

Boundedness and Stability for a nonlinear difference equation with multiple delay

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Abstract. The equi-boundedness of solutions and the stability of the zero of nonlinear difference equation with bounded multiple delay

$$x_{n+1} = \lambda_n x_n + \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_n^i F(x_{n-m_n}), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

are investigated.

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1. Introduction

Let \mathbb{R} denote the set of real numbers, \mathbb{Z} the set of integers and \mathbb{Z}^+ the set of positive integers numbers. In this paper, we study the equi-boundedness of solutions and the stability of the zero of nonlinear difference equation with bounded multiple delay

$$x_{n+1} = \lambda_n x_n + \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_n^i F(x_{n-m_n}), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots \quad (1.1)$$

where α^i for $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ and λ are functions mapping \mathbb{Z} to \mathbb{R} ; F maps \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{R} ; m maps \mathbb{Z} to \mathbb{Z}^+ .

The properties of solutions of delay nonlinear difference equations has been studied extensively in recent years; see for example the work in [1-6] and the references cited therein. In [1], [2] and [3], the authors studied the oscillation and the asymptotic behaviour of solutions of the following nonlinear difference equations

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} - x_n + \alpha(n)x_{n-m} &= 0, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ x_{n+1} - x_n + \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i(n)x_{n-m_i} &= 0, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ x_{n+1} - x_n + \alpha(n)f(x_{n-m}) &= 0, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

and

$$x_{n+1} = \lambda_n x_n + \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i(n)F(x_{n-m_i}).$$

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It is clear that these equations are particular cases of (1.1). We are particularly motivated by the work of the authors [1-6] on the stability, boundedness and convergence of solutions of difference equations.

Throughout this paper, we assume that there is a $K > 0$ so that if $|x| \leq K$ then $F(x) \leq K|x|$.

If m is bounded and the maximum of m is k , then for any integer $n_0 \geq 0$, we define \mathbb{Z}_0 to be the set of integers in $[n_0 - k, n_0]$. If m is unbounded then \mathbb{Z}_0 will be the set of integers in $(-\infty, n_0]$.

Let $\psi : \mathbb{Z}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be an initial discrete bounded function.

We say $x_n := x_{n,n_0,\psi}$ is a solution of (1.1) if $x_n = \psi_n$ on \mathbb{Z}_0 and satisfies (1.1) for $n \geq n_0$.

The zero solution of (1.1) is Liapunov stable if for any $\epsilon > 0$ and any integer $n_0 \geq 0$ there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that $|\psi_n| \leq \delta$ on \mathbb{Z}_0 implies $|x_{n,n_0,\psi}| \leq \epsilon$ for $n \geq n_0$.

The zero solution of (1.1) is asymptotically stable if it is Liapunov stable and if for any integer $n_0 \geq 0$ there exists $r(n_0) > 0$ such that $|\psi_n| \leq r(n_0)$ on \mathbb{Z}_0 implies $|x_{n,n_0,\psi}| \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

A solution $x_n := x_{n,n_0,\psi}$ of (1.1) is said to be bounded if there exists a $B(n_0, \psi) > 0$ such that $|x_{n,n_0,\psi}| \leq B(n_0, \psi)$ for $n \geq n_0$.

A solution of (1.1) is said to be equi-bounded if for any n_0 and any $B_1 > 0$ there exists $B_2 = B_2(n_0, B_1) > 0$ such that $|\psi_n| \leq B_1$ on \mathbb{Z}_0 implies $|x_{n,n_0,\psi}| \leq B_2$ for $n \geq n_0$.

For any sequence $\{x_k\}$, we denote: $\sum_{k=a}^b x_k = 0$, $\prod_{k=a}^b x_k = 1$ for any $a > b$.

2. Main results

2.1. The Boundedness

Lemma 1. Assume that $\lambda_n \neq 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then $\{x_n\}$ is a solution of equation (1.1) if and only if

$$x_n = x_{n_0} \prod_{s=n_0}^{n-1} \lambda_s + \sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_t^i F(x_{t-m_t}) \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s.$$

Proof. We first prove that equation (1.1) is equivalent to the equation

$$\Delta \left(x_n \prod_{s=n_0}^{n-1} \lambda_s^{-1} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_n^i F(x_{n-m_n}) \prod_{s=n_0}^n \lambda_s^{-1}. \quad (1.2)$$

Indeed, we have

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} \prod_{s=n_0}^n \lambda_s^{-1} &= \lambda_n x_n \prod_{s=n_0}^n \lambda_s^{-1} + \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_n^i F(x_{n-m_n}) \prod_{s=n_0}^n \lambda_s^{-1} \\ x_{n+1} \prod_{s=n_0}^n \lambda_s^{-1} &= x_n \prod_{s=n_0}^{n-1} \lambda_s^{-1} + \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_n^i F(x_{n-m_n}) \prod_{s=n_0}^n \lambda_s^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\Delta \left(x_n \prod_{s=n_0}^{n-1} \lambda_s^{-1} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_n^i F(x_{n-m_n}) \prod_{s=n_0}^n \lambda_s^{-1}.$$

Now, summing equation (1.2) from n_0 to $n - 1$ gives

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \Delta \left(x_t \prod_{s=n_0}^{t-1} \lambda_s^{-1} \right) &= \sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_t^i F(x_{t-m_t}) \prod_{s=n_0}^t \lambda_s^{-1} \\ x_n \prod_{s=n_0}^{n-1} \lambda_s^{-1} &= x_{n_0} + \sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_t^i F(x_{t-m_t}) \prod_{s=n_0}^t \lambda_s^{-1} \\ x_n &= x_{n_0} \prod_{s=n_0}^{n-1} \lambda_s + \sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_t^i F(x_{t-m_t}) \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1. Assume that $\lambda_n \neq 0$ for $n \geq n_0$ and there exists $M \in (0, +\infty)$, $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$\left| \prod_{s=n_0}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right| \leq M$$

and

$$\sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_t^i \right| \left| \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right| \leq \alpha, n \geq n_0. \tag{1.3}$$

Then solutions of (1.1) are equi-bounded.

Proof. Let B_1 be a positive constant. Choose $B_2 > 0$ such that

$$MB_1 + \alpha B_2^2 \leq B_2. \tag{1.4}$$

Let ψ be a bounded initial function satisfies $|\psi_n| \leq B_1$ on \mathbb{Z}_0 . Define

$$S = \{ \varphi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \varphi_n = \psi_n \text{ on } \mathbb{Z}_0 \text{ and } \|\varphi\| \leq B_2 \},$$

where $\|\varphi\| = \max_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |\varphi_n|$. We shall prove that $(S, \|\cdot\|)$ is a complete metric space.

+ $\|\cdot\|$ is a metric.

i) $\forall \varphi, \eta \in S : \|\varphi - \eta\| = \max_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |(\varphi - \eta)_n| \geq 0,$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\varphi - \eta\| = 0 &\Leftrightarrow \max_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |(\varphi - \eta)_n| = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\varphi - \eta)_n = 0, \forall n \in \mathbb{Z} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \varphi_n - \eta_n = 0, \forall n \in \mathbb{Z} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \varphi_n = \eta_n, \forall n \in \mathbb{Z} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \varphi \equiv \eta. \end{aligned}$$

ii) $\forall \varphi, \eta \in S$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\varphi - \eta\| &= \max_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |(\varphi - \eta)_n| = \max_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |\varphi_n - \eta_n| \\ &= \max_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |\eta_n - \varphi_n| = \max_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |(\eta - \varphi)_n| = \|\eta - \varphi\|. \end{aligned}$$

iii) $\forall \varphi, \eta, \psi \in S$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\varphi - \eta\| &= \max_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |(\varphi - \psi)_n| = \max_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |\varphi_n - \psi_n| = \max_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |\varphi_n - \eta_n + \eta_n - \psi_n| \\ &\leq \max_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (|\varphi_n - \eta_n| + |\eta_n - \psi_n|) \leq \max_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |\varphi_n - \eta_n| + \max_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |\eta_n - \psi_n| \\ &= \|\varphi - \eta\| + \|\eta - \psi\|. \end{aligned}$$

+ Suppose that $\{\varphi^\ell\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in S . We have

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \ell_0 : \forall k, \ell \geq \ell_0 : \|\varphi^\ell - \varphi^k\| < \varepsilon \\ \text{or } &\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \ell_0 : \forall k, \ell \geq \ell_0 : \max_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |(\varphi^\ell - \varphi^k)_n| < \varepsilon \\ \text{or} & \end{aligned}$$

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \ell_0 : \forall k, \ell \geq \ell_0 : |(\varphi^\ell - \varphi^k)_n| < \varepsilon, \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Fixed n , $\{\varphi_n^\ell\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in \mathbb{R} . In view of \mathbb{R} is a complete metric space,

$$\exists \varphi_n \in \mathbb{R} : \varphi_n = \lim_{\ell \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_n^\ell.$$

We prove $\varphi \in S$. Indeed, since $\varphi^\ell \in S$, $\varphi_n^\ell = \psi_n$ on \mathbb{Z}_0 . It implies $\varphi_n = \lim_{\ell \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_n^\ell = \psi_n$ on \mathbb{Z}_0 .

Moreover, since $\|\varphi^\ell\| \leq B_2$, $\|\varphi\| \leq B_2$.

Define mapping $P : S \rightarrow S$ by $(P\varphi)_n = \psi_n$ on \mathbb{Z}_0 and

$$(P\varphi)_n = \psi_{n_0} \prod_{s=n_0}^{n-1} \lambda_s + \sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_t^i F(\varphi_{t-m_t}) \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s, n \geq n_0. \quad (1.5)$$

We first prove that P maps from S to S . Indeed, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |(P\varphi)_n| &= \left| \psi_{n_0} \prod_{s=n_0}^{n-1} \lambda_s + \sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_t^i F(\varphi_{t-m_t}) \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right|, n \geq n_0 \\ &\leq |\psi_{n_0}| \left| \prod_{s=n_0}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right| + \sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_t^i \right| |F(\varphi_{t-m_t})| \left| \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right|, n \geq n_0. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\|\varphi\| \leq B_2$, $|\varphi_{t-m_t}| \leq B_2$. So $F(\varphi_{t-m_t}) \leq B_2 \|\varphi_{t-m_t}\| \leq B_2^2$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} |(P\varphi)_n| &\leq B_1 M + B_2^2 \sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_t^i \right| \left| \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right|, n \geq n_0 \\ &\leq B_1 M + B_2^2 \sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_t^i \right| \left| \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right|, n \geq n_0 \\ &\leq B_1 M + \alpha B_2^2 \leq B_2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence: P maps from S to itself. We next show that P is a contraction under the supremum norm. Let $\varphi, \eta \in S$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} |(P\varphi)_n - (P\eta)_n| &= \left| \sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_t^i F(\varphi_{t-m_t}) \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s - \sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_t^i F(\eta_{t-m_t}) \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right| \\ &\leq B_2 \sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_t^i \right| \left| \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right| \|\varphi - \eta\| \\ &\leq B_2 \alpha \|\varphi - \eta\|. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we prove that $B_2\alpha \in (0, 1)$. Indeed, since $\frac{MB_1}{B_2} > 0$, $1 - \frac{MB_1}{B_2} < 1$. On the other hand, from $MB_1 + \alpha B_2^2 \leq B_2$ we have $\alpha B_2^2 \leq B_2 - MB_1$, which implies that

$$\alpha B_2 \leq 1 - \frac{MB_1}{B_2} < 1.$$

This shows that P is a contraction. Thus, by the contraction mapping principle, P has a unique fixed point $\varphi^* \in S$. We have

$$(P\varphi^*)_n = \varphi_n^* = \psi_{n_0} \prod_{s=n_0}^{n-1} \lambda_s + \sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_t^i F(\varphi_{t-m_t}^*) \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s.$$

Since $n_0 \in \mathbb{Z}_0$ and $\varphi^* \in S$, $\psi_{n_0} = \varphi_{n_0}^*$. Hence

$$\varphi_n^* = \varphi_{n_0}^* \prod_{s=n_0}^{n-1} \lambda_s + \sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_t^i F(\varphi_{t-m_t}^*) \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s,$$

i.e φ_n^* is a solution of (1.1). This prove that solutions of (1.1) are equi-bounded.

2.2. The Stability

Theorem 2. Assume that there exists $\gamma \in (0, 1)$ such that $|\sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_n^i| \leq \gamma$ and $|\lambda_n| < 1 - \gamma$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then the zero solution of (1.1) is Liapunov stable.

Proof. Put

$$M = (1 - \gamma)(n - n_0), N = (1 - \gamma)^{n-t-1}, \alpha = \gamma(n - n_0)N.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{s=n_0}^{n-1} |\lambda_s| &< \sum_{s=n_0}^{n-1} (1-\gamma) = (1-\gamma)(n-n_0) = M \\ \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s &< \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} (1-\gamma) = (1-\gamma)^{n-t-1} = N \\ \left| \sum_{s=n_0}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right| &\leq \sum_{s=n_0}^{n-1} |\lambda_s| < M \\ \sum_{s=n_0}^{n-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_s^i \right| &\leq \gamma(n-n_0) \\ \sum_{s=n_0}^{n-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_s^i \right| \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s &\leq \gamma(n-n_0)N = \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Let $\epsilon > 0$. Choose $\delta > 0$ such that

$$M\delta + \alpha\epsilon^2 \leq \epsilon.$$

Let ψ be a bounded initial function satisfies $|\psi_n| \leq \delta$ on \mathbb{Z}_0 . Define

$$S = \{\varphi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \varphi_n = \psi_n \text{ on } \mathbb{Z}_0 \text{ and } \|\varphi\| \leq \epsilon\},$$

where $\|\varphi\| = \max_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |\varphi_n|$. It can be verified that $(S, \|\cdot\|)$ is a complete metric space.

Consider the map $P : S \rightarrow S$ by (1.5). We have

$$\begin{aligned} |(P\varphi)_n| &= \left| \psi_{n_0} \prod_{s=n_0}^{n-1} \lambda_s + \sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_t^i F(\varphi_{t-m_t}) \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right|, n \geq n_0 \\ &\leq |\psi_{n_0}| \left| \prod_{s=n_0}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right| + \sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_t^i \right| |F(\varphi_{t-m_t})| \left| \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right|, n \geq n_0 \\ &\leq \delta M + \epsilon^2 \sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_t^i \right| \left| \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right|, n \geq n_0 \\ &\leq \delta M + \epsilon^2 \alpha < \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |(P\varphi)_n - (P\eta)_n| &= \left| \sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_t^i F(\varphi_{t-m_t}) \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s - \sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_t^i F(\eta_{t-m_t}) \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right| \\ &\leq \epsilon \left| \sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_t^i \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right| \|\varphi - \eta\| \leq \epsilon \sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_t^i \right| \left| \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right| \|\varphi - \eta\| \\ &\leq \epsilon \alpha \|\varphi - \eta\|. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to check that $\alpha\epsilon \in (0, 1)$. This show that P is a contraction map and for any $\varphi \in S$, $\|P\varphi\| \leq \epsilon$. Therefore the zero solution of (1.1) Liapunov stable.

Theorem 3. Assume that the hypotheses of Theorem 2 are satisfied. Assume, in addition, that

$$n - m_n \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{1.6}$$

Then the zero solution of (1.1) is asymptotically stable.

Proof. Since $|\lambda_n| < 1 - \gamma$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\gamma \in (0, 1)$, it follows that $|\lambda_n| < 1$. Consequently,

$$\prod_{s=n_0}^{n-1} \lambda_s \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{1.7}$$

Let ψ be a bounded initial function satisfies $|\psi_n| \leq r(n_0)$. Define

$$S^* = \{\varphi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \varphi_n = \psi_n \text{ on } \mathbb{Z}_0, \|\varphi\| \leq \varepsilon \text{ and } |\varphi_n| \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty\}.$$

Define $P : S^* \rightarrow S^*$ by (1.5). From the proof of Theorem 2, the map P is a contraction and it maps from S^* to itself.

We next prove that $(P\varphi)_n$ goes to zero as n goes to infinity.

Since (1.7), it follows that $\psi_{n_0} \prod_{s=n_0}^{n-1} \lambda_s$ goes to zero as n goes to infinity. We have only to prove

$\sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i^i F(\varphi_{t-m_t}) \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s, (n \geq n_0) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Let $\varphi \in S^*$ then $|\varphi_{n-m_n}| \leq \varepsilon$. Also, since $\varphi_{n-m_n} \rightarrow 0$ as $n - m_n \rightarrow \infty$, there exists a $n_1 > 0$ such that for $n > n_1, |\varphi_{n-m_n}| < \varepsilon_1$ for $\varepsilon_1 > 0$.

Indeed, by the condition (1.7), there exists $n_2 > n_1$ such that

$$\left| \prod_{s=n_1}^n \lambda_s \right| < \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\alpha \varepsilon^2} \quad \forall n > n_2.$$

Hence, for all $n > n_2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i^i F(\varphi_{t-m_t}) \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right| \leq \sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i^i F(\varphi_{t-m_t}) \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right| \\ & \leq \sum_{t=n_0}^{n_1-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i^i F(\varphi_{t-m_t}) \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right| + \sum_{t=n_1}^{n-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i^i F(\varphi_{t-m_t}) \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right| \\ & \leq \varepsilon^2 \sum_{t=n_0}^{n_1-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i^i \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right| + \varepsilon_1^2 \sum_{t=n_1}^{n-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i^i \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right| \\ & \leq \varepsilon^2 \sum_{t=n_0}^{n_1-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i^i \prod_{s=t+1}^{n_1-1} \lambda_s \prod_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right| + \varepsilon_1^2 \alpha \\ & \leq \varepsilon^2 \left| \prod_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right| \sum_{t=n_0}^{n_1-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i^i \right| \left| \prod_{s=t+1}^{n_1-1} \lambda_s \right| + \varepsilon_1 \alpha \\ & \leq \varepsilon^2 \alpha \left| \prod_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right| + \varepsilon_1^2 \alpha \leq \varepsilon^2 \alpha \cdot \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon^2 \alpha} + \varepsilon_1^2 \alpha. \\ & \leq \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_1^2 \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Now, by the above, it follows that $(P\varphi)_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. By the contraction mapping principle, P has a unique fixed point that solves (1.1) and goes to zero as n goes to infinity. The proof is complete.

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