

# $\infty$ -GENERALIZED FIBONACCI SEQUENCES AND MARKOV CHAINS

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\{a_j\}_{j=0}^{r-1}$  ( $r \geq 2, a_{r-1} \neq 0$ ) be a sequence of real numbers. An  $r$ -generalized Fibonacci sequence  $\{V_n\}_{n=0}^{+\infty}$  is defined by the following linear recurrence relation of order  $r$ :

$$V_{n+1} = a_0 V_n + a_1 V_{n-1} + \cdots + a_{r-1} V_{n-r+1} \quad \text{for } n \geq r-1,$$

where  $V_0, \dots, V_{r-1}$  are specified by the initial conditions. Such sequences are largely studied in the literature (see, e.g., [2], [3], [6], and [7]). Let  $\{a_j\}_{j \geq 0}$  be a sequence of real numbers and consider the sequence  $\{V_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  defined by the following linear recurrence relation of order  $\infty$ :

$$V_{n+1} = a_0 V_n + a_1 V_{n-1} + \cdots + a_m V_{n-m} + \cdots, \quad \text{for } n \geq 0, \quad (1)$$

where  $\{V_{-j}\}_{j \geq 0}$  are specified by the initial conditions. Such sequences, called  $\infty$ -generalized Fibonacci sequences, were introduced and studied in [8]. We shall refer to them in the sequel as sequences (1).

The aim of this paper, motivated by [8] and [10], is to study the connection between sequences (1) and Markov chains when the coefficients  $\{a_j\}_{j \geq 0}$  are nonnegative. Such a connection is a generalization of those considered in [9] for  $r$ -generalized Fibonacci sequences. As in [8], we consider some hypotheses on  $\{a_j\}_{j \geq 0}$  and  $\{V_{-j}\}_{j \geq 0}$  in order to ensure the existence of the general term  $V_n$  for any  $n \geq 1$ , and then we extend results of [3] and [9] to the case of sequences (1). More precisely, using some Markov chain properties (see [1], [4], and [5]), we give a necessary and sufficient condition on the convergence of the ratio  $\frac{V_n}{q^n}$ , where  $q > 0$  is a specified real number. This result extends the sufficient conditions of [8], under the hypotheses considered on the two sequences  $\{a_j\}_{j \geq 0}$  and  $\{V_{-j}\}_{j \geq 0}$ . We also give the expression  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{V_n}{q^n}$ .

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we study the case of sequences (1) in connection with Markov chains, when the coefficients  $\{a_j\}_{j \geq 0}$  are nonnegative with  $\sum_{j \geq 0} a_j = 1$ . We also give a necessary and sufficient condition for the convergence of  $V_n$  and the expression of  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} V_n$ . In Section 3 we extend the results of Section 2 to the case of arbitrary nonnegative coefficients.

## 2. SEQUENCES (1) AND MARKOV CHAINS

### 2.1 Fundamental Hypotheses and Existence of the General Term

Let  $\{V_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  be a sequence (1). Its general term  $V_n$  does not exist in general for any  $n \geq 1$ . For example, suppose that  $\{a_j\}_{j \geq 0}$  and  $\{V_{-j}\}_{j \geq 0}$  are defined by

$$a_0 = 1, \quad a_j = j^j \text{ for } j \geq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad V_0 = 1, \quad V_{-j} = j^{-(j+2)} \text{ for } j \geq 1.$$

Then, by a direct computation, we obtain

$$V_1 = 1 + \sum_{j \geq 1} \frac{1}{j^2} \quad \text{and} \quad V_2 = V_1 + V_0 + \sum_{m \geq 2} \frac{m^m}{(m-1)^{m+1}} = +\infty.$$

Thus, to ensure the existence of  $V_n$  for any  $n \geq 0$ , we need some hypotheses on the two sequences  $\{a_j\}_{j \geq 0}$  and  $\{V_{-j}\}_{j \geq 0}$ . More precisely, suppose that the following hypotheses are satisfied:

- (H.1) For any  $m \geq 0$ , there exists  $k \geq m$  such that  $a_k > 0$ .
- (H.2) There exists  $C > 0$  such that  $a_k \leq C$ .
- (H.3) The series  $\sum_{m \geq 0} |V_{-m}|$  is convergent.

The two hypotheses (H.2) and (H.3) are trivially satisfied in the case of  $r$ -generalized Fibonacci sequences. These three hypotheses are more convenient with a Markov chain formulation of sequences (1). They are not necessary for the existence of the general term  $V_n$ . Other conditions are considered in [8].

### 2.2 Sequences (1) Whose Coefficients Are Nonnegative with Sum 1

Suppose that the coefficients  $\{a_j\}_{j \geq 0}$  of the sequence (1) satisfy hypothesis (H.1) and the following condition:

$$\sum_{j \geq 0} a_j = 1. \tag{2}$$

It is obvious that identity (2) implies (H.2) is trivially satisfied. Consider the following matrix:

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & a_1 & \cdots & a_n & \cdots & & \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots \\ \vdots & & & & & & \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 1 & 0 & \cdots \\ \vdots & & & & & & \end{pmatrix}. \tag{3}$$

Condition (2) shows that the matrix  $P$  defined by (3) is a stochastic matrix. Then  $P$  is a transition matrix of a Markov chain  $(\mathcal{T})$ , whose state space is  $\mathbf{N} = \{0, 1, \dots\}$ . Set  $P = (P(n, m))_{n, m \in \mathbf{N}}$ , then  $P(0, m) = a_m$  and  $P(n, m) = \delta_{n-1, m}$  for  $n \geq 1$ , where  $\delta_{k, s}$  is the Kronecker symbol. Set  $P^k = P \cdots P$  ( $k$  times), then  $P^k = (P^{(k)}(n, m))_{n, m \in \mathbf{N}}$  for any  $k \geq 1$ , where  $P^{(k)}(n, m)$  is the probability to go from the state  $n$  to the state  $m$  after  $k$  transitions. Since  $P(n, n-1) = 1$ , we derive

$$P^{(n-m)}(n, m) = 1 \quad \text{for any } m < n. \tag{4}$$

Then we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.1:** Let  $\{a_j\}_{j \geq 0}$  be a sequence of nonnegative real numbers such that hypothesis (H.1) and condition (2) are satisfied. Let  $(\mathcal{T})$  be the Markov chain associated to the matrix  $P$  defined by (3). Then:

- (i) The chain  $(\mathcal{T})$  is irreducible.
- (ii) The chain  $(\mathcal{T})$  is recurrent positive if  $\sum_{m \geq 0} (m+1)a_m < +\infty$  and it is recurrent null if  $\sum_{m \geq 0} (m+1)a_m = +\infty$ .

**Proof:** (i) Let  $n$  and  $m$  be two states of  $(\mathcal{T})$ . Suppose, for example, that  $m < n$ . Hypothesis (H.1) and relation (4) imply that there exists  $n_0 > n$  such that  $a_{n_0} > 0$  and thus

$$P^{(m+n_0+1-n)}(n, m) \geq P^{(m)}(m, 0)P(0, n_0)P^{(n_0-n)}(n_0, n)$$

which implies that  $P^{(m+n_0+1-n)}(n, m) \geq a_{n_0} > 0$ . Hence, the Markov chain  $(\mathcal{T})$  is irreducible.

(ii) To study the nature of  $(\mathcal{T})$ , it is sufficient to study the nature of the state 0. Starting from 0, the Markov process associated to  $(\mathcal{T})$  will go at the first transition to a state  $m$  with probability  $a_m$ . And it will be back to 0 with probability 1 after  $m$  transitions. Therefore,  $a_m$  is the probability of going from 0 and coming back to this state after  $m+1$  transitions. The probability of coming back to 0 is  $\sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} a_m = 1$ . Therefore,  $(\mathcal{T})$  is recurrent. Let  $T_0$  be the real random variable which defines the first instant of return of the process to 0. We have established that  $a_m = \Pr\{T_0 = m+1\}$ ; thus, the mean value of  $T_0$  is  $E(T_0) = \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} (m+1)a_m$ . Then  $(\mathcal{T})$  is recurrent positive if  $\sum_{m \geq 0} (m+1)a_m < +\infty$  and it is recurrent null if  $\sum_{m \geq 0} (m+1)a_m = +\infty$ .  $\square$

**Remark 2.1:** Let  $R$  be the radius of convergence of the series  $\sum_{m \geq 0} a_m X^m$ . Hypothesis (H.2) implies that  $R \geq 1$ .  $R$  is also the radius of convergence of the series  $\sum_{m \geq 0} m a_m X^m$ . Hence, if  $R > 1$ , we have  $\sum_{m \geq 0} m a_m < +\infty$ . Then  $(\mathcal{T})$  is recurrent positive.

Recall that the period  $d(m)$  of a given state  $m$  of  $(\mathcal{T})$  is defined by

$$d(m) = \text{CGD}\{k \in \mathbb{N}; P^{(k)}(n, m) > 0\}.$$

It is well known that, for an irreducible Markov chain  $(\mathcal{T})$ , we have  $d(m) = d(0) = d$  for any  $m$  in  $(\mathcal{T})$  (see, e.g., [4]). We recall here a very well-known theorem on the asymptotic behavior of a Markov chain.

**Theorem 2.2:** (See, e.g., [4].) Let  $P = (P(n, m))_{n, m \in \mathbb{N}}$  be the transition matrix of an irreducible Markov chain  $(\mathcal{T})$ . Then:

(i) The sequence of matrices  $\{P^k\}_{k \geq 0}$  converges if and only if the Markov chain  $(\mathcal{T})$  is aperiodic or identically  $d = 1$ .

(ii) If  $(\mathcal{T})$  is recurrent null, then  $\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} P^{(k)}(n, m) = 0$  for any states  $n$  and  $m$  in  $(\mathcal{T})$ .

(iii) If  $(\mathcal{T})$  is recurrent positive, then  $\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} P^{(k)}(n, m)$  does not depend on  $n$  and we have  $\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} P^{(k)}(n, m) = \Pi(m)$ , where  $\Pi(m) > 0$  for any  $m$ . And the stationary distribution vector  $\Pi = (\Pi(0), \Pi(1), \dots, \Pi(m), \dots)$  is the solution of the following matrix equation

$$\Pi = \Pi \cdot P, \tag{5}$$

where  $\sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \Pi(m) = 1$ .

Let  $\{V_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  be a sequence (1) and consider the infinite column vector  $X_n = (V_n, V_{n-1}, \dots, V_{n-k}, \dots)'$ , where  $R'$  means the transpose of  $R$ . We can show easily that expression (1) may be written as follows:

$$X_{n+1} = P X_n \text{ or } X_{n+1} = P^{n+1} X_0 \tag{6}$$

for any  $n \geq 0$ , where  $X_0 = (V_0, V_{-1}, \dots, V_{-k}, \dots)'$  is the infinite vector of the initial conditions. With the use of (6), Proposition 2.1, and Theorem 2.2, we can extend the necessary and sufficient condition of convergence established in [3] and [9] for  $r$ -generalized Fibonacci sequences to the case of sequences (1) as follows.

**Theorem 2.3:** Let  $\{a_j\}_{j \geq 0}$  and  $\{V_{-j}\}_{j \geq 0}$  be two sequences of real numbers such that hypotheses (H.1) and (H.3) and condition (2) are satisfied. Then the associated sequence (1) converges if and only if the following condition (C):  $\text{CGD}\{j+1; a_j > 0\} = 1$  is satisfied, where CGD means the common great divisor.

**Proof:** From (6), we derive that the sequence (1) converges for any choice of the initial conditions  $\{V_{-j}\}_{j \geq 0}$  if and only if the sequence of matrices  $\{P^k\}_{k \geq 0}$  converges. Then, let us study the aperiodicity of the Markov chain (T) associated with the matrix  $P$ . We search the period of the state 0. Starting from state 0, the process will go at the first transition to a state  $m$  with probability  $a_m > 0$ . And it comes back to 0 after  $m$  transitions with probability 1. Hence, the process returns to 0 after  $m+1$  transitions. Starting from the state 0 after crossing  $k_1$  times the state  $m_1$ ,  $k_2$  times the state  $m_2$ , ... . Then the process has made  $k_1(m_1+1) + k_2(m_2+1) + \dots$  transitions. Thus,  $P^{(n)}(0, 0) > 0$  if and only if  $n$  is of the following form:  $n = k_1(m_1+1) + k_2(m_2+1) + \dots$ , where  $k_1, k_2, \dots$  are in  $\mathbb{N}$ . Hence, we have  $\{n; P^{(n)}(0, 0) > 0\} = \{n; n = k_1(m_1+1) + k_2(m_2+1) + \dots; k_1, k_2, \dots \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , which implies that  $\text{CGD}\{n; P^{(n)}(0, 0) > 0\} = \text{CGD}\{m+1; a_m > 0\}$ . Then (T) is aperiodic if and only if condition (C) is satisfied. Thus, the sequence (1) converges if and only if condition (C) is satisfied. □

The following corollary is an immediate consequence of Theorem 2.3.

**Corollary 2.4:** Under the hypotheses of Theorem 2.3 and if  $a_0 > 0$ , then the sequence (1) converges.

Now we shall find the expression of the limit of the sequence (1) when condition (C) is satisfied.

**Lemma 2.5:** Let  $\{a_j\}_{j \geq 0}$  be a sequence of real numbers such that hypothesis (H.1) and the two conditions (2) and (C) are verified. Let  $P = (P(n, m))_{n, m \geq 0}$  be the stochastic matrix (3). Then we have:

- (i)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} P^{(k)}(n, m) = 0$  if  $\sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} (j+1)a_j = +\infty$ .
- (ii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} P^{(k)}(n, m) = \Pi(m)$  if  $\sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} (j+1)a_j < +\infty$ , where

$$\Pi(m) = \frac{\sum_{l=m}^{+\infty} a_l}{\sum_{l=0}^{+\infty} (l+1)a_l}. \tag{7}$$

**Proof:** Proposition 2.1 shows that (T) is irreducible. And condition (C) implies that (T) is aperiodic and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} P^{(k)}(n, m)$  exists. Proposition 2.1, Theorem 2.2, and condition (C) allow us to see that (i) (T) is recurrent null with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} P^{(k)}(n, m) = 0$  if  $\sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} (m+1)a_m = +\infty$ , and (ii) (T) is recurrent positive with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} P^{(k)}(n, m) = \Pi(m)$  if  $\sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} (j+1)a_j < +\infty$ , where  $\Pi(m)$  is the  $(m+1)^{\text{th}}$  component of the stationary distribution vector  $\Pi = (\Pi(0), \Pi(1), \dots, \Pi(k), \dots)$  which satisfies

$$\Pi = \Pi \cdot P \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \Pi(m) = 1. \tag{8}$$

The first equation of (8) is equivalent to an infinite system of equations whose unknown variables are  $\Pi(m)$ . By taking into consideration the second equation of (8), we derive

$$\Pi(m) = \frac{\sum_{l=m}^{+\infty} a_l}{\sum_{l=0}^{+\infty} (l+1)a_l}. \quad \square$$

**Theorem 2.6:** Under the hypotheses of Theorem 2.3 and if condition (6) is satisfied, we have:

- (i)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} V_n = 0$  if  $\sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} (j+1)a_j = +\infty$ .
- (ii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} V_n = \sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} \Pi(m)V_{-m}$  if  $\sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} (j+1)a_j < +\infty$ , where the  $\Pi(m)$  are given by (7).

**Proof:** Expression (6) shows that  $V_k = \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} P^{(k)}(0, m)V_{-m}$ . The inequality  $|P^{(k)}(0, m)V_{-m}| \leq |V_{-m}|$  and hypothesis (H.3) imply that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} V_k = \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \left( \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} P^{(k)}(0, m) \right) V_{-m}.$$

Hence, using Lemma 2.5, we derive the result.  $\square$

Theorem 2.6 is a generalization of Theorem 2.4 of [9] to the case of sequences (1) under hypotheses (H.1), (H.2), and (H.3).

### 2.3 The Case of $\text{CGD}\{m+1; a_m > 0\} \geq 2$

Let  $\{a_j\}_{j \geq 0}$  be a sequence of nonnegative real numbers which satisfies hypothesis (H.1) and condition (2). Suppose that  $\text{CGD}\{m+1; a_m > 0\} \geq 2$ . Let  $P$  be the stochastic matrix (3), and consider the Markov chain ( $\mathcal{T}$ ) associated with  $P$ . Then we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.7:** (See, e.g., [5].) Let ( $\mathcal{T}$ ) be an irreducible recurrent positive Markov chain. Let  $d$  be the period of the states of ( $\mathcal{T}$ ). Suppose that  $d \geq 2$ . Then the state space  $E$  of ( $\mathcal{T}$ ) may be written as follows:  $E = D_1 \cup D_2 \cup \dots \cup D_d$ , where  $D_i \cap D_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$ , such that if the process is in the class  $D_i$  at the instant  $n$ , then it can go to the class  $D_{i+1}$  after one transition, with probability 1 (for  $i = d$ , it goes from  $D_d$  to  $D_1$ ). Each class  $D_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq d$ ) is called a cyclic class. For any  $k, l$  with  $k \leq l \leq d$  and  $i, j$  in  $E$ , the following limit,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} P^{(nd+l)}(i, j)$ , exists and for any  $i \in D_k$  we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} P^{(nd+l)}(i, j) = \begin{cases} d\Pi(j), & \text{if } j \in D_{k+l \pmod{d}}, \\ 0, & \text{if not,} \end{cases}$$

where  $\Pi(j)$  is the  $(j+1)^{\text{th}}$  component of the stationary distribution vector of  $P$ .

In our case, we have  $P(i+1, i) = 1$ ; hence, the cyclic classes are given by  $D_j = \{nd + j; n \geq 0\}$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, d$ . We derive the following result from Proposition 2.7.

**Theorem 2.8:** Under the hypotheses of Theorem 2.3, suppose that the Markov chain ( $\mathcal{T}$ ) associated with  $P$  is irreducible recurrent positive. Suppose that  $\text{CGD}\{m+1; a_m > 0\} \geq 2$ . Then  $\{V_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ , the sequence (1) has  $d$  subsequences defined by  $\{V_{nd+l}\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ , where  $l = 0, 1, \dots, d-1$ , and each of these subsequences, which is also a sequence (1), is convergent. More precisely, for any arbitrary initial conditions and a fixed  $l$  ( $0 \leq l \leq d-1$ ), we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} V_{nd+l} = d \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \Pi(kd+l)V_{-(kd+l)},$$

where the  $\Pi(m)$  are given by expression (7).

**Proof:** We have  $V_{nd+l} = \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} P^{(nd+l)}(0, m)V_{-m}$ . Hypothesis (H.3) implies that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} V_{nd+l} = \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} P^{(nd+l)}(0, m) \right) V_{-m},$$

and the result is derived from Proposition 2.7.  $\square$

Theorem 2.8 is an extension of Theorem 4.2 of [9] to sequences (1), whose nonnegative coefficients satisfy condition (2), under hypotheses (H.1) and (H.3).

### 3. SEQUENCES (1) WHOSE COEFFICIENTS ARE NONNEGATIVE

In this section we consider that the nonnegative coefficients  $\{a_j\}_{j \geq 0}$  are of arbitrary finite sum.

Let  $\{V_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  be a sequence (1) such that hypotheses (H.1), (H.2), and (H.3) are satisfied. Let  $R$  be the radius of convergence of the power series

$$f(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} a_m x^{m+1}. \tag{9}$$

Hypothesis (H.2) implies that  $R \geq 1$ .

Consider the following limit  $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow R^-} f(x)$ . The study of sequences (1) depends on the following three cases:  $L < 1$ ,  $L = 1$ , and  $L > 1$ .

**Study of the Case  $L < 1$ .** In this case, we have  $\sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} a_m < 1$  because  $R \geq 1$  and the function  $f$  is not decreasing. Then we have the following result.

**Proposition 3.1:** Let  $\{V_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  be a sequence (1) such that hypotheses (H.1), (H.2), and (H.3) are satisfied. Then, if  $\sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} a_m < 1$ , we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} V_n = 0$  for any choice of the initial conditions.

**Proof:** Let  $S_N = \sum_{n=1}^N |V_n|$ . We have  $S_N = \sum_{n=1}^N |\sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} a_m V_{n-m-1}| \leq \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} a_m |V_{n-m-1}|$ , which implies that  $S_N \leq \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} a_m (\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} |V_{-k}| + S_N)$ . Thus,  $S_N \leq (\sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} a_m) (\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} |V_{-k}|) (1 - \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} a_m)^{-1}$ . And from hypothesis (H.3), we derive  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} V_n = 0$ .  $\square$

**Study of the Case  $L = 1$ .** In this case, we have the following two subcases:  $\sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} a_m = 1$  if  $R = 1$  and  $\sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} a_m < 1$  if  $R > 1$ . The first one is studied in Section 2 and the second one is nothing but the preceding case.

**Study of the Case  $L > 1$ .** In this case, the analytic power series of  $f$  defined by (9) is a continuous and not decreasing function on  $]0, R[$  that satisfies  $f(0) = 0$ . Then there exists  $x_0 \in ]0, R[$  such that  $f(x_0) = 1$ . Set  $q = 1/x_0$  and  $b_m = a_m / q^{m+1}$  for any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then we have

$$b_m \geq 0, \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} b_m = 1, \text{ and } \text{CGD}\{m+1; a_m > 0\} = \text{CGD}\{m+1; b_m > 0\}. \tag{10}$$

Now consider the sequence  $\{W_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  defined by  $W_n = \frac{V_n}{q^n}$ . From relation (1), we derive

$$W_{n+1} = \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} b_m V_{n-m} \tag{11}$$

for any  $n \geq 0$ . Thus,  $\{W_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is also a sequence (1) that satisfies the two hypotheses (H.1) and (H.2) and condition (2). Hypothesis (H.3) is not satisfied in general by the initial conditions  $\{W_{-m}\}_{m \geq 0}$ . From Theorems 2.3 and 2.6 and expressions (10) and (11), we can formulate the extension of Theorems 5 and 9 of [3] and Theorems 3.1 and 3.3 of [9] as follows.

**Theorem 3.2:** Let  $\{V_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  be a sequence (1) such that hypotheses (H.1), (H.2), and (H.3) are satisfied. Let  $\{W_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  be the sequence defined by (11) and suppose that the initial conditions  $\{W_{-m}\}_{m \geq 0}$  satisfy hypothesis (H.3). Then:

(a)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} W_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{V_n}{q^n}$  exists if and only if condition (C) is satisfied.

(b) If condition (C) is satisfied, we have:

(i)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{V_n}{q^n} = 0$  if  $\sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} (m+1)b_m = +\infty$ ;

(ii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{V_n}{q^n} = \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \Pi(m)V_{-m}q^m$  if  $\sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} (m+1)b_m < +\infty$ , where

$$\Pi(m) = \frac{\sum_{s=m}^{+\infty} b_s}{\sum_{s=0}^{+\infty} (s+1)b_s}. \tag{12}$$

The second expression of  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{V_n}{q^n}$  given in Theorem 3.2 is identical to the expression of Theorem 3.10 in [8].

For  $q \leq 1$  or  $\sum_{s=0}^{+\infty} a_s \leq 1$ , we have  $|W_m| = |V_m q^m| \leq |V_m|$ . Thus, hypothesis (H.3) is satisfied by  $\{W_{-m}\}_{m \geq 0}$ . But for  $q > 1$  or  $\sum_{s=0}^{+\infty} a_s > 1$ , such hypothesis is not satisfied in general by  $\{W_{-m}\}_{m \geq 0}$ .

**Case  $d = \text{CGD}\{m+1; a_m > 0\} \geq 2$ .** In this case, we derive from expression (10) that  $\text{CGD}\{m+1; b_m > 0\} \geq 2$ . Thus, we can extend Theorem 4.2 of [9] as follows.

**Theorem 3.3:** Under the hypotheses of Theorem 3.2, suppose that  $d = \text{CGD}\{m+1; a_m > 0\} \geq 2$ . Then  $\{W_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  has  $d$  subsequences defined by  $\{W_{nd+l}\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $l = 0, 1, \dots, d-1$  that are also sequences (1). And each subsequence  $\{W_{nd+l}\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  converges for any choice of those initial conditions with

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} W_{nd+l} = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{V_{nd+l}}{q^{nd+l}} = d \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \Pi(kd+l)W_{-(kd+l)},$$

where the  $\Pi(kd+l)$  are given by expression (12).

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