

## HYERS-ULAM-RASSIAS STABILITY OF A SYSTEM OF FIRST ORDER LINEAR RECURRENCES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we discuss the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of a system of first order linear recurrences with variable coefficients in Banach spaces. The concept of the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability originated from Th. M. Rassias' stability theorem that appeared in his paper: On the stability of the linear mapping in Banach spaces, Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. **72** (1978), 297–300. As an application, the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of a  $p$ -order linear recurrence with variable coefficients is proved.

### 1. Introduction

Hyers-Ulam stability is a basic sense of stability for functional equations. In 1940, S. M. Ulam proposed the following problem:

Given a group  $G$ , a metric group  $(G', \cdot, \rho)$  and a positive number  $\varepsilon$ , does there exist a constant  $\delta > 0$  depending on  $\varepsilon$  such that, if  $f : G \rightarrow G'$  satisfies the inequality  $\rho(f(xy), f(x)f(y)) \leq \delta$  for all  $x, y \in G$ , then there exists a homomorphism  $\varphi : G \rightarrow G'$  such that  $\rho(f(x), \varphi(x)) \leq \varepsilon$  for all  $x \in G$ ?

In case of a positive answer to the previous problem, we usually say that the Cauchy functional equation  $\varphi(xy) = \varphi(x)\varphi(y)$  is stable. In 1941, D. H. Hyers [5] first proved that the Cauchy equation  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$  is stable in Banach spaces. Later, the Hyers-Ulam stability was studied extensively and also, the notion of the original Ulam problem was generalized (see, e.g., [4, 6, 11, 12, 14]). Most of the papers discussed the stability of the continuous functions in several variables. In 2005, the discrete case for equations in single variable was investigated by D. Popa [9, 10], concretely to say, first the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of the first order linear recurrence

$$(1.1) \quad x_{n+1} = a_n x_n + b_n,$$

was studied in [9], then the obtained results have been generalized to a  $p$ -order linear recurrence with constant coefficients [10]

$$(1.2) \quad x_{n+p} = a_1 x_{n+p-1} + \cdots + a_p x_n + b_n.$$

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In this paper we discuss the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of a system of first order linear recurrences with variable coefficients

$$(1.3) \quad \begin{cases} x_1(n+1) = a_{11}(n)x_1(n) + a_{12}(n)x_2(n) + \cdots + a_{1p}(n)x_p(n) + b_1(n), \\ x_2(n+1) = a_{21}(n)x_1(n) + a_{22}(n)x_2(n) + \cdots + a_{2p}(n)x_p(n) + b_2(n), \\ \vdots \\ x_p(n+1) = a_{p1}(n)x_1(n) + a_{p2}(n)x_2(n) + \cdots + a_{pp}(n)x_p(n) + b_p(n). \end{cases}$$

As an application, the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of a  $p$ -order linear recurrence with variable coefficients

$$(1.4) \quad x_{n+p} = a_{p-1}(n)x_{n+p-1} + \cdots + a_0(n)x_n + b_n,$$

is proved.

## 2. Stability of the system (1.3)

In what follows we denote by  $K$  the field  $C$  of complex numbers or the field  $R$  of real numbers,  $N$  the positive integers,  $N_0$  the nonnegative integers and  $K^{p \times p}$  the vector space consisting of all  $p \times p$  matrices. Let  $(E, \|\cdot\|)$  be a Banach space over  $K$ ,  $\Omega$  is a product space of  $E$ ,  $X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p)^T \in \Omega$  ( $T$  denotes transposition), where  $x_i \in E (i = 1, 2, \dots, p)$ . On  $\Omega$ , we get the norm as  $\|X\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq p} \|x_i\|$ , then it can be easily checked that  $(\Omega, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$  is also a Banach space over  $K$ .

Matrix  $A = (a_{ij})_{p \times p} \in K^{p \times p}$  acting on  $X \in \Omega$  can be regarded as a linear operator  $A : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$ , then one can verify that  $\|A\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq p} \sum_{j=1}^p |a_{ij}|$  being subject to the vector norm  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ . For any  $X \in \Omega$ ,  $A \in K^{p \times p}$ ,  $B \in K^{p \times p}$ , we have  $\|AX\|_\infty \leq \|A\|_\infty \|X\|_\infty$ ,  $\|AB\|_\infty \leq \|A\|_\infty \|B\|_\infty$ .

For each  $n \in N_0$ , define

$$X_n := \begin{pmatrix} x_1(n) \\ x_2(n) \\ \vdots \\ x_p(n) \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_n := \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}(n) & a_{12}(n) & \cdots & a_{1p}(n) \\ a_{21}(n) & a_{22}(n) & \cdots & a_{2p}(n) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{p1}(n) & a_{p2}(n) & \cdots & a_{pp}(n) \end{pmatrix},$$

$$B_n := \begin{pmatrix} b_1(n) \\ b_2(n) \\ \vdots \\ b_p(n) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then the system (1.3) can be rewritten as

$$(2.5) \quad X_{n+1} = A_n X_n + B_n, \quad n \in N_0.$$

**Lemma 1.** *If the sequence  $(X_n)_{n \in N_0}$  satisfies the relation (2.5), then*

$$(2.6) \quad X_n = A_{n-1}A_{n-2} \cdots A_0X_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} A_{n-1}A_{n-2} \cdots A_k B_{k-1} + B_{n-1}, \quad n \geq 2.$$

*Proof.* It can be easily proved by induction. For  $n = 2$  the relation (2.6) becomes

$$X_2 = A_1A_0X_0 + A_1B_0 + B_1,$$

which is true according to the relation (2.5). Suppose that (2.6) is true for a fixed  $n \geq 2$ , we have to prove that

$$(2.7) \quad X_{n+1} = A_nA_{n-1} \cdots A_0X_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n A_nA_{n-1} \cdots A_k B_{k-1} + B_n.$$

In virtue of the relation (2.5) and (2.6), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & X_{n+1} \\ &= A_n \left( A_{n-1}A_{n-2} \cdots A_0X_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} A_{n-1}A_{n-2} \cdots A_k B_{k-1} + B_{n-1} \right) + B_n \\ &= A_nA_{n-1} \cdots A_0X_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n A_nA_{n-1} \cdots A_k B_{k-1} + B_n. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the relation (2.7) is true for every  $n \geq 2$ . □

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $A_n \in K^{p \times p}$  be a nonzero matrix for every  $n \in N_0$ ,  $(\varepsilon_n)_{n \in N_0}$  be a sequence of positive numbers with the property  $\liminf \frac{\varepsilon_n}{\varepsilon_{n-1} \|A_n\|_\infty} > 1$ . If the sequence  $(Y_n)_{n \in N_0}$  in  $\Omega$  satisfies the inequality*

$$(2.8) \quad \|Y_{n+1} - A_nY_n - B_n\|_\infty \leq \varepsilon_n, \quad n \in N_0,$$

*then there exists a sequence  $(X_n)_{n \in N_0}$  in  $\Omega$  given by (2.5) and a positive constant  $L_0$  such that*

$$(2.9) \quad \|X_n - Y_n\|_\infty \leq L_0\varepsilon_{n-1}, \quad n \in N.$$

*Proof.* If the sequence  $(Y_n)_{n \in N_0}$  in  $\Omega$  satisfies the inequality (2.8), then we can denote that

$$(2.10) \quad Y_{n+1} = A_nY_n + B_n + C_n, \quad n \in N_0,$$

where  $C_n = (c_1(n), c_2(n), \dots, c_p(n))^T \in \Omega$ ,  $\|C_n\|_\infty \leq \varepsilon_n$  for every  $n \in N_0$ . From Lemma 1, the general solution of (2.10) can be obtained as

$$(2.11) \quad Y_n = A_{n-1} \cdots A_0Y_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} A_{n-1}A_{n-2} \cdots A_k (B_{k-1} + C_{k-1}) + (B_{n-1} + C_{n-1}).$$

Define the sequence  $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  in  $\Omega$  given by (2.5) with  $X_0 := Y_0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.12) \quad & \|X_n - Y_n\|_\infty \\
 &= \|A_{n-1} \cdots A_0 X_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} A_{n-1} \cdots A_k B_{k-1} + B_{n-1} - A_{n-1} \cdots A_0 Y_0 \\
 &\quad - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} A_{n-1} A_{n-2} \cdots A_k (B_{k-1} + C_{k-1}) - (B_{n-1} + C_{n-1})\|_\infty \\
 &= \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} A_{n-1} A_{n-2} \cdots A_k C_{k-1} + C_{n-1} \right\|_\infty \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|A_{n-1} A_{n-2} \cdots A_k\|_\infty \varepsilon_{k-1} + \varepsilon_{n-1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking account of the condition  $\liminf \frac{\varepsilon_n}{\varepsilon_{n-1} \|A_n\|_\infty} > 1$ , there exists a constant  $q_0$  and  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$(2.13) \quad \frac{\varepsilon_n}{\varepsilon_{n-1} \|A_n\|_\infty} \geq q_0 > 1 \quad \text{for all } n \geq n_0,$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.14) \quad & \frac{\varepsilon_{n-1}}{\varepsilon_{k-1} \|A_{n-1} A_{n-2} \cdots A_k\|_\infty} \geq \frac{\varepsilon_{n-1}}{\varepsilon_{n-2} \|A_{n-1}\|_\infty} \frac{\varepsilon_{n-2}}{\varepsilon_{n-3} \|A_{n-2}\|_\infty} \cdots \frac{\varepsilon_k}{\varepsilon_{k-1} \|A_k\|_\infty} \\
 & \geq q_0^{n-k}, \quad n > k \geq n_0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence for every  $n > n_0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \|A_{n-1} A_{n-2} \cdots A_k\|_\infty \varepsilon_{k-1} + \varepsilon_{n-1} \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^{n_0-1} \|A_{n-1} \cdots A_k\|_\infty \varepsilon_{k-1} + \sum_{k=n_0}^{n-1} \|A_{n-1} \cdots A_k\|_\infty \varepsilon_{k-1} + \varepsilon_{n-1} \\
 &\leq \|A_{n-1} A_{n-2} \cdots A_{n_0}\|_\infty \sum_{k=1}^{n_0-1} \|A_{n_0-1} A_{n_0-2} \cdots A_k\|_\infty \varepsilon_{k-1} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{k=n_0}^{n-1} \|A_{n-1} A_{n-2} \cdots A_k\|_\infty \varepsilon_{k-1} + \varepsilon_{n-1} \\
 &\leq \frac{\varepsilon_{n-1}}{\varepsilon_{n_0-1} q_0^{n-n_0}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_0-1} \|A_{n_0-1} A_{n_0-2} \cdots A_k\|_\infty \varepsilon_{k-1} + \sum_{k=n_0}^{n-1} \frac{\varepsilon_{n-1}}{q_0^{n-k}} + \varepsilon_{n-1} \\
 &< \left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{n_0-1}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_0-1} \|A_{n_0-1} A_{n_0-2} \cdots A_k\|_\infty \varepsilon_{k-1} + \frac{1}{q_0 - 1} + 1 \right) \varepsilon_{n-1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

In view of (2.12), it is enough to take

$$L_0 \geq \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{n_0-1}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_0-1} \|A_{n_0-1}A_{n_0-2} \cdots A_k\|_\infty \varepsilon_{k-1} + \frac{1}{q_0 - 1} + 1,$$

and such that  $\|X_n - Y_n\|_\infty \leq L_0 \varepsilon_{n-1}$  for  $1 \leq n \leq n_0$ . □

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $A_n \in K^{p \times p}$  be an invertible matrix for every  $n \in N_0$ ,  $(\varepsilon_n)_{n \in N_0}$  be a sequence of positive numbers with the property*

$$\limsup \frac{\varepsilon_n}{\varepsilon_{n-1}} \|A_n^{-1}\|_\infty < 1.$$

*If the sequence  $(Y_n)_{n \in N_0}$  in  $\Omega$  satisfies the inequality*

$$(2.15) \quad \|Y_{n+1} - A_n Y_n - B_n\|_\infty \leq \varepsilon_n, \quad n \in N_0,$$

*then there exists a sequence  $(X_n)_{n \in N_0}$  in  $\Omega$  given by (2.5) and a positive constant  $L_1$  such that*

$$(2.16) \quad \|X_n - Y_n\|_\infty \leq L_1 \varepsilon_{n-1}, \quad n \in N.$$

*Proof.* If the sequence  $(Y_n)_{n \in N_0}$  in  $\Omega$  satisfies the inequality (2.15), then we can also denote that  $(Y_n)_{n \in N_0}$  satisfies the relation (2.10). Then we discuss the convergence of the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} A_0^{-1} A_1^{-1} \cdots A_{n-1}^{-1} C_{n-1}$ . The series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \|A_0^{-1} A_1^{-1} \cdots A_{n-1}^{-1}\|_\infty \varepsilon_{n-1}$$

is convergent in virtue of D'Alembert test since

$$\limsup \frac{\|A_0^{-1} A_1^{-1} \cdots A_n^{-1}\|_\infty \varepsilon_n}{\|A_0^{-1} A_1^{-1} \cdots A_{n-1}^{-1}\|_\infty \varepsilon_{n-1}} \leq \limsup \frac{\varepsilon_n}{\varepsilon_{n-1}} \|A_n^{-1}\|_\infty < 1.$$

So, the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} A_0^{-1} A_1^{-1} \cdots A_{n-1}^{-1} C_{n-1}$  is also convergent by considering that

$$\|A_0^{-1} A_1^{-1} \cdots A_{n-1}^{-1} C_{n-1}\|_\infty \leq \|A_0^{-1} A_1^{-1} \cdots A_{n-1}^{-1}\|_\infty \varepsilon_{n-1}.$$

Define  $S := \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} A_0^{-1} A_1^{-1} \cdots A_{n-1}^{-1} C_{n-1} \in \Omega$ , and  $(X_n)_{n \in N_0}$  in  $\Omega$  given by (2.5) with  $X_0 := Y_0 + S$ , then

$$(2.17) \quad X_n = A_{n-1} A_{n-2} \cdots A_0 (Y_0 + S) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} A_{n-1} A_{n-2} \cdots A_k B_{k-1} + B_{n-1}.$$

By (2.11) and (2.17), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.18) \quad & \|X_n - Y_n\|_\infty \\
 &= \|A_{n-1}A_{n-2} \cdots A_0S - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} A_{n-1}A_{n-2} \cdots A_kC_{k-1} - C_{n-1}\|_\infty \\
 &= \|A_{n-1} \cdots A_0(\sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} A_0^{-1} \cdots A_{k-1}^{-1}C_{k-1} - \sum_{k=1}^n A_0^{-1} \cdots A_{k-1}^{-1}C_{k-1})\|_\infty \\
 &= \|A_{n-1}A_{n-2} \cdots A_0 \sum_{k=n+1}^{+\infty} A_0^{-1}A_1^{-1} \cdots A_{k-1}^{-1}C_{k-1}\|_\infty \\
 &= \|\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} A_n^{-1}A_{n+1}^{-1} \cdots A_{n+k}^{-1}C_{n+k}\|_\infty \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \|A_n^{-1}\|_\infty \|A_{n+1}^{-1}\|_\infty \cdots \|A_{n+k}^{-1}\|_\infty \varepsilon_{n+k}.
 \end{aligned}$$

From the condition  $\limsup \frac{\varepsilon_n}{\varepsilon_{n-1}} \|A_n^{-1}\|_\infty < 1$ , there exists  $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  and a constant  $q_1 < 1$  for all  $n \geq n_1$ , we have

$$(2.19) \quad \frac{\varepsilon_n}{\varepsilon_{n-1}} \|A_n^{-1}\|_\infty \leq q_1 < 1,$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.20) \quad & \|A_n^{-1}\|_\infty \cdots \|A_{n+k}^{-1}\|_\infty \varepsilon_{n+k} \leq q_1 \|A_n^{-1}\|_\infty \cdots \|A_{n+k-1}^{-1}\|_\infty \varepsilon_{n+k-1} \\
 & \leq q_1^2 \|A_n^{-1}\|_\infty \cdots \|A_{n+k-2}^{-1}\|_\infty \varepsilon_{n+k-2} \\
 & \vdots \\
 & \leq q_1^{k+1} \varepsilon_{n-1}, \quad k \geq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by (2.18) and (2.20), we have

$$\|X_n - Y_n\|_\infty \leq \varepsilon_{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} q_1^{k+1} = \frac{q_1}{1 - q_1} \varepsilon_{n-1}, \quad n \geq n_1.$$

So it is enough to take  $L_1 \geq \frac{q_1}{1 - q_1}$  and such that  $\|X_n - Y_n\|_\infty \leq L_1 \varepsilon_{n-1}$  for all  $1 \leq n < n_1$ . □

### 3. Stability of the recurrence (1.4)

In what follows we give applications of Theorem 1 and 2 to the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of the  $p$ -order recurrence (1.4).

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $E$  be a Banach space over  $K$ ,  $(b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  be a sequence in  $E$ , and  $(\varepsilon_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  be a sequence of positive numbers with the property  $\liminf \frac{\varepsilon_n}{\varepsilon_{n-1} f_n} > 1$*

where  $f_n = \max\{1, |a_0(n)| + \dots + |a_{p-1}(n)|\}$ . If the sequence  $(y_n)_{n \in N_0}$  in  $E$  satisfies the inequality

$$(3.21) \quad \|y_{n+p} - (a_{p-1}(n)y_{n+p-1} + \dots + a_0(n)y_n + b_n)\| \leq \varepsilon_n, \quad n \in N_0,$$

then there exists a sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in N_0}$  in  $E$  given by (1.4) and a positive constant  $L_2$  such that

$$(3.22) \quad \|x_n - y_n\| \leq L_2 \varepsilon_{n-1}, \quad n \in N.$$

*Proof.* Let  $x_1(n) := x_{n+p-1}, x_2(n) := x_{n+p-2}, \dots, x_p(n) := x_n$ , then the recurrence (1.4) is equivalent to the system (2.5) with  $B_n := (b_n, 0, \dots, 0)^T$  and

$$A_n := \begin{pmatrix} a_{p-1}(n) & a_{p-2}(n) & a_{p-3}(n) & \dots & a_1(n) & a_0(n) \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

It is easy to see that the property  $\liminf \frac{\varepsilon_n}{\varepsilon_{n-1} f_n} > 1$  is equivalent to the condition  $\liminf \frac{\varepsilon_n}{\varepsilon_{n-1} \|A_n\|_\infty} > 1$  and the inequality (3.21) is equivalent to the inequality (2.8) with  $Y_n := (y_{n+p-1}, y_{n+p-2}, \dots, y_n)^T$ . So, according to Theorem 1, there exists a sequence  $(X_n)_{n \in N_0}$  given by (2.5) and a positive constant  $L_2$  such that  $\|X_n - Y_n\|_\infty \leq L_2 \varepsilon_{n-1}, n \in N$ .

Let  $x_n := p_1(X_n)$  for  $X_n \in \Omega$  and  $n \in N_0$ , where  $p_1 : \Omega \rightarrow E$  is given by:  $p_1(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_p)^T := z_p$ . Clearly  $x_n$  is a solution of (1.4) and (3.22) holds.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.** Let  $E$  be a Banach space over  $K$ ,  $(b_n)_{n \in N_0}$  be a sequence in  $E$ , and  $(\varepsilon_n)_{n \in N_0}$  be a sequence of positive numbers with the property  $\limsup \frac{\varepsilon_n}{\varepsilon_{n-1}} e_n < 1$  where  $e_n = \max\{1, \frac{1+|a_1(n)|+\dots+|a_{p-1}(n)|}{|a_0(n)|}\}$ . If the sequence  $(y_n)_{n \in N_0}$  in  $E$  satisfies the inequality

$$(3.23) \quad \|y_{n+p} - (a_{p-1}(n)y_{n+p-1} + \dots + a_0(n)y_n + b_n)\| \leq \varepsilon_n, \quad n \in N_0,$$

then there exists a sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in N_0}$  in  $E$  given by (1.4) and a positive constant  $L_3$  such that

$$\|x_n - y_n\| \leq L_3 \varepsilon_{n-1}, \quad n \in N.$$

*Proof.* The recurrence (1.4) is equivalent to the system (2.5) with  $X_n, B_n, A_n$  defined as in Corollary 1 and then

$$A_n^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ \frac{1}{a_0(n)} & \frac{-a_{p-1}(n)}{a_0(n)} & \frac{-a_{p-2}(n)}{a_0(n)} & \dots & \frac{-a_1(n)}{a_0(n)} \end{pmatrix}.$$

It is easy to see that the property  $\limsup \frac{\varepsilon_n}{\varepsilon_{n-1}} e_n < 1$  is equivalent to the condition  $\limsup \frac{\varepsilon_n}{\varepsilon_{n-1}} \|A_n^{-1}\|_\infty < 1$ . Thus our result can be obtained by applying Theorem 2.  $\square$

**Example 1.** Let  $(\varepsilon_n)_{n \in N_0}$  be a sequence of positive numbers with  $\varepsilon_n = \frac{1}{3^n}$  and consider the system

$$(3.24) \quad \begin{cases} x_1(n+1) = 2nx_1(n) + (2n+1)x_2(n) + b_1(n), \\ x_2(n+1) = (n-1)x_1(n) + (n+1)x_2(n) + b_2(n). \end{cases}$$

Suppose that  $Y_n = (y_1(n), y_2(n))^T$  in  $\Omega$  is an approximate solution of system (3.24) satisfying

$$\|Y_{n+1} - A_n Y_n - B_n\|_\infty \leq \varepsilon_n, \quad n \in N_0,$$

where

$$A_n = \begin{pmatrix} 2n & 2n+1 \\ n-1 & n+1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B_n = \begin{pmatrix} b_1(n) \\ b_2(n) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then there exists a solution  $X_n = (x_1(n), x_2(n))^T$  of (3.24) such that

$$\|X_n - Y_n\|_\infty \leq 2\varepsilon_{n-1}, \quad n \in N.$$

*Proof.* For all  $n \in N$ , we have  $\frac{\varepsilon_n}{\varepsilon_{n-1}} \|A_n^{-1}\|_\infty = \frac{1}{3} \frac{3n+2}{3n+1} \leq \frac{2}{3} < 1$ . By Theorem 2, it follows that  $\|X_n - Y_n\|_\infty \leq \frac{2}{1-\frac{2}{3}} \varepsilon_{n-1} = 2\varepsilon_{n-1}, n \in N$ .  $\square$

**Example 2.** Let  $(\varepsilon_n)_{n \in N_0}$  be a sequence of positive numbers with  $\varepsilon_n = \frac{1}{2^n}$  and consider the recurrence

$$(3.25) \quad x_{n+2} = \frac{2n+3}{n+2} x_{n+1} + \frac{2n+1}{n+1} x_n + b_n.$$

Suppose that  $(y_n)_{n \in N_0}$  is a sequence in  $E$  satisfying the inequality

$$\left\| y_{n+2} - \frac{2n+3}{n+2} y_{n+1} - \frac{2n+1}{n+1} y_n - b_n \right\| \leq \varepsilon_n, \quad n \in N_0.$$

Then there exists a solution  $(x_n)_{n \in N_0}$  of (3.25) such that

$$\|x_n - y_n\| \leq 8\varepsilon_{n-1}, \quad n \in N.$$

*Proof.* For all  $n \in N$ , we have

$$e_n = \max \left\{ 1, \frac{1 + \left| \frac{2n+3}{n+2} \right|}{\left| \frac{2n+1}{n+1} \right|} \right\} = \max \left\{ 1, \frac{(3n+5)(n+1)}{(2n+1)(n+2)} \right\} \leq \frac{16}{9}.$$

which implies that  $\frac{\varepsilon_n}{\varepsilon_{n-1}} e_n \leq \frac{8}{9} < 1$  for all  $n \in N$ . By Corollary 2, it follows that  $\|x_n - y_n\|_\infty \leq \frac{8}{1-\frac{8}{9}} \varepsilon_{n-1} = 8\varepsilon_{n-1}, n \in N$ .  $\square$



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