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# Ulam Stability for Particular Difference Equation of Second Order

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Abstract: We study the Hyers-Ulam stability of the homogeneous and non-homogeneous linear difference equation of second order with initial conditions by using Z-Transforms method.

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#### 1. Introduction

In 1940, S.M. Ulam [15] posed a question concerning the stability of functional equations. This problem was solved by D.H. Hyers [6] in 1941 for Cauchy additive functional equation in Banach spaces. After that many researchers have been extensively established the stability results to the various functional equations in different directions (see [3, 4, 7, 12]). Now a days, the theory of difference equations and their applications have been receiving exhaustive attention of many researchers (see [1, 5, 16]). Some authors have proved the Hyers-Ulam stability of linear and non-linear reccurences, linear reccurence with constant co-efficients, linear reccurence of higher order in [2, 10, 13, 14, 16]. Recently, Jung et.al., [11] proved the Hyers-Ulam stability and non-stability for the difference equation of first order. Motivation of the above researchers, the authors are interested in proving the Hyers-Ulam stability of the homogeneous linear difference equation

$$m(w+2) - r(1+s) \ m(w+1) + rs \ m(w) = 0 \tag{1}$$

and the non-homogeneous linear difference equation

$$m(w+2) - r(1+s) \ m(w+1) + rs \ m(w) = l(w)$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

with initial conditions

$$m(0) = 0 \text{ and } m(1) = 1$$
 (3)

by using Z-Transforms method for all w > 0, where  $r, s \neq 0$  be a constant.

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### 2. Preliminaries

Now, we give the definitions of Hyer-Ulam stability of the homogeneous and non-homogeneous linear difference equations (1) and (2) with (3).

**Definition 2.1.** Let the homogeneous linear difference equation (1) has the Hyers-Ulam stability, if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a positive constant C such that m(w) satisfies the inequality

$$|m(w+2) - r(1+s) m(w+1) + rs m(w)| \le \epsilon_s$$

with (3) then there exists a function n(w) satisfying (1) with n(0) = 0 and n(1) = 1 such that  $|m(w) - n(w)| \leq C \epsilon$ .

**Definition 2.2.** We say that the non-homogeneous linear difference equation (2) has the Hyers-Ulam stability, if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a constant C such that m(w) be a function satisfies

$$|m(w+2) - r(1+s) m(w+1) + rs m(w) - l(w)| \le \epsilon$$

with (3) then there exists a function n(w) satisfying (2) with n(0) = 0 and n(1) = 1 such that  $|m(w) - n(w)| \leq C \epsilon$ .

## 3. Hyers-Ulam Stability (1) and (2)

In this section, we prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of the homogeneous linear difference equations (1) by applying Z-Transforms method.

**Theorem 3.1.** For every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a positive constant C such that a function  $m: (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{F}$  satisfies the inequality

$$|m(w+2) - r(1+s) m(w+1) + rs m(w)| \le \epsilon,$$
(4)

for each value of w with initial conditions m(0) = 0 and m(1) = 1, then there exists a solution function  $n : (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{F}$  of the difference equation (1) with n(0) = 0 and n(1) = 1 such that  $|m(w) - n(w)| \leq C \epsilon$ , for all w > 0.

*Proof.* Consider a function  $g: (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{F}$  such that g(w) = m(w+2) - r(1+s) m(w+1) + rs m(w), for all w > 0. By (4), we have  $|g(w)| \le \epsilon$ . Now, taking Z-Transform to g(w), then we have

$$Z[g(w)] = G(z) = (z^2 - r(1+s) \ z + rs) \ M(z) - z \ (z - r(1+s)) \ m(0) - z \ m(1)$$
(5)

Using the initial conditions (3) in (5), we obtain

$$G(z) = (z^2 - r(1+s) \ z + rs) \ M(z) - z.$$
(6)

Since we have  $z^2 - r(1+s) \ z + rs = (z-p) \ (z-q)$ , where

$$p = \frac{r(1+s) + \sqrt{r^2 \left(1 + s^2 + 2s\right) - 4rs}}{2}$$

and

$$q = \frac{r(1+s) - \sqrt{r^2 \left(1 + s^2 + 2s\right) - 4rs}}{2}$$

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Then (6) becomes

$$M(z) - \frac{z}{(z-p) \ (z-q)} = \frac{G(z)}{(z-p) \ (z-q)}.$$
(7)

Now, we define a function n(w) such that  $n(w) = \frac{p^w - q^w}{p - q} m(1)$ , then applying Z-Transforms to n(w), we get

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$$Z[n(w)] = N(z) = \frac{z \ m(1)}{(z-p) \ (z-q)}$$

Hence

$$(z-p) \ (z-q) \ N(z) - z \ (z-r(1+s)) \ m(0) - z \ m(1) = 0.$$
(8)

Since we have n(0) = m(0) = 0 and n(1) = m(1) = 1. Now,

$$Z[n(w+2) - r(1+s) n(w+1) + rs n(w)] = Z[n(w+2)] - r(1+s) Z[n(w+1)] + rs Z[n(w)]$$
$$= (z-p) (z-q) N(z) - z (z-r(1+s)) n(0) - z n(1)$$
$$= 0.$$

Since Z is one-to-one operator, it holds that n(w+2) - r(1+s) n(w+1) + rs n(w) = 0. Therefore n(w) is a solution of (1). Then we have

$$Z[m(w)] - Z[n(w)] = M(z) - N(z) = \frac{G(z)}{(z-p)(z-q)} = Z[h(w) * g(w)],$$

where  $h(w) = \frac{1}{z} \left\{ \frac{p^w - q^w}{p - q} \right\}$ . Since Z-Transforms is linear and one-to-one, we have m(w) - n(w) = (h(w) \* g(w)). Now taking modulus on both sides, we get

$$|m(w) - n(w)| = |h(w) * g(w)| = \left|\sum_{w = -\infty}^{\infty} h(w - k) g(w)\right| \le \sum_{w = -\infty}^{\infty} |h(w - k)| |g(w)| \le \mathbf{C} \epsilon$$

for each w > 0, where  $\mathbf{C} = \sum_{w=-\infty}^{\infty} |h(w-k)| = \sum_{w=-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{z} \left\{ \frac{a^{w-k} - b^{w-k}}{a-b} \right\} \right|$  exists for each value of w. Then by the virtue of Definition 2.1, the linear difference equation (1) has the Hyers-Ulam stability.

By the similar argument of the Theorem 3.1 we can prove the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of (1) with (3). The following corollary shows that the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of the homogeneous linear difference equation (1) with initial condition (3).

**Corollary 3.2.** For every  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\theta : (0, \infty) \to (0, \infty)$  be a function, there exists a positive constant C such that a difference function  $m : (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{F}$  satisfies the inequality

$$|m(w+2) - r(1+s) m(w+1) + rs m(w)| \le \epsilon \theta(w),$$

for each value of w with initial condition (3), then there exists a solution function  $n: (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{F}$  of the difference equation (1) with n(0) = 0 and n(1) = 1 such that  $|m(w) - n(w)| \leq C(\epsilon) \ \theta(w)$ , for all w > 0.

Now, we prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of the non-homogeneous linear difference equation (2) with initial conditions (3).

**Theorem 3.3.** For every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a positive constant C such that a function  $m : (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{F}$  satisfies the inequality

$$|m(w+2) - r(1+s) \ m(w+1) + rs \ m(w) - l(w)| \le \epsilon,$$
(9)

for each value of w with initial conditions (3), then there exists a solution function  $n: (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{F}$  of the difference equation (2) with n(0) = 0 and n(1) = 1 such that  $|m(w) - n(w)| \leq C \epsilon$ , for all w > 0 with l(0) = 0 and l(1) = 1.

*Proof.* Let us define a function  $g: (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{F}$  such that g(w) = m(w+2) - r(1+s) m(w+1) + rs m(w) - l(w), for all w > 0. By (9), we have  $|g(w)| \le \epsilon$ . Now, taking Z-Transforms to g(w), then

$$Z[g(w)] = G(w) = \left(z^2 - r(1+s) \ z+rs\right) \ M(z) - z \ \left(z - r(1+s)\right) \ m(0) - z \ m(1) - L(z).$$
(10)

From (10), we have a function  $m_0: (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{F}$  is a solution of (2) if and only if

$$(z^2 - r(1+s) \ z + rs) \ M(z) - z \ (z - r(1+s)) \ m_0(0) - z \ m_0(1) = L(z).$$
 (11)

Using the initial conditions (3) in (11), we have

$$G(z) = (z^{2} - r(1+s) \ z + rs) \ M(z) - z - L(z).$$
(12)

Since we have  $z^2 - r(1+s) z + rs = (z-p) (z-q)$ , where

$$p = \frac{r(1+s) + \sqrt{r^2 \left(1 + s^2 + 2s\right) - 4rs}}{2}$$

and

$$q = \frac{r(1+s) - \sqrt{r^2 \left(1 + s^2 + 2s\right) - 4rs}}{2}$$

Then (12) becomes

$$M(z) - \frac{z}{(z-p) \ (z-q)} = \frac{G(z) + L(z)}{(z-p) \ (z-q)}.$$
(13)

Now, we define a function n(w) such that  $n(w) = \frac{p^w - q^w}{p - q} m(1) + [h(w) * l(w)]$ , then applying Z-Transform to n(w), we get

$$Z[n(w)] = N(z) = \frac{z \ m(1)}{(z-p) \ (z-q)} + \frac{L(z)}{(z-p) \ (z-q)}$$

Hence

$$(z-p) \ (z-q) \ N(z) - z \ (z-r(1+s)) \ m(0) - z \ m(1) = L(z).$$
(14)

Since we have n(0) = m(0) = 0 and n(1) = m(1) = 1. Now,

$$Z[n(w+2) - r(1+s) n(w+1) + rs n(w)] = Z[n(w+2)] - r(1+s) Z[n(w+1)] + rs Z[n(w)]$$
$$= (z^2 - r(1+s) z + rs) N(z) - z (z - r(1+s)) n(0) - z n(1)$$
$$= H(z) = Z[h(w)]$$

Since Z is one-to-one operator, it holds that n(w+2) - r(1+s) n(w+1) + rs n(w) = l(w). Therefore, n(w) is a solution of (2). Then we have

$$Z[m(w)] - Z[n(w)] = M(z) - N(z) = \frac{G(z)}{(z-p)(z-q)} = Z[h(w) * g(w)],$$

where  $h(w) = \frac{1}{z} \left\{ \frac{p^w - q^w}{p - q} \right\}$ . Since Z-Transforms is linear and one-to-one, we have m(w) - n(w) = (h(w) \* g(w)). Now taking modulus on both sides, we get

$$|m(w) - n(w)| = |h(w) * g(w)| = \left|\sum_{w = -\infty}^{\infty} h(w - k) g(w)\right| \le \sum_{w = -\infty}^{\infty} |h(w - k)| |g(w)| \le \mathbf{C} \ \epsilon,$$

for each w > 0, where  $\mathbf{C} = \sum_{w=-\infty}^{\infty} |h(w-k)| = \sum_{w=-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{z} \left\{ \frac{p^{w-k} - q^{w-k}}{p-q} \right\} \right|$  exists for each value of w. Then by the virtue of Definition 2.2, the linear difference equation (2) has the Hyers-Ulam stability.

By the similar argument of the Theorem 3.3 we can prove the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of (2) with (3). The following corollary shows that the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of the non-homogeneous linear difference equation (2) with initial conditions (3).

**Corollary 3.4.** For every  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\theta : (0, \infty) \to (0, \infty)$  be a function there exists a positive constant C such that a difference function  $m : (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{F}$  satisfies the inequality

$$|m(w+2) - r(1+s) m(w+1) + rs m(w) - l(w)| \le \epsilon \theta(w),$$

for each value of w with initial conditions (3), then there exists a solution function  $n: (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{F}$  of the difference equation (2) with n(0) = 0 and n(1) = 1 such that  $|m(w) - n(w)| \leq C(\epsilon) \ \theta(w)$ , for all w > 0 with q(0) = 0 and q(1) = 1.

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