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ABSTRACT:

Fixed points of the iterates of a function f are called cycles, or periodic solutions of the difference equation $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$. Fixed points (or steady states) as well as periodic solutions play a significant role in understanding the dynamics of difference equations in general. In a more general setting, one can consider the nonautonomous equation $x_{n+1} = f(n; x_n)$. In this talk, we consider the p -periodic equation $x_{n+1} = f(n \bmod p; x_n)$, which can be used to model certain populations in periodically fluctuating environments. Characterizing periodic solutions of $x_{n+1} = f(n \bmod p; x_n)$ has been a hot topic of research in the past few years. However, some questions remain unanswered. Here, we give some recent results and discuss some unanswered questions about this problem.