

## ON A SYSTEM OF DIFFERENCE EQUATIONS

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper, I investigated the solutions of the system of the difference equations

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

where  $y_n x_{n-1} \neq 1$ ,  $x_n y_{n-1} \neq 1$  and  $x_0, x_{-1}, y_0, y_{-1} \neq 0$ ,  $z_0, z_{-1} \in \mathbb{C}$ .

**Keywords:** Difference equations, difference equations systems, solutions, equilibrium point, behavior of solutions, rational difference equations, systems of rational difference equations.

### INTRODUCTION

Recently, there has been great interest in studying difference equation systems. One of the reasons for this is a necessity for some techniques which can be used in investigating equations arising in mathematical models describing real life situations in population biology, economic, probability theory, genetics, psychology etc. There are many papers with related to the difference equations system for example,

In [1] A. S. Kurbanli, C. Çinar and I. Yalcinkaya, studied the behavaior of positive solutions of the system of rational difference equations

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

In [11] Cinar studied the solutions of the systems of difference equations

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

In [25] Gamouzis and Papaschinopoulos studied the global asymptotic behavaior of positive solutions of the systems of rational difference equations

$$x_{n+1} = 1 + \frac{x_n}{y_{m-n}}, \quad y_{n+1} = 1 + \frac{y_n}{x_{n-m}}$$

In [28, 29] Özban studied the positive solutions of the system of rational difference equations

$$x_n = \frac{a}{y_{n-3}}, \quad y_n = \frac{b y_{n-3}}{x_{n-q} y_{n-q}}$$

and

$$x_{n+1} = 1 + \frac{x_n}{y_{n-k}}, \quad y_{n+1} = 1 + \frac{y_n}{x_{n-m} y_{n-m-k}}$$

In [35, 36] Clark and Kulenovic investigate the global asymptotic stability

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

Also see reference.

In this paper, I investigated the behavior of the positive solutions of the difference equations system

$$(1.1) \quad x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-1}}{y_n x_{n-1} - 1}, \quad y_{n+1} = \frac{y_{n-1}}{x_n y_{n-1} - 1}, \quad z_{n+1} = \frac{x_n}{y_n}$$

where  $y_n x_{n-1} \neq 1$ ,  $x_n y_{n-1} \neq 1$  and  $x_0, x_{-1}, y_0, y_{-1} \neq 0, z_0, z_{-1} \in \mathbb{R}$  non-zero arbitrary real numbers.

## MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 1.** Let

$$y_0 = a \neq 0, y_{-1} = b \neq 0, x_0 = c, x_{-1} = d$$

be arbitrary real numbers and let  $\{x_n, y_n\}$  be a solution of the system (1.1). Also, assume that  $ad \neq 1$  and  $cb \neq 1$ . Then all solutions of (1.1) are

$$(1.2) \quad x_n = \begin{cases} \frac{d}{(ad-1)^n}, & n - \text{odd} \\ c(cb-1)^n & n - \text{even} \end{cases}$$

$$(1.3) \quad y_n = \begin{cases} \frac{b}{(cb-1)^n}, & n - \text{odd} \\ a(ad-1)^n & n - \text{even} \end{cases}$$

$$(1.4) \quad z_n = \begin{cases} \frac{c(cb-1)^{n-1}}{a(ad-1)^{n-1}}, & n - \text{odd} \\ \frac{d(cb-1)^n}{b(ad-1)^n} & n - \text{even} \end{cases}$$

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

$$x_1 = \frac{x_{-1}}{y_0 x_{-1} + 1} = \frac{d}{ad - 1}$$

$$y_1 = \frac{y_{-1}}{x_0 y_{-1} - 1} = \frac{b}{cb - 1}$$

$$z_1 = \frac{x_0}{y_0} = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{x_0}{y_1 x_0 - 1} = \frac{c}{\left(\frac{b}{cb-1}\right)c - 1} = c(cb-1)$$

$$y_2 = \frac{y_0}{x_1 y_0 - 1} = \frac{a}{\frac{d}{ad-1}a - 1} = a(ad-1)$$

$$z_2 = \frac{x_1}{y_1} = \frac{\frac{d}{ad-1}}{\frac{b}{cb-1}} = \frac{d(cb-1)}{b(ad-1)}$$

$$x_3 = \frac{x_1}{y_2 x_1 - 1} = \frac{\frac{d}{ad-1}}{a(ad-1)\left(\frac{d}{ad-1}\right) - 1} = \frac{d}{(ad-1)^2}$$

$$y_3 = \frac{y_1}{x_2 y_1 - 1} = \frac{\frac{b}{cb-1}}{c(cb-1)\frac{b}{cb-1} - 1} = \frac{b}{(cb-1)^2}$$

$$z_3 = \frac{x_2}{y_2} = \frac{c(cb-1)}{a(ad-1)}$$

for  $n = k$  assume that

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

$$x_{2k} = c(cb-1)^k$$

$$y_{2k-1} = \frac{b}{(cb-1)^k}$$

$$y_{2k} = a(ad-1)^k$$

and

$$z_{2k-1} = \frac{c(cb-1)^{k-1}}{a(ad-1)^{k-1}}$$

$$z_{2k} = \frac{d(cb-1)^k}{b(ad-1)^k}$$

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

From (1.1), we have

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

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

Also, similarly from (1.1), I have

$$z_{2k+1} = \frac{c(cb-1)^k}{a(ad-1)^k}$$

Also, I have

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

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

and

$$z_{2k+2} = \frac{x_{2k+1}}{y_{2k+1}} = \frac{\frac{d}{(ad-1)^{k+1}}}{\frac{b}{(cb-1)^{k+1}}} = \frac{d(cb-1)^{k+1}}{b(ad-1)^{k+1}}$$

**Corollary 1.** Let  $a, b, c, d$  be arbitrary real numbers and let  $\{x_n, y_n, z_n\}$  be a solution of the system (1.1). If  $0 < a, b, c, d < 1$  then I have

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n-1} = \begin{cases} 0, & cb < ad \\ \infty, & cb > ad \\ \frac{c}{a}, & cb = ad \end{cases}$$

and

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n} = \begin{cases} 0, & cb < ad \\ \infty, & cb > ad \\ \frac{d}{b}, & cb = ad \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** From  $0 < a, b, c, d < 1$  I have

$0 < ad < 1 \Rightarrow -1 < ad - 1 < 0$  and  $0 < cb < 1 \Rightarrow -1 < cb - 1 < 0$ . Hence I obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d}{(ad-1)^n} = d \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(ad-1)^n} = \begin{cases} -\infty, & n - \text{odd} \\ \infty, & n - \text{even} \end{cases},$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b}{(cb-1)^n} = b \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(cb-1)^n} = \begin{cases} -\infty, & n - \text{odd} \\ \infty, & n - \text{even} \end{cases}$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c(cb-1)^{n-1}}{a(ad-1)^{n-1}} = \frac{c}{a} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{cb-1}{ad-1} \right)^{n-1}$$

$$= \begin{cases} ad > cb \Rightarrow ad - 1 > cb - 1 \Rightarrow \frac{cb-1}{ad-1} < 1 \\ ad < cb \Rightarrow ad - 1 < cb - 1 \Rightarrow \frac{cb-1}{ad-1} > 1 \\ ad = cb \Rightarrow ad - 1 = cb - 1 \Rightarrow \frac{cb-1}{ad-1} = 1 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 0, & cb < ad \\ \infty, & cb > ad \\ \frac{c}{a}, & cb = ad \end{cases}$$

Similarly, I have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c(cd-1)^n = c \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (cd-1)^n = c \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a(af-1)^n = a \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (af-1)^n = a \cdot 0 = 0$$

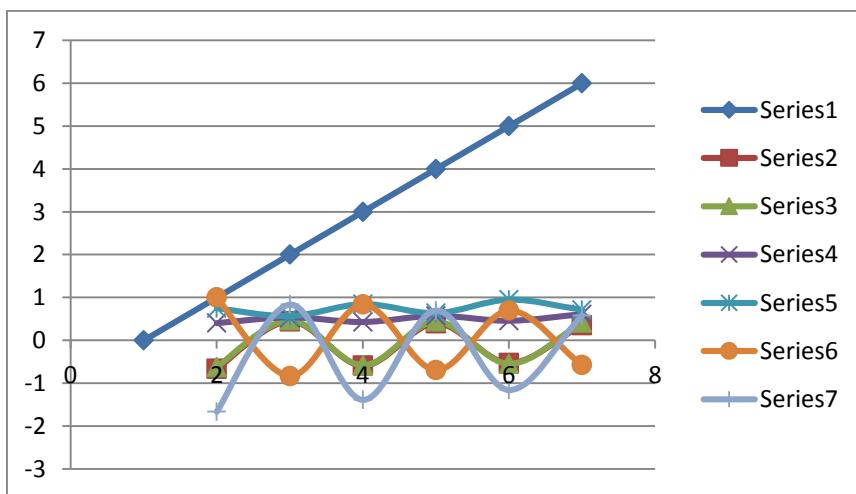
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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d(cb-1)^n}{b(ad-1)^n} = \frac{d}{b} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{cb-1}{ad-1} \right)^n$$

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**Example 1.** If  $y_0 = 1/2$ ,  $y_{-1} = 1/2$ ,  $x_0 = 1/2$ ,  $x_{-1} = 1/2$  then the solutions of Eq. ( 1.1 ) can be represented by the following table:

i	1	2	3	4	5	6
$x_{2i-1}$	-0.66667	0.44444	-0.59259	0.39506	-0.52675	0.35117
$x_{2i}$	-0.62500	0.46875	-0.58594	0.43945	-0.54932	0.41199
$y_{2i-1}$	0.40000	0.53333	0.42667	0.56889	0.45511	0.60681
$y_{2i}$	0.75000	0.56250	0.84375	0.63281	0.94922	0.71191
$z_{2i-1}$	1	-0.83333	0.83333	-0.69444	0.69444	-0.57870
$z_{2i}$	-1.66667	0.83333	-1.38889	0.69444	-1.15741	0.57870



**Corollary 2.** Let  $a, b, c, d$  be arbitrary real numbers and let  $\{x_n, y_n, z_n\}$  be a solution of the system (1.1). If  $1 < ad, cb < 2$  then I have

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n-1} = \begin{cases} 0, & cb < ad \\ \infty, & cb > ad \\ \frac{c}{a}, & cb = ad \end{cases}$$

and

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n} = \begin{cases} 0, & cb < ad \\ \infty, & cb > ad \\ \frac{d}{b}, & cb = ad \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** From

$$1 < ad < 2 \Rightarrow 0 < ad - 1 < 1 \text{ we have } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (ad - 1)^n = 0$$

$$\text{from } 1 < cb < 2 \Rightarrow 0 < cb - 1 < 1 \text{ I have } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (cb - 1)^n = 0$$

Hence I have

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

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

and

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n-1} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c(cb - 1)^{n-1}}{a(ad - 1)^{n-1}} = \frac{c}{a} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{cb - 1}{ad - 1} \right)^{n-1} \\ &= \begin{cases} ad > cb \Rightarrow ad - 1 > cb - 1 \Rightarrow \frac{cb - 1}{ad - 1} < 1 \\ ad < cb \Rightarrow ad - 1 < cb - 1 \Rightarrow \frac{cb - 1}{ad - 1} > 1 \\ ad = cb \Rightarrow ad - 1 = cb - 1 \Rightarrow \frac{cb - 1}{ad - 1} = 1 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 0, & cb < ad \\ \infty, & cb > ad \\ \frac{c}{a}, & cb = ad \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, I have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c(cd - 1)^n = c \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (cd - 1)^n = c \cdot 0 = 0$$

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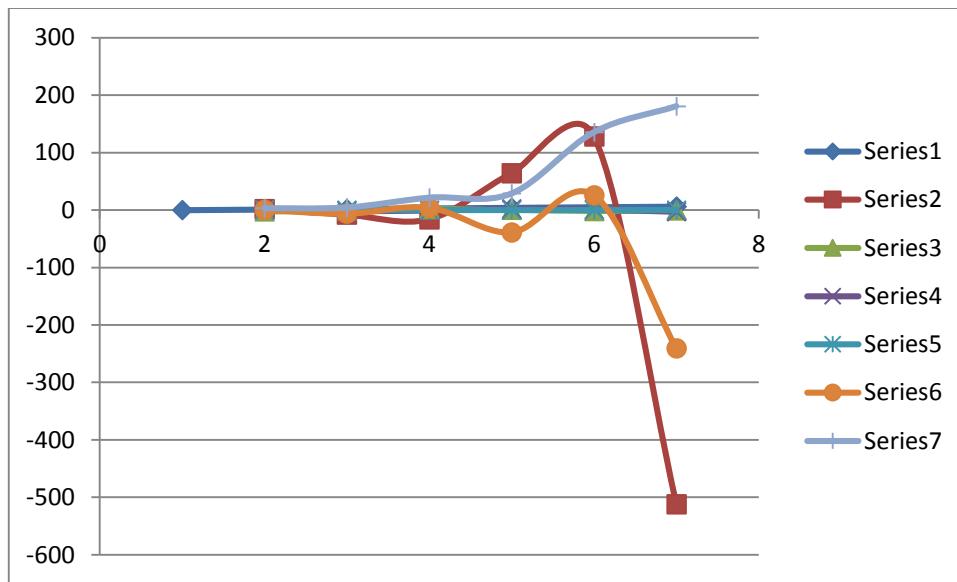
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**Example 2.** If  $y_0 = 3/2$ ,  $y_{-1} = 4/3$ ,  $x_0 = 1$ ,  $x_{-1} = 1$  then the solutions of Eq. ( 1.1 ) can be represented by the following table:

$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$x_{2i-1}$	2	-8	-16	64	128	-512
$x_{2i}$	-2.33333	-0.77778	1.81481	0.60494	-1.41152	-0.47051
$y_{2i-1}$	0.57143	-1.71429	-0.73469	2.20408	0.94461	-2.83382
$y_{2i}$	0.37500	-0.18750	-0.04688	0.02344	0.00586	-0.00293
$z_{2i-1}$	0.66667	-6.22222	4.14815	-38.71605	25.81070	-240.89986
$z_{2i}$	3.50000	4.66667	21.77778	29.03704	135.50617	180.67490



**Corollary 3.** Let  $\{x_n, y_n, z_n\}$  be a solution of the system (1.1). If  $cb, ad \in (-\infty, 0)$  then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n-1} = 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n-1} = \begin{cases} 0, & cb < ad \\ \infty, & cb > ad \\ \frac{c}{a}, & cb = ad \end{cases}$$

and

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n} = \begin{cases} 0, & cb < ad \\ \infty, & cb > ad \\ \frac{d}{b}, & cb = ad \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** From

$$-\infty < cb, ad < 0 \Rightarrow -\infty < cb-1, ad-1 < -1$$

I have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (cb-1)^n = \begin{cases} -\infty, & n - \text{odd} \\ \infty, & n - \text{even} \end{cases}$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (ad-1)^n = \begin{cases} -\infty, & n - \text{odd} \\ \infty, & n - \text{even} \end{cases}$$

Hence, I have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d}{(ad-1)^n} = d \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(ad-1)^n} = d \cdot 0 = 0,$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b}{(cb-1)^n} = b \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(cb-1)^n} = b \cdot 0 = 0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n-1} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c(cb-1)^{n-1}}{a(ad-1)^{n-1}} = \frac{c}{a} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{cb-1}{ad-1} \right)^{n-1} \\ &= \begin{cases} ad > cb \Rightarrow ad-1 > cb-1 \Rightarrow \frac{cb-1}{ad-1} < 1 \\ ad < cb \Rightarrow ad-1 < cb-1 \Rightarrow \frac{cb-1}{ad-1} > 1 \\ ad = cb \Rightarrow ad-1 = cb-1 \Rightarrow \frac{cb-1}{ad-1} = 1 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 0, & cb < ad \\ \infty, & cb > ad \\ \frac{c}{a}, & cb = ad \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, I have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c(cd-1)^n = c \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (cd-1)^n = c \cdot \infty = \begin{cases} -\infty, & c > 0 \text{ and } n - \text{odd} \\ +\infty, & c < 0 \text{ and } n - \text{odd} \\ +\infty, & c > 0 \text{ and } n - \text{even} \\ -\infty, & c < 0 \text{ and } n - \text{even} \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a(ad-1)^n = a \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (ad-1)^n = a \cdot \infty = \begin{cases} -\infty, & a > 0 \text{ and } n - \text{odd} \\ +\infty, & a < 0 \text{ and } n - \text{odd} \\ +\infty, & a > 0 \text{ and } n - \text{even} \\ -\infty, & a < 0 \text{ and } n - \text{even} \end{cases}$$

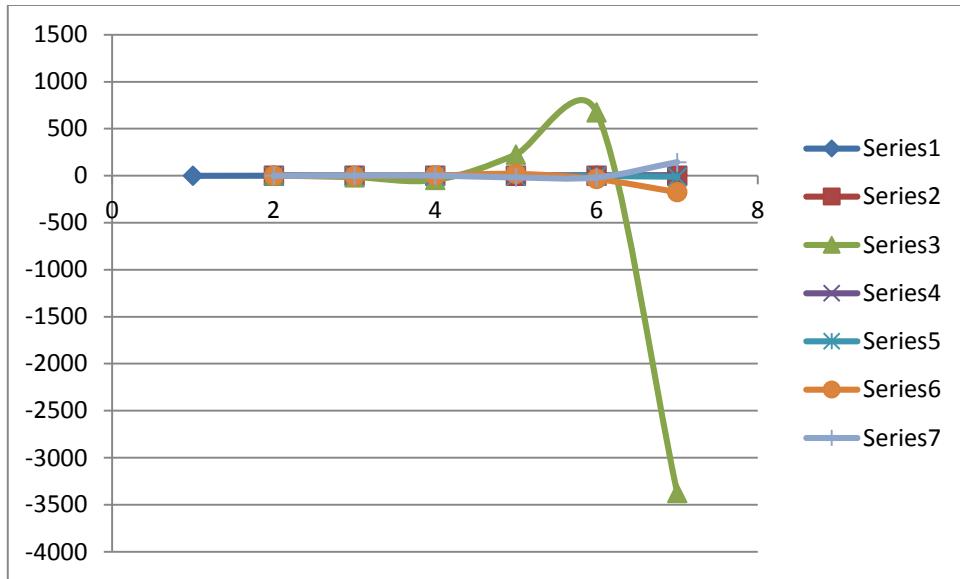
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**Example 3.** If  $y_0 = -2, y_{-1} = -4, x_0 = 1, x_{-1} = 1$  then the solutions of Eq. ( 1.1 ) can be represented by the following table:

$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$x_{2i-1}$	-0.33333	0.55556	-0.18519	0.30864	-0.10288	0.17147
$x_{2i}$	3.00000	-15.00000	-45.00000	225.00000	675.00000	-3375.00001
$y_{2i-1}$	1.33333	0.26667	-0.08889	-0.01778	0.00593	0.00119
$y_{2i}$	-1.20000	-3.59999	-2.16000	-6.47999	-3.88800	-11.66400
$z_{2i-1}$	-0.50000	-2.50000	4.16667	20.83333	-34.72222	-173.61111
$z_{2i}$	-0.25000	2.08333	2.08333	-17.36111	-17.36111	144.67593



**Corollary 4.** Let  $\{x_n, y_n, z_n\}$  be a solution of the system (1.1). If  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $ad, cb \in (2, +\infty)$  then I have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n-1} = 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n-1} = \begin{cases} 0, & cb < ad \\ \infty, & cb > ad \\ \frac{c}{a}, & cb = ad \end{cases}$$

and

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n} = \begin{cases} 0, & cb < ad \\ \infty, & cb > ad \\ \frac{d}{b}, & cb = ad \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** From

$$2 < cb, ad < +\infty \Rightarrow 1 < cb - 1, ad - 1 < +\infty$$

I have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d}{(ad-1)^n} = d \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(ad-1)^n} = d \cdot 0 = 0,$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b}{(cb-1)^n} = b \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(cb-1)^n} = b \cdot 0 = 0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n-1} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c(cb-1)^{n-1}}{a(ad-1)^{n-1}} = \frac{c}{a} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{cb-1}{ad-1} \right)^{n-1} \\ &= \begin{cases} ad > cb \Rightarrow ad-1 > cb-1 \Rightarrow \frac{cb-1}{ad-1} < 1 \\ ad < cb \Rightarrow ad-1 < cb-1 \Rightarrow \frac{cb-1}{ad-1} > 1 \\ ad = cb \Rightarrow ad-1 = cb-1 \Rightarrow \frac{cb-1}{ad-1} = 1 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 0, & cb < ad \\ \infty, & cb > ad \\ \frac{c}{a}, & cb = ad \end{cases}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, I have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c(cd-1)^n = c \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (cd-1)^n = c \cdot \infty = \begin{cases} -\infty, & c > 0 \\ +\infty, & c < 0 \end{cases},$$

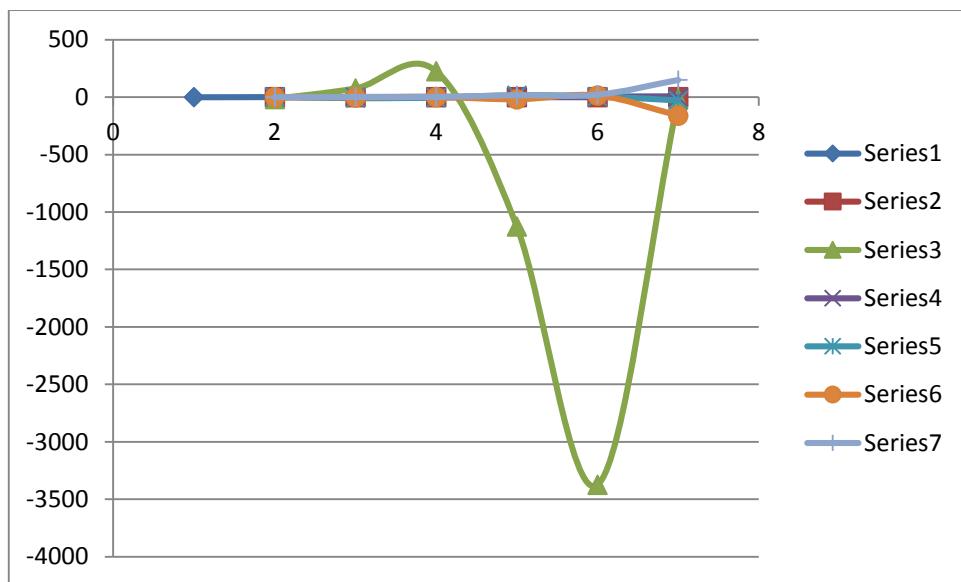
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a(ad-1)^n = a \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (ad-1)^n = a \cdot \infty = \begin{cases} -\infty, & a > 0 \\ +\infty, & a < 0 \end{cases}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{2n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d(cb-1)^n}{b(ad-1)^n} = \frac{d}{b} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{cb-1}{ad-1} \right)^n \\ &= \begin{cases} ad > cb \Rightarrow ad-1 > cb-1 \Rightarrow \frac{cb-1}{ad-1} < 1 \\ ad < cb \Rightarrow ad-1 < cb-1 \Rightarrow \frac{cb-1}{ad-1} > 1 \\ ad = cb \Rightarrow ad-1 = cb-1 \Rightarrow \frac{cb-1}{ad-1} = 1 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 0, & cb < ad \\ \infty, & cb > ad \\ \frac{d}{b}, & cb = ad \end{cases}. \end{aligned}$$

**Example 4.** If  $y_0 = 5$ ,  $y_{-1} = 4$ ,  $x_0 = 1$ ,  $x_{-1} = 1$  then the solutions of Eq. ( 1.1 ) can be represented by the following table:

$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$x_{2i-1}$	0.25000	-0.56250	-0.14063	0.31641	0.07910	-0.17798
$x_{2i}$	-15.00000	75.00000	225.00000	-1125.00000	-3375.00000	-15.00000
$y_{2i-1}$	0.80000	-0.26667	-0.05333	0.01778	0.00356	-0.00119
$y_{2i}$	2.22222	-8.88889	-3.95062	15.80247	7.02332	-28.09328
$z_{2i-1}$	0.20000	-2.25000	1.68750	-18.98437	14.23828	-160.18066
$z_{2i}$	0.31250	2.10937	2.63672	17.79785	22.24731	150.16937



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