

Oscillation of Third Order Nonlinear Neutral Type Difference equations

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Abstract : This paper is concerned with the oscillatory behavior of solutions of third order difference equations with neutral term. Sufficient conditions guarantee that every solution of

$$\Delta[a_1(n)\Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)]] + q(n)f(x(\sigma(n))) = 0, n \geq n_0 > 0$$

is oscillatory.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Last few decades have seen rapid growth in the study of the qualitative theory of difference equations [1]. In the recent years, researchers have paid great attention to the oscillation theory of third-order differential and difference equations [2,5,3,4,6]. This paper considers the following form of third order neutral difference equations

$$\Delta[a_1(n)\Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)]] + q(n)f(x(\sigma(n))) = 0, n \geq n_0 > 0 \quad (1)$$

Where $z(n) = [x(n) + p(n)x^\alpha(\tau(n))]$ for the oscillation of its solutions. Assume that the following Conditions holds,

(H₁) $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ is the ratio of odd positive integers.

(H₂) $a_1(n), a_2(n), p(n), q(n)$ are positive sequences.

(H₃) $\tau(n), \sigma(n)$ are all positive and $\tau(n) \geq n; \sigma(n) \geq n$;

(H₄) f is non decreasing such that $uf(u) \geq k > 0$ for $u \neq 0$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sigma(n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \delta(n) = \infty$.

This paper considers the following two cases:

$$(A) \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_1(n)} = \infty; \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_2(n)} = \infty.$$

$$(B) \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_1(n)} < \infty; \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_2(n)} = \infty.$$

A Solution $x(n)$ of (1) is said to be oscillatory if the terms $x(n)$ of the solution are not eventually positive or eventually negative. Otherwise the solution is called non oscillatory.

II. MAIN RESULT

Theorem2.1. Let $0 \leq p(n) \leq p_1 \leq 1$. Assume (H₁) – (H₄) and (A) holds if there exists a positive function ϕ , such that for all sufficiently large $n_3 > n_2 > n_1 \geq n_0$, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Sup} \sum_{m=n_2}^{n-1} \left[kq(m)\phi(m)p_*(m)\Theta(m) - \frac{a_1(m)\Delta^2\phi(m)}{4\phi(m)} \right] = \infty \quad (2)$$

hold for all constants $M > 0$. Then any solution $x(n)$ of (1) is oscillatory.

Proof . Suppose that $x(n)$ is solution of (1). By condition (A), there exists a possible case

$z(n) > 0, \Delta z(n) > 0, \Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)] > 0, \Delta[a_1(n)\Delta[a_1(n)\Delta z(n)]] < 0$, for $n > n_1, n_1$ is large enough. Also,

$$\Delta[a_1(n)\Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)]] = -q(n)f(x(\sigma(n)))$$

$$\leq -kq(n)x(\sigma(n))$$

Assume that $z(n)$ satisfying the case, there exists $n \geq n_1$ such that $z(n) > 0$; $z(\sigma(n)) > 0$ $\Delta z(n) > 0$, then $z(n)$ is monotonically increasing and there exists a constant $M > 0$ such that $z(n) \geq M$. Now by definition of $z(n)$ we have

$$x(n) = z(n) - p(n)x^\alpha(\tau(n)) \geq z(n) - p(n)z^\alpha(\sigma(n)) \geq \left[1 - \frac{p(\sigma(n))}{M^{1-\alpha}}\right]z(n) \tag{3}$$

$$x(n) \geq p_*(n)z(n)$$

Where $p_*(n) = \left[1 - \frac{p(n)}{M^{1-\alpha}}\right]$. Since, $\Delta[a_1(n)\Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)]] < 0$, then $a_1(n)\Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)]$ is decreasing, so

$$a_2(n)\Delta z(n) \geq \sum_{m=n_1}^{n-1} \frac{a_1(m)\Delta[a_2(m)\Delta z(m)]}{a_1(m)}$$

III.

$$\frac{a_2(n)\Delta z(n)}{\sum_{m=n_1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{a_1(m)}} \geq a_1(n)\Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)] \tag{4}$$

We have that

$$\Delta \left[\frac{a_2(n)\Delta z(n)}{\sum_{m=n_1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{a_1(m)}} \right] \leq 0 \tag{5}$$

Now, from $\sum_{m=n_2}^{n-1} \Delta z(m) = z(n) - z(n_2)$, we get

IV.

$$\begin{aligned} z(n) &= z(n_2) + \sum_{m=n_2}^{n-1} \Delta z(s) = z(n_2) + \sum_{m=n_2}^{n-1} \frac{a_2(m)\Delta z(m) \sum_{i=n_1}^{m-1} \frac{1}{a_1(i)}}{a_2(m) \sum_{i=n_1}^{m-1} \frac{1}{a_1(i)}} \\ &\geq \frac{a_2(n)\Delta z(n)}{\sum_{i=n_1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{a_1(i)}} \sum_{m=n_2}^{n-1} \left[\frac{1}{a_2(m)} \sum_{i=n_1}^{m-1} \frac{1}{a_1(i)} \right] \\ \frac{z(n)}{a_2(n)\Delta z(n)} &\geq \frac{\sum_{m=n_2}^{n-1} \left[\frac{1}{a_2(m)} \sum_{i=n_1}^{m-1} \frac{1}{a_1(i)} \right]}{\sum_{i=n_1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{a_1(i)}} \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Let us define $\omega(n)$ as follows

$$\omega(n) = \phi(n) \frac{a_1(n)\Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)]}{a_2(n)\Delta z(n)}, n \geq n_1. \tag{7}$$

Notice that $\omega(n) > 0$ for $n \geq n_1$. Now

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\omega(n)) &= \phi(n) \frac{\Delta[a_1(n)\Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)]]}{a_2(n)\Delta z(n)} + \Delta\phi(n) \frac{a_1(n+1)\Delta[a_2(n+1)\Delta z(n+1)]}{a_2(n+1)\Delta z(n+1)} \\ &\quad - \phi(n) \frac{a_1(n+1)\Delta[a_2(n+1)\Delta z(n+1)]\Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)]}{a_2(n)\Delta z(n)a_2(n+1)\Delta z(n+1)} \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (1) and (7)

$$\Delta\omega(n) = \frac{-q(n)\phi(n)f(x(\sigma(n)))}{a_2(n)\Delta z(n)} + \Delta\phi(n)\frac{\omega(n+1)}{\phi(n+1)} - \frac{\phi(n)}{a_1(n)}\frac{\omega(n+1)}{\phi(n+1)}\frac{a_1(n)\Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)]}{a_2(n)\Delta z(n)}$$

$a_1(n)\Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)]$ is a non increasing sequence and $a_2(n)\Delta z(n)$ is an increasing sequence .From (3)

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\omega(n)) &\leq \Delta\phi(n)\frac{\omega(n+1)}{\phi(n+1)} - \frac{\phi(n)}{a_1(n)}\frac{\omega^2(n+1)}{\phi^2(n+1)} - kq(n)\phi(n)\frac{x(\sigma(n))}{a_2(n)\Delta z(n)} \\ &\leq \left[\frac{\phi(n)}{a_1(n)}\frac{\omega^2(n+1)}{\phi^2(n+1)} - \Delta\phi(n)\frac{\omega(n+1)}{\phi(n+1)} \right] - kq(n)\phi(n)p_*(n)\frac{z(\sigma(n))}{a_2(n)\Delta z(n)} \\ &\leq \left[\frac{\phi(n)}{a_1(n)}\frac{\omega^2(n+1)}{\phi^2(n+1)} - \Delta\phi(n)\frac{\omega(n+1)}{\phi(n+1)} \right] - kq(n)\phi(n)p_*(n)\Theta(n) \\ &\leq \left[\sqrt{\frac{\phi(n)}{a_1(n)}}\frac{\omega(n+1)}{\phi(n+1)} - \frac{\Delta\phi(n)}{2}\sqrt{\frac{a_1(n)}{\phi(n)}} \right]^2 + \frac{\Delta^2\phi(n)a_1(n)}{4\phi(n)} - kq(n)\phi(n)p_*(n)\Theta(n) \end{aligned}$$

Which implies ,

$$\Delta(\omega(n)) \leq -kq(n)\phi(n)p_*(n)\Theta(n) + \frac{\Delta^2\phi(n)a_1(n)}{4\phi(n)}$$

Summing from $n_3(> n_2)$ to $n-1$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(n) - \omega(n_3) &\leq \sum_{m=n_3}^{n-1} \left[\frac{\Delta^2\phi(m)a_1(m)}{4\phi(m)} - kq(m)\phi(m)p_*(m)\Theta(m) \right] \\ &\quad - \sum_{m=n_3}^{n-1} \left[kq(m)\phi(m)p_*(m)\Theta(m) - \frac{\Delta^2\phi(m)a_1(m)}{4\phi(m)} \right] \leq \omega(n_3) \end{aligned}$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Sup} \sum_{m=n_3}^{n-1} \left[kq(m)\phi(m)p_*(m)\Theta(m) - \frac{\Delta^2\phi(m)a_1(m)}{4\phi(m)} \right] \leq \omega(n_3)$$

Which contradicts (2) which completes the proof.

Theorem 2.2. Assume $(H_1) - (H_4)$ and (A) holds and we have

$$\sum_{j=n_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_2(j)} \sum_{i=j}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_1(i)} \sum_{m=i}^{\infty} q(m) = \infty \tag{8}$$

Then any solution $x(n)$ of (1) is either oscillatory or $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x(n) = 0$

Proof . Suppose $x(n)$ is the positive solution of (1). By condition (A) , there exists a possible case such that $z(n) > 0, \Delta z(n) < 0, \Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)] > 0, \Delta[a_1(n)\Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)]] < 0$

Since $z(n) > 0$ and $\Delta z(n) < 0$, there exists a finite limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z(n) = l$. We shall prove that $l = 0$;

assume that $l > 0$, then for any $\varepsilon > 0$, we have $l + \varepsilon > z(n) > l$; choose $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{l(1-p)}{p}$,

$$\begin{aligned} z(n) &= x(n) + p(n)x^\alpha(\tau(n)) \\ x(n) &= z(n) - p(n)x^\alpha(\tau(n)) > l - pz(\sigma(n)) > l - p(l + \varepsilon) = k(l + \varepsilon) \\ &> kz(n) \text{ where, } k = \frac{l - p(l + \varepsilon)}{l + \varepsilon} > 0 \end{aligned}$$

From (1),

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta[a_1(n)\Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)]] &= -q(n)f(x(\sigma(n))) \\ &\leq -kq(n)z(\sigma(n)) \end{aligned}$$

Summing from n to ∞ , we get

$$\sum_{m=n}^{\infty} \Delta[a_1(m)\Delta[a_2(m)\Delta z(m)]] \leq -k \sum_{m=n}^{\infty} q(m)z(\sigma(m))$$

$$\frac{kl}{a_1(n)} \sum_{m=n}^{\infty} q(m) \leq \Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)]$$

Summing again from n_1 to ∞ , we get

$$\sum_{i=n_1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{kl}{a_1(i)} \sum_{m=i}^{\infty} q(m) \right] \leq \sum_{i=n_1}^{\infty} \Delta[a_2(i)\Delta z(i)]$$

$$\frac{kl}{a_2(n_1)} \sum_{i=n_1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_1(i)} \sum_{m=i}^{\infty} q(m) \leq -\Delta z(n_1)$$

Again taking summing from n_0 to ∞

$$kl \left[\sum_{j=n_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_2(j)} \sum_{i=j}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_1(i)} \sum_{m=i}^{\infty} q(m) \right] \leq -\sum_{j=n_0}^{\infty} \Delta z(j)$$

$$\sum_{j=n_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_2(j)} \sum_{i=j}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_1(i)} \sum_{m=i}^{\infty} q(m) \leq \frac{z(n_0)}{kl}$$

Which contradicts (8). Hence due to condition (8), we get the required result.

Theorem 2.3. Let $0 \leq p(n) \leq p_1 \leq 1$. Assume $(H_1) - (H_4)$ and (B) holds, If there exists a positive function δ , such that for all sufficiently large $n_2 > n_1 \geq n_0$, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Sup} \sum_{m=n_2}^{n-1} \left[kq(m)\delta(m)p_*(m) \sum_{i=n_1}^{\sigma(m)-1} \frac{1}{a_2(i)} - \frac{1}{4a_1(m)\delta(m)} \right] = \infty \tag{9}$$

Where $p_*(n) = 1 - \frac{p(n)}{M^{1-\alpha}}$ and $\delta(n) = \sum_{m=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_1(m)}$ hold for all constants $M > 0$. Then any solution $x(n)$ of(1) is oscillatory.

Proof. Suppose $x(n)$ is positive solution of (1).By condition (B) , there exists a possible case such that

$$z(n) > 0, \Delta z(n) > 0, \Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)] < 0, \Delta[a_1(n)\Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)]] < 0.$$

Hence $a_1(n)\Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)]$ is non increasing,

$$a_1(m)\Delta[a_2(m)\Delta z(m)] \leq a_1(n)\Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)], \quad m > n \geq n_1$$

Dividing by $a_1(s)$ and summing n to $l-1$, we get

$$\sum_{m=n}^{l-1} \Delta[a_2(m)\Delta z(m)] \leq a_1(n)\Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)] \sum_{m=n}^{l-1} \frac{1}{a_1(m)}$$

$$a_2(l)\Delta z(l) \leq a_2(n)\Delta z(n) + a_1(n)\Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)] \sum_{m=n}^{l-1} \frac{1}{a_1(m)}$$

Letting $l \rightarrow \infty$

$$\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} a_2(l)\Delta z(l) \leq a_2(n)\Delta z(n) + a_1(n)\Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)] \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{m=n}^{l-1} \frac{1}{a_1(m)}$$

V.
$$0 \leq a_2(n)\Delta z(n) + a_1(n)\Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)] \sum_{m=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_1(m)}$$

$$-\frac{a_1(n)\Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)]\sum_{m=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_1(m)}}{a_2(n)\Delta z(n)} \leq 1$$

Now define $\phi(n)$ as follows

$$\phi(n) = \frac{a_1(n)\Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)]}{a_2(n)\Delta z(n)}, n \geq n_1. \tag{10}$$

Notice that $\phi(n) < 0$ for $n \geq n_1$. Thus

$$-\phi(n)\sum_{m=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_1(m)} \leq 1$$

$$-\phi(n)\delta(n) \leq 1 \text{ where } \delta(n) = \sum_{m=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_1(m)}$$

We get

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\phi(n) &= \Delta\left[\frac{a_1(n)\Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)]}{a_2(n)\Delta z(n)}\right] \\ &= \frac{[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)]\Delta[a_1(n)\Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)]]}{[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)][a_2(n+1)\Delta z(n+1)]} - \frac{a_1(n)\Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)]\Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)]}{[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)][a_2(n+1)\Delta z(n+1)]} \\ &= \frac{\Delta[a_1(n)\Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)]]}{a_2(n+1)\Delta z(n+1)} - \frac{a_1(n)\Delta^2[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)]}{[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)][a_2(n+1)\Delta z(n+1)]} \\ &= \frac{-kq(n)x(\sigma(n))}{a_2(n)\Delta z(n)} - \frac{a_1(n)\Delta^2[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)]}{[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)]^2} \text{ since } \Delta[a_2(n)\Delta z(n)] < 0 \\ \Delta\phi(n) &= \frac{-kq(n)x(\sigma(n))}{a_2(n)\Delta z(n)} - \frac{\phi^2(n)}{a_1(n)} \end{aligned}$$

In view of case ;

$$z(n) \geq a_2(n) \sum_{m=n_1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{a_2(m)} \Delta z(n),$$

$$\frac{z(n)}{a_2(n)\Delta z(n)} \geq \sum_{m=n_1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{a_2(m)} \tag{11}$$

Hence, $\Delta\left[\frac{z(n)}{\sum_{m=n_1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{a_2(m)}}\right] \leq 0$, which implies that $\frac{z(\sigma(n))}{z(n)} \geq \frac{\sum_{m=n_1}^{\sigma(n)-1} \frac{1}{a_2(m)}}{\sum_{m=n_1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{a_2(m)}}$.

Now use (3) and (11) in $\Delta\phi(n)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\phi(n) &\leq \frac{-kq(n)p_*(n)z(\sigma(n))}{a_2(n)\Delta z(n)} - \frac{\phi^2(n)}{a_1(n)} \\ &\leq -kq(n)p_*(n) \sum_{m=n_1}^{\sigma(n)-1} \frac{1}{a_2(m)} - \frac{\phi^2(n)}{a_1(n)} \end{aligned}$$

Thus multiply by $\delta(n)$ and summing from $n_2 (> n_1)$ to $n-1$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m=n_2}^{n-1} \Delta\phi(m)\delta(m) &\leq \sum_{m=n_2}^{n-1} -kq(m)p_*(m)\delta(m) \sum_{i=n_1}^{\sigma(m)-1} \frac{1}{a_2(i)} \\ &\quad - \sum_{m=n_2}^{n-1} \left[\frac{\phi^2(m)}{a_1(m)} \delta(m) + \frac{\phi(m)}{a_1(m)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{m=n_2}^{n-1} kq(m)p_*(m)\delta(s) \sum_{i=n_1}^{\sigma(m)-1} \frac{1}{a_2(i)} + \sum_{m=n_2}^{n-1} \left[\frac{\phi^2(m)}{a_1(m)} \delta(m) + \frac{\phi(m)}{a_1(m)} \right] \leq -\phi(n)\delta(n) + \phi(n_2)\delta(n_2)$$

Since , $-\phi(n)\delta(n) \leq 1$

$$\sum_{m=n_2}^{n-1} kq(m)p_*(m)\delta(m) \sum_{i=n_1}^{\sigma(m)-1} \frac{1}{a_2(i)} + \sum_{m=n_2}^{n-1} \left[\phi(m) \sqrt{\frac{\delta(m)}{a_1(m)}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[2]{a_1(m)\delta(m)}} \right]^2$$

$$- \sum_{m=n_2}^{n-1} \frac{1}{4a_1(m)\delta(m)} \leq 1 + \phi(n_2)\delta(n_2)$$

$$\sum_{m=n_2}^{n-1} \left[kq(m)p_*(m)\delta(m) \sum_{i=n_1}^{\sigma(m)-1} \frac{1}{a_2(i)} - \frac{1}{4a_1(m)\delta(m)} \right] \leq 1 + \phi(n_2)\delta(n_2)$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{m=n_2}^{n-1} \left[kq(m)p_*(m)\delta(m) \sum_{i=n_1}^{\sigma(m)-1} \frac{1}{a_2(i)} - \frac{1}{4a_1(m)\delta(m)} \right] \leq 1 + \phi(n_2)\delta(n_2)$$

Which contradicts (9). This completes the proof.

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