

# On the Behavior of Positive Solutions of a Difference Equations System

$$x_{n+1} = \{y_{n-2} + y_{n-3}\}/x_n, y_{n+1} = \{x_{n-2} + x_{n-3}\}/y_n^*$$

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### **ABSTRACT**

Motivated by an open problem in the literature "Dynamics of Second Order Rational Difference Equations with Open Problems and Conjecture", we introduce a difference equation system:

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{y_{n-2} + y_{n-3}}{x_n}$$
,  $y_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-2} + x_{n-3}}{y_n}$ ,  $n = 0, 1, \dots *$  where  $x_i, y_i \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $i = -3, -2, -1, 0$ . We try to find out some

conditions such that the solution of system converges to periodic solution. This model can be applied to the two species competition and population biology.

**Keywords:** Difference Equation; System; Monotonicity; Periodicity; Oscillatory

### 1. Introduction

In the monograph of Dynamics of Second Order Difference Equation [1], M. R. S. Kulenović and G. Ladas gave an open problem (see [1], p. 199) as following:

Open problem 11.4.8:

Determine whether every positive solutions of the following equation converges to a periodic solution of the corresponding equation:

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-2} + x_{n-3}}{x_n}, \quad n = 0, 1, \cdots$$
 (1)

Motivated by the Open Problem, we introduce the difference equation system:

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{y_{n-2} + y_{n-3}}{x_n}, \ y_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-2} + x_{n-3}}{y_n}, \ n = 0, 1, \dots$$
 (2)

where the initial points  $x_i, y_i \in (0, \infty), i = \{-3, -2, -1, 0\}$ 

Recently, there has been great interest in studying difference equation systems. One of the reasons for this is the necessity for some techniques that can be used in investigating equations arising in mathematical models describing real life situations in population biology, economics, probability theory, etc. There are many papers related to the difference equations system, such as [2-9].

In [2], Cinar studied the solutions of the system of difference equations:

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{y_n}, \ y_{n+1} = \frac{y_n}{x_{n-1}y_{n-1}}, \ n = 0, 1, \dots,$$
 (3)

In [3], E. Camouzis and Papaschinnopoulos studied the global asymptotic behavior of positive solution of the system of rational difference equations:

$$x_{n+1} = 1 + \frac{x_n}{y_{n-m}}, \quad y_{n+1} = 1 + \frac{y_n}{x_{n-m}}, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots,$$
 (4)

In [4], Ahmet Yasar Ozban studied the system of rational difference equations:

$$x_n = \frac{a}{y_{n-3}}, \ y_n = \frac{by_{n-3}}{x_{n-a}y_{n-a}}, \ n = 0, 1, \dots,$$
 (5)

In [5], Abdullah Selcuk Kurbanli *et al.* studied the behavior of positive solutions of the system of rational difference equations:

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$$x_n = \frac{x_{n-1}}{y_n x_{n-1} + 1}, \quad y_n = \frac{y_{n-1}}{x_n y_{n-1} + 1}, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots.$$
 (6)

In this paper, we try to find out some conditions such that the solution of system (2) converges to periodic solution. At the same time, we can get the oscillatory of system (2).

Before giving some results of the system (2), we need some definitions as follows [6]:

**Definition 1.1** A pair of sequences of positive real numbers  $\{x_n, y_n\}_{n=-3}^{\infty}$  that satisfies system (2) is a positive solution of system (2). If a positive solution of system (2) is a pair of positive constants  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ , that solution is the equilibrium solution.

**Definition 1.2** A "string" of consecutive terms  $\{x_s, \dots, x_m\}$  (resp.  $\{y_s, \dots, y_m\}$ ),  $(s \ge -3, m \le \infty)$  is said to be a positive semicycle if  $x_i \ge \overline{x}$  (resp.  $y_i \ge \overline{y}$ ),  $\{i \in s, \dots, m\}$ ,  $x_{s-1} < \overline{x}$  (resp.  $y_{s-1} < \overline{y}$ ), and  $x_{m+1} < \overline{x}$  (resp.  $y_{m+1} < \overline{y}$ ). Otherwise, that is said to be a negative

A "string" of consecutive terms  $\{(x_s, y_s), \dots, (x_m, y_m)\}$ is said to be a positive(resp.negative) semicycle if  $\{x_s, \dots, x_m\}$ ,  $\{y_s, \dots, y_m\}$  are positive (resp.negative)

A solution  $\{x_n\}$  (resp.  $\{y_n\}$ ) oscillates about  $\overline{x}$ (resp.  $\overline{y}$ ) if for every  $i \in N$ , there exist  $s, m \in N$ ,  $s \le i$ ,  $m \ge i$ , such that  $(x_s - \overline{x})(x_m - \overline{x}) < 0$  (resp.  $(y_s - c)(y_m - c) < 0$ ). We say that a solution  $\{x_n, y_n\}_{n=-3}^{\infty}$  of system oscillates about  $(\overline{x}, \overline{y})$  if  $\{x_n\}$ oscillates about  $\overline{x}$  or  $\{y_n\}$  oscillates about  $\overline{y}$ .

### 2. Some Lemmas

Lemma 2.1 The system (2) has a unique positive equi*librium*  $\overline{x} = \overline{y} = 2$ .

The proof of lemma 2.1 is very easy, so we omit it.

**Lemma 2.2** If p > 0, q > 0,  $(pq)^2 > 4(p+q)$ , Then ever positive solution of system (2) with prime period two takes the forms

$$\left(p, \frac{pq + \sqrt{(pq)^2 - 4(p+q)}}{2}\right),$$

$$\left(q, \frac{pq - \sqrt{(pq)^2 - 4(p+q)}}{2}\right), \dots,$$

or

$$\left(p, \frac{pq - \sqrt{(pq)^2 - 4(p+q)}}{2}\right),$$

$$\left(q, \frac{pq + \sqrt{(pq)^2 - 4(p+q)}}{2}\right), \dots,$$

is a period-two solution of system (2).

**Proof:** Let  $(p,m),(q,r),(p,m),(q,r),\cdots$ , be a period-two solution of system (2).

Then, by system (2) we get

$$\begin{cases}
p = \frac{m+r}{q} \\
m = \frac{q+p}{r}
\end{cases}$$
(7)

We can see that (7) can be changed to

$$pq = m + r, mr = p + q, \tag{8}$$

Form (8), we can obtain

$$m = \frac{pq + \sqrt{(pq)^{2} - 4(p+q)}}{2}$$

$$r = \frac{pq - \sqrt{(pq)^{2} - 4(p+q)}}{2}$$

or

$$m = \frac{pq - \sqrt{(pq)^{2} - 4(p+q)}}{2},$$

$$r = \frac{pq + \sqrt{(pq)^{2} - 4(p+q)}}{2}.$$

and 
$$(pq)^2 > 4(p+q)$$

Therefore, we complete the proof.

**Lemma 2.3** Assume that the initial points  $x_i, y_i \in (0, \infty), i = \{-3, -2, -1, 0\}, \text{ and } \{x_n, y_n\}_{n=-3}^{\infty} \text{ is } a$ positive solution of system (2). Then the following cases

(a) If 
$$0 < x_{-3} \le x_{-1}$$
,  $0 < x_{-2} \le x_0$ ,  $0 < x_{-1} \le \frac{y_{-2} + y_{-3}}{x_0} = x_1$ ;  $0 < y_{-3} \le y_{-1}$ ,  $0 < y_{-2} \le y_0$ ,  $0 < y_{-1} \le \frac{x_{-2} + x_{-3}}{y_0} = y_1$ , then  $\left\{x_{2n}, y_{2n}\right\}_{n=-1}^{\infty}$  and  $\left\{x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}\right\}_{n=-2}^{\infty}$  are both increasing.

(b) If  $x_{-3} \ge x_{-1} > 0$ ,  $x_{-2} \ge x_0 > 0$ ,  $x_{-1} \ge \frac{y_{-2} + y_{-3}}{x_0} = x_1 > 0$ ;  $y_{-3} \ge y_{-1} > 0$ ,  $y_{-2} \ge y_0 > 0$ ,  $y_{-1} \ge \frac{x_{-2} + x_{-3}}{y_0} = y_1 > 0$ , then  $\left\{x_{2n}, y_{2n}\right\}_{n=-1}^{\infty}$  and  $\left\{x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}\right\}_{n=-2}^{\infty}$  are both decreasing.

**Proof:** (a) By system (2), we can get

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{y_{n-2} + y_{n-3}}{x_n} = \frac{y_{n-2} + y_{n-3}}{\underbrace{y_{n-3} + y_{n-4}}_{x_{n-1}}}$$

$$y_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-2} + x_{n-3}}{y_n} = \frac{x_{n-2} + x_{n-3}}{x_{n-3} + x_{n-4}}$$
$$y_{n-1}$$

i.e.

$$\frac{x_{n+1}}{x_{n-1}} = \frac{y_{n-2} + y_{n-3}}{y_{n-3} + y_{n-4}}, \quad \frac{y_{n+1}}{y_{n-1}} = \frac{x_{n-2} + x_{n-3}}{x_{n-3} + x_{n-4}}$$
(9)

where  $n \ge 1$ .

By condition  $x_{-3} \le x_{-1}$  and (9), we get:

$$y_0 \le y_2, x_3 \le x_5, y_6 \le y_8, x_9 \le x_{11}, \dots$$
 (10)

By condition  $x_{-2} \le x_0$ , and (9), we get:

$$y_1 \le y_3, x_4 \le x_6, y_7 \le y_9, x_{10} \le x_{12}, \cdots$$
 (11)

By condition  $0 < x_{-1} \le \frac{y_{-2} + y_{-3}}{x_0} = x_1$ , and (9), we get:

$$y_2 \le y_4, x_5 \le x_7, y_8 \le y_{10}, x_{11} \le x_{13}, \cdots$$
 (12)

Equally, we can get:

$$x_0 \le x_2, y_3 \le y_5, x_6 \le x_8, y_9 \le y_{11}, \cdots$$
 (13)

$$x_1 \le x_3, y_4 \le y_6, x_7 \le x_9, y_{10} \le y_{12}, \cdots$$
 (14)

$$x_2 \le x_4, y_5 \le y_7, x_8 \le x_{10}, y_{11} \le y_{13}, \cdots$$
 (15)

Hence, by induction and (10)-(15), we proof that  $\{x_{2n}, y_{2n}\}_{n=-1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}\}_{n=-2}^{\infty}$  are both increasing.

Using the same method, we can prove that case (b)

Therefore, we complete the proof.

#### Lemma 2.4 Assume that

 $x_i, y_i \in (2, \infty), i = \{-3, -2, -1, \cdots\}$ . Then there does not exist a positive solution  $\{x_n, y_n\}_{n=-3}^{\infty}$  of system (2) such that  $\{x_{2n}, y_{2n}\}_{n=-1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}\}_{n=-2}^{\infty}$  are both increasing or both decreasing.

**Proof:** By Equation (9), we can get  $\{x_{2n}, y_{2n}\}$  and  $\{x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}\}$  have the same monotonous.

Firstly, we proof that there does not exist positive solution  $\{x_n, y_n\} \in (2, \infty) \times (2, \infty)$  such that

 $\{x_{2n}, y_{2n}\}_{n=-1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}\}_{n=-2}^{\infty}$  are both increasing.

Assume, for the sake of contradiction, that we have the following results:

- (i)  $\{x_{2n}, y_{2n}\}_{n=-1}^{\infty}$  is increasing;
- (ii)  $\{x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}\}_{n=-2}^{\infty}$  is also increasing.

By system (2), we obtain

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{y_{n-2} + y_{n-3}}{x_n}$$

$$< \frac{1}{2} (y_{n-2} + y_{n-3}) \le \max\{y_{n-2}, y_{n-3}\},$$
(16)

$$y_{n+1} = \frac{x_{n-2} + x_{n-3}}{y_n}$$

$$< \frac{1}{2} (x_{n-2} + x_{n-3}) \le \max\{x_{n-2}, x_{n-3}\},$$
(17)

in Equations (16) and (17), it implies that:

$$x_{n+1} \le \max\{y_{n-2}, y_{n-3}\} \le \max\{x_{n-5}, x_{n-6}, x_{n-7}\},$$

Because of  $x_{n-7} \le x_{n-5}$ ,  $x_{n-8} \le x_{n-6}$ , we can get

$$x_{n+1} \le \max\{x_{n-5}, x_{n-6}, x_{n-7}\} \le \max\{x_{n-5}, x_{n-6}\},$$

$$x_n \le \max\{x_{n-6}, x_{n-7}, x_{n-8}\} \le \max\{x_{n-5}, x_{n-6}\},$$

i.e

$$\begin{cases} x_{n+1} \le \max \{x_{n-5}, x_{n-6}\} \\ x_n \le \max \{x_{n-5}, x_{n-6}\} \end{cases}$$
 (18)

Also, we can get

$$\begin{cases} y_{n+1} \le \max \{ y_{n-5}, y_{n-6} \} \\ y_n \le \max \{ y_{n-5}, y_{n-6} \} \end{cases}$$
 (19)

Because of the assumptions (i) and (ii), it is easy to see that (18) and (19) do not hold.

This is a contradiction and we proof the case of increasing does not hold.

Next, we proof there does not exist positive solution of system (2) such that  $\{x_{2n}, y_{2n}\}_{n=-1}^{\infty}$  and

 $\{x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}\}_{n=-2}^{\infty}$  are both decreasing.

Assume, for the sake of contradiction, that we have the following results:

- (i)  $\{x_{2n}, y_{2n}\}_{n=-1}^{\infty}$  is decreasing;
- (ii)  $\{x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}\}_{n=-2}^{\infty}$  is also decreasing.

By the Limiting Theorem we know that  $\{x_{2n}, y_{2n}\}_{n=-1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}\}_{n=-2}^{\infty}$  are both decreasing into a pair of constants.

We set 
$$p = \lim_{n \to \infty} x_{2n}$$
,  $q = \lim_{n \to \infty} x_{2n+1}$ ,  $m = \lim_{n \to \infty} y_{2n}$ ,  $r = \lim_{n \to \infty} y_{2n+1}$ , and  $p > 2$ ,  $q > 2$ ,  $m > 2$ ,  $r > 2$ .

By system (2), we know that these constants satisfy the system (2), i.e.

$$\begin{cases}
 mr = p + q \\
 pq = m + r
\end{cases}$$
(20)

However, if p > 2, q > 2, m > 2, r > 2, Equation (20) do not holds, which is contradiction.

Hence, we complete the proof of lemma 10.

#### Lemma 2.5 Assume that

 $x_i, y_i \in (0,2), i = \{-3,-2,-1,\cdots\}$ . Then there does not exist a positive solution  $\{x_n,y_n\}_{n=-3}^{\infty}$  of system (2) such

that  $\left\{x_{2n},y_{2n}\right\}_{n=-1}^{\infty}$  and  $\left\{x_{2n+1},y_{2n+1}\right\}_{n=-2}^{\infty}$  are both decreasing or both increasing.

**Proof:** First, we proof there does not exist positive solution of system (2) such that  $\{x_{2n}, y_{2n}\}_{n=-1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}\}_{n=-2}^{\infty}$  are both decreasing, the proof of increasing is similar, so we omit it.

Assume, for the sake of contradiction, that we have the following results:

- (i)  $\{x_{2n}, y_{2n}\}_{n=-1}^{\infty}$  is decreasing;
- (ii)  $\{x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}\}_{n=-2}^{\infty}$  is also decreasing.

We set  $\lim_{n\to\infty}x_{2n}=p$ ,  $\lim_{n\to\infty}x_{2n+1}=q$ ,  $\lim_{n\to\infty}y_{2n}=m$ ,  $\lim_{n\to\infty}y_{2n+1}=r$ .

By Limit Theorem, we know that  $\{x_{2n}, y_{2n}\}_{n=-1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}\}_{n=-2}^{\infty}$  are both decreasing into a pair of constants

Obviously, the limits of  $\{x_{2n}, y_{2n}\}_{n=-1}^{\infty}$   $\{x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}\}_{n=-2}^{\infty}$  can not decrease into zero.

By system (2), we can get

$$\begin{cases}
p = \frac{m+r}{q} \\
m = \frac{q+p}{r}
\end{cases}$$
(21)

where  $p,q,m,r \in (0,2)$ , which can be changed to

$$\begin{cases} pq = m + r \\ mr = p + q \end{cases}$$
 (22)

However, if  $p,q,m,r \in (0,2)$ , Equation (22) can not hold.

This is a contradiction and we complete the proof.

The the proof of the case of increasing is similar with the proof of the the case of decreasing, so we omit it.

In addition to the method above, we can proof the Lemma 2.5 by the method of Lemma 2.4. Here, we omit it.

#### 3. Main Results

**Theorem 3.1** Assume that  $x_{-3} \ge x_{-1} > 0$ ,  $x_{-2} \ge x_0 > 0$ ,  $x_{-1} \ge \frac{y_{-2} + y_{-3}}{x_0} = x_1 > 0$ ;  $y_{-3} \ge y_{-1} > 0$ ,  $y_{-2} \ge y_0 > 0$ ,

 $y_{-1} \ge \frac{x_{-2} + x_{-3}}{y_0} = y_1 > 0$ , and  $\{x_n, y_n\}_{n=-3}^{\infty}$  is a positive

solution of system (2). Then  $\left\{x_{2n},y_{2n}\right\}_{n=-1}^{\infty}$  and  $\left\{x_{2n+1},y_{2n+1}\right\}_{n=-2}^{\infty}$  are both decreasing; and  $\left\{x_{n},y_{n}\right\}_{n=-3}^{\infty}$  converges to a period-two solution as following

$$(p_1, p_2), (p_3, p_4), (p_1, p_2), (p_3, p_4),$$
  
 $\cdots, (p_1, p_2), (p_3, p_4), \cdots$ 

where  $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4$  satisfy  $p_1p_3 = p_2 + p_4$ ,  $p_2p_4 = p_1 + p_3$ .

**Proof:** By lemma 2.3(a), we can obtain that  $\{x_{2n}, y_{2n}\}_{n=-1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}\}_{n=-2}^{\infty}$  are both decreasing. Then by the Limit Theorem, we can get  $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_{2n}$ ,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} y_{2n}$ ,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} y_{2n+1}$ , and  $\lim_{n\to\infty} y_{2n+1}$ , all exist and are positive

We can set

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} x_{2n} = p_1, \lim_{n \to \infty} y_{2n} = p_2, \lim_{n \to \infty} x_{2n+1} = p_3, \lim_{n \to \infty} y_{2n+1} = p_4$$

By lemmas 2.4 and 2.5, we know that there does not exist a positive solution  $\{x_n, y_n\}_{n=-3}^{\infty} \in (0,2) \times (0,2)$  or  $\{x_n, y_n\}_{n=-3}^{\infty} \in (2,\infty) \times (2,\infty)$  such that  $\{x_{2n}, y_{2n}\}_{n=-1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}\}_{n=-1}^{\infty}$  are both decreasing.

 $\left\{x_{2n+1},y_{2n+1}\right\}_{n=-2}^{\infty}$  are both decreasing. Hence, there is at least one of  $p_i$  satisfy  $p_i \in (0,2)$  and at least one of  $p_i$  satisfy  $p_i > 2$ 

By system (2), we get

$$\begin{cases}
p_3 = \frac{p_2 + p_4}{p_1} \\
p_4 = \frac{p_1 + p_3}{p_2}
\end{cases}$$
(23)

It is to see that  $(p_1, p_2), (p_3, p_4), (p_1, p_2), (p_3, p_4), \cdots$ , is a period-two solution of system (2), and  $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4$  satisfy  $p_1p_3 = p_2 + p_4$ ,  $p_2p_4 = p_1 + p_3$ .

We complete the proof.

**Corollary 3.1** Suppose that  $\{x_n, y_n\}_{n=-3}^{\infty}$  is a positive solution of system (2). Then the following statement is true:

If 
$$x_{-3} \ge x_{-1} > 0$$
,  $x_{-2} \ge x_0 > 0$ ,  
 $x_{-1} \ge \frac{y_{-2} + y_{-3}}{x_0} = x_1 > 0$ ;  $y_{-3} \ge y_{-1} > 0$ ,  $y_{-2} \ge y_0 > 0$ ,

$$y_{-1} \ge \frac{x_{-2} + x_{-3}}{y_0} = y_1 > 0$$
, the solution of system (2)

 $\{x_n, y_n\}_{n=-3}^{\infty}$  eventually oscillates about equilibrium  $(\overline{x}, \overline{y})$ .

**Theorem 3.2** Assume that  $0 < x_{-3} \le x_{-1}$ ,  $0 < x_{-2} \le x_0$ ,  $0 < x_{-1} \le \frac{y_{-2} + y_{-3}}{x_0} = x_1$ ;  $0 < y_{-3} \le y_{-1}$ ,  $0 < y_{-2} \le y_0$ ,

 $0 < y_{-1} \le \frac{x_{-2} + x_{-3}}{y_0} = y_1$ , and  $\{x_n, y_n\}_{n=-3}^{\infty}$  is a positive solution of system (2). Then  $\{x_{2n}, y_{2n}\}_{n=-1}^{\infty}$  and

Solution of system (2). Then  $\{x_{2n}, y_{2n}\}_{n=-1}$  and  $\{x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}\}_{n=-2}^{\infty}$  are both increasing; and  $\{x_n\}_{n=-3}^{\infty}$  converges to a period-two solution as following

$$(p_1, p_2), (p_3, p_4), (p_1, p_2), (p_3, p_4),$$
  
 $\cdots, (p_1, p_2), (p_3, p_4), \cdots.$ 

where  $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4$  satisfy  $p_1 p_3 = p_2 + p_4$ ,

**Proof:** By lemma 2.3(a), we obtain that  $\{x_{2n}, y_{2n}\}_{n=-1}^{\infty}$ 

and 
$$\{x_{2n+1}, y_{2n+1}\}_{n=-2}^{\infty}$$
 are both increasing.  
We set  $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_{2n} = p_1$ ,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} y_{2n} = p_2$ ,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_{2n+1} = p_3$ ,

 $\lim y_{2n+1} = p_4$ 

By Equation (9), we can get

$$\begin{cases} \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_{n-1}} = \frac{y_{n-2} + y_{n-3}}{y_{n-3} + y_{n-4}} < \frac{y_{n-2}}{y_{n-4}} \\ \frac{y_{n+1}}{y_{n-1}} = \frac{x_{n-2} + x_{n-3}}{x_{n-3} + x_{n-4}} < \frac{x_{n-2}}{x_{n-4}} \end{cases}$$
(24)

which can be changed into:

$$\frac{y_{n-4}}{y_{n-2}} < \frac{x_{n-1}}{x_{n+1}} < \frac{y_{n+2}}{y_{n+4}} < \frac{x_{n+5}}{x_{n+7}}$$
 (25)

$$\frac{x_{n-4}}{x_{n-2}} < \frac{y_{n-1}}{y_{n+1}} < \frac{x_{n+2}}{x_{n+4}} < \frac{y_{n+5}}{y_{n+7}}$$
 (26)

By the  $x_i, y_i \in (0, \infty), i = \{-3, -2, -1, 0\}$ , we can get

$$\begin{split} &\frac{x_{-3}}{x_{-1}} < \frac{y_0}{y_2} < \frac{x_3}{x_5} < \frac{y_6}{y_8} < \frac{x_9}{x_{11}} < \frac{y_{12}}{y_{14}} < \frac{x_{15}}{x_{17}} < \frac{y_{18}}{y_{20}} \\ &< \frac{x_{21}}{x_{23}} < \frac{y_{24}}{y_{26}} < \frac{x_{27}}{x_{29}} < \frac{y_{30}}{y_{32}} < \cdots, \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} &\frac{x_{-2}}{x_0} < \frac{y_1}{y_3} < \frac{x_4}{x_6} < \frac{y_7}{y_9} < \frac{x_{10}}{x_{12}} < \frac{y_{13}}{y_{15}} < \frac{x_{16}}{x_{18}} < \frac{y_{19}}{y_{21}} \\ &< \frac{x_{22}}{x_{24}} < \frac{y_{25}}{y_{27}} < \frac{x_{28}}{x_{30}} < \frac{y_{31}}{y_{33}} < \cdots, \end{split}$$

$$\frac{x_{-1}}{x_1} < \frac{y_2}{y_4} < \frac{x_5}{x_7} < \frac{y_8}{y_{10}} < \frac{x_{11}}{x_{13}} < \frac{y_{14}}{y_{16}} < \frac{x_{17}}{x_{19}} < \frac{y_{20}}{y_{22}}$$
$$< \frac{x_{23}}{x_{25}} < \frac{y_{26}}{y_{28}} < \frac{x_{29}}{x_{31}} < \frac{y_{32}}{y_{34}} < \cdots,$$

$$\frac{y_{-3}}{y_{-1}} < \frac{x_0}{x_2} < \frac{y_3}{y_5} < \frac{x_6}{x_8} < \frac{y_9}{y_{11}} < \frac{x_{12}}{x_{14}} < \frac{y_{15}}{y_{17}} < \frac{x_{18}}{x_{20}}$$

$$<\frac{y_{21}}{y_{23}}<\frac{x_{24}}{x_{26}}<\frac{y_{27}}{y_{29}}<\frac{x_{30}}{x_{32}}<\cdots,$$

$$\frac{y_{-2}}{y_0} < \frac{x_1}{x_3} < \frac{y_4}{y_6} < \frac{x_7}{x_9} < \frac{y_{10}}{y_{12}} < \frac{y_{13}}{y_{15}} < \frac{x_{16}}{x_{18}} < \frac{y_{19}}{y_{21}}$$

$$\frac{x_{22}}{x_{25}} = \frac{x_{25}}{y_{28}} = \frac{x_{31}}{x_{31}}$$

$$<\frac{x_{22}}{x_{24}}<\frac{x_{25}}{x_{27}}<\frac{y_{28}}{y_{30}}<\frac{x_{31}}{x_{33}}<\cdots,$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{y_{-1}}{y_1} < \frac{x_2}{x_4} < \frac{y_5}{y_7} < \frac{x_8}{x_{10}} < \frac{y_{11}}{y_{13}} < \frac{x_{14}}{x_{16}} < \frac{y_{17}}{y_{19}} < \frac{x_{20}}{x_{22}} \\ &< \frac{y_{23}}{y_{25}} < \frac{x_{26}}{x_{28}} < \frac{y_{29}}{y_{31}} < \frac{x_{32}}{x_{34}} < \cdots. \end{aligned}$$

By induction, we can get

$$\frac{x_{-3}}{x_{2n+1}} < \frac{y_0}{y_{2n+4}} < \frac{x_3}{x_{2n+7}} < \frac{y_6}{y_{2n+10}} < \frac{x_9}{x_{2n+13}}$$
 (27)

$$\frac{x_{-2}}{x_{2n+2}} < \frac{y_1}{y_{2n+5}} < \frac{x_4}{x_{2n+8}} < \frac{y_7}{y_{2n+11}} < \frac{x_{10}}{x_{2n+14}}$$
 (28)

From Lemma 10, we know that there at least one  $p_i < 2$ . Then by Limiting Theorem, we can get at least one of the limiting of  $p_i$  must exist. With no loss generality, we set the limit of  $\{x_{2n+1}\}$  exist, we can know  $p_3 < \infty$ .

By limiting Equation (27), we can get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{x_{-3}}{x_{2n+1}} \le \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{y_0}{y_{2n+4}} \le \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{x_3}{x_{2n+7}}$$

$$\le \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{y_6}{y_{2n+10}} \le \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{x_9}{x_{2n+13}}$$
(29)

Hence, we can get

$$\frac{x_{-3}}{p_3} \le \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{y_0}{y_{2n+4}} \le \frac{x_3}{p_3}$$

i.e.

$$p_2 < \infty$$

Next, we try to proof  $p_1 < \infty$ , and  $p_1 < \infty$ . By system (2), we get

$$\begin{cases} x_{2n+2}x_{2n+1} = y_{2n-1} + y_{2n-2} \\ y_{2n+2}y_{2n+1} = x_{2n-1} + x_{2n-2} \end{cases}$$
(30)

$$\begin{cases} x_{2n+3}x_{2n+2} = y_{2n} + y_{2n-1} \\ y_{2n+3}y_{2n+2} = x_{2n} + x_{2n-1} \end{cases}$$
(31)

By (30) and (31), we can get

$$\begin{cases}
x_{2n+2} = \frac{y_{2n} - y_{2n-2}}{x_{2n+3} - x_{2n+1}} \\
y_{2n+2} = \frac{x_{2n} - x_{2n-2}}{x_{2n+3} - y_{2n+1}}
\end{cases}$$
(32)

$$\begin{cases} x_{2n+3} = \frac{y_{2n+1} - y_{2n-1}}{x_{2n+4} - x_{2n+2}} \\ y_{2n+3} = \frac{x_{2n+1} - x_{2n-1}}{x_{2n+4} - y_{2n+2}} \end{cases}$$
(33)

which can be changed into

$$\begin{cases} x_{2n+2} = \frac{1}{y_{2n-1}} \frac{x_{2n-3} - x_{2n-5}}{x_{2n+3} - x_{2n+1}} \\ y_{2n+2} = \frac{1}{x_{2n-1}} \frac{y_{2n-3} - y_{2n-5}}{y_{2n+3} - y_{2n+1}} \end{cases}$$
(34)

$$\begin{cases} x_{2n+3} = \frac{1}{y_{2n}} \frac{x_{2n-2} - x_{2n-4}}{x_{2n+4} - x_{2n+2}} \\ y_{2n+3} = \frac{1}{x_{2n}} \frac{y_{2n-2} - y_{2n-4}}{y_{2n+4} - y_{2n+2}} \end{cases}$$
(35)

By the both side of Equation (35), we can get

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} x_{2n+3} y_{2n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{x_{2n-2} - x_{2n-4}}{x_{2n+4} - x_{2n+2}} = p_2 p_3$$
 (36)

Assume  $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_{2n} = +\infty$ , by Stolz Theorem we obtain that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{x_{2n-2} - x_{2n-4}}{x_{2n+4} - x_{2n+2}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{x_{2n-2}}{x_{2n+4}} = p_2 p_3$$
 (37)

Because  $\frac{x_{2n-2}}{x_{2n+4}} < 1$ , then we can get the limit of

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{x_{2n-2}}{x_{2n+4}} = p_2 p_3 \le 1$$

However, there exist  $p_2$ ,  $p_3$  such that  $p_2p_3 \ge 1$ , which is conduction.

Hence, the assume does not hold. We obtain  $\lim x_{2n} = p_1 < +\infty$ .

Use the same method, we can also get  $\lim_{n\to\infty} y_{2n+1} = p_4 < +\infty$ .

By system (2), we get

$$\begin{cases}
p_3 = \frac{p_2 + p_4}{p_1} \\
p_4 = \frac{p_1 + p_3}{p_2}
\end{cases}$$
(38)

It is to see that  $(p_1, p_2), (p_3, p_4), (p_1, p_2), (p_3, p_4), \cdots$ , is a period-two solution of system (2), and  $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4$  satisfy  $p_1p_3 = p_2 + p_4, p_2p_4 = p_1 + p_3$ .

Therefore, we complete the proof.

**Corollary 3.2** Suppose that  $\{x_n, y_n\}_{n=-3}^{\infty}$  is a positive solution of system (2). Then the following statement is true:

If 
$$0 < x_{-3} \le x_{-1}$$
,  $0 < x_{-2} \le x_0$ ,  $0 < x_{-1} \le \frac{y_{-2} + y_{-3}}{x_0} = x_1$ ;

$$0 < y_{-3} \le y_{-1}, \ 0 < y_{-2} \le y_0, \ 0 < y_{-1} \le \frac{x_{-2} + x_{-3}}{y_0} = y_1,$$

then the solution of system (2) oscillates about equilibrium  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ .

**Theorem 3.3** Assume that  $0 < x_{-3} = x_{-1}$ ,  $0 < x_{-2} = x_0$ ,

$$x_{-1} = \frac{y_{-2} + y_{-3}}{x_0} = x_1; \quad 0 < y_{-3} = y_{-1}, \quad 0 < y_{-2} = y_0,$$

$$y_{-1} = \frac{x_{-2} + x_{-3}}{y_0} = y_1$$
, and  $\{x_n, y_n\}_{n=-3}^{\infty}$  is a positive solu-

tion of system (2). Then the system (2) has prime period two solutions, and  $x_{2n-1} = x_{-3}$ ,  $x_{2n} = x_{-2}$ ,  $y_{2n-1} = y_{-3}$ ,  $y_{2n} = y_{-2}$ , for  $n = \{-1, 0, 1, \dots\}$ .

**Proof:** By the lemma 8, we can complete the proof. Here, we omit it.

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