

**ON THE RECURSIVE SEQUENCE**  $x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-(5k+9)}}{1+x_{n-4}x_{n-9}\dots x_{n-(5k+4)}}$

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**Abstract.** In this paper a solution of the following difference equation was investigated

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-(5k+9)}}{1 + x_{n-4}x_{n-9}\dots x_{n-(5k+4)}}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

where  $x_{-(5k+9)}, x_{-(5k+8)}, \dots, x_{-1}, x_0 \in (0, \infty)$ .

1. INTRODUCTION

Recently there has been a lot of interest in studying the periodic nature of nonlinear difference equations. For some recent results concerning among other problems, the periodic nature of scalar nonlinear difference equations see, for examples [1, 6-8].

In [2] the following problem was posed. Is there a solution of the following difference equation

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{\beta x_{n-1}}{\beta + x_n} \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

where  $x_{-1}, x_0, \beta \in (0, \infty)$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

In [9] Stevic assumed that  $\beta = 1$  and solved the following problem

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-1}}{1 + x_n} \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

where  $x_{-1}, x_0 \in (0, \infty)$ . Also, this result was generalized to the equation of the following form:

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-1}}{g(x_n)} \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

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where  $x_{-1}, x_0 \in (0, \infty)$ .

In [3-5] we solved the following three problems for the positive initial values

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-3}}{1+x_{n-1}}, x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-5}}{1+x_{n-2}}, x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-5}}{1+x_{n-1}x_{n-3}} \text{ for } n=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

In this paper we investigate the following nonlinear difference equation

$$(1) \quad x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-(5k+9)}}{1+x_{n-4}x_{n-9}\dots x_{n-(5k+4)}}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

where  $x_{-(5k+9)}, x_{-(5k+8)}, \dots, x_{-1}, x_0 \in (0, \infty)$ .

## 2. MAIN RESULT

**Theorem 1.** *Consider the difference equation (1). Then the following statements are true:*

- (a) *The sequences  $(x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+9)}), (x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+8)}), \dots, (x_{(5k+10)n})$  are decreasing and there exist  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{5k+10} \geq 0$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+9)} &= a_1, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+8)} \\ &= a_2, \dots, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n} = a_{5k+10}. \end{aligned}$$

- (b)  *$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{5k+10}, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{5k+10}, \dots)$  is a solution with period  $5k+10$  of equation (1).*

- (c)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+9)} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+4)} \dots \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-4} = 0$ ,  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+8)} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+3)} \dots \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-3} = 0$ ,  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+7)} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+2)} \dots \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-2} = 0$ ,  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+6)} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+1)} \dots \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-1} = 0$  and  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+5)} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-(5k)} \dots \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n} = 0$   
or  $a_1 \cdot a_6 \dots a_{5k+6} = 0$ ,  $a_2 \cdot a_7 \dots a_{5k+7} = 0$ ,  $a_3 \cdot a_8 \dots a_{5k+8} = 0$ ,  
 $a_4 \cdot a_9 \dots a_{5k+9} = 0$  and  $a_5 \cdot a_{10} \dots a_{5k+10} = 0$ .

- (d) *If there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that*

$$x_{n-4}x_{n-9}\dots x_{n-(5k+4)} \geq x_{n+1}x_{n-4}x_{n-9}\dots x_{n-(5k-1)}$$

for all  $n \geq n_0$ , then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0.$$

(e) *The following formulas*

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_{(5k+10)n+1} &= x_{-(5k+9)} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k+4)}}{1+x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k+4)}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-4}x_{5i-9}\dots x_{5i-(5k+4)}} \right) \\
 x_{(5k+10)n+2} &= x_{-(5k+8)} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-3}x_{-8}\dots x_{-(5k+3)}}{1+x_{-3}x_{-8}\dots x_{-(5k+3)}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-3}x_{5i-8}\dots x_{5i-(5k+3)}} \right) \\
 x_{(5k+10)n+3} &= x_{-(5k+7)} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-2}x_{-7}\dots x_{-(5k+2)}}{1+x_{-2}x_{-7}\dots x_{-(5k+2)}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-2}x_{5i-7}\dots x_{5i-(5k+2)}} \right) \\
 x_{(5k+10)n+4} &= x_{-(5k+6)} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-1}x_{-6}\dots x_{-(5k+1)}}{1+x_{-1}x_{-6}\dots x_{-(5k+1)}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-1}x_{5i-6}\dots x_{5i-(5k+1)}} \right) \\
 x_{(5k+10)n+5} &= x_{-(5k+5)} \left( 1 - \frac{x_0x_{-5}\dots x_{-(5k)}}{1+x_0x_{-5}\dots x_{-(5k)}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i}x_{5i-5}\dots x_{5i-(5k)}} \right) \\
 &\quad \vdots \\
 x_{(5k+10)n+(5k+6)} &= x_{-4} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-9}x_{-14}\dots x_{-(5k+9)}}{1+x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k+4)}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+(k+1)} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-4}x_{5i-9}\dots x_{5i-(5k+4)}} \right) \\
 x_{(5k+10)n+(5k+7)} &= x_{-3} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-8}x_{-13}\dots x_{-(5k+8)}}{1+x_{-3}x_{-8}\dots x_{-(5k+3)}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+(k+1)} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-3}x_{5i-8}\dots x_{5i-(5k+3)}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
x_{(5k+10)n+(5k+8)} &= x_{-2} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-7}x_{-12}\dots x_{-(5k+7)}}{1 + x_{-2}x_{-7}\dots x_{-(5k+2)}} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+(k+1)} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i-2}x_{5i-7}\dots x_{5i-(5k+2)}} \right) \\
x_{(5k+10)n+(5k+9)} &= x_{-1} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-6}x_{-11}\dots x_{-(5k+6)}}{1 + x_{-1}x_{-6}\dots x_{-(5k+1)}} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+(k+1)} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i-1}x_{5i-6}\dots x_{5i-(5k+1)}} \right) \\
x_{(5k+10)n+(5k+10)} &= x_0 \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-5}x_{-10}\dots x_{-(5k+5)}}{1 + x_0x_{-5}\dots x_{-(5k)}} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+(k+1)} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i}x_{5i-5}\dots x_{5i-(5k)}} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

hold.

(f) If  $x_{(5k+10)n+i} \rightarrow a_i \neq 0$ ,  $x_{(5k+10)n+i+5} \rightarrow a_{i+5} \neq 0, \dots, x_{(5k+10)n+(5k+i)} \rightarrow a_{5k+i} \neq 0$  then  $x_{(5k+10)n+(5k+i+5)} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ ).

*Proof.*

(a) Firstly, from the equation (1), we obtain

$$x_{n+1}(1 + x_{n-4}x_{n-9}\dots x_{n-(5k+4)}) = x_{n-(5k+9)}.$$

If  $x_{n-4}, x_{n-9}, \dots, x_{n-(5k+4)} \in (0, +\infty)$ , then  $(1 + x_{n-4}x_{n-9}\dots x_{n-(5k+4)}) \in (1, +\infty)$ . Since  $x_{n+1} < x_{n-(5k+9)}$ ,  $n \in N$ , we obtain that there exist

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+9)} &= a_1, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+8)} = a_2, \dots, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n} \\
&= a_{5k+10}.
\end{aligned}$$

(b)  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{5k+10}, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{5k+10}, \dots)$  a solution with period  $5k+10$  of equation (1).

(c) In view of the equation (1), we obtain

$$x_{(5k+10)n+1} = \frac{x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+9)}}{1 + x_{(5k+10)n-4}\dots x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+4)}}.$$

Take the limits on both sides of the above equality

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+9)}}{1 + x_{(5k+10)n-4}\dots x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+4)}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+9)} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+4)} \dots \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-4} = 0 \text{ or } a_1 \cdot a_6 \dots a_{5k+6} = 0.$$

Similarly;

$$x_{(5k+10)n+2} = \frac{x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+8)}}{1 + x_{(5k+10)n-3} \dots x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+3)}}.$$

Take the limits on both sides of the above equality

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n+2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+8)}}{1 + x_{(5k+10)n-3} \dots x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+3)}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+8)} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+3)} \dots \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-3} = 0 \text{ or } a_2 \cdot a_7 \dots a_{5k+7} = 0.$$

Similarly;

$$x_{(5k+10)n+3} = \frac{x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+7)}}{1 + x_{(5k+10)n-2} \dots x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+2)}}.$$

Take the limits on both sides of the above equality

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n+3} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+7)}}{1 + x_{(5k+10)n-2} \dots x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+2)}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+7)} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+2)} \dots \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-2} = 0 \text{ or } a_3 \cdot a_8 \dots a_{5k+8} = 0.$$

Similarly;

$$x_{(5k+10)n+4} = \frac{x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+6)}}{1 + x_{(5k+10)n-1} \dots x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+1)}}.$$

Take the limits on both sides of the above equality

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n+4} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+6)}}{1 + x_{(5k+10)n-1} \dots x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+1)}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+6)} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+1)} \dots \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-1} = 0 \text{ or } a_4 \cdot a_9 \dots a_{5k+9} = 0.$$

Similarly;

$$x_{(5k+10)n+5} = \frac{x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+5)}}{1 + x_{(5k+10)n} \dots x_{(5k+10)n-(5k)}}.$$

Take the limits on both sides of the above equality

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n+5} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+5)}}{1 + x_{(5k+10)n} \dots x_{(5k+10)n-(5k)}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-(5k+5)} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n-(5k)} \dots \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n} = 0 \text{ or } a_5 \cdot a_{10} \dots a_{5k+10} = 0.$$

(d) If there exists  $n_0 \in N$  such that

$$x_{n-4}x_{n-9}\dots x_{n-(5k+4)} \geq x_{n+1}x_{n-4}x_{n-9}\dots x_{n-(5k-1)}$$

for all  $n \geq n_0$ , then  $a_i \cdot a_{i+5} \dots a_{5k+i+5} = 0$  Since  $a_i \leq a_{i+5} \leq \dots \leq a_{5k+i+5} \leq a_i$  (for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ ).

(e) Subtracting  $x_{n-(5k+9)}$  from both the left and right-hand sides of the equation (1) we obtain

$$x_{n+1} - x_{n-(5k+9)} = \frac{1}{1 + x_{n-4}x_{n-9}\dots x_{n-(5k+4)}}(x_{n-4} - x_{n-(5k+14)})$$

and the following formula

$$(2) \quad \text{for } n \geq 5 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_{5n-24} - x_{5n-(5k+34)} = (x_1 - x_{-(5k+9)}) \prod_{i=1}^{n-5} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i-4}x_{5i-9}\dots x_{5i-(5k+4)}} \\ x_{5n-23} - x_{5n-(5k+33)} = (x_2 - x_{-(5k+8)}) \prod_{i=1}^{n-5} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i-3}x_{5i-8}\dots x_{5i-(5k+3)}} \\ x_{5n-22} - x_{5n-(5k+32)} = (x_3 - x_{-(5k+7)}) \prod_{i=1}^{n-5} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i-2}x_{5i-7}\dots x_{5i-(5k+2)}} \\ x_{5n-21} - x_{5n-(5k+31)} = (x_4 - x_{-(5k+6)}) \prod_{i=1}^{n-5} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i-1}x_{5i-6}\dots x_{5i-(5k+1)}} \\ x_{5n-20} - x_{5n-(5k+30)} = (x_5 - x_{-(5k+5)}) \prod_{i=1}^{n-5} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i}x_{5i-5}\dots x_{5i-(5k)}} \end{array} \right.$$

holds.

Replacing  $n$  by  $(k + 2)j$  in (2) and summing up them from  $j = 0$  to  $j = n$ .

We obtain for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$x_{(5k+10)n+1} - x_{-(5k+9)} = (x_1 - x_{-(5k+9)}) \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-4}x_{5i-9}\dots x_{5i-(5k+4)}}.$$

$$x_{(5k+10)n+2} - x_{-(5k+8)} = (x_2 - x_{-(5k+8)}) \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-3}x_{5i-8}\dots x_{5i-(5k+3)}}.$$

$$(3) \quad x_{(5k+10)n+3} - x_{-(5k+7)} = (x_3 - x_{-(5k+7)}) \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-2}x_{5i-7}\dots x_{5i-(5k+2)}}.$$

$$x_{(5k+10)n+4} - x_{-(5k+6)} = (x_4 - x_{-(5k+6)}) \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-1}x_{5i-6}\dots x_{5i-(5k+1)}}.$$

$$x_{(5k+10)n+5} - x_{-(5k+5)} = (x_5 - x_{-(5k+5)}) \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i}x_{5i-5}\dots x_{5i-(5k)}}.$$

Also, replacing  $n$  by  $(k+2)j + (k+1)$  in (2) and summing up them from  $j = 0$  to  $j = n$ . We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} x_{(5k+10)n+(5k+6)} - x_{-4} &= (x_1 - x_{-(5k+9)}) \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+(k+1)} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-4}x_{5i-9}\dots x_{5i-(5k+4)}}. \\ x_{(5k+10)n+(5k+7)} - x_{-3} &= (x_2 - x_{-(5k+8)}) \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+(k+1)} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-3}x_{5i-8}\dots x_{5i-(5k+3)}}. \\ x_{(5k+10)n+(5k+8)} - x_{-2} &= (x_3 - x_{-(5k+7)}) \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+(k+1)} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-2}x_{5i-7}\dots x_{5i-(5k+2)}}. \\ x_{(5k+10)n+(5k+9)} - x_{-1} &= (x_4 - x_{-(5k+6)}) \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+(k+1)} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-1}x_{5i-6}\dots x_{5i-(5k+1)}}. \\ x_{(5k+10)n+(5k+10)} - x_0 &= (x_5 - x_{-(5k+5)}) \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+(k+1)} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i}x_{5i-5}\dots x_{5i-(5k)}}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we obtain from the above formulas;

$$(4) \quad \begin{aligned} x_{(5k+10)n+1} &= x_{-(5k+9)} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k+4)}}{1+x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k+4)}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-4}x_{5i-9}\dots x_{5i-(5k+4)}} \right) \\ x_{(5k+10)n+2} &= x_{-(5k+8)} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-3}x_{-8}\dots x_{-(5k+3)}}{1+x_{-3}x_{-8}\dots x_{-(5k+3)}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-3}x_{5i-8}\dots x_{5i-(5k+3)}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
x_{(5k+10)n+3} &= x_{-(5k+7)} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-2}x_{-7}\dots x_{-(5k+2)}}{1 + x_{-2}x_{-7}\dots x_{-(5k+2)}} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i-2}x_{5i-7}\dots x_{5i-(5k+2)}} \right) \\
x_{(5k+10)n+4} &= x_{-(5k+6)} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-1}x_{-6}\dots x_{-(5k+1)}}{1 + x_{-1}x_{-6}\dots x_{-(5k+1)}} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i-1}x_{5i-6}\dots x_{5i-(5k+1)}} \right) \\
x_{(5k+10)n+5} &= x_{-(5k+5)} \left( 1 - \frac{x_0x_{-5}\dots x_{-(5k)}}{1 + x_0x_{-5}\dots x_{-(5k)}} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i}x_{5i-5}\dots x_{5i-(5k)}} \right) \\
&\quad \vdots \\
x_{(5k+10)n+(5k+6)} &= x_{-4} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-9}x_{-14}\dots x_{-(5k+9)}}{1 + x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k+4)}} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+(k+1)} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i-4}x_{5i-9}\dots x_{5i-(5k+4)}} \right) \\
x_{(5k+10)n+(5k+7)} &= x_{-3} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-8}x_{-13}\dots x_{-(5k+8)}}{1 + x_{-3}x_{-8}\dots x_{-(5k+3)}} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+(k+1)} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i-3}x_{5i-8}\dots x_{5i-(5k+3)}} \right) \\
x_{(5k+10)n+(5k+8)} &= x_{-2} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-7}x_{-12}\dots x_{-(5k+7)}}{1 + x_{-2}x_{-7}\dots x_{-(5k+2)}} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+(k+1)} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i-2}x_{5i-7}\dots x_{5i-(5k+2)}} \right) \\
x_{(5k+10)n+(5k+9)} &= x_{-1} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-6}x_{-11}\dots x_{-(5k+6)}}{1 + x_{-1}x_{-6}\dots x_{-(5k+1)}} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+(k+1)} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i-1}x_{5i-6}\dots x_{5i-(5k+1)}} \right) \\
x_{(5k+10)n+(5k+10)} &= x_0 \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-5}x_{-10}\dots x_{-(5k+5)}}{1 + x_0x_{-5}\dots x_{-(5k)}} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+(k+1)} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i}x_{5i-5}\dots x_{5i-(5k)}} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

hold.



(f) Suppose that  $a_1 = a_6 = \dots = a_{5k+1} = a_{5k+6} = 0$ . By (e) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n+1} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{-(5k+9)} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k+4)}}{1+x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k+4)}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-4}x_{5i-9}\dots x_{5i-(5k+4)}} \right) \\
 (5) \quad a_1 &= x_{-(5k+9)} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k+4)}}{1+x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k+4)}} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-4}x_{5i-9}\dots x_{5i-(5k+4)}} \right) \\
 a_1 = 0 &\Rightarrow \frac{1+x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k+4)}}{x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k+4)}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-4}x_{5i-9}\dots x_{5i-(5k+4)}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n+6} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{-(5k+4)} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k-1)}x_{-(5k+9)}}{1+x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k+4)}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+1} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-4}x_{5i-9}\dots x_{5i-(5k+4)}} \right) \\
 (6) \quad a_6 &= x_{-(5k+4)} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k-1)}x_{-(5k+9)}}{1+x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k+4)}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+1} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-4}x_{5i-9}\dots x_{5i-(5k+4)}} \right) \\
 a_6 = 0 &\Rightarrow \frac{1+x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k+4)}}{x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k-1)}x_{-(5k+9)}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+1} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-4}x_{5i-9}\dots x_{5i-(5k+4)}} \\
 &\quad \vdots
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n+(5k+1)} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{-9} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-4}x_{-14}\dots x_{-(5k+9)}}{1+x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k+4)}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+k} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-4}x_{5i-9}\dots x_{5i-(5k+4)}} \right) \\
 a_{5k+1} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{-9} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-4}x_{-14}\dots x_{-(5k+9)}}{1+x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k+4)}} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+k} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-4}x_{5i-9}\dots x_{5i-(5k+4)}} \right) \\
 (7) \quad a_{5k+1} = 0 &\Rightarrow \frac{1+x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k+4)}}{x_{-4}x_{-14}\dots x_{-(5k+9)}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+k} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-4}x_{5i-9}\dots x_{5i-(5k+4)}} \\
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{(5k+10)n+(5k+6)} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{-4} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-9}x_{-14}\dots x_{-(5k+9)}}{1+x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k+4)}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \sum_{j=0}^n \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+(k+1)} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-4}x_{5i-9}\dots x_{5i-(5k+4)}} \right) \\
 a_{5k+6} &= x_{-4} \left( 1 - \frac{x_{-9}x_{-14}\dots x_{-(5k+9)}}{1+x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k+4)}} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+(k+1)} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-4}x_{5i-9}\dots x_{5i-(5k+4)}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (8) \quad a_{5k+6} = 0 &\Rightarrow \frac{1 + x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k+4)}}{x_{-9}x_{-14}\dots x_{-(5k+9)}} \\
 &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+(k+1)} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i-4}x_{5i-9}\dots x_{5i-(5k+4)}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

From the equation (5) and (6),

$$\begin{aligned}
 (9) \quad \frac{1 + x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k+4)}}{x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k+4)}} &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i-4}x_{5i-9}\dots x_{5i-(5k+4)}} > \\
 \frac{1 + x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k+4)}}{x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k-1)}x_{-(5k+9)}} &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i-4}x_{5i-9}\dots x_{5i-(5k+4)}}
 \end{aligned}$$

thus,  $x_{-(5k+9)} > x_{-(5k+4)}$ .

⋮

From the equation (7) and (8),

$$\begin{aligned}
 (10) \quad \frac{1 + x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k+4)}}{x_{-4}x_{-14}\dots x_{-(5k+9)}} &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+k} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i-4}x_{5i-9}\dots x_{5i-(5k+4)}} > \\
 \frac{1 + x_{-4}x_{-9}\dots x_{-(5k+4)}}{x_{-9}x_{-14}\dots x_{-(5k+9)}} &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+(k+1)} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i-4}x_{5i-9}\dots x_{5i-(5k+4)}}
 \end{aligned}$$

thus,  $x_{-9} > x_{-4}$ . Which implies  $x_{-(5k+9)} > x_{-(5k+4)} > \dots > x_{-9} > x_{-4}$ . This contradicts our assumption.

We omit the proofs of the equations (11)-(18). Since proofs of the equations (11), (13), (15), (17) can easy be obtained in a way to be proof of equation (9) and proofs of the equations (12), (14), (16), (18) can easy be obtained in a way to be proof of equation (10).

Suppose that  $a_2 = a_7 = \dots = a_{5k+2} = a_{5k+7} = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 (11) \quad \frac{1 + x_{-3}x_{-8}\dots x_{-(5k+3)}}{x_{-3}x_{-8}\dots x_{-(5k+3)}} &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i-3}x_{5i-8}\dots x_{5i-(5k+3)}} > \\
 \frac{1 + x_{-3}x_{-8}\dots x_{-(5k+3)}}{x_{-3}x_{-8}\dots x_{-(5k-2)}x_{-(5k+8)}} &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i-3}x_{5i-8}\dots x_{5i-(5k+3)}}
 \end{aligned}$$

thus,  $x_{-(5k+8)} > x_{-(5k+3)}$ .

⋮

$$\begin{aligned}
 (12) \quad \frac{1 + x_{-3}x_{-8}\dots x_{-(5k+3)}}{x_{-3}x_{-13}\dots x_{-(5k+8)}} &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+k} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i-3}x_{5i-8}\dots x_{5i-(5k+3)}} > \\
 \frac{1 + x_{-3}x_{-8}\dots x_{-(5k+3)}}{x_{-8}x_{-13}\dots x_{-(5k+8)}} &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+(k+1)} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i-3}x_{5i-8}\dots x_{5i-(5k+3)}}
 \end{aligned}$$

thus,  $x_{-8} > x_{-3}$ . Which implies  $x_{-(5k+8)} > x_{-(5k+3)} > \dots > x_{-8} > x_{-3}$ . This contradicts our assumption.

Suppose that  $a_3 = a_8 = \dots = a_{5k+3} = a_{5k+8} = 0$ .

$$(13) \quad \frac{1+x_{-2}x_{-7}\dots x_{-(5k+2)}}{x_{-2}x_{-7}\dots x_{-(5k+2)}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-2}x_{5i-7}\dots x_{5i-(5k+2)}} >$$

$$\frac{1+x_{-2}x_{-7}\dots x_{-(5k+2)}}{x_{-2}x_{-7}\dots x_{-(5k-3)}x_{-(5k+7)}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+1} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-2}x_{5i-7}\dots x_{5i-(5k+2)}}$$

thus,  $x_{-(5k+7)} > x_{-(5k+2)}$ .

⋮

$$(14) \quad \frac{1+x_{-2}x_{-7}\dots x_{-(5k+2)}}{x_{-2}x_{-12}\dots x_{-(5k+7)}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+k} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-2}x_{5i-7}\dots x_{5i-(5k+2)}} >$$

$$\frac{1+x_{-2}x_{-7}\dots x_{-(5k+2)}}{x_{-7}x_{-12}\dots x_{-(5k+7)}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+(k+1)} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-2}x_{5i-7}\dots x_{5i-(5k+2)}}$$

thus,  $x_{-7} > x_{-2}$ . Which implies  $x_{-(5k+7)} > x_{-(5k+2)} > \dots > x_{-7} > x_{-2}$ . This contradicts our assumption.

Suppose that  $a_4 = a_9 = \dots = a_{5k+4} = a_{5k+9} = 0$ .

$$(15) \quad \frac{1+x_{-1}x_{-6}\dots x_{-(5k+1)}}{x_{-1}x_{-6}\dots x_{-(5k+1)}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-1}x_{5i-6}\dots x_{5i-(5k+1)}} >$$

$$\frac{1+x_{-1}x_{-6}\dots x_{-(5k+1)}}{x_{-1}x_{-6}\dots x_{-(5k-4)}x_{-(5k+6)}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+1} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-1}x_{5i-6}\dots x_{5i-(5k+1)}}$$

thus,  $x_{-(5k+6)} > x_{-(5k+1)}$ .

⋮

$$(16) \quad \frac{1+x_{-1}x_{-6}\dots x_{-(5k+1)}}{x_{-1}x_{-11}\dots x_{-(5k+6)}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+k} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-1}x_{5i-6}\dots x_{5i-(5k+1)}} >$$

$$\frac{1+x_{-1}x_{-6}\dots x_{-(5k+1)}}{x_{-6}x_{-11}\dots x_{-(5k+6)}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+(k+1)} \frac{1}{1+x_{5i-1}x_{5i-6}\dots x_{5i-(5k+1)}}$$

thus,  $x_{-6} > x_{-1}$ . Which implies  $x_{-(5k+6)} > x_{-(5k+1)} > \dots > x_{-6} > x_{-1}$ . This contradicts our assumption.

Suppose that  $a_5 = a_{10} = \dots = a_{5k+5} = a_{5k+10} = 0$ .

$$(17) \quad \frac{1 + x_0x_{-5}\dots x_{-(5k)}}{x_0x_{-5}\dots x_{-(5k)}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i}x_{5i-5}\dots x_{5i-(5k)}} >$$

$$\frac{1 + x_0x_{-5}\dots x_{-(5k)}}{x_0x_{-5}\dots x_{-(5k-5)}x_{-(5k+5)}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+1} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i}x_{5i-5}\dots x_{5i-(5k)}}$$

thus,  $x_{-(5k+5)} > x_{-(5k)}$ .

⋮

$$(18) \quad \frac{1 + x_0x_{-5}\dots x_{-(5k)}}{x_0x_{-10}\dots x_{-(5k+5)}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+k} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i}x_{5i-5}\dots x_{5i-(5k)}} >$$

$$\frac{1 + x_0x_{-5}\dots x_{-(5k)}}{x_{-5}x_{-10}\dots x_{-(5k+5)}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^{(k+2)j+(k+1)} \frac{1}{1 + x_{5i}x_{5i-5}\dots x_{5i-(5k)}}$$

thus,  $x_{-5} > x_0$ . Which implies  $x_{-(5k+5)} > x_{-(5k)} > \dots > x_{-5} > x_0$ . This contradicts our assumption. Then the proof is complete. ■

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