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We investigate the global character of the difference equation of the form

$$x_{n+1} = f(x_n, x_{n-1}, \dots, x_{n-k+1}), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

with several equilibrium points, where f is increasing in all its variables. We show that a considerable number of well known difference equations can be embedded into this equation through the iteration process. We also show that a negative feedback condition can be used to determine a part of the basin of attraction of different equilibrium points. (Received September 17, 2007)