OSCILLATION CRITERIA OF THIRD ORDER NON-LINEAR DAMPED DELAY DIFFERENCE EQUATIONS

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ABSTRACT: In this paper, we consider the third order non-linear difference equations of the form $\Delta(c_n\Delta(d_n(\Delta x_n)^{\delta})) + p_n(\Delta x_n)^{\delta} + q_n g(x_{n-\lambda}) = 0, n \ge n_0 > 0$. We establish new oscillation results for the third order equation by using Riccati transformation technique. Examples are given to illustrate the importance of the results.

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Introduction

We consider non-linear third order difference equations of the form $\Delta (c_n \Delta (d_n (\Delta x_n)^{\delta})) + p_n (\Delta x_n)^{\delta} + q_n g(x_{n-\lambda}) = 0, \qquad n \ge n_0 > 0$ (1.1)

where $\delta \ge 1$ is the ratio of positive odd integers.

- (i) $\{c_n\}, \{d_n\}, \{p_n\}$ and $\{q_n\}$ are positive real sequences.
- (ii) $\{g_n\}_{is a real sequence such that} ug(u) > 0 \text{ for } u \neq 0 \text{ and } g(u)/u^{\beta} \ge k > 0 \text{ where } \beta$ is ratio of positive integers.
- (iii) λ is a positive integer.

By a solution of equation (1.1) we mean a real sequence $\{x_n\}$ defined for $n \ge n_0 - \lambda$ and satisfies the equation (1.1) for all $n \ge n_0$. A solution $\{x_n\}$ of equation (1.1) is said to be oscillatory if is neither eventually positive nor eventually negative, and otherwise non-oscillatory. A solution $\{x_n\}$ of equation (1.1) is called non-oscillatory if all its solutions are non-oscillatory.

There are many papers dealing with oscillatory and asymptotic behavior of solutions of several classes of third order functional difference equations, see [3]-[8], [10]- [13] and the reference cited therein. In[14] the authors considered the following the second order

$$\Delta(c_n \Delta z_n) + \frac{p_n}{q_{n+1}} z_{n+1} = 0$$

difference equation (1.2)

is non-oscillatory.

Very recently, in [6] the authors discussed the oscillatory and asymptotic behavior of solution of the equation

$$\Delta \left(a_n \Delta \left(b_n \left(\Delta y_n \right)^{\alpha} \right) \right) + p_n \left(\Delta y_{n+1} \right)^{\alpha} + q_n f\left(y_{n-l} \right) = 0, n \ge n_0$$
(1.3)

Equation (1.3), the authors assumed the coefficient sequence of the damping term is positive.

In section 2, we will present some lemmas which are useful in establish our main results. In section 3, we will state and prove the main results and give examples illustrate them.

2. Auxiliary Results

We define,

 $L_0 x_n = x_n, \qquad L_1 x_n = d_n (\Delta(L_0 x_n))^{\delta}, \quad L_2 x_n = c_n \Delta(L_1 x_n), \qquad L_3 x_n = \Delta(L_2 x_n) \text{ on I.}$ Hence (1.1) can be written as $L_2 x_n + \left(\frac{p_n}{2}\right) L_1 x_n + q_2 g(x_{n-1}) = 0$

$$L_3 x_n + \left(\frac{P_n}{d_n}\right) L_1 x_n + q_n g(x_{n-\lambda})$$

Remark 2.1

We denote the following notations:

$$D_1(n) = \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(d_s)^{1/\delta}}, \qquad D_2(n) = \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(c_s)}, \qquad D^*(n) = \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \left[\frac{D_2(s)}{d_s} \right]^{1/\delta}$$

for $n_0 \le n_1 \le n < \infty$,

We assume that $\lim_{n \to \infty} D_1(n) = \infty$ as $n \to \infty$ (2.1)

and $\lim_{n \to \infty} D_2(n) = \infty$ as $n \to \infty$ (2.2)

Lemma 2.2Suppose that (1.2) is non-oscillatory. If $\{x_n\}$ is a non-oscillatory solution of (1.1) on $[n_1,\infty), n_1 \ge n_0$, then there exists $n_2 \in [n_1,\infty)$ such that $x_n L_1 x_n > 0$ or $x_n L_1 x_n < 0$ for $n \ge n_2$.

Proof: The proof is similar to that of Lemma 2.1 in [14] and hence the details are omitted.

Lemma 2.3 Let $\{x_n\}$ be a non-oscillatory solution of (1.1) with $x_n L_1 x_n > 0$ for $n \ge n_1 \ge n_0$ then

$$L_1 x_n \ge D_2(n) L_2 x_n$$
 for all $n \ge n_1$
(2.3) and

$$x_n \ge D^*(n) L_2^{1/\delta} x_n \text{ for all } n \ge n_1(2.4)$$

Proof:Let $\{x_n\}$ be a non-oscillatory solution of (1.1) say $x_n > 0$, $x_{n-\lambda} > 0$ and $L_1 x_n > 0$ for $n \ge n_1 \ge n_0$. Since $L_3 x_n = -\left(\frac{p_n}{d_n}\right) L_1 x_n - q_n g(x_{n-\lambda}) \le 0.$

we have that $L_2 x_n$ is non increasing on $[n_1, \infty)$, and hence $L_1 x_n = L_1 x_{n_1} + \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \Delta(L_1 x_s) \ge \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \Delta(L_1 x_s)$ $= \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \frac{L_2 x_s}{c_s} \ge \left[\sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{c_s}\right] L_2 x_n$ $= L_2 x_n D_2(n)$

This implies

$$\Delta x_n \ge \left[\frac{D_2(n)}{d_n}\right]^{1/\delta} \left(L_2 x_n\right)^{1/\delta}.$$

Now, summing this inequality from n_1 to n-1 and using the fact that $L_2 x_n$ is non increasing, we find

$$x_n = x_{n_1} + \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \Delta x_s \ge \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \Delta x_s$$
$$\ge \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \left[\frac{D_2(s)}{d_s} \right]^{1/\delta} (L_2 x_s)^{1/\delta}$$
$$\ge \left[\sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \left[\frac{D_2(s)}{d_s} \right]^{1/\delta} \right] (L_2 x_n)^{1/\delta}$$
$$= D^*(n) (L_2 x_n)^{1/\delta} \quad for \ n \ge n_1.$$

This completes the proof.

Next, the following two lemmas are consider by the second order delay difference equation $\Delta(c_n \Delta x_n) = Q_n x_{n-1}$

(2.5)

where $\{Q_n\}$ is a positive real sequence and *l* is a positive integer.

Lemma 2.4If

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\sup\sum_{s=n-l}^{n-1}Q_sD_2(s-l)>1$$

(2.6)

then all bounded solutions of (2.5) are oscillatory.

Proof: Let $\{x_n\}$ be a bounded non-oscillatory solution of (2.5), say $x_n > 0$ and $x_{n-l} > 0$ for

 $n \ge n_1$

for some $n_1 \ge n_0$. By (2.5), $c_n \Delta x_n$ is strictly non-decreasing on $[n_1, \infty)$. Hence for any $n_2 \ge n_1$, we have

$$x_{n} = x_{n_{2}} + \sum_{s=n_{2}}^{n-1} \Delta x_{s} = x_{n_{2}} + \sum_{s=n_{2}}^{n-1} \frac{c_{s} \Delta x_{s}}{c_{s}}$$
$$> x_{n_{2}} + c_{n_{2}} \Delta x_{n_{2}} \sum_{s=n_{2}}^{n-1} \frac{1}{c_{s}}$$
$$= x_{n_{2}} + c_{n_{2}} \Delta x_{n_{2}} D_{2}(n)$$

So $\Delta x_{n_2} < 0$ as otherwise (2.2) this imply $x_n \to \infty$ as $n \to \infty$, we get a contradiction to the boundedness of x_n . Also, we get

$$x_n > 0, \Delta x_n < 0$$
 and $\Delta(c_n \Delta x_n) > 0$ on $[n_1, \infty)$

Now for
$$v \ge u \ge n_1$$
, we have
 $x_u > x_u - x_v = -\sum_{s=u}^{v-1} \Delta x_s = -\sum_{s=u}^{v-1} \frac{c_s \Delta x_s}{c_s}$
 $\ge -\left[\sum_{s=u}^{v-1} \frac{1}{c_s}\right] c_v \Delta x_v = -D_2(v) c_v \Delta x_v$
(2.8)

For $n \ge s \ge n_1$, setting u = s - l and v = n - l in (2.8), we get

$$x_{s-l} > -D_2(n-l)c_{n-l}\Delta x_{n-l}$$

(2.9)

Summing (2.5) from n-l to n-1 we obtain $-c_{n-l}\Delta x_{n-l} > c_n\Delta x_n - c_{n-l}\Delta x_{n-l}$

$$= \sum_{s=n-l}^{n-1} Q_s x_{s-l}$$

$$\stackrel{(2.9)}{>} - \left[\sum_{s=n-l}^{n-1} Q_s D_2 (s-l) c_{n-l} \Delta x_{n-l} \right]$$
(i.e) $1 > \sum_{s=n-l}^{n-1} Q_s D_2 (s-l)$
(2.10)

Taking lim sup as $n \to \infty$ on both sides of (2.10) yields a contradiction to (2.6) and completes the proof.

Lemma 2.5If

$$\limsup_{n\to\infty}\sup\sum_{s=n-l}^{n-1}\left(\frac{1}{c_n}\sum_{s=u}^{n-1}Q_s\right)>1$$

(2.11)

then all bounded solutions of (2.5) are oscillatory.

Proof: Let $\{x_n\}$ be a bounded non-oscillatory solution of equation (2.5), say $x_n > 0$ and

 $x_{n-1} > 0$ for $n \ge n_1$ for some $n_1 \ge n_0$. As in lemma 2.4, we obtain (2.7) summing (2.5) from *u* to n-1, we get

$$-c_{u}\Delta x_{u} > c_{n}\Delta x_{n} - c_{u}\Delta x_{u} = \sum_{s=u}^{n-1} Q_{s} x_{s-l}$$

$$\geq \left[\sum_{s=u}^{n-1} Q_{s}\right] x_{n-l}$$

$$(i.e) - \Delta x_{u} > \left[\frac{1}{c_{u}}\sum_{s=u}^{n-1} Q_{s}\right] x_{n-l}$$

$$(2.12)$$

Summing (2.12) from n-l to n-1, we get

$$x_{n-l} > x_{n-l} - x_n$$

$$> \left[\sum_{s=n-l}^{n-1} \left(\frac{1}{c_u} \sum_{s=u}^{n-1} Q_s \right) \right] x_{n-l}$$

$$1 > \sum_{s=n-l}^{n-1} \left(\frac{1}{c_u} \sum_{s=u}^{n-1} Q_s \right)$$
(2.13)

Taking lim sup as $n \to \infty$ on both sides of (2.13) yields a contradiction to (2.11) and completes the proof.

3. Oscillation Results by Riccati method

Now, we establish the main result of this paper.

Theorem 3.1 Assume that (2.1), (2.2) and $\delta \ge \beta$. Suppose (1.2) is non-oscillatory. If there exists a positive sequence $\{\rho_n\}$ such that $\rho_n > 0$ and $n - \lambda \le n - l \le n$ for all $n \ge n_0$ satisfying

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \sup_{s=n_1} \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \left[k \rho_s q_s - \frac{A^2_s}{4B_s} \right] = \infty \qquad \text{for any} \qquad n_1 \in I, \quad \text{where for} \qquad n \ge n_1.$$

(3.1)

$$\begin{cases} A_n = \frac{\Delta \rho_n}{\rho_{n+1}} - \frac{\rho_n}{\rho_{n+1}} \frac{p_n}{d_n} D_2(n) \\ B_n = c^* \frac{\rho_n}{\rho_{n+1}^2} \left[\frac{D_2(n-\lambda)}{d_{n-\lambda}} \right]^{1/\delta} \left[D^*(n-\lambda) \right]^{\beta-1} \end{cases}$$
(3.2)

and (2.6) or (2.11) holds with $Q_n = \left[ckq_n (D_1(n-l))^{\beta} - \frac{p_n}{d_n} \right] \ge 0 \text{ for all } n \ge n_1 \text{ with } c, c^* > 0 \text{ then every solution } \{x_n\} \text{ of } (1.1)$ or $L_2 x_n$ is oscillatory. **Proof:**

Let $\{x_n\}$ be a non-oscillatory solution of (1.1) on $[n_1,\infty), n_1 \ge n_0$. Without loss of generality, we may assume that $x_n > 0$ and $x_{n-\lambda} > 0$ for $n \ge n_1$. From lemma 2.2, it follows that $L_1 x_n < 0$ or

 $L_1 x_n > 0$ for $n \ge n_1$. First, we assume $L_1 x_n > 0$ on $[n_1, \infty)$. By (1.1), $L_2 x_n$ is strictly decreasing. Hence for any $n_2 \ge n_1$, we have

$$L_{1}x_{n} = L_{1}x_{n_{2}} + \sum_{s=n_{2}}^{n-1} \Delta(L_{1}x_{s}) = L_{1}x_{n_{2}} + \sum_{s=n_{2}}^{n-1} \frac{L_{2}x_{s}}{c_{s}}$$

$$\leq L_{1}x_{n_{2}} + \left[\sum_{s=n_{2}}^{n-1} \frac{1}{c_{s}}\right]L_{2}x_{n_{2}} = L_{1}x_{n_{2}} + L_{2}x_{n_{2}}D_{2}(n)$$
(3.3)

So $L_2 x_{n_2} > 0$ as otherwise (2.2) would imply $L_1 x_n \to -\infty$ as $n \to \infty$, a contradiction to the positively of $L_1 x_n$. Altogether $L_2 x_n > 0$ on $[n_1, \infty)$. Define

$$w_n = \frac{\rho_n L_2 x_n}{x_{n-\lambda}^{\beta}} \tag{3.4}$$

By using (1.1), (2.3) and the condition (ii) on g, we obtain

$$\Delta w_{n} = \frac{\rho_{n}}{x_{n-\lambda}^{\beta}} \Delta L_{2} x_{n} + L_{2} x_{n+1} \Delta \left(\frac{\rho_{n}}{x_{n-\lambda}^{\beta}}\right)$$

$$= \Delta \rho_{n} \frac{w_{n+1}}{\rho_{n+1}} + \frac{\Delta L_{2} x_{n} w_{n}}{L_{2} x_{n}} - \beta \rho_{n} \frac{\Delta x_{n-\lambda}}{x_{n-\lambda}} \frac{w_{n+1}}{\rho_{n+1}}$$

$$\stackrel{(1.1)}{=} \Delta \rho_{n} \frac{w_{n+1}}{\rho_{n+1}} - \frac{w_{n} \left[\frac{p_{n}}{d_{n}} L_{1} x_{n} + q_{n} g(x_{n-\lambda})\right]}{L_{2} x_{n}} - \beta \rho_{n} \frac{\Delta x_{n-\lambda}}{x_{n-\lambda}} \frac{w_{n+1}}{\rho_{n+1}}$$

$$\stackrel{(2.3)}{\leq} \frac{\Delta \rho_{n} w_{n+1}}{\rho_{n+1}} - w_{n} \frac{p_{n}}{d_{n}} D_{2}(n) - k \rho_{n} q_{n} - \beta \rho_{n} \frac{\Delta x_{n-\lambda}}{x_{n-\lambda}} \frac{w_{n+1}}{\rho_{n+1}}$$

Since
$$L_2 x_n$$
 is decreasing, we have $\frac{\Delta x_{n+1-\lambda}}{\Delta x_{n-\lambda}} \ge \left(\frac{d_{n-\lambda}}{d_{n+1-\lambda}}\right)^{1/\delta}$ and $\frac{w_{n+1}}{\rho_{n+1}} \le \frac{w_n}{\rho_n}$

$$\Delta w_{n} \leq -k\rho_{n}q_{n} - \frac{w_{n+1}}{\rho_{n+1}}\rho_{n}\frac{p_{n}}{d_{n}}D_{2}(n) + \Delta\rho_{n}\frac{w_{n+1}}{\rho_{n+1}} - \beta\rho_{n}\frac{\Delta x_{n-\lambda}}{x_{n-\lambda}}\frac{w_{n+1}}{\rho_{n+1}}$$

= $-k\rho_{n}q_{n} + A_{n}w_{n+1} - \beta\rho_{n}\frac{\Delta x_{n-\lambda}}{x_{n-\lambda}}\frac{w_{n+1}}{\rho_{n+1}}$ (3.5)

From the definition of $L_1 x_n$ and (2.3), we get

$$\Delta x_{n-\lambda} = \left(\frac{1}{d_{n-\lambda}}L_{1}x_{n-\lambda}\right)^{1/\delta}$$

$$\geq \left[\frac{D_{2}(n-\lambda)}{d_{n-\lambda}}\right]^{1/\delta} [L_{2}x_{n-\lambda}]^{1/\delta}$$

$$\geq \left[\frac{D_{2}(n-\lambda)}{d_{n-\lambda}}\right]^{1/\delta} [L_{2}x_{n}]^{1/\delta}$$

$$\frac{\Delta x_{n-\lambda}}{x_{n-\lambda}} \geq \left[\frac{D_{2}(n-\lambda)}{\rho_{n}d_{n-\lambda}}\right]^{1/\delta} \frac{\rho_{n}^{1/\delta}(L_{2}x_{n})^{1/\delta}}{x_{n-\lambda}^{\beta/\delta}}x_{n-\lambda}^{\beta/\delta-1}$$

$$= \left[\frac{D_{2}(n-\lambda)}{\rho_{n}d_{n-\lambda}}\right]^{1/\delta} w_{n}^{1/\delta}x_{n-\lambda}^{\beta/\delta-1}$$

and (3.5) implies,

$$\Delta w_{n} \leq -k\rho_{n}q_{n} - \beta \frac{\rho_{n}w_{n+1}^{1+1/\delta}}{\rho_{n+1}} \left[\frac{D_{2}(n-\lambda)}{\rho_{n+1}d_{n-\lambda}} \right]^{1/\delta} x_{n-\lambda}^{\beta/\delta-1} + w_{n+1}A_{n}$$
(3.6)

It follows from $L_3 x_n < 0$ and $0 < L_2 x_n \le L_2 x_{n_1} = c_1$ for $n \ge n_1$. Hence

 $c_{n}\Delta(L_{1}x_{n}) = L_{2}x_{n} \leq c_{1} \text{ for all } n \geq n_{1} \text{ and thus we have}$ $d_{n}(\Delta x_{n})^{\delta} = L_{1}x_{n} = L_{1}x_{n_{1}} + \sum_{s=n_{1}}^{n-1}\Delta(L_{1}x_{s}) \quad \text{for all } n \geq n_{2} = n_{1} + 1 \text{ that}$ $\leq L_{1}x_{n_{1}} + c_{1}\sum_{s=n_{1}}^{n-1}\frac{1}{c_{s}} \qquad \widetilde{c}_{1} = c_{1} + \frac{L_{1}x_{n_{1}}}{D_{2}(n)},$ $= L_{1}x_{n_{1}} + c_{1}D_{2}(n) \qquad \text{where}$ $= \left[\frac{L_{1}x_{n_{1}}}{D_{2}(n)} + c_{1}\right]D_{2}(n) \qquad x_{n} = x_{n_{2}} + \sum_{s=n_{2}}^{n-1}\Delta x_{s}$ $\leq \left[\frac{L_{1}x_{n_{1}}}{D_{2}(n)} + c_{1}\right]D_{2}(n) \qquad \leq x_{n_{2}} + \sum_{s=n_{2}}^{n-1}\left(\frac{\widetilde{c}_{1}D_{2}(s)}{d_{s}}\right)^{1/\delta}$ $= \widetilde{c}_{1}D_{2}(n) \qquad \leq x_{n_{2}} + \sum_{s=n_{1}}^{n-1}\left(\frac{\widetilde{c}_{1}D_{2}(s)}{d_{s}}\right)^{1/\delta}$ $= x_{n_{2}} + \widetilde{c}_{1}^{1/\delta}D^{*}(n)$ $= \left[\frac{x_{n_{2}}}{a_{s}} + \widetilde{c}_{1}^{1/\delta}\right]D^{*}(n)$

$$= x_{n_2} + \widetilde{c_1}^{1/\delta} D^*(n)$$

$$= \left[\frac{x_{n_2}}{D^*(n)} + \widetilde{c_1}^{1/\delta} \right] D^*(n)$$

$$\leq \left[\frac{x_{n_2}}{D^*(n)} + \widetilde{c_1}^{1/\delta} \right] D^*(n)$$

$$= c_2 D^*(n)$$

$$c_2 = \frac{x_{n_2}}{D^*(n)} + \tilde{c}_1^{1/\delta}$$

where

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Thus we have

$$x_{n-\lambda}^{\beta/\delta-1} \ge c_2^{\beta/\delta-1} \left[D^*(n-\lambda) \right]^{\beta/\delta-1} \qquad for \qquad n \ge n_2$$
(3.7)

From (3.4) and (2.4) we get

$$w_{n} = \frac{\rho_{n}L_{2}x_{n}}{x_{n-\lambda}^{\beta}}$$

$$\leq \frac{\rho_{n}L_{2}x_{n-\lambda}}{x_{n-\lambda}^{\beta}}$$

$$\leq \rho_{n}(D^{*}(n-\lambda))^{-\delta}x_{n-\lambda}^{\delta-\beta} \quad for \quad n \geq n_{1}$$
(3.8)

By using (3.7) and (3.8), we obtain

$$w_n \leq c_2^{\delta-\beta} \rho_n \left[D^* (n-\lambda) \right]^{-\beta}$$

Hence

$$w_n^{1/\delta-1} \ge c_2^{(\delta-\beta)(1/\delta-1)} \rho_n^{1/\delta-1} \left[D^*(n-\lambda) \right]^{-\beta(1/\delta-1)} \quad for \quad n \ge n_2$$
(3.9)

By using (3.7) and (3.9) in (3.6), we obtain

$$\Delta w_{n} \leq -k\rho_{n}q_{n} + A_{n}w_{n+1} - \frac{\beta\rho_{n}c_{2}^{\beta-\delta}}{\rho_{n+1}^{2}} \left[\frac{D_{2}(n-\lambda)}{d_{n-\lambda}} \right]^{1/\delta} \left[D^{*}(n-\lambda) \right]^{\beta-1} w_{n+1}^{2}$$

$$\leq -k\rho_{n}q_{n} + A_{n}w_{n+1} - B_{n}w_{n+1}^{2}$$

$$\leq -k\rho_{n}q_{n} + \frac{A_{n}^{2}}{4B_{n}}$$
(3.10)

for $n \ge n_2$ where A and B are in (3.2) with $c^* = \beta c_2^{\beta-\delta}$. Summing (3.10) from n_2 to n-1, we see that

$$\sum_{s=n_2}^{n-1} \left[k \rho_s q_s - \frac{A_s^2}{4B_s} \right] \le w_{n_2} - w_n \le w_{n_2}$$

which contradicts (3.1) Next, we assume $L_1 x_n < 0$ on $[n_1, \infty)$. Then the case $L_2 x_n \le 0$ cannot hold for all large *n*, say $n \ge n_2 \ge n_1$. Definition from $L_1 x_n$, we obtain,

$$\Delta x_n = \left(\frac{L_1 x_n}{d_n}\right)^{1/\delta} \le \left(\frac{L_1 x_{n_2}}{d_n}\right)^{1/\delta}, n \ge n_2$$

and from (2.1) that $x_n < 0$ for all large n, which is a contradiction. Thus, assume $x_n > 0, L_1 x_n < 0$ and $L_2 x_n \ge 0$ for all large n, say $n \ge n_3 \ge n_2$. Now $v \ge u \ge n_3$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} x_u - x_v &= -\sum_{s=u}^{\nu-1} d_{\tau}^{-1/\delta} \left(d_{\tau} \left(\Delta x_{\tau} \right)^{\delta} \right)^{1/\delta} \\ &\geq \left(\sum_{s=u}^{\nu-1} d_{\tau}^{-1/\delta} \right) \left(-L_1 x_v \right)^{1/\delta} \end{aligned}$$

Setting $u = n - \lambda$ and v = n - l, we get

$$x_{n-\lambda} \ge D_1(n-l)(-L_1x_{n-\lambda})^{1/\delta} = D_1(n-l)x_{n-l}$$

For $n \ge n_3$ where $x_n = (-L_1 x_n)^{1/\delta} > 0$ for $n \ge n_3$. From (1.1), the fact that $\{x_n\}$ is decreasing and $n - \lambda \le n - l \le n$, we obtain

$$\Delta(c_n \Delta z_n) + \frac{p_n}{d_n} z_{n-l} \ge kq_n [D_1(n-l)]^{\beta} z_{n-l} (z_{n-l})^{\beta/\delta-1}$$

Where $z = x^{\delta}$, since z is decreasing and $\delta \ge \beta$ there exists a constant $c_4 > 0$ such that $z_n^{\beta/\delta-1} \ge c_4$ for $n \ge n_2$. Thus

$$\Delta(c_n \Delta z_n) \ge \left[c_4 k q_n (D_1(n-l))^{\beta} - \frac{p_n}{d_n}\right] z_{n-l}$$

Proceeding exactly as in the proof of lemma 2.4 and 2.5, we arrive at the desired conclusion thus completing the proof.

Corollary 3.2. Assume (2.1), (2.2) and $\delta \ge \beta$. Suppose (1.2) is non-oscillatory and $A_n \le 0$. Where A_n is defined as in (3.2). If there exist a positive sequence $\{\rho_n\}$ such that $\rho_n > 0$ and $n - \lambda \le n - l \le n$ for all $n \ge n_0$ and $\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup \sum_{s=n_1}^{\infty} \rho_s q_s = \infty$ for any $n_1 \in I$ and (2.6) or (2.11) holds with Q as in Theorem 3.1, then every solution x_n of (1.1) or $L_2 x_n$ is

oscillatory.

Theorem 3.3 Let the conditions (2.1), (2.2) are holds and $\delta \ge \beta$. Suppose (1.2) is nonoscillatory. Assume that $n-\lambda \le n-l \le n$ for all $n\ge n_0$ and (2.6) or (2.11) holds with Q as in Theorem 3.1. If every solution of the first order delay equation

$$\Delta w_n + P_n w_{n-\lambda} + Q_{n_1} w_{n-\lambda}^{\beta/\delta} = 0 \text{ for all } n \ge n_2$$
(3.11)

is oscillatory, then every solution { x_n } of (1.1) or L_{2x_n} is oscillatory.

Proof: Let { x_n } be a non-oscillatory solution of (1.1) on $[n_1,\infty), n_1 \ge n_0$. Without loss of generality, we may assume that $x_n > 0$ and $x_{n-\lambda} > 0$ for $n \ge n_1$. From lemma 2.2, we have $L_1 x_n < 0$ or $L_1 x_n > 0$ for $n \ge n_1$. If $L_1 x_n > 0$ on $[n_1,\infty)$ then as in the proof of Theorem 3.1, we get $L_2 x_n > 0$ on $[n_1,\infty)$.

We can choose $n_2 \ge n_1$ such that $n - \lambda \ge n_1$ for all $n \ge n_2$, and so (2.4) gives

$$x_{n-\lambda} \ge D^* (n-\lambda) (L_2 x_{n-\lambda})^{1/\delta} \text{ for all } n \ge n_2$$
(3.12)

Using (2.3) and (3.12) in (1.1) we obtain

$$\Delta(L_2 x_n) + \frac{p_n}{d_n} D_2(n) L_2 x_n + kq_n \left(D^*(n-\lambda) \right)^{\beta} \left(L_2 x_{n-\lambda} \right)^{\beta/\delta} \le 0$$

for $n \ge n_2$, It follows that

 $\Delta w_n + P_n w_{n-\lambda} + Q_{n_1} w_{n-\lambda}^{\beta/\delta} \leq 0 \text{ for all } n \geq n_2,$

where $w_n = L_2 x_n$, $P_n = \frac{p_n}{d_n} D_2(n)$, $Q_{n_1} = kq_n (D^*(n-\lambda))^{\beta}$

This inequality has a positive solution, and by Lemma 2.7 in [13]. We see that (3.11) has a positive solution, which is a contradiction. The case when $L_1 x_n < 0$ on $[n_1, \infty)$ is similar to that of Theorem 3.1 and hence is omitted. This completes the proof.

Corollary 3.4 Let the conditions (2.1), (2.2) are holds and $\delta \ge \beta$ suppose (1.2) is nonoscillatory. Assume that $n - \lambda \le n - l \le n$ for all $n \ge n_0$ and (2.6) or (2.11) holds with Q as in Theorem 3.1. If

$$\liminf_{n \to \infty} \inf \sum_{s=n-\lambda}^{n} Q_{s_1} > \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda+1}\right)^{\lambda+1}$$
 then every solution $\{x_n\}$ of (1.1) or $L_2 x_n$ is oscillatory

4. Oscillation Results:

In this section, we establish new oscillation results for (1.1) by using double sequence. Let us introduce a double sequence ${H_{n,s}}, n, s \in N(n_0)$ such that

(i)
$$H_{n,n} = 0 \text{ for } n \in N(n_0)$$

(ii)
$$H_{n,s} > 0 \text{ for } n > s \in N(n_0)$$

(iii)
$$\Delta_2 H_{n,s} = H_{n,s+1} - H_{n,s} \le 0 \text{ for } n > s \in N(n_0)$$

Suppose that $\{h_{n,s} | n > s \in N(n_0)\}$ is a double sequence with $\Delta_2 H_{n,s} = -h_{n,s} \sqrt{H_{n,s}}$ for $n > s \in N(n_0)$.

Theorem 4.1 Let the conditions (2.1), (2.2) are holds and $\delta \ge \beta$. Suppose (1.2) is nonoscillatory. Assume that there exists a positive sequence $\{\rho_n\}$ such that $\rho_n > 0$ and $n - \lambda \le n - l \le n$, for all $n \ge n_0$ satisfying

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup \frac{1}{H_{n,n_1}} \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} k \rho_s q_s H_{n,s} - \frac{P_{n,s}^2}{4B_s} = \infty$$
(4.1)
for all large $n \ge n_1$, where $P_{n,s} = h_{n,s} - A_s \sqrt{H_{n,s}}$,

with A and B defined as in Theorem 3.1. If (2.6) or (2.11) holds with Q as in Theorem 3.1, then

every solution $\{x_n\}$ of (1.1) or $L_2 x_n$ is oscillatory.

Proof: Let $\{x_n\}$ be a non-oscillatory solution of (1.1) on $[n_1,\infty), n_1 \ge n_0$. Without loss of generality, we may assume $x_n > 0$ and $x_{n-\lambda} > 0$ for $n \ge n_1$ From the Proof of Theorem (3.1), $\Delta w_n \le -k\rho_n q_n + A_n w_{n+1} - B_n w_{n+1}^2$

$$\begin{split} \sum_{s=n_{1}}^{n-1} k \rho_{s} q_{s} H_{n,s} &\leq \sum_{s=n_{1}}^{n-1} H_{n,s} \left[-\Delta w_{s} + A_{s} w_{s+1} - B_{s} w_{s+1}^{2} \right] \\ &= w_{n_{1}} H_{n,n_{1}} + \sum_{s=n_{1}}^{n-1} \left[w_{s+1} \Delta_{2} H_{n,s} + H_{n,s} A_{s} w_{s+1} - H_{n,s} B_{s} w_{s+1}^{2} \right] \\ &= w_{n_{1}} H_{n,n_{1}} + \sum_{s=n_{1}}^{n-1} \left[w_{s+1} \left(-h_{n,s} \sqrt{H_{n,s}} \right) + H_{n,s} A_{s} w_{s+1} - H_{n,s} B_{s} w_{s+1}^{2} \right] \\ &= w_{n_{1}} H_{n,n_{1}} + \sum_{s=n_{1}}^{n-1} \left\{ w_{s+1} \left(-h_{n,s} \sqrt{H_{n,s}} \right) + w_{s+1} \left[\left(-h_{n,s} \sqrt{H_{n,s}} \right) + H_{n,s} A_{s} \right] \right\} \\ &= w_{n_{1}} H_{n,n_{1}} - \sum_{s=n_{1}}^{n-1} \left\{ H_{n,s} B_{s} w_{s+1}^{2} + w_{s+1} \left[h_{n,s} \sqrt{H_{n,s}} - H_{n,s} A_{s} \right] \right\} \\ &= w_{n_{1}} H_{n,n_{1}} - \sum_{s=n_{1}}^{n-1} \left\{ H_{n,s} B_{s} w_{s+1}^{2} + w_{s+1} \left[h_{n,s} - \sqrt{H_{n,s}} A_{s} \right] \sqrt{H_{n,s}} \right\} \\ &= w_{n_{1}} H_{n,n_{1}} - \sum_{s=n_{1}}^{n-1} \left\{ H_{n,s} B_{s} w_{s+1}^{2} + w_{s+1} \left[h_{n,s} - \sqrt{H_{n,s}} A_{s} \right] \sqrt{H_{n,s}} \right\} \\ &= w_{n_{1}} H_{n,n_{1}} - \sum_{s=n_{1}}^{n-1} \left\{ H_{n,s} B_{s} w_{s+1}^{2} + w_{s+1} \left[h_{n,s} - \sqrt{H_{n,s}} A_{s} \right] \sqrt{H_{n,s}} \right\} \end{split}$$

we obtain

$$= w_{n_1} H_{n,n_1} - \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \left[\sqrt{H_{n,s}} \sqrt{B_s} w_{s+1} + \frac{P_{n,s}}{2\sqrt{B_s}} \right]^2 + \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \frac{P_{n,s}^2}{4B_s}$$
$$= w_{n_1} H_{n,n_1} + \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \frac{P_{n,s}^2}{4B_s}$$

Thus we obtain,

$$\frac{1}{\mathbf{H}_{n,n_{1}}} \left[\sum_{s=n_{1}}^{n-1} k \rho_{s} q_{s} H_{n,s} - \frac{P_{n,s}^{2}}{4B_{s}} \right] \leq w_{n_{1}}$$

which is contradicts to (4.1).

Theorem 4.2 Assume all the conditions of Theorem 4.1 are hold except (4.1). Moreover, suppose that for every $n_1 > n_0$,

$$0 < \inf_{s \ge n_{\rm l}} \left[\liminf_{n \to \infty} \frac{H_{n,s}}{H_{n,n_{\rm l}}} \right] \le \infty,$$

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\sup\frac{1}{H_{n,n_1}}\sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1}\frac{c_3P_{n,s}^2}{B_s}<\infty,$$

and there is a sequence $\{\chi_n\}$ such that

$$\sum_{s=n_1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{c_3} B_s [\chi_s^+]^2 = \infty \text{ where } \chi_s^+ = \max\{\chi_s, 0\}$$

and

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup \frac{1}{H_{n,n_1}} \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \left[k \rho_s q_s H_{n,s} - \frac{p_{n,s}^2}{4B_s} \right] \ge \chi_{n_1}$$

$$(4.2)$$

then every solution $\{x_n\}$ of (1.1) or $L_2 x_n$ is oscillatory.

Proof: Let $\{x_n\}$ be a non-oscillatory solution of (1.1) on $[n_1,\infty)$. Without loss of generality, we may assume $x_n > 0$ and $x_{n-\lambda} > 0$ for $n \ge n_1$. Proceeding as in the proof of Theorem 4.1, we obtain

$$\sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} k \rho_s q_s H_{n,s} \le w_{n_1} H_{n,n_1} + \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \frac{p_{n,s}^2}{4B_s} - \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \left[\sqrt{H_{n,s} B_s} w_{s+1} + \frac{P_{n,s}}{2\sqrt{B_s}} \right]^2$$

Using (4.2) we obtain

$$\begin{split} \chi_{n_{1}} &\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \sup \frac{1}{H_{n,n_{1}}} \sum_{s=n_{1}}^{n} \left[k \rho_{s} q_{s} H_{n,s} - \frac{P_{n,s}^{2}}{4B_{s}} \right] \\ &\leq w_{n_{1}} - \liminf_{n \to \infty} \inf \frac{1}{H_{n,n_{1}}} \sum_{s=n_{1}}^{n-1} \left[\sqrt{H_{n,s} B_{s}} w_{s+1} + \frac{P_{n,s}}{2\sqrt{B_{s}}} \right]^{2} \end{split}$$

and hence

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \inf \frac{1}{H_{n,n_1}} \sum_{s=n_1}^{n-1} \left[\sqrt{H_{n,s}} B_s w_{s+1} + \frac{P_{n,s}}{2\sqrt{B_s}} \right]^2 < \infty$$
(4.3)

Define

$$c_{n_{1}} = \frac{1}{H_{n,n_{1}}} \sum_{s=n_{1}}^{n-1} H_{n,s} B_{s} w_{s+1}^{2}$$
$$c_{n_{2}} = \frac{1}{H_{n,n_{1}}} \sum_{s=n_{1}}^{n-1} \sqrt{H_{n,s}} P_{n,s} w_{s+1}$$

It follows from (4.3) that

 $\liminf_{n\to\infty} \inf[c_{n_1}+c_{n_2}] < \infty$

The remainder of the proof is similar to that of [9] and hence it is omitted. The rest of the proof of the case if $x_n > 0$ and $L_1 x_n < 0$ is similar to that of the proof of Theorem 3.1 and hence it is omitted.

5.Examples:

In this section, we present some examples.

Example 5.1 Consider the third order non linear damped delay difference equation of the form,

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$$\Delta \left(\frac{1}{2}\Delta (\Delta x_n)^3\right) + 2(\Delta x_n)^3 + 32g(x_{n-2}) = 0 \qquad n \ge n_0$$
(5.1)
Here $c_n = \frac{1}{2}, d_n = 1, \ \delta = 3, \ p_n = 2, k = 1, \ \beta = 3, and \ q_n = 32$

All the conditions of corollary 3.2 are satisfied with $\rho_n = n$. In fact $x_n = (-1)^n$ is one such oscillatory solution of equation (5.1)

Example 5.2 Consider the third order non linear damped delay difference equation of the form,

$$\Delta \left(2\Delta (\Delta x_n)^3 \right) + (\Delta x_n)^3 + \frac{72}{3} g(x_{n-4}) = 0 \qquad n \ge 4$$
(5.2)
Here
$$c_n = 2, \ d_n = 1, \ \delta = 3, \ p_n = 1, \ k = 3, \ \beta = 1, and \qquad q_n = \frac{72}{3}$$

All the conditions of corollary 3.2 are satisfied. In fact $x_n = (-1)^{n+1}$ is one such oscillatory solution of equation (5.2)

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