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

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

where α^i for $i=1,2,\cdots,r$ 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

$$x_{n+1} - x_n + \alpha(n)x_{n-m} = 0, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \cdots$$

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

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 $|x| \le K$ then $F(x) \le K|x|$.

If m is bounded and the maximum of m is k, then for any integer $n_0 \ge 0$, 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 $\psi : \mathbb{Z}_0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be an inital 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 $n \ge n_0$.

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

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

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 $|\psi_n|\leqslant B_1$ on \mathbb{Z}_0 implies $|x_{n,n_0,\psi}|\leqslant B_2$ 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

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

Indeed, we have

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

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

$$\sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \Delta \left(x_t \prod_{s=n_0}^{t-1} \lambda_s^{-1} \right) = \sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_t^i F(x_{t-m_t}) \prod_{s=n_0}^t \lambda_s^{-1}$$

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

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

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

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

and

$$\sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_t^i \right| \left| \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right| \leqslant \alpha, n \geqslant n_0.$$
 (1.3)

Then solutions of (1.1) are equi-bounded.

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

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

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

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

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

+ ||.|| is a metric.

i)
$$\forall \varphi, \eta \in S : \|\varphi - \eta\| = \max_{\eta \in S} |(\varphi - \eta)_{\eta}| \geqslant 0$$
,

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

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

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

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

$$\|\varphi - \eta\| = \max_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |(\varphi - \psi)_n| = \max_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |\varphi_n - \psi_n| = \max_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |\varphi_n - \eta_n + \eta_n - \psi_n|$$

$$\leq \max_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (|\varphi_n - \eta_n| + |\eta_n - \psi_n|) \leq \max_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |\varphi_n - \eta_n| + \max_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |\eta_n - \psi_n|$$

$$= \|\varphi - \eta\| + \|\eta - \psi\|.$$

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

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \ell_0 : \forall k, \ell \geqslant \ell_0 : \left\| \varphi^{\ell} - \varphi^{k} \right\| < \varepsilon$$
 or $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \ell_0 : \forall k, \ell \geqslant \ell_0 : \max_{n \in} \left| \left(\varphi^{\ell} - \varphi^{k} \right)_n \right| < \varepsilon$ or

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

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

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

We prove $\varphi \in S$. Indeed, since $\varphi^{\ell} \in S$, $\varphi^{\ell}_n = \psi_n$ on \mathbb{Z}_0 . It implies $\varphi_n = \lim_{\ell \to \infty} \varphi^{\ell}_n = \psi_n$ on \mathbb{Z}_0 . Moreover, since $||\varphi^{\ell}|| \leq B_2$, $||\varphi|| \leq B_2$.

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

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

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

$$|(P\varphi)_{n}| = \left| \psi_{n_{0}} \prod_{s=n_{0}}^{n-1} \lambda_{s} + \sum_{t=n_{0}}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{r} \alpha_{t}^{i} F(\varphi_{t-m_{t}}) \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_{s} \right|, n \geqslant n_{0}$$

$$\leqslant \left| \psi_{n_{0}} \right| \left| \prod_{s=n_{0}}^{n-1} \lambda_{s} \right| + \sum_{t=n_{0}}^{n-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{r} \alpha_{t}^{i} \right| \left| F(\varphi_{t-m_{t}}) \right| \left| \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_{s} \right|, n \geqslant n_{0}.$$

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,

$$|(P\varphi)_{n}| \leq B_{1}M + B_{2}^{2} \sum_{t=n_{0}}^{n-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{r} \alpha_{t}^{i} \right| \left| \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_{s} \right|, n \geq n_{0}$$

$$\leq B_{1}M + B_{2}^{2} \sum_{t=n_{0}}^{n-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{r} \alpha_{t}^{i} \right| \left| \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_{s} \right|, n \geq n_{0}$$

$$\leq B_{1}M + \alpha B_{2}^{2} \leq B_{2}.$$

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

$$|(P\varphi)_{n} - (P\eta)_{n}| = \left| \sum_{t=n_{0}}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{r} \alpha_{t}^{i} F(\varphi_{t-m_{t}}) \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_{s} - \sum_{t=n_{0}}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{r} \alpha_{t}^{i} F(\eta_{t-m_{t}}) \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_{s} \right|$$

$$\leqslant B_{2} \sum_{t=n_{0}}^{n-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{r} \alpha_{t}^{i} \right| \left| \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_{s} \right| \|\varphi - \eta\|$$

$$\leqslant B_{2} \alpha \|\varphi - \eta\|.$$

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 $MB_1+\alpha B_2^2\leqslant B_2$ we have $\alpha B_2^2\leqslant B_2-MB_1$, which implies that

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

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

$$\sum_{s=n_0}^{n-1} |\lambda_s| < \sum_{s=n_0}^{n-1} (1-\gamma) = (1-\gamma)(n-n_0) = M$$

$$\prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s < \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} (1-\gamma) = (1-\gamma)^{n-t-1} = N$$

$$|\sum_{s=n_0}^{n-1} \lambda_s| \leq \sum_{s=n_0}^{n-1} |\lambda_s| < M$$

$$\sum_{s=n_0}^{n-1} |\sum_{i=1}^{r} \alpha_s^i| \leq \gamma(n-n_0)$$

$$\sum_{s=n_0}^{n-1} |\sum_{i=1}^{r} \alpha_s^i| \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s| \leq \gamma(n-n_0)N = \alpha.$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$|(P\varphi)_{n}| = \left| \psi_{n_{0}} \prod_{s=n_{0}}^{n-1} \lambda_{s} + \sum_{t=n_{0}}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{r} \alpha_{t}^{i} F(\varphi_{t-m_{t}}) \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_{s} \right|, n \geqslant n_{0}$$

$$\leqslant \left| \psi_{n_{0}} \right| \left| \prod_{s=n_{0}}^{n-1} \lambda_{s} \right| + \sum_{t=n_{0}}^{n-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{r} \alpha_{t}^{i} \right| \left| F(\varphi_{t-m_{t}}) \right| \left| \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_{s} \right|, n \geqslant n_{0}$$

$$\leqslant \delta M + \varepsilon^{2} \sum_{t=n_{0}}^{n-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{r} \alpha_{t}^{i} \right| \left| \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_{s} \right|, n \geqslant n_{0}$$

$$\leqslant \delta M + \varepsilon^{2} \alpha < \varepsilon$$

and

$$|(P\varphi)_{n} - (P\eta)_{n}| = \left| \sum_{t=n_{0}}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{r} \alpha_{t}^{i} F(\varphi_{t-m_{t}}) \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_{s} - \sum_{t=n_{0}}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{r} \alpha_{t}^{i} F(\eta_{t-m_{t}}) \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_{s} \right|$$

$$\leqslant \varepsilon \left| \sum_{t=n_{0}}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{r} \alpha_{t}^{i} \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_{s} \right| \|\varphi - \eta\| \leqslant \varepsilon \sum_{t=n_{0}}^{n-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{r} \alpha_{t}^{i} \right| \left| \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_{s} \right| \|\varphi - \eta\|$$

$$\leqslant \varepsilon \alpha \|\varphi - \eta\|.$$

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

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

$$n - m_n \to \infty \text{ as } n \to \infty.$$
 (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,

$$\prod_{s=n_0}^{n-1} \lambda_s \to 0 \text{ as } n \to \infty.$$
 (1.7)

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

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

Define $P: S^* \longrightarrow S^*$ 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 infinie. We have only to prove

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

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

$$\left| \sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{r} \alpha_t^i F(\varphi_{t-m_t}) \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right| \leqslant \sum_{t=n_0}^{n-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{r} \alpha_t^i F(\varphi_{t-m_t}) \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right|$$

$$\leqslant \sum_{t=n_0}^{n_1-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{r} \alpha_t^i F(\varphi_{t-m_t}) \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right| + \sum_{t=n_1}^{n-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{r} \alpha_t^i F(\varphi_{t-m_t}) \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right|$$

$$\leqslant \epsilon^2 \sum_{t=n_0}^{n_1-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{r} \alpha_t^i \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right| + \epsilon_1^2 \sum_{t=n_1}^{n-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{r} \alpha_t^i \prod_{s=t+1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right|$$

$$\leqslant \epsilon^2 \sum_{t=n_0}^{n_1-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{r} \alpha_t^i \prod_{s=t+1}^{n_1-1} \lambda_s \prod_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right| + \epsilon_1^2 \alpha$$

$$\leqslant \epsilon^2 \left| \prod_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right| \sum_{t=n_0}^{n_1-1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{r} \alpha_t^i \right| \left| \prod_{s=t+1}^{n_1-1} \lambda_s \right| + \epsilon_1 \alpha$$

$$\leqslant \epsilon^2 \alpha \left| \prod_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \lambda_s \right| + \epsilon_1^2 \alpha \leqslant \epsilon^2 \alpha \cdot \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon^2 \alpha} + \epsilon_1^2 \alpha.$$

$$\leqslant \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_1^2 \alpha.$$

Now, by the above, it follows that $(P\varphi)_n \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$. 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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