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**Abstract.** Sufficient conditions are established for the existence and uniqueness of  $\Psi$ -bounded solutions for nonlinear vector difference equation on  $\mathbb{Z}$ , using Banach contraction principle. Further, we obtain sufficient conditions for the existence and uniqueness of  $\Psi$ -bounded solutions for nonlinear matrix difference equation on  $\mathbb{Z}$ , using Kronecker product of matrices.

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**1. Introduction**

The aim of this paper is to give sufficient conditions for the nonlinear matrix difference equation

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has a unique  $\Psi$ -bounded solution on  $\mathbb{Z}$ , where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ ,  $F : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times m} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  and  $F(n, O) = O$ . Here  $\Psi$  is an invertible matrix function on  $\mathbb{Z}$ . The basic problem under consideration is to determine sufficient conditions for the existence of a solution with some specified boundedness conditions. Classical results of this type, for linear and nonlinear differential equations were given by Coppel [2] and for linear and nonlinear difference equations were given by Agarwal [1]. The problem of  $\Psi$ -bounded solutions for the system of linear difference equations have been studied by many authors [3], [4], [6]. Recently, Suresh kumar et al. [7], [8], [9] studied  $\Psi$ -bounded solutions for linear matrix difference equations. In [3], Diamandescu proved a necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of  $\Psi$ -bounded solutions for the nonhomogeneous linear difference equation on  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Suresh kumar et al. [7] extended these results to matrix difference equations, using technique of Kronecker product of matrices.

In this paper, we present sufficient conditions for the existence and uniqueness of  $\Psi$ -bounded solutions for the nonlinear difference equation

$$(1.2) \quad x(n + 1) = A(n)x(n) + f(n, x(n))$$

on  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Further, we established sufficient conditions for the existence and uniqueness of  $\Psi$ -bounded solutions for nonlinear matrix difference equation (1.1) on  $\mathbb{Z}$  with the help of Kronecker product of matrices.

## 2. Preliminaries

Denote  $\mathbb{R}^n$  the Euclidean  $n$ -space.  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{N}$  denote the set of all real, integers and nonnegative integers respectively, denote  $N(n_0) = \{n_0, n_0 + 1, n_0 + 2, \dots\}$ .  $I_m$  and  $O_m$  denote the unit matrix and zero matrix of order  $m$  respectively. For  $x = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $A = [a_{ij}] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ , we use the following vector and matrix norms

$$\|x\| = \max\{|x_1|, |x_2|, \dots, |x_m|\} \quad \text{and} \quad |A| = \sup_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|Ax\|.$$

Let  $\Psi_i : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$  be functions, and define a matrix function

$$\Psi = \text{diag}[\Psi_1, \Psi_2, \dots, \Psi_m].$$

Then  $\Psi(n)$  is an invertible matrix function on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

**Definition 2.1** [5] Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}$  and  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times s}$  then the Kronecker product of  $A$  and  $B$  written  $A \otimes B$  is defined to be the partitioned matrix

$$A \otimes B = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}B & a_{12}B & \dots & a_{1q}B \\ a_{21}B & a_{22}B & \dots & a_{2q}B \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{p1}B & a_{p2}B & \dots & a_{pq}B \end{bmatrix}$$

is an  $pr \times qs$  matrix and is in  $\mathbb{R}^{pr \times qs}$ .

**Definition 2.2** [5] Let  $A = [a_{ij}] \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}$ , then the vectorization operator  $Vec : \mathbb{R}^{p \times q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{pq}$ , defined and denote by

$$\hat{A} = VecA = \begin{bmatrix} A_{.1} \\ A_{.2} \\ \vdots \\ A_{.q} \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } A_{.j} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1j} \\ a_{2j} \\ \vdots \\ a_{pj} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1 \leq j \leq q).$$

**Lemma 2.1** [7] *The vectorization operator  $Vec : \mathbb{R}^{m \times m} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m^2}$ , is a linear and one-to-one operator. In addition,  $Vec$  and  $Vec^{-1}$  are continuous operators.*

Regarding properties and rules for Kronecker product of matrices we refer to [5].

Now, by applying the Vec operator to the nonlinear matrix difference equation (1.1) and using Kronecker product properties, we have

$$(2.1) \quad \hat{X}(n+1) = G(n)\hat{X}(n) + \hat{F}(n, \hat{X}(n)),$$

where  $G(n) = B^T(n) \otimes A(n)$  is a  $m^2 \times m^2$  matrix and  $\hat{F}(n, \hat{X}(n)) = VecF(n, X(n))$  is a column matrix of order  $m^2$ . The equation (2.1) is called the Kronecker product difference equation associated with (1.1). It is clear that, if  $X(n)$  is a solution of (1.1) if and only if  $\hat{X}(n) = Vec X(n)$  is a solution of (2.1).

The corresponding homogeneous difference equation of (2.1) is

$$(2.2) \quad \hat{X}(n+1) = G(n)\hat{X}(n).$$

**Definition 2.3** A function  $\varphi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is said to be  $\Psi$ -bounded on  $\mathbb{Z}$  if  $\Psi\varphi$  is bounded on  $\mathbb{Z}$  (i.e., there exists  $M > 0$  such that  $\|\Psi(n)\varphi(n)\| < M$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ).

Extend this definition to matrix functions.

**Definition 2.4** A matrix sequence  $F : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  is said to be  $\Psi$ -bounded on  $\mathbb{Z}$  if  $\Psi F$  is bounded on  $\mathbb{Z}$  (i.e., there exists  $L > 0$  such that  $|\Psi(n)F(n)| \leq L$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ).

The following lemmas play a vital role in the proof of main results.

**Lemma 2.2** *The matrix function  $F(n)$  is  $\Psi$ -bounded on  $\mathbb{Z}$  if and only if the vector function  $VecF(n)$  is  $I_m \otimes \Psi$ -bounded on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .*

**Proof.** From the proof of Lemma 2.1, it follows that

$$\frac{1}{m} |A| \leq \|VecA\|_{\mathbb{R}^{m^2}} \leq |A|,$$

for every  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ .

Put  $A = \Psi(n)F(n)$  in the above inequality, we have

$$(2.3) \quad \frac{1}{m} |\Psi(n)F(n)| \leq \|(I_m \otimes \Psi(n)).VecF(n)\|_{\mathbb{R}^{m^2}} \leq |\Psi(n)F(n)|,$$

for all matrix functions  $F(n)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . The proof easily follows from inequality (2.3). ■

Consider the linear difference equation

$$(2.4) \quad x(n+1) = A(n)x(n),$$

where  $A(n)$  is an invertible square matrix of order  $m$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$ . The following lemma is well-known and is given in [3].

**Lemma 2.3** *Let  $Y(n)$  be the fundamental matrix and satisfies  $Y(0) = I_m$ , then*

$$(i) \quad Y(n) = \begin{cases} A(n-1)A(n-2)\dots A(1)A(0), & n > 0 \\ I_m, & n = 0 \\ [A(-1)A(-2)\dots A(n-1)A(n)]^{-1}, & n < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(ii) \quad Y(n+1) = A(n)Y(n), \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

(iii) *the solution of (2.4) with the initial condition  $x(0) = x_0$  is*

$$x(n) = Y(n)x_0, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

(iv)  *$Y(n)$  is invertible for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and*

$$Y^{-1}(n) = \begin{cases} A^{-1}(0)A^{-1}(1)\dots A^{-1}(n-2)A^{-1}(n-1), & n > 0 \\ I_m, & n = 0 \\ A(-1)A(-2)\dots A(n-1)A(n), & n < 0. \end{cases}$$

**Lemma 2.4** [7] *Let  $Y(n)$  and  $Z(n)$  be the fundamental matrices for the matrix difference equations*

$$(2.5) \quad X(n+1) = A(n)X(n)$$

and

$$(2.6) \quad X(n+1) = B^T(n)X(n),$$

$n \in \mathbb{Z}$  respectively. Then the matrix  $Z(n) \otimes Y(n)$  is fundamental matrix of (2.2).

**Lemma 2.5** *Let  $Y(n)$  be an invertible matrix function on  $\mathbb{N}$  and let  $P$  be a projection. If there exists a positive constant  $L > 1$  such that*

$$(2.7) \quad \sum_{k=n_0}^{n-1} |\Psi(n)Y(n)PY^{-1}(k+1)\Psi^{-1}(k+1)| \leq L, \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}(n_0),$$

then there exists a constant  $L_1 > 0$  such that

$$(2.8) \quad |\Psi(n)Y(n)P| \leq L_1 \left( \frac{L-1}{L} \right)^{n-n_0}, \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}(n_0).$$

**Proof.** Let  $a(n) = |\Psi(n+1)Y(n+1)P|^{-1}$ . From the identity

$$\begin{aligned} & \Psi(n)Y(n)P \left( \sum_{k=n_0}^{n-1} a(k) \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=n_0}^{n-1} \Psi(n)Y(n)PY^{-1}(k+1)\Psi^{-1}(k+1)\Psi(k+1)Y(k+1)Pa(k), \end{aligned}$$

it follows that

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} & |\Psi(n)Y(n)P| \left( \sum_{k=n_0}^{n-1} a(k) \right) \\ & \leq \sum_{k=n_0}^{n-1} |\Psi(n)Y(n)PY^{-1}(k+1)\Psi^{-1}(k+1)| |\Psi(k+1)Y(k+1)P| a(k) \leq L. \end{aligned}$$

Setting  $b(n) = \sum_{k=n_0}^{n-1} a(k)$ , we obtain  $b(n) - b(n-1) = |\Psi(n)Y(n)P|^{-1}$ , for  $n \in \mathbb{N}(n_0+1)$ .

After substituting in (2.9), we have

$$b(n) - b(n-1) \geq \frac{b(n)}{L} \quad \text{and} \quad b(n) \geq \frac{L}{L-1} b(n-1),$$

which implies that

$$b(n) \geq \left( \frac{L}{L-1} \right)^{n-1-n_0} b(n_0+1), \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}(n_0+1).$$

From (2.9), we get

$$|\Psi(n)Y(n)P| b(n) \leq L,$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} |\Psi(n)Y(n)P| & \leq L(b(n))^{-1} \leq L \left( \frac{L-1}{L} \right)^{n-n_0-1} b^{-1}(n_0+1) \\ & = L \left( \frac{L-1}{L} \right)^{n-n_0-1} |\Psi(n_0+1)Y(n_0+1)P|. \end{aligned}$$

If we choose  $L_1 = \max \left\{ |\Psi(n_0)Y(n_0)P|, \frac{L^2}{L-1} |\Psi(n_0+1)Y(n_0+1)P| \right\}$ , then (2.8) follows. ■

**Lemma 2.6** *Let  $Y(n)$  be an invertible matrix which is defined on  $\mathbb{N}$  and let  $P$  be a projection. If there exists a constant  $L > 0$  such that*

$$(2.10) \quad \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} |\Psi(n)Y(n)PY^{-1}(k+1)\Psi^{-1}(k+1)| \leq L, \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N},$$

*then for any vector  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^m$  such that  $P\xi \neq 0$ ,*

$$(2.11) \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\Psi(n)Y(n)P\xi\| = \infty.$$

**Proof.** For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}(n_0)$ , we have  $\|\Psi(n + 1)Y(n + 1)P\xi\| > 0$ . Then, from

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=n}^{n_1} \|\Psi(k + 1)Y(k + 1)P\xi\|^{-1} \Psi(n)Y(n)P\xi \\ &= \sum_{k=n}^{n_1} \|\Psi(k + 1)Y(k + 1)P\xi\|^{-1} \Psi(n)Y(n)PY^{-1}(k + 1)\Psi^{-1}(k + 1)\Psi(k + 1)Y(k + 1)P\xi \end{aligned}$$

and (2.10), we get

$$\|\Psi(k + 1)Y(k + 1)P\xi\| \sum_{k=n}^{n_1} \|\Psi(k + 1)Y(k + 1)P\xi\|^{-1} \leq L, \text{ for } n_1 \geq n, n, n_1 \in \mathbb{N}(n).$$

Therefore,  $\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \|\Psi(k + 1)Y(k + 1)P\xi\|^{-1}$  exists and so

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\Psi(n + 1)Y(n + 1)P\xi\|^{-1} = 0, \text{ or } \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\Psi(n + 1)Y(n + 1)P\xi\| = \infty. \blacksquare$$

### 3. Main result

In this section, first we obtain sufficient conditions for the existence and uniqueness of  $\Psi$ -bounded solution of the nonlinear difference equation (1.2), using Banach contraction principle.

Let the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^m$  be represented as a direct sum of three subspaces  $X_-, X_0, X_+$  such that a solution  $y(n)$  of (2.4) is  $\Psi$ -bounded on  $\mathbb{Z}$  if and only if  $y(0) \in X_0$  and  $\Psi$ -bounded on  $\mathbb{Z}$  if and only if  $y(0) \in X_- \oplus X_0$ . Also let  $P_{-1}, P_0, P_1$  denote the corresponding projections of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  onto  $X_-, X_0, X_+$  respectively.

In the general case where ( $P_0 \neq 0$ ), the solution for (1.2) is as follows

$$\begin{aligned} (3.1) \quad x(n) &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{n-1} Y(n)P_{-1}Y^{-1}(k + 1)f(k, x(k)) \\ &+ \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} Y(n)P_0Y^{-1}(k + 1)f(k, x(k)) - \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} Y(n)P_1Y^{-1}(k + 1)f(k, x(k)). \end{aligned}$$

For simplicity, assume that the linear equation (2.4) has no nontrivial  $\Psi$ -bounded solution ( $P_0 = 0$ ).

**Theorem 3.1** (Existence and Uniqueness) *Suppose that there exist supplementary projections  $P_{-1}, P_1$  and a positive constant  $K$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} (3.2) \quad & \sum_{k=-\infty}^{n-1} |\Psi(n)Y(n)P_{-1}Y^{-1}(k + 1)\Psi^{-1}(k)| \\ & + \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} |\Psi(n)Y(n)P_1Y^{-1}(k + 1)\Psi^{-1}(k)| \leq K. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $f(n, x)$  be a vector function such that

$$(3.3) \quad \|\Psi(n)[f(n, x) - f(n, y)]\| \leq \alpha \|\Psi(n)(x - y)\|,$$

for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\|\Psi x\| \leq \rho$ ,  $\|\Psi y\| \leq \rho$ , where  $\alpha K < 1$ , then the equation (1.2) has a unique  $\Psi$ -bounded solution  $x(n)$  for which  $\|\Psi x\| \leq \rho$ .

**Proof.** From Lemmas 2.5 and 2.6, the condition (3.2) implies that  $|\Psi(n)Y(n)P_{-1}\xi|$  is unbounded for  $n \leq 0$  if  $P_{-1}\xi \neq 0$  and bounded for  $n \geq 0$ , and that  $|\Psi(n)Y(n)P_1\xi|$  is unbounded for  $n \geq 0$  if  $P_1\xi \neq 0$  and bounded for  $n \leq 0$ . Hence the linear equation (2.4) has no nontrivial  $\Psi$ -bounded solution.

Let  $x(n)$  be the solution of (1.2), then from (3.2) and (3.3) the function

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} y(n) = x(n) &- \sum_{k=-\infty}^{n-1} Y(n)P_{-1}Y^{-1}(k+1)f(k, x(k)) \\ &+ \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} Y(n)P_1Y^{-1}(k+1)f(k, x(k)), \end{aligned}$$

exists and is  $\Psi$ -bounded for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Moreover, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} y(n+1) &= x(n+1) - \sum_{k=-\infty}^n Y(n+1)P_{-1}Y^{-1}(k+1)f(k, x(k)) \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} Y(n+1)P_1Y^{-1}(k+1)f(k, x(k)) \\ &= Ax(n) + f(n, x(n)) - Y(n+1)P_{-1}Y^{-1}(n+1)f(n, x(n)) \\ &\quad - \sum_{k=-\infty}^{n-1} A(n)Y(n)P_{-1}Y^{-1}(k+1)f(k, x(k)) \\ &\quad - Y(n+1)P_1Y^{-1}(n+1)f(n, x(n)) \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} A(n)Y(n)P_1Y^{-1}(k+1)f(k, x(k)) \\ &= A(n) \left[ x(n) - \sum_{k=-\infty}^{n-1} Y(n)P_{-1}Y^{-1}(k+1)f(k, x(k)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} Y(n)P_1Y^{-1}(k+1)f(k, x(k)) \right] + f(n, x(n)) - f(n, x(n)) \\ &= A(n)y(n). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $y(n)$  is a  $\Psi$ -bounded solution of (1.2). Thus  $y(n) = 0$  that is

$$(3.5) \quad x(n) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{n-1} Y(n)P_{-1}Y^{-1}(k+1)f(k, x(k)) - \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} Y(n)P_1Y^{-1}(k+1)f(k, x(k)).$$

Define  $C_\Psi = \{x : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m : x \text{ is } \Psi\text{-bounded functions on } \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that } \|\Psi x\| \leq \rho\}$  and  $\|x\|_\Psi = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \|\Psi(n)x(n)\|$ . Clearly, this defines a norm on  $C_\Psi$  and  $(C_\Psi, \|\cdot\|_\Psi)$  is a Banach space. Let  $T$  be a mapping defined by

$$(3.6) \quad Tx(n) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{n-1} Y(n)P_{-1}Y^{-1}(k+1)f(k, x(k)) - \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} Y(n)P_1Y^{-1}(k+1)f(k, x(k)),$$

for all  $x \in C_\Psi$ . Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Psi(n)Tx(n)\| &= \left| \sum_{k=-\infty}^{n-1} \Psi(n)Y(n)P_{-1}Y^{-1}(k+1)\Psi^{-1}(k)\Psi(k)f(k, x(k)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \Psi(n)Y(n)P_1Y^{-1}(k+1)\Psi^{-1}(k)\Psi(k)f(k, x(k)) \right| \\ &\leq \left[ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{n-1} |\Psi(n)Y(n)P_{-1}Y^{-1}(k+1)\Psi^{-1}(k)| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} |\Psi(n)Y(n)P_1Y^{-1}(k+1)\Psi^{-1}(k)| \right] \|\Psi(k)f(k, x(k))\| \\ &\leq K\alpha \|\Psi(k)x(k)\| \\ &\leq K\alpha\rho < \rho. \end{aligned}$$

which implies  $Tx(n) \in C_\Psi$  and hence  $T : C_\Psi \rightarrow C_\Psi$ .

Now, we show that  $T$  is a contraction mapping on  $C_\Psi$ . Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Psi(n)(Tx - Ty)(n)\| &= \left\| \sum_{k=-\infty}^{n-1} \Psi(n)Y(n)P_{-1}Y^{-1}(k+1)\Psi^{-1}(k)\Psi(k)f(k, x(k)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \Psi(n)Y(n)P_1Y^{-1}(k+1)\Psi^{-1}(k)\Psi(k)f(k, x(k)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left[ \sum_{k=-\infty}^n \Psi(n)Y(n)P_{-1}Y^{-1}(k+1)\Psi^{-1}(k)\Psi(k)f(k, y(k)) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \Psi(n)Y(n)P_1Y^{-1}(k+1)\Psi^{-1}(k)\Psi(k)f(k, y(k)) \right] \right\| \\ &\leq \left[ \sum_{k=-\infty}^n |\Psi(n)Y(n)P_{-1}Y^{-1}(k+1)\Psi^{-1}(k)| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} |\Psi(n)Y(n)P_1Y^{-1}(k+1)\Psi^{-1}(k)| \right] \\ &\quad \|\Psi(k)[f(k, x(k)) - f(k, y(k))]\| \\ &\leq K\alpha \|\Psi(k)(x(k) - y(k))\|. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\|Tx - Ty\|_\Psi \leq K\alpha\|x - y\|_\Psi$ .

Therefore  $T$  is a contraction mapping on  $C_\Psi$ . Hence by Banach contraction principle,  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $x(n)$  on  $C_\Psi$ . Thus, the nonlinear difference equation (1.2) has a unique fixed point for which  $\|\Psi x\| \leq \rho$ .

Conversely, if  $x(n)$  is a solution of (1.2) such that  $\|\Psi x\| \leq \rho$ , then  $y = x - Tx$  is a  $\Psi$ -bounded solution of the linear equation (2.4), therefore  $y = 0$ . ■

**Example 3.1** Consider the nonlinear difference equation (1.2) with

$$A(n) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } f(n, x(n)) = \frac{1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 3^{-|n|} \tan^{-1}(x_1(n)) \\ 5^{-|n|} \frac{x_2(n)}{1+n^2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

The fundamental matrix of (2.4) is

$$Y(n) = \begin{bmatrix} 2^n & 0 \\ 0 & 3^{-n} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Consider

$$\Psi(n) = \begin{bmatrix} 3^{-n} & 0 \\ 0 & 5^n \end{bmatrix}, \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Clearly, the linear equation (2.4) has no nontrivial  $\Psi$ -bounded solution on  $\mathbb{Z}$ . There exist supplementary projections

$$P_{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{n-1} |\Psi(n)Y(n)P_{-1}Y^{-1}(k+1)\Psi^{-1}(k)| &= \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \sum_{k=-\infty}^{n-1} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{k-(n+1)} = 1, \\ \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} |\Psi(n)Y(n)P_1Y^{-1}(k+1)\Psi^{-1}(k)| &= (3) \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^{n-k} = 7.5, \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{n-1} |\Psi(n)Y(n)P_{-1}Y^{-1}(k+1)\Psi^{-1}(k)| + \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} |\Psi(n)Y(n)P_1Y^{-1}(k+1)\Psi^{-1}(k)| = 8.5.$$

And also

$$\|\Psi(n)[f(n, x) - f(n, y)]\| \leq \frac{1}{10} \|\Psi(n)[x - y]\|.$$

Therefore, all the conditions of Theorem 3.1 are satisfied with  $\alpha = 1/10$  and  $K = 8.5$ . Hence the nonlinear difference equation (1.2) has a unique  $\Psi$ -bounded solution

$$x(n) = \frac{1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{n-1} (2)^{n-(k+1)} 3^{-|k|} \tan^{-1}(x_1(k)) \\ \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} 3^{(k+1)-n} 5^{-|k|} \frac{x_2(k)}{1+k^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

Now, we obtain sufficient conditions for the existence and uniqueness of the nonlinear matrix difference equation (1.1), using Theorem 3.1 and the technique of Kronecker product of matrices.

Let the matrix space  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  be represented as a direct sum of three subspaces  $Y_-, Y_0, Y_+$  such that a solution  $V(n)$  of

$$(3.7) \quad X(n + 1) = A(n)X(n)B(n)$$

is a  $\Psi$ -bounded solution on  $\mathbb{Z}$  if and only if  $V(0) \in Y_0$  and  $\Psi$ -bounded on  $\mathbb{N}$  if and only if  $V(0) \in Y_- \oplus Y_0$ . Also, let  $R_{-1}, R_0, R_1$  denote the corresponding projections of  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  onto  $Y_-, Y_0, Y_+$  respectively.

Then, the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^{m^2}$  represents direct sum of three subspaces  $S_-, S_0, S_+$  such that a solution  $\hat{V}(n) = VecV(n)$  of (2.2) is  $(I_m \otimes \Psi)$ -bounded on  $\mathbb{Z}$  if and only if  $\hat{V}(0) \in S_0$  and  $(I_m \otimes \Psi)$ -bounded on  $\mathbb{N}$  if and only if  $\hat{V}(0) \in S_- \oplus S_0$ . Also, let  $Q_{-1}, Q_0, Q_1$  denote the corresponding projections of  $\mathbb{R}^{m^2}$  onto  $S_-, S_0, S_+$  respectively.

In the general case where  $(Q_0 \neq 0)$ , the solution for (2.1) is as follows

$$(3.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \hat{X}(n) = & \sum_{k=-\infty}^{n-1} (Z(n) \otimes Y(n))Q_{-1}(Z^{-1}(k + 1) \otimes Y^{-1}(k + 1))\hat{F}(k, \hat{X}(k)) \\ & + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (Z(n) \otimes Y(n))Q_0(Z^{-1}(k + 1) \otimes Y^{-1}(k + 1))\hat{F}(k, \hat{X}(k)) \\ & - \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} (Z(n) \otimes Y(n))Q_1(Z^{-1}(k + 1) \otimes Y^{-1}(k + 1))\hat{F}(k, \hat{X}(k)). \end{aligned}$$

For simplicity, assume that the linear equation (2.2) has no nontrivial  $(I_m \otimes \Psi)$ -bounded solution ( $Q_0 = 0$ ).

**Theorem 3.2** *Suppose that there exist supplementary projections  $Q_{-1}, Q_1$  and a positive constant  $M$  such that*

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=-\infty}^{n-1} |(Z(n) \otimes \Psi(n)Y(n))Q_{-1}(Z^{-1}(k + 1) \otimes (Y^{-1}(k + 1)\Psi^{-1}(k)))| \\ & + \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} |(Z(n) \otimes \Psi(n)Y(n))Q_1(Z^{-1}(k + 1) \otimes (Y^{-1}(k + 1)\Psi^{-1}(k)))| \leq M. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $F(n, X)$  be a matrix function such that

$$(3.10) \quad |\Psi(n)(F(n, U) - F(n, V))| \leq \beta|\Psi(n)(U - V)|$$

for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $|\Psi U| \leq \gamma$ ,  $|\Psi V| \leq \gamma$ , where  $m\beta M < 1$ , then the equation (1.1) has a unique  $\Psi$ -bounded solution  $X(n)$  from which  $|\Psi X| \leq \gamma$ .

**Proof.** Let  $F(n, X)$  be a matrix function satisfies (3.10). From inequality (2.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |(I_m \otimes \Psi(n+1))(\hat{F}(n, \hat{U}) - \hat{F}(n, \hat{V}))| &\leq |\Psi(n+1)(F(n, U) - F(n, V))| \\ &\leq \beta |\Psi(n)(U - V)| \\ &\leq m\beta |(I_m \otimes \Psi(n))(\hat{U} - \hat{V})|, \end{aligned}$$

for  $\hat{U}, \hat{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{m^2}$ . Also

$$\begin{aligned} |(I_m \otimes \Psi(n))\hat{U}| &\leq |\Psi(n)U(n)| \leq \gamma, \\ |(I(n) \otimes \Psi(n))\hat{V}| &\leq |\Psi(n)V(n)| \leq \gamma. \end{aligned}$$

From Kronecker product properties, equations (3.9) and (3.10), we have that the fundamental matrix of (2.2) satisfies condition (3.2) of Theorem 3.1, and the vectorization function  $\hat{F}(n, \hat{X})$  satisfies condition (3.3). Therefore, from Theorem 3.1, the Kronecker product difference equation (2.1) has a unique  $(I_m \otimes \Psi)$ -bounded solution on  $\mathbb{Z}$ . From Lemma 2.2, the matrix difference equation (1.1) has a unique  $\Psi$ -bounded solution on  $\mathbb{Z}$ . ■

**Example 3.2** Consider the nonlinear matrix difference equation (1.1) with

$$A(n) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}, B(n) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, F(n, X(n)) = \frac{1}{30} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5^{-|n|}}{1+|n|} x_1(n) & 3^{-|n|} \tan^{-1} x_3(n) \\ \frac{5^{-|n|}}{1+n^2} x_2(n) & \frac{3^{-|n|}}{1+|n|} \tan^{-1} x_4(n) \end{bmatrix}$$

Then  $Y(n) = \begin{bmatrix} 5^n & 0 \\ 0 & 3^{-n} \end{bmatrix}$  and  $Z(n) = \begin{bmatrix} 3^{-n} & 0 \\ 0 & 2^n \end{bmatrix}$  are fundamental matrices for (2.5) and (2.6) respectively.

Let  $\Psi(n) = \begin{bmatrix} 5^{-n} & 0 \\ 0 & 3^n \end{bmatrix}$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then, their exist supplementary projections

$$Q_{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} I_2 & O_2 \\ O_2 & O_2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } Q_1 = \begin{bmatrix} O_2 & O_2 \\ O_2 & I_2 \end{bmatrix},$$

such that condition (3.9) and (3.10) satisfied with  $M = 15/2$  and  $\beta = 1/30$ . Moreover,  $m\beta M = 1/2 < 1$ . Therefore all the conditions of Theorem 3.2 are satisfied. Hence nonlinear difference equation (1.1) has a unique  $\Psi$ -bounded solution on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

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