

## Solutions of the Rational Difference Equations

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-15}}{1 + x_{n-3}x_{n-7}x_{n-11}}$$

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**Abstract:** *In this paper we study the solution behavior of the difference equation of the form*

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-15}}{1 + x_{n-3}x_{n-7}x_{n-11}}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots,$$

*is examined. The initial conditions of the equation are arbitrary positive real numbers. Also, we discuss and illustrate the stability of the solutions in the neighborhood of the critical points and the periodicity of the considered equations.*

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In recent times, the study of the periodic nature of nonlinear difference equations attracts a lot of interest. For some latest results that focus, among other problems, on the periodic nature of scalar nonlinear difference equations see, [3-19, 21-27]. Such problems often find applications in various fields of applied and theoretical mathematics, engineering, medicine, etc. In particular, they can be used to study the structural properties of various classes of functions, the behavior of the rational and algebraic polynomials and their derivatives and etc. (see, for example, [1, 2, 20] )

Çinar, studied the following problems with positive initial values

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-1}}{1 + ax_n x_{n-1}}$$

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-1}}{-1 + ax_n x_{n-1}}$$

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{ax_{n-1}}{1 + bx_n x_{n-1}}$$

for  $n=0,1,2,\dots$  in [4, 5, 6], respectively.

In [21] Stević assumed that  $\beta = 1$  and solved the following problem

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-1}}{1 + x_n} \quad \text{for } n = 0,1,2,\dots,$$

where  $x_{-1}, x_0 \in (0, \infty)$ . Also, this results was generalized to the equation of the form:

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-1}}{g(x_n)} \quad \text{for } n = 0,1,2,\dots,$$

where  $x_{-1}, x_0 \in (0, \infty)$ .

Şimşek et. al., studied the following problems

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-3}}{1 + x_{n-1}}$$

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-5}}{1 + x_{n-2}}$$

with positive initial values for  $n=0,1,2,\dots$  in [19,20], respectively.

In this paper we investigated the nonlinear difference equation of the form

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-15}}{1 + x_{n-3}x_{n-7}x_{n-11}}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, \tag{1}$$

where  $x_{-15}, x_{-14}, x_{-13}, x_{-12}, x_{-11}, x_{-10}, x_{-9}, x_{-8}, x_{-7}, x_{-6}, x_{-5}, x_{-4}, x_{-3}, x_{-2}, x_{-1}, x_0 \in (0, \infty)$

## 2. MAIN RESULT

Let  $\bar{x}$  be the unique positive equilibrium of equation (1). Then clearly

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\bar{x}}{1 + \bar{x}\bar{x}\bar{x}} \Rightarrow \bar{x} + \bar{x}^4 = \bar{x} \Rightarrow \bar{x}^4 = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{x} = 0.$$

We can obtain  $\bar{x} = 0$ .

**Theorem 1.** Consider the difference equation (1). Then the following statements are true:

- a) The sequences  $(x_{16n-15}), (x_{16n-14}), (x_{16n-13}), (x_{16n-12}), (x_{16n-11}), (x_{16n-10}), (x_{16n-9}), (x_{16n-8}), (x_{16n-7}), (x_{16n-6}), (x_{16n-5}), (x_{16n-4}), (x_{16n-3}), (x_{16n-2}), (x_{16n-1}), (x_{16n})$  are decreasing and there exist  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{16} \geq 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-15} &= a_1, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-14} = a_2, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-13} = a_3, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-12} = a_4, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-11} = a_5, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-10} = a_6 \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-9} &= a_7, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-8} = a_8, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-7} = a_9, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-6} = a_{10}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-5} = a_{11}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-4} = a_{12}, \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-3} &= a_{13}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-2} = a_{14}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-1} = a_{15}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n} = a_{16} \end{aligned}$$

- b)  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{16}, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{16}, \dots)$  is a solution of equation (1) of period 16.

c) 
$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-15} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-11} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-7} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-3} &= 0; \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-14} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-10} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-6} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-2} &= 0; \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-13} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-9} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-5} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-1} &= 0; \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-12} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-8} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-4} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

or  $a_1 \cdot a_5 \cdot a_9 \cdot a_{13} = 0, a_2 \cdot a_6 \cdot a_{10} \cdot a_{14} = 0, a_3 \cdot a_7 \cdot a_{11} \cdot a_{15} = 0, a_4 \cdot a_8 \cdot a_{12} \cdot a_{16} = 0$ .

- d) If there exist  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x_{n+1} \leq x_{n-11}$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$ .

- e) The following formulas hold:

$$\begin{aligned}
x_{16n+1} &= x_{-15} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-11}}{1 + x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-11}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3}x_{4i-7}x_{4i-11}} \right); \\
x_{16n+2} &= x_{-14} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-2}x_{-6}x_{-10}}{1 + x_{-2}x_{-6}x_{-10}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-2}x_{4i-6}x_{4i-10}} \right); \\
x_{16n+3} &= x_{-13} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-1}x_{-5}x_{-9}}{1 + x_{-1}x_{-5}x_{-9}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-1}x_{4i-5}x_{4i-9}} \right); \\
x_{16n+4} &= x_{-12} \left( 1 - \frac{x_0x_{-4}x_{-8}}{1 + x_0x_{-4}x_{-8}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i}x_{4i-4}x_{4i-8}} \right); \\
x_{16n+5} &= x_{-11} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-15}}{1 + x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-15}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3}x_{4i-7}x_{4i-11}} \right); \\
x_{16n+6} &= x_{-10} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-2}x_{-6}x_{-14}}{1 + x_{-2}x_{-6}x_{-14}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-2}x_{4i-6}x_{4i-10}} \right); \\
x_{16n+7} &= x_{-9} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-1}x_{-5}x_{-13}}{1 + x_{-1}x_{-5}x_{-13}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-1}x_{4i-5}x_{4i-9}} \right); \\
x_{16n+8} &= x_{-8} \left( 1 - \frac{x_0x_{-4}x_{-12}}{1 + x_0x_{-4}x_{-12}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i}x_{4i-4}x_{4i-8}} \right); \\
x_{16n+9} &= x_{-7} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-3}x_{-11}x_{-15}}{1 + x_{-3}x_{-11}x_{-15}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3}x_{4i-7}x_{4i-11}} \right); \\
x_{16n+10} &= x_{-6} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-2}x_{-10}x_{-14}}{1 + x_{-2}x_{-10}x_{-14}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-2}x_{4i-6}x_{4i-10}} \right); \\
x_{16n+11} &= x_{-5} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-1}x_{-9}x_{-13}}{1 + x_{-1}x_{-9}x_{-13}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-1}x_{4i-5}x_{4i-9}} \right); \\
x_{16n+12} &= x_{-4} \left( 1 - \frac{x_0x_{-8}x_{-12}}{1 + x_0x_{-8}x_{-12}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i}x_{4i-4}x_{4i-8}} \right); \\
x_{16n+13} &= x_{-3} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-7}x_{-11}x_{-15}}{1 + x_{-7}x_{-11}x_{-15}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3}x_{4i-7}x_{4i-11}} \right); \\
x_{16n+14} &= x_{-2} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-6}x_{-10}x_{-14}}{1 + x_{-6}x_{-10}x_{-14}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-2}x_{4i-6}x_{4i-10}} \right);
\end{aligned}$$

$$x_{16n+15} = x_{-1} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-5}x_{-9}x_{-13}}{1 + x_{-1}x_{-5}x_{-9}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-1}x_{4i-5}x_{4i-9}} \right);$$

$$x_{16n+16} = x_0 \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-4}x_{-8}x_{-12}}{1 + x_0x_{-4}x_{-8}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i}x_{4i-4}x_{4i-8}} \right).$$

f) If  $x_{16n+1} \rightarrow a_1 \neq 0$ ,  $x_{16n+5} \rightarrow a_5 \neq 0$  and  $x_{16n+9} \rightarrow a_9 \neq 0$  then  $x_{16n+13} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

If  $x_{16n+2} \rightarrow a_2 \neq 0$ ,  $x_{16n+6} \rightarrow a_6 \neq 0$  and  $x_{16n+10} \rightarrow a_{10} \neq 0$  then  $x_{16n+14} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . If  $x_{16n+3} \rightarrow a_3 \neq 0$ ,  $x_{16n+7} \rightarrow a_7 \neq 0$  and  $x_{16n+11} \rightarrow a_{11} \neq 0$  then  $x_{16n+15} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

If  $x_{16n+4} \rightarrow a_4 \neq 0$ ,  $x_{16n+8} \rightarrow a_8 \neq 0$  and  $x_{16n+12} \rightarrow a_{12} \neq 0$  then  $x_{16n+16} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Proof.** a) Firstly, we consider the equation (1). From this equation we obtain:

$$x_{n+1} (1 + x_{n-3}x_{n-7}x_{n-11}) = x_{n-15}.$$

If  $x_{n-11}, x_{n-7}, x_{n-3} \in (0, +\infty)$ , then  $(1 + x_{n-3}x_{n-7}x_{n-11}) \in (1, +\infty)$ . Since  $x_{n-15} > x_{n+1}$   $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-15} = a_1, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-14} = a_2, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-13} = a_3, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-12} = a_4, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-11} = a_5, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-10} = a_6$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-9} = a_7, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-8} = a_8, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-7} = a_9, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-6} = a_{10}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-5} = a_{11}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-4} = a_{12},$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-3} = a_{13}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-2} = a_{14}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-1} = a_{15}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n} = a_{16}.$$

b)  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{16}, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{16}, \dots)$  is a solution of equation (1) of period 16.

c) Taking into account the equation (1), we obtain:

$$x_{16n+1} = \frac{x_{16n-15}}{1 + x_{16n-3}x_{16n-7}x_{16n-11}}.$$

Taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on both sides of the above equality, we get:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{16n-15}}{1 + x_{16n-3}x_{16n-7}x_{16n-11}}.$$

Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n+1} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-3} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-7} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-11} = 0 \text{ or } a_1 \cdot a_5 \cdot a_9 \cdot a_{13} = 0.$$

Similarly,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n+2} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-10} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-6} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-2} = 0 \text{ or } a_2 \cdot a_6 \cdot a_{10} \cdot a_{14} = 0.$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n+3} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-9} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-5} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-1} = 0 \text{ or } a_3 \cdot a_7 \cdot a_{11} \cdot a_{15} = 0.$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n+4} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-8} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n-4} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n} = 0 \text{ or } a_4 \cdot a_8 \cdot a_{12} \cdot a_{16} = 0.$$

d) If there exist  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x_{n-11} \geq x_{n+1}$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ , then

$$a_2 \leq a_6 \leq a_{10} \leq a_{14} \leq a_2, a_3 \leq a_7 \leq a_{11} \leq a_{15} \leq a_3, a_4 \leq a_8 \leq a_{12} \leq a_{16} \leq a_4, a_5 \leq a_9 \leq a_{13} \leq a_1 \leq a_5$$

Since  $a_{16}^2 = 0, a_{15}^2 = 0, a_{14}^2 = 0, a_{13}^2 = 0, a_{12}^2 = 0, a_{11}^2 = 0, a_{10}^2 = 0, a_9^2 = 0, a_8^2 = 0,$

$a_7^2 = 0, a_6^2 = 0, a_5^2 = 0, a_4^2 = 0, a_3^2 = 0, a_2^2 = 0, a_1^2 = 0$  we obtain the result.

e) Subtracting  $x_{n-15}$  from the left and right-hand sides of equation (1) we obtain:

$$x_{n+1} - x_{n-15} = \frac{1}{1 + x_{n-3}x_{n-7}x_{n-11}}(x_{n-3} - x_{n-19})$$

and the following formula holds:

$$n \geq 4 \text{ for } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_{4n-15} - x_{4n-31} = (x_1 - x_{-11}) \prod_{i=1}^{n-4} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3}x_{4i-7}x_{4i-11}} \\ x_{4n-14} - x_{4n-30} = (x_2 - x_{-10}) \prod_{i=1}^{n-4} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-2}x_{4i-6}x_{4i-10}} \\ x_{4n-13} - x_{4n-29} = (x_1 - x_{-11}) \prod_{i=1}^{n-4} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-1}x_{4i-5}x_{4i-9}} \\ x_{4n-12} - x_{4n-28} = (x_2 - x_{-10}) \prod_{i=1}^{n-4} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i}x_{4i-4}x_{4i-8}} \end{array} \right. \quad (2)$$

Replacing  $n$  by  $4j$  in (2) and summing from  $j = 0$  to  $j = n$  we obtain:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x_{16n+1} - x_{-15} = (x_1 - x_{-15}) \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3}x_{4i-7}x_{4i-11}} \\ x_{16n+2} - x_{-14} = (x_2 - x_{-14}) \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-2}x_{4i-6}x_{4i-10}} \\ x_{12n+3} - x_{-13} = (x_1 - x_{-13}) \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-1}x_{4i-5}x_{4i-9}} \\ x_{12n+4} - x_{-12} = (x_2 - x_{-12}) \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i}x_{4i-4}x_{4i-8}} \end{array} \right\} (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots) \quad (3)$$

Also, replacing  $n$  by  $4j+1$  in (2) and summing up elements from  $j=0$  to  $j=n$  we obtain:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_{16n+5} - x_{-11} &= (x_1 - x_{-15}) \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3} x_{4i-7} x_{4i-11}} \\ x_{16n+6} - x_{-10} &= (x_2 - x_{-14}) \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-2} x_{4i-6} x_{4i-10}} \\ x_{16n+7} - x_{-9} &= (x_1 - x_{-13}) \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-1} x_{4i-5} x_{4i-9}} \\ x_{16n+8} - x_{-8} &= (x_2 - x_{-12}) \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i} x_{4i-4} x_{4i-8}} \end{aligned} \right\} (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, ) \quad (4)$$

Also, replacing  $n$  by  $4j+2$  in (2) and summing up elements from  $j=0$  to  $j=n$  we obtain:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_{16n+9} - x_{-7} &= (x_1 - x_{-15}) \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+2} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3} x_{4i-7} x_{4i-11}} \\ x_{16n+10} - x_{-6} &= (x_2 - x_{-14}) \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+2} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-2} x_{4i-6} x_{4i-10}} \\ x_{16n+11} - x_{-5} &= (x_1 - x_{-13}) \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+2} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-1} x_{4i-5} x_{4i-9}} \\ x_{16n+12} - x_{-4} &= (x_2 - x_{-12}) \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+2} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i} x_{4i-4} x_{4i-8}} \end{aligned} \right\} (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, ) \quad (5)$$

Replacing  $n$  by  $4j+3$  in (2) in a similar way and summing up elements from  $j=0$  to  $j=n$  we obtain:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_{16n+13} - x_{-3} &= (x_1 - x_{-15}) \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+3} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3} x_{4i-7} x_{4i-11}} \\ x_{16n+14} - x_{-2} &= (x_2 - x_{-14}) \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+3} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-2} x_{4i-6} x_{4i-10}} \\ x_{16n+15} - x_{-1} &= (x_3 - x_{-13}) \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+3} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-1} x_{4i-5} x_{4i-9}} \\ x_{16n+16} - x_0 &= (x_4 - x_{-12}) \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+3} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i} x_{4i-4} x_{4i-8}} \end{aligned} \right\} (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, ) \tag{6}$$

Thus, we attained the formulas below:

$$\begin{aligned} x_{16n+1} &= x_{-15} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-3} x_{-7} x_{-11}}{1 + x_{-3} x_{-7} x_{-11}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3} x_{4i-7} x_{4i-11}} \right); \\ x_{16n+2} &= x_{-14} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-2} x_{-6} x_{-10}}{1 + x_{-2} x_{-6} x_{-10}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-2} x_{4i-6} x_{4i-10}} \right); \\ x_{16n+3} &= x_{-13} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-1} x_{-5} x_{-9}}{1 + x_{-1} x_{-5} x_{-9}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-1} x_{4i-5} x_{4i-9}} \right); \\ x_{16n+4} &= x_{-12} \left( 1 - \frac{x_0 x_{-4} x_{-8}}{1 + x_0 x_{-4} x_{-8}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i} x_{4i-4} x_{4i-8}} \right); \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_{16n+5} &= x_{-11} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-3} x_{-7} x_{-15}}{1 + x_{-3} x_{-7} x_{-11}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3} x_{4i-7} x_{4i-11}} \right); \\ x_{16n+6} &= x_{-10} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-2} x_{-6} x_{-14}}{1 + x_{-2} x_{-6} x_{-10}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-2} x_{4i-6} x_{4i-10}} \right); \\ x_{16n+7} &= x_{-9} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-1} x_{-5} x_{-13}}{1 + x_{-1} x_{-5} x_{-9}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-1} x_{4i-5} x_{4i-9}} \right); \\ x_{16n+8} &= x_{-8} \left( 1 - \frac{x_0 x_{-4} x_{-12}}{1 + x_0 x_{-4} x_{-8}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i} x_{4i-4} x_{4i-8}} \right); \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 x_{16n+9} &= x_{-7} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-3}x_{-11}x_{-15}}{1 + x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-11}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+2} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3}x_{4i-7}x_{4i-11}} \right); \\
 x_{16n+10} &= x_{-6} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-2}x_{-10}x_{-14}}{1 + x_{-2}x_{-6}x_{-10}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+2} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-2}x_{4i-6}x_{4i-10}} \right); \\
 x_{16n+11} &= x_{-5} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-1}x_{-9}x_{-13}}{1 + x_{-1}x_{-5}x_{-9}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+2} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-1}x_{4i-5}x_{4i-9}} \right); \\
 x_{16n+12} &= x_{-4} \left( 1 - \frac{x_0x_{-8}x_{-12}}{1 + x_0x_{-4}x_{-8}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+2} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i}x_{4i-4}x_{4i-8}} \right);
 \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_{16n+13} &= x_{-3} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-7}x_{-11}x_{-15}}{1 + x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-11}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+3} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3}x_{4i-7}x_{4i-11}} \right); \\
 x_{16n+14} &= x_{-2} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-6}x_{-10}x_{-14}}{1 + x_{-2}x_{-6}x_{-10}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+3} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-2}x_{4i-6}x_{4i-10}} \right); \\
 x_{16n+15} &= x_{-1} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-5}x_{-9}x_{-13}}{1 + x_{-1}x_{-5}x_{-9}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+3} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-1}x_{4i-5}x_{4i-9}} \right); \\
 x_{16n+16} &= x_0 \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-4}x_{-8}x_{-12}}{1 + x_0x_{-4}x_{-8}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+3} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i}x_{4i-4}x_{4i-8}} \right).
 \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

f) Suppose that  $a_1 = a_5 = a_9 = a_{13} = 0$ . By e) we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n+1} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{-15} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-11}}{1 + x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-11}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3}x_{4i-7}x_{4i-11}} \right) \\
 a_1 &= x_{-15} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-11}}{1 + x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-11}} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3}x_{4i-7}x_{4i-11}} \right) \\
 a_1 = 0 &\Rightarrow \frac{1 + x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-11}}{x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-11}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3}x_{4i-7}x_{4i-11}}
 \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n+5} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{-11} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-15}}{1 + x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-11}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3}x_{4i-7}x_{4i-11}} \right) \\
 a_5 &= x_{-11} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-15}}{1 + x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-11}} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3}x_{4i-7}x_{4i-11}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$a_5 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1 + x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-11}}{x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-15}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3}x_{4i-7}x_{4i-11}} \quad (12)$$

From equations (11) and (12),

$$\frac{1 + x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-11}}{x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-11}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3}x_{4i-7}x_{4i-11}} > \frac{1 + x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-11}}{x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-15}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3}x_{4i-7}x_{4i-11}} \quad (13)$$

thus,  $x_{-11} > x_{-15}$ .

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n+9} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{-7} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-3}x_{-11}x_{-15}}{1 + x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-11}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3}x_{4i-7}x_{4i-11}} \right) \\ a_9 &= x_{-7} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-3}x_{-11}x_{-15}}{1 + x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-11}} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3}x_{4i-7}x_{4i-11}} \right) \\ a_9 = 0 &\Rightarrow \frac{1 + x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-11}}{x_{-3}x_{-11}x_{-15}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3}x_{4i-7}x_{4i-11}} \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

From (12) and (14),

$$\frac{1 + x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-11}}{x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-15}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3}x_{4i-7}x_{4i-11}} > \frac{1 + x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-11}}{x_{-3}x_{-11}x_{-15}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3}x_{4i-7}x_{4i-11}} \quad (15)$$

thus,  $x_{-7} > x_{-11}$ .

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{16n+13} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{-3} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-7}x_{-11}x_{-15}}{1 + x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-11}} \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3}x_{4i-7}x_{4i-11}} \right) \\ a_{13} &= x_{-3} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-7}x_{-11}x_{-15}}{1 + x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-11}} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3}x_{4i-7}x_{4i-11}} \right) \\ a_{13} = 0 &\Rightarrow \frac{1 + x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-11}}{x_{-7}x_{-11}x_{-15}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3}x_{4i-7}x_{4i-11}} \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

From (14) and (16),

$$\frac{1 + x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-11}}{x_{-3}x_{-11}x_{-15}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3}x_{4i-7}x_{4i-11}} > \frac{1 + x_{-3}x_{-7}x_{-11}}{x_{-7}x_{-11}x_{-15}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-3}x_{4i-7}x_{4i-11}} \quad (17)$$

thus,  $x_{-3} > x_{-7}$ .

Hence we obtain  $x_{-3} > x_{-7} > x_{-11} > x_{-15}$ .

Suppose that  $a_2 = a_6 = a_{10} = a_{14} = 0$ . The proofs of the following equations' correctness can be done similarly to the proofs of (13), (15), (17) and therefore, will be omitted here.

$$\frac{1 + x_{-2}x_{-6}x_{-10}}{x_{-2}x_{-6}x_{-10}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-2}x_{4i-6}x_{4i-10}} > \frac{1 + x_{-2}x_{-6}x_{-10}}{x_{-2}x_{-6}x_{-14}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-2}x_{4i-6}x_{4i-10}} \quad (18)$$

$$\frac{1 + x_{-2}x_{-6}x_{-10}}{x_{-2}x_{-6}x_{-14}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-2}x_{4i-6}x_{4i-10}} > \frac{1 + x_{-2}x_{-6}x_{-10}}{x_{-2}x_{-10}x_{-14}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-2}x_{4i-6}x_{4i-10}} \quad (19)$$

$$\frac{1 + x_{-2}x_{-6}x_{-10}}{x_{-2}x_{-10}x_{-14}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-2}x_{4i-6}x_{4i-10}} > \frac{1 + x_{-2}x_{-6}x_{-10}}{x_{-6}x_{-10}x_{-14}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-2}x_{4i-6}x_{4i-10}} \quad (20)$$

thus,  $x_{-2} > x_{-6} > x_{-10} > x_{-14}$ .

For the case where  $a_3 = a_7 = a_{11} = a_{15} = 0$ , the proofs is similar to the proofs of the (13), (15), (17) and therefore, will be omitted here.

$$\frac{1 + x_{-1}x_{-5}x_{-9}}{x_{-1}x_{-5}x_{-9}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-1}x_{4i-5}x_{4i-9}} > \frac{1 + x_{-1}x_{-5}x_{-9}}{x_{-1}x_{-5}x_{-13}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-1}x_{4i-5}x_{4i-9}} \quad (21)$$

$$\frac{1 + x_{-1}x_{-5}x_{-9}}{x_{-1}x_{-5}x_{-13}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-1}x_{4i-5}x_{4i-9}} > \frac{1 + x_{-1}x_{-5}x_{-9}}{x_{-1}x_{-9}x_{-13}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-1}x_{4i-5}x_{4i-9}} \quad (22)$$

$$\frac{1 + x_{-1}x_{-5}x_{-9}}{x_{-1}x_{-9}x_{-13}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-1}x_{4i-5}x_{4i-9}} > \frac{1 + x_{-1}x_{-5}x_{-9}}{x_{-5}x_{-9}x_{-13}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i-1}x_{4i-5}x_{4i-9}} \quad (23)$$

thus,  $x_{-1} > x_{-5} > x_{-9} > x_{-13}$ .

Suppose that  $a_4 = a_8 = a_{12} = a_{16} = 0$ . As in the cases above, the proofs of the following equations is similar to the proofs of (13), (15), (17) and therefore, will be omitted here as well.

$$\frac{1 + x_0x_{-4}x_{-8}}{x_0x_{-4}x_{-8}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i}x_{4i-4}x_{4i-8}} > \frac{1 + x_0x_{-4}x_{-8}}{x_0x_{-4}x_{-12}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i}x_{4i-4}x_{4i-8}} \quad (24)$$

$$\frac{1 + x_0 x_{-4} x_{-8}}{x_0 x_{-4} x_{-12}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i} x_{4i-4} x_{4i-8}} > \frac{1 + x_0 x_{-4} x_{-8}}{x_0 x_{-8} x_{-12}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i} x_{4i-4} x_{4i-8}} \tag{25}$$

$$\frac{1 + x_0 x_{-4} x_{-8}}{x_0 x_{-8} x_{-12}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i} x_{4i-4} x_{4i-8}} > \frac{1 + x_0 x_{-4} x_{-8}}{x_{-4} x_{-8} x_{-12}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{4j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{4i} x_{4i-4} x_{4i-8}} \tag{26}$$

thus,  $x_0 > x_{-4} > x_{-8} > x_{-12}$ .

Hence we obtain  $x_0 > x_{-4} > x_{-8} > x_{-12}$ ,  $x_{-1} > x_{-5} > x_{-9} > x_{-13}$ ,  $x_{-2} > x_{-6} > x_{-10} > x_{-14}$ ,  $x_{-3} > x_{-7} > x_{-11} > x_{-15}$ . Thus, we face a contradiction which completes the proof of theorem.

### 3. EXAMPLES

**Example 3.1:** Consider the following equation  $x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-15}}{1 + x_{n-3} x_{n-7} x_{n-11}}$ .

If the initial conditions are selected as:

$$\begin{aligned} x[-15] &= 2; x[-14] = 3; x[-13] = 4; x[-12] = 5; x[-11] = 6; x[-10] = 7; x[-9] = 8; \\ x[-8] &= 9; x[-7] = 10; x[-6] = 11; x[-5] = 12; x[-4] = 13; x[-3] = 14; x[-2] = 15; \\ x[-1] &= 16; x[0] = 17; \end{aligned}$$

the following solutions are obtained:

$$\begin{aligned} x(n) = \{ &0.0023781212841854932, 0.0025951557093425604, 0.002602472348731295, \\ &0.002512562814070352, 4.5013380909901874, 4.901271956390066, 5.334490, \\ &5.86752827140549, 8.6966640806827, 9.237538148524923, 9.8189563365282, \\ &10.42357512953368, 12.807665010645849, 13.422849340009103, 14.080599812, \\ &14.76265466816648, 0.000004733739666817867, 0.000004263238483558193, \\ &0.000003523856895520863, 0.000002818469827811277, 4.498965954184857, \\ &4.898682432783714, 5.331892555703612, 5.784244170813406, \dots \} \end{aligned}$$

The graph of the solutions is given in Fig.1.

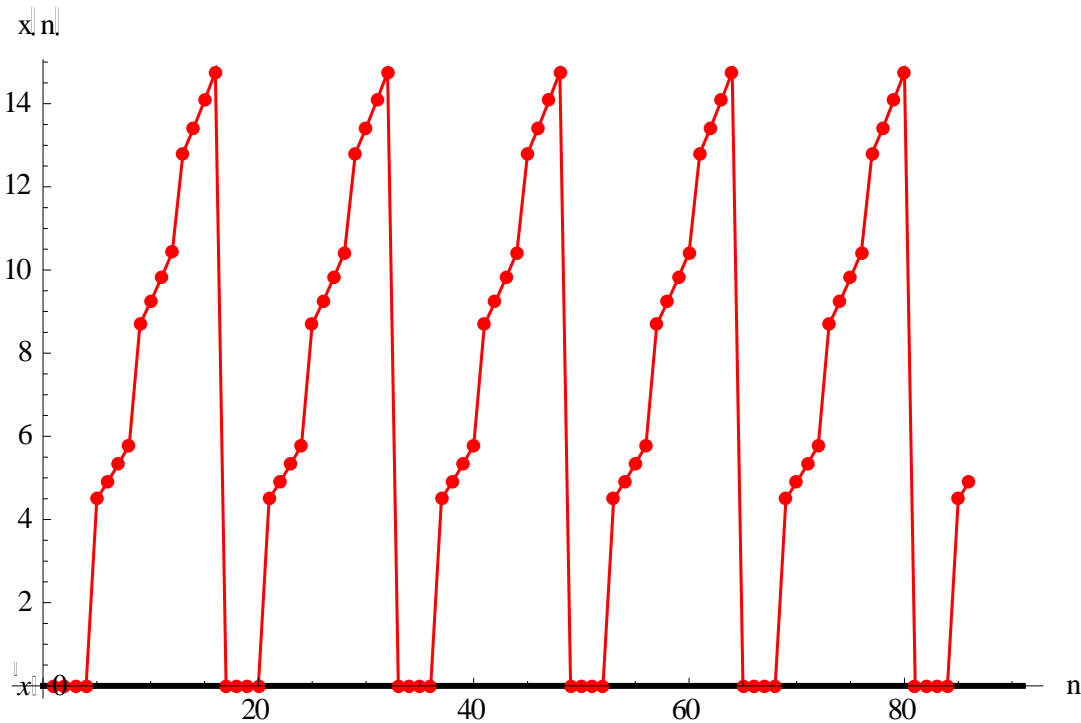


Figure 1.  $x(n)$  graph of the solutions.

**Example 3.2:** Consider the following equation  $x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-15}}{1 + x_{n-3}x_{n-7}x_{n-11}}$ .

If the initial conditions are selected as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} x[-15] &= 0.999; x[-14] = 0.998; x[-13] = 0.997; x[-12] = 0.996; x[-11] = 0.995; \\ x[-10] &= 0.994; x[-9] = 0.993; x[-8] = 0.992; x[-7] = 0.991; x[-6] = 0.99; x[-5] = 0.989; \\ x[-4] &= 0.988; x[-3] = 0.987; x[-2] = 0.986; x[-1] = 0.985; x[0] = 0.984; \end{aligned}$$

the following solutions are obtained:

$$\begin{aligned} x(n) = \{ &0.5062774309150935, 0.9097303920457783, 0.5067741406697103, 0.5070213125858963, \\ &0.6654634543918772, 0.9129296366989845, 0.6648003025279128, 0.6644687113750755, \\ &0.74369846352699, 0.9150659317837468, 0.7425760891664093, 0.7420150386695299, \\ &0.7892471743846864, 0.05602335091853418, 0.7878887127855291, 0.7872096248661782, \\ &0.36407076922682924, 0.8690573002926931, 0.3648605575249685, 0.365254820148283, \dots \} \end{aligned}$$

The graph of the solutions is given in Fig.2.

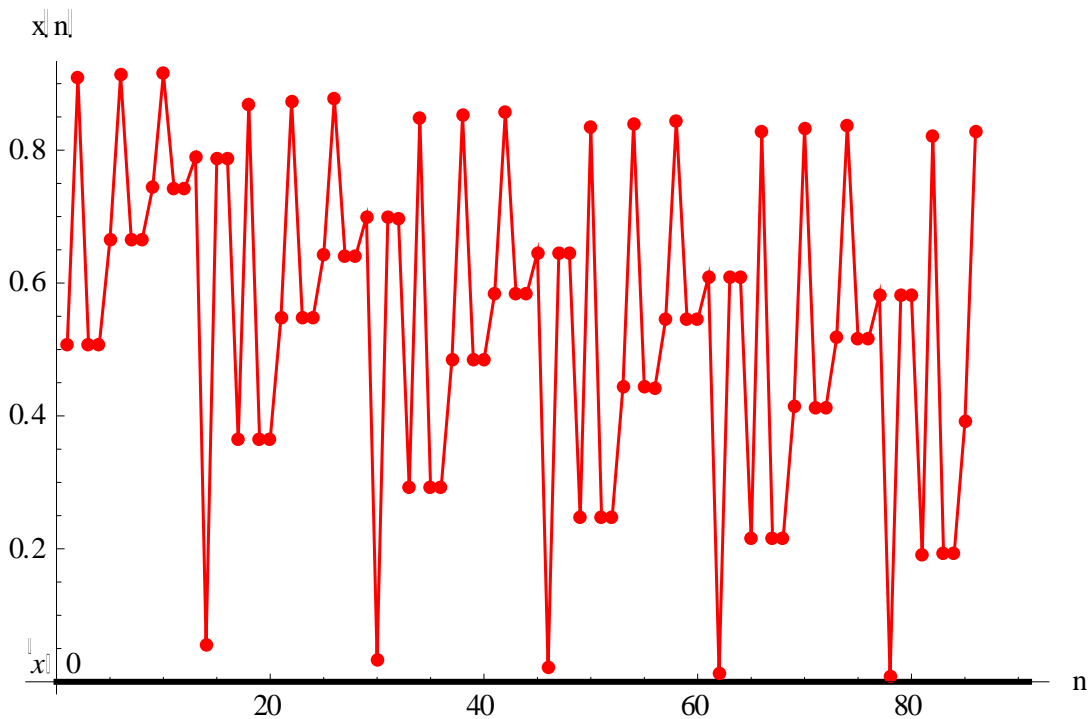


Figure 2.  $x(n)$  graph of the solutions.

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