \in C[J \times R, R_+]$, we define the function

$$\Delta^+ V(t, x) = \sup_{t \in J} [V(t + 1, x + f(t, x)) - V(t, x)] \quad (2.2)$$

for $(t, x) \in J \times R$.

Definition 2.2

Let $r(t)$ be any solution of (2.1) on J . Then $r(t)$ is said to be maximal solution of (2.1), if every solution $x(t)$ of (2.1) existing on J , the inequality $x(t) \leq r(t)$ holds for $t \in J$.

Let $x(t, t_0, x_0)$ be any solution of the difference equation

$$\Delta x(t) = f(t, x), x(t_0) = x_0, \quad t_0 \geq 0, \quad (2.3)$$

where $f \in C[J \times S_\rho, R_+]$, S_ρ being the set

$$S_\rho = \{x \in R, |x| < \rho\}. \quad (2.4)$$

Assume that $f(t, 0) = 0, t \in J$, so that $x = 0$ is a trivial solution of (2.3) through $(t_0, 0)$. We list a few definitions concerning the stability of the trivial solution.

Definition 2.3

The trivial solution $x = 0$ of (2.3) is

(S₁) equistable if for each $\epsilon > 0, t_0 \in J$, there exists a positive function $\delta = \delta(t_0, \epsilon)$ that is continuous in t_0 for each ϵ such that the inequality

$$|x_0| \leq \delta$$

implies

$$|x(t, t_0, x_0)| < \epsilon, t \geq t_0;$$

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(S₂) uniformly stable if the δ in (S₁) is independent of t_0 .

Remark 2.1

Clearly ϵ given in the preceding definition must be less than ρ of (2.4), and therefore the concepts (S₁) and (S₂) are of local nature. If, on the other hand, $\rho = \infty$, so that $S\rho = R$, the corresponding concepts of stability would be of global character.

It is convenient to introduce certain classes of monotone functions.

Definition 2.4

A function $\varphi(r)$ is said to belong to the class K if $\varphi \in C[[0, \rho], R_+]$, $\varphi(0) = 0$, and $\varphi(r)$ is strictly monotone increasing in r .

Definition 2.5

A function $V(t, x)$ with $V(t, 0) = 0$ is said to be positive definite if there exists a function $\varphi(r) \in K$ such that the relation

$$V(t, x) \geq \varphi(|x|)$$

is satisfied for $(t, x) \in J \times S_\rho$.

Definition 2.6

A function $V(t, x) \geq 0$ is said to be decrescent if a function $\varphi(r) \in K$ exists such that

$$V(t, x) \leq \varphi(|x|), (t, x) \in J \times S_\rho.$$

To study the scalar difference equation

$$\Delta u(t) = g(t, u(t)), \quad u(t_0) = u_0 \geq 0, \quad t_0 \geq 0, \quad (2.5)$$

where $g \in C[J \times R_+, R]$. We suppose that $g(t, 0) \equiv 0$ so that $u = 0$ is a solution of (2.5) through $(t_0, 0)$. Furthermore, this assumption also implies that the solutions $u(t) = u(t, t_0, u_0)$ of (2.5) are non-negative for $t \geq t_0$ so as to assure that $g(t, u(t))$ is defined.

Corresponding to the stability definitions (S₁) and (S₂), we designate by (S₁^{*}) and (S₂^{*}) the concepts concerning the stability of the solution $u = 0$ of (2.5).

Definition 2.7

The trivial solution $u = 0$ of (2.5) is said to be

(S₁^{*}) equistable if, for each $\epsilon > 0$, $t_0 \in J$, there exists a positive function $\delta = \delta(t_0, \epsilon)$ that is continuous in t_0 for each ϵ such that

$$u(t, t_0, u_0) < \epsilon, \quad t \geq t_0,$$

provided

$$u_0 \leq \delta;$$

(S₂^{*}) uniformly stable if the δ in (S₁^{*}) is independent of t_0 .

Author proved following theorem in [12] which is used to prove the main results.

Theorem 2.1 [12]

Let $V \in C[J \times R, R_+]$ and $V(t, x)$ be locally Lipschitzian in x . Assume that the function $\Delta^+ V(t, x)$ of (2.2) satisfies

$$\Delta^+ V(x, t) \leq g(t, V(x, t)), \quad (t, x) \in J \times R. \quad (2.6)$$

where $g \in C[J \times R_+, R]$. Let $r(t) = r(t, t_0, u_0)$ be the maximal solution of the scalar difference equation

$$\Delta u(t) = g(t, u), \quad u(t_0) = u_0 \geq 0 \quad (2.7)$$

existing to the right of t_0 . If $x(t) = x(t, t_0, x_0)$ is any solution of (2.1) existing for $t \geq t_0$ such that

$$V(t_0, x_0) \leq u_0, \quad (2.8)$$

then

$$V(t, x(t)) \leq r(t), \quad t \geq t_0.$$

Definition 2.8

A function $V \in C[J \times S_\rho, R_+]$ is said to be locally Lipschitzian in x , if for each $(t, x) \in J \times S_\rho$ there exists a constant $M > 0$ and $\delta_0 > 0$ such that $|x - x_0| < \delta_0$, implies

$$|V(t, x) - V(t, x_0)| \leq M|x - x_0|.$$

MAIN RESULTS

Theorem 3.1

Assume that there exist functions $V(t, x)$ and $g(t, u)$ satisfying the following conditions

(i) $g \in C[J \times R_+, R]$ and $g(t, 0) \equiv 0$.

(ii) $V \in C[J \times S_\rho, R_+]$, $V(t, 0) \equiv 0$ and $V(t, x)$ is positive definite and locally Lipschitzian in x .

(iii) For $(t, x) \in J \times S_\rho$, $D^+ V(t, x) \leq g(t, V(t, x))$.

Then the equistability of the trivial solution of (2.5) implies the equistability of the trivial solution of the difference equation (2.3).

Proof

By assumption, a function $b(r)$ of class K exists such that

$$V(t, x) \geq b(|x|), (t, x) \in J \times S_\rho. \quad (3.1)$$

Let $0 < \epsilon < \rho$ and $t_0 \in J$ be given. Since the solution $u = 0$ is equistable, given $b(\epsilon) > 0$, $t_0 \in J$, there exists a positive function $\delta = \delta(t_0, \epsilon)$ that is continuous in t_0 for each ϵ , such that $u_0 \leq \delta$ implies

$$u(t, t_0, u_0) < b(\epsilon), \quad t \geq t_0. \quad (3.2)$$

Choose $u_0 = V(t_0, x_0)$. Since $V(t, x)$ is continuous and $V(t, 0) \equiv 0$, it is possible to find a positive function $\delta_1 = \delta_1(t_0, \epsilon)$ that is continuous in t_0 for each ϵ , satisfying the inequalities

$$|x_0| \leq \delta_1, \quad V(t_0, x_0) \leq \delta \quad (3.3)$$

simultaneously. We claim that, if $|x_0| \leq \delta_1$,

$$|x(t, t_0, x_0)| < \epsilon, \quad t \geq t_0.$$

Suppose that this is not true. Then, there would exist a solution $x(t) = x(t, t_0, x_0)$ with $|x_0| \leq \delta_1$, and a $t_1 > t_0$ such that

$$|x(t_1)| = \epsilon, \quad |x(t)| \leq \epsilon, \quad t \in [t_0, t_1],$$

so that

$$V(t_1, x(t_1)) \geq b(\epsilon) \quad (3.4)$$

because of (3.1). This means that $|x(t)| < \rho$ for $t \in [t_0, t_1]$, and hence the choice $u_0 = V(t_0, x_0)$ and condition (iii) give, as a consequence of Theorem 2.1, the estimate

$$V(t, x(t)) \leq r(t, t_0, u_0), \quad t \in [t_0, t_1], \quad (3.5)$$

where $r(t, t_0, u_0)$ is the maximal solution of (2.5). The relations (3.2), (3.4) and (3.5) lead to the contradiction

$$b(\epsilon) \leq V(t_1, x(t_1)) \leq r(t_1, t_0, u_0) < b(\epsilon),$$

proving (S_1) . The proof of the theorem is complete.

Theorem: 3.2

Under the assumption of Theorem 3.1, the uniform stability of the solution $u = 0$ of (2.5) also implies the equistability of the trivial solution of (2.3).

Proof

The proof follows from the proof of Theorem 3.1. In this case, although δ is independent of t_0 , the relation (3.3) shows that δ_1 is not independent of t_0 . Consequently, one gets only the equistability of the trivial solution of (2.3).

Corollary: 3.1

Assume that there exists a function $V(t, x)$ verifying the following conditions

- (i) $V \in C[J \times S_\rho, R_+]$, $V(t, 0) \equiv 0$ and $V(t, x)$ is positive definite and locally Lipschitzian in x .
- (ii) $D^+V(t, x) \leq 0$, $(t, x) \in J \times S_\rho$.

Then, the trivial solution of (2.3) is equistable.

Proof

It is important to note that, when (ii) holds, the scalar difference equation (2.5) reduces to

$$\Delta u(t) = 0, \quad u(t_0) = u_0, \quad t_0 \geq 0,$$

and as a result (S_2^*) is satisfied. Thus Corollary 3.1 follows from Theorem 3.2.

Theorem: 3.3

In addition to the hypothesis of Theorem 3.1, assume that $V(t, x)$ is decrescent. Then, the equistability of null solution of (2.5) assures the equistability of the solution $x = 0$ of (2.3).

Proof

Since $V(t, x)$ is decrescent, there exists a function $a(r) \in K$ such that

$$V(t, x) \leq a|x|, \quad (t, x) \in J \times S_\rho.$$

We follow the proof of Theorem 3.1 except that we choose $u_0 = a|x_0|$. By assumption, (S_1^*) holds, and therefore $\delta = \delta(t_0, \epsilon)$ depends on t_0 . As $a(r) \in K$, the existence of a positive function $\delta_1 = \delta_1(t_0, \epsilon)$ satisfying the inequalities

$$|x_0| < \delta_1, \quad a|x| \leq \delta \quad (3.6)$$

simultaneously is clear. The rest of the proof is very much the same.

Theorem: 3.4

Let the hypothesis of Theorem 3.1 hold. Assume further that $V(t, x)$ is decrescent. Then the uniform stability of the solution u of (2.5) guarantees the uniform stability of the trivial solution of (2.3).

Proof

Following the proof of Theorem 3.3, it is easy to see that δ_1 does not depend on t_0 . For, by assumption of the uniform stability of the null solution of (2.5), δ is independent of t_0 , and (3.6) shows that δ_1 is also independent of t_0 .

Corollary: 3.2

Assume that there exists a function $V(t, x)$ fulfilling the following assumptions

- (i) $V \in C[J \times S_\rho, R_+]$, $V(t, x)$ is positive definite and decrescent and locally Lipschitzian in x .
- (ii) $D^+V(t, x) \leq 0$, $(t, x) \in J \times S_\rho$.

Then, the trivial solution of (2.3) is uniformly stable.

The definition of uniformly stability of the solution $x = 0$ given in (S_2) can also be formulated by means of monotone function, as can be seen by the following

Theorem: 3.5

The trivial solution of (2.3) is uniformly stable if and only if there exists a function $a(r) \in K$ verifying the estimate

$$|x(t, t_0, u_0)| \leq a|x_0|, \quad t \geq t_0 \quad (3.7)$$

for $|x_0| < \rho$.

Proof

The sufficiency of the condition is immediately clear. To prove the necessity, consider, for a given $\epsilon > 0$, the least upper bound for all positive function $\delta(\epsilon)$, and designate it by $\delta = \delta(\epsilon)$. Then $|x_0| \leq \delta$ implies $|x(t, t_0, x_0)| \leq \epsilon$ for $t \geq t_0$, and, if $\delta_1 > \delta$, there exists at least one x_0 such that, for $|x_0| \leq \delta_1$, $|x(t, t_0, u_0)|$ exceeds the value ϵ at some time t . Clearly, the function $\delta(\epsilon)$ is positive for $\epsilon > 0$; it is nondecreasing and tends to zero as $\epsilon \rightarrow \infty$; and it may be discontinuous. We now choose a continuous, monotonically increasing function $\delta^*(\epsilon)$ satisfying $\delta^*(\epsilon) \leq \delta(\epsilon)$. Then, the inverse function

$$a(r) = (\delta^*)^{-1}(r)$$

satisfies (3.7). This completes the proof.

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