

On some discrete-time epidemic model with an exponent¹

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In [1] authors considered a second order difference equation

$$x_{n+1} = (1 - x_n - x_{n-1})(1 - e^{-Ax_n}), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots \quad (1)$$

as a discrete epidemic model and formulated Open Problem 6.10.14 about equation (1): investigate the boundedness character, the periodic nature, and the asymptotic behavior of the solution of (1); extend and generalize. Some generalizations and interesting results we can find in [2] and [3].

We offer a research about a difference equation

$$x_{n+1} = (1 - x_n - x_{n-1})(1 - e^{-Ax_n - Bx_{n-1}}), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots \quad (2)$$

where A and B are parameters which can be interpreted as infectivity of a disease in two time moments.

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